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THE WORK OF M. E. CONFERENCE.

The Work of the Members of the Different Classes Taken Up and Acted Upon—Transfers Into This Conference—Good Reports from the Institutions.

Thursday morning's session was opened with devotional services, Rev. L. W. Crawford, D. D. of Greensboro, leading in prayer, followed by the Lord's prayer by the entire body. The minutes of the day before were read by the secretary, Rev. Wm. L. Sherrill, who has held this position for a number of years.

The report from Trinity High School near High Point, known now as Old Trinity, was read by Rev. F. H. Wood, also the agreement made with Trinity College last June, as to the course, buildings, etc. This school, Rev. Wood stated was a preparatory school to Trinity College. The receipts of the institution for the past session will not pay the expenses incurred but a brighter future is expected. The roll the past year numbered 113.

This reported was put in the hands of the Board of Education.

Revs. H M Blair and Daniel Atkins were added to the committee in regard to the transfer of Rutherford College to this conference.

The question as to who should advance from the class of the first year was next taken up. Jas. W Campbell was called but was not acted upon as he had not finished his requisite work.

Benjamin F Carpenter reported that during the past year he had had fifteen conversions and nine accessions to the church. He was passed to next class. J P Davis, who has been working on the Linville circuit, and who during the past year has walked about 1,600 miles in his work for the Master, was passed to the second year. In his monthly circuit he walks 126 miles. Rufus Craven, who has been working at Spencer, and whose excellent work was evidenced by Rev. J R Brooks, was advanced. Luther Peeler was called but had not yet finished. Olin P Ader was not present on account of serious sickness of his sister but was advanced. Lawrence P Bogle, who also took the second year's work, was advanced. Victor H Marsh was also advanced, as also was E K McLarty. Semore Taylor, who reported fifty-two conversions and twenty-six additions to the church was continued.

Mr. J W Pless submitted a report of the Brevard Epworth school in Transylvania county, which was encouraging. The building during the past session was full and even crowded. This is a small school, there being fifteen girls at the building, three teachers, together with the principal and wife. This report was taken charge of by the Board of Education.

In order that the committee might commence their work, Revs. M H Smith, J O Shelly and W S Sherry were appointed as the committee to investigate the complaint against Rev. J A Green, of the Caldwell circuit.

The committee promptly retired to hold their investigation.

It was moved by the conference that Revs. J S Ragan, G W Crutchfield and W P Merrill be transferred into this conference from the Missouri conference, also Rev. Jacob W Strides from the eastern conference.

The question, "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" was then put. Jesse A Baldwin was passed from the second to third year, also Alvin S Raper. The case of Wm. B Scarboro was not acted upon. Harold Turner, of the Hot Springs circuit, was advanced to the third year, also L P Bogle advanced and elected to deacon's order.

Rev. J E Thompson announced as follows the officers of the Historical society: Pres, Rev. C F Sherrill; First Vice-Pres., Rev. H M Blair; Second Vice-Pres., Rev. T E Wagg; Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. J R Scroggs; Board of Managers, Prof. Dred Peacock, Rev. W L Grissom, and the pastor of West Market street at Greensboro.

It was ordered that three thousand copies of the minutes be printed and that \$50 be paid for the printing of them.

The tenth question, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" was then called for, and the following passed: J W Cambell, of the Franklin district; C V Cordell, W K Grier, Victor L Marsh of the Salisbury district.

Under the question, "What local preachers are elected elders?" no names were called out.

The question as to whether this conference would recognize the credentials of Rev. J R Betts as elder from the Methodist Protestant church, and whether he would be made a local preacher, was taken up and discussed. It was decided affirmatively.

Rev. J H Pritchett, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., who is one of the secretaries of the General Board of Missions, was introduced to the conference and made a most weighty, forceful and eloquent talk to the body on the importance of this work.

No names were taken under the question as to what traveling preachers are elected elders.

