

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The First Session Was Held Last Night. The History of the Sunday School Told in an Interesting Way.

There was a large congregation present at the Second Presbyterian church last night at the opening session of the Sunday school convention.

Mr. H. N. Snow, of Durham, president of the convention, presided and Rev. C. J. Willingham conducted the devotional exercises.

Rev. P. T. Durham delivered the address of welcome and Rev. W. B. Dutera, of Salisbury, responded to the address.

Mr. W. M. Harshbarger, of Boston, president of the International Sunday School Union, was introduced to the convention and spoke a few words expressing his pleasure at his unexpected presence here at this time.

The origin and development of the International Sunday School Lesson System was the subject of the address of Rev. B. W. Spilman, who is field secretary of the Sunday school board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In part he said: "I was born in North Carolina and I can never get over it. I came to speak to you of one of the greatest lessons before us. I have been making a study of the lesson helps.

"We are going to study some early attempts at the development of the Sunday school through its different periods, from its organization by Luther Raikes. If you will follow me through these studies you will find something worthy of your attention.

"I invite you first to go with me back to the time when Robert Raikes looking out of his office in Gloucester, England, seeing some poor ignorant boys playing two thoughts entered his mind. Ignorance is better than vice. Now I do not believe the latter I do not believe that ignorance has anything to do with vice.

Robert Raikes, had a tender heart that had long been going out after men in sin, and the question came to him, "What must I teach these boys?" The answer was to give them a book. This book was used for some time, but finally the time came when something more was needed than the spelling book, and the next book used was the Bible as a reading book.

"The next method adopted was the memorizing of Scripture—the memory period. Then people began to discover that memorizing was not sufficient Sunday school teaching, and James Gall, of Edinburgh, Scotland, was the man who first suggested the plan of asking questions in connection with the study of the Bible. The introduction of the plan of asking questions of the Sunday school scholars was the beginning of a new era in Sunday school work, and that war is still in progress. The question was whether scholars should be asked questions about passages they did not understand. The result of this was the introduction of the "question book," provided for the benefit of the teacher and scholars. This was followed by the lesson story, and this by the library book, all of these methods coming in answer to the question, "What shall I teach?"

The next development was introduced by the Moravians, and it was the suggestion that one verse of Scripture be memorized each day during the week, all bearing on the Sunday school lesson.

The uniform lesson system was adopted in 1825, but it went all to pieces, it failed in five years. The cause of the failure was that the different denominations asked the American Sunday School Union to allow them to put their own interpretations on the Sunday school lesson, and this the American union refused to do. This was the beginning of the organization of the Sunday school unions of the various denominations. The Baptists organized in 1828, the Methodists in 1827, the Friends in 1830 and the Lutherans in the same year. There was a lesson in this—a lesson for us at this time. The lesson is that the Sunday school of the Bible, but each denomination must have the privilege of putting its own construction upon the lesson to be taught. With the organization of the various Sunday school unions came the successful organization and working of the International Sunday School Union, which is doing such a work for the Church."

Mr. W. C. Pierce, secretary of the teachers' training department of the International Sunday School Union, was the next speaker and "Approved Workmen" was his subject.

He said: "The greatest problem before the Sunday school today is a competent teacher in every class, a competent officer in every place.

"We can always turn to the life of Christ when we study such problems, and let us look at His life now. I find that He was always looking for workmen. Some day you, in your Sