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CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY, MAY 14, 1900.

The Conference was called to order by the senior Bishop, J. W. Hood. LL.D.

Rev. Drs. E. George Biddle and J. W. Thomas assisted in the devotional exercises, which were conducted in the usual form.

In a few chosen remarks the bishop declared the house ready for business. The secretaries read the proceedings of Saturday and the Lord's Day, which were approved with a few corrections.

One or two notices were read, inquiring for lost relatives.

Prof. Atkins asked that the manager of the Publication House be ordered to prepare a printed blank to be filled by the heads of the educational institutions in making their reports. His request was put in the form of a motion and ordered as requested.

A resolution was offered by Rev. Benj. Judd on infant classes of the church, which was referred to the Committee on State and Church.

Rev. I. F. Aldridge presented a resolution on probationers, matrimony, etc., which was sent to the Committee on Revision.

A resolution bearing on a Missionary to Africa was offered by Rev. L. S. Peterson, and it was referred to the Committee on Missions.

Rev. F. H. Hill then read the credentials of Rev. John Braden as a fraternal delegate from the M. E. Church, and asked to read the address sent by the gentleman, but it was ordered that it be deferred until later in the sessions.

Rev. J. C. Taylor offered a resolution on the election of bishops, and it was sent to the committee having in charge episcopal matters.

Lieut. Thomas Leatherwood offered a lengthy resolution providing an endowment for Livingstone College, which was sent to the Committee on Education.

A resolution on the financial plan was offered by Rev. J. H. Jackson, and was sent to that committee.

A resolution bearing on a book published by one of our ministers was read by Rev. H. S. McMullen and referred to the Committee on Periodicals.

Dr. John A. D. Bloice read a resolution condemning degrees which have been assumed by ministers or conferred by bogus colleges or institutions, which was sent to the Committee on Education.

A resolution to counsel bishops to reside within the bounds of their districts was read by Rev. A. R. Jackson and referred to the Committee on Episcopal Matters.

A resolution condemning woman ordination in our church was presented by Rev. A. J. Rodgers and sent to the Committee on Episcopal Matters.

Rev. B. G. Bell offered a resolution on ritualistic services, and it was sent to the committee on state of the Church.

A resolution making Bishop C. R. Harris the president of Greenville College was offered by Rev. W. M. Lyon and passed to the committee on episcopal matters.

Mrs. S. E. C. Petty offered a memorial asking that the Missionary Department be placed exclusively in the hands of women which was referred.

Rev. E. A. U. Brooks offered a resolution that changed the form of our services—opening and closing—and it was sent to the committee on revision.

Rev. H. C. Phillips wanted the financial interests of the church to be placed in the hands of the laymen, and the matter was sent to the committee on plans.

Mr. C. N. King read a resolution to enhance the payment of lay delegates' expenses to the General Conference, and the matter was sent to the proper committee.

Revs. C. D. D. Hazel, A. L. Newby, George C. Clement, B. J. Bolding and B. G. Bell read other resolutions, which were sent to the proper committees.

The time of resolutions having passed, Rev. Jesse B. Colbert, A. M., D. D., read his reports as president of Varick Christian Endeavor Society, showing that there were over 600 societies organized with a membership of more than 30,000, and that the department had done well, and especially so, as it was the first time a Negro church had ever attempted to foster this society.

His missionary report was not so encouraging, owing to official complications during the quadrennium.

Several of the brethren asked questions about the Department of Missions, to all of whom the president gave satisfactory answers.

Rev. Owen L. W. Smith, D. D., made a lengthy talk, setting forth the conditions of the work in Africa. He encouraged the church to alertness and vigor along the line of Foreign Mission work.

Bishop G. W. Clinton moved that one of the secretaries be appointed to report the daily proceedings to the DAILY STAR, which motion was carried, and Rev. W. A. Blackwell was appointed.

Rev. F. H. Hill, by request of Bishop Small, read several letters from the Gold Coast of Africa bearing on our work there.

Rev. Mr. Aldridge offered a resolution of thanks to Dr. Smith for his interest in our behalf in the mission fields.

The time was extended by motion of Dr. Goler, amended by Bishop Petty, for one hour.

Rev. B. F. Wheeler, A. M., D. D., read his report as Educational Secretary, showing that during the quadrennial term our school property had been so improved as to be worth \$143,500, and that we had raised \$75,000 with 1,073 students in school this session.

Bishop Walters expressed pleasure at the outlook educationally. The money for the suspended Jones University had been lodged in the hands of Dr.

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