The next question taken up was number 20—"Who are the deacons of one year?" The name of Geo. H. Crowell was passed by without action. Edwin N Crowder in his report had nearly 100 conversions and 46 accessions, with four churches. He was continued in the third year. Walter L Nicholson made a favorable report, with a number of conversions and accessions, and was advanced to the fourth year. Geo. J Owens showed about 100 conversions and 25 accessions and splendid work otherwise and was advanced to the next year, also Gilbert T Rowe, of Hendersonville. Walter Y Scales was not advanced to the next year on account of failure to have his sermon prepared.

Chas. A Wood, of Forsythe circuit, and Geo. F Kirby, principal

of the Weaverville college, were both advanced to the fourth year. L H Triplett was continued in the third year, having failed to have his sermon ready for the committee Monday. Bishop Key spoke plainly to these members of the third class for their failure to be prompt in this particular, which is always necessary before advancement.

W P Merrill, who was transferred to this conference from the Missouri conference, failed to pass examination before the committee and hence was continued in the third year class.

Capt. L J Hoyle read the report from the Bellwood Institute, showing most excellent work during the past year under the direction of Rev. J M Downum whose services were asked to be continued. There has been an enrollment of over two hundred.

Before closing the morning session Bishop Key impressed the members of conference with the necessity of handing in their reports more promptly than they have been doing.

Hereafter during this conference week there will be services in Central church each afternoon at 3 o'clock. This afternoon Rev. Tigert, D. D. filled the pulpit.

Tonight the Sunday school anniversary will be held in this church. Rev. Jas. Atkins will deliver an address before the body.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

Held Under the Auspices of the Twentieth Century Movement at Central Church Last Night.

Despite the inclement weather Wednesday night, a large congregation assembled at the conference room to attend the Educational rally which was held under the auspices of the Twentieth Century Movement.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. M A Smith, Chairman of the board of Education.

Hymn No. 904 was used, and Rev. J H Weaver, D. D., offers prayer.

Rev. J D Hammond, D. D., the secretary of the General Board of Education was gracefully introduced by Mr. Smith, and spoke of the wonderful Movement which had its origin in the brain of an English Methodist, a member of Parliament, some year or so back.

Dr. Hammond said it was remarkable how the Methodists in every country had responded to the proposition and it was fitting that a church which had been so richly helped by the hand of God should make an offering which would express its gratitude for the first century of its existence.

He spoke of the English Methodists who propose to give a guinea each, the Canadians \$20.00 and the Northern Methodists \$7.00 per capita. He said the Southern Methodists should not be slow to respond but bring their gifts to the altar of God as become a grateful people.

Dr. Hammond had to leave on the 8:40 train so he could not speak very long, and Dr. J C Kilgo president of Trinity Col-

lege was requested by Mr. Smith to deliver an exhortation which he did in earnest and vigorous style. Dr. Kilgo spoke of how rich the Methodists had grown during the last half century and said he was glad to see at last a revival in sight—a revival in giving. The disease of the church for the last twenty years he declared to be lack of liberality. He said that God was looking down to see if Methodism was worthy of another century's existence, and expressed the belief that it would not be if the 20th century movement failed. Dr. Kilgo's address was interspersed with brilliant flashes of wit, and he had the congregation laughing one minute and the next on the verge of tears. Both speeches were of a high order and greatly enjoyed by the large crowd present.

Brown-Faggart Wedding.

At 2:30 p. m. Wednesday, the 22nd, Mr. Everitt Brown and Miss Laura Faggart, daughter of Mr. P M Faggart, were happily married at the home of the bride by Rev. J F Pharr. All the parties live in No. 3 township. The popular young couple have the hearty congratulations of hosts of friends.

A Large Freight Business.

As a specimen of the amount of freight handled at this place which has necessitated a shifting engine being placed here, forty car loads of freight were put off here Wednesday. The amount of freight increases each month.

Mr. Arthur Wearn and Miss Lillie Sims, both of Charlotte, were married Wednesday evening. Miss Sims is a first cousin of the Misses Sims at this place.

Prevented a Tragedy.

Timely information given Mrs. George Long, of New Straitsville, Ohio, prevented a dreadful tragedy and saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her, and she writes this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of Pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of the matchless merit of this grand remedy for curing all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottle free at Fetzler's Drug store.

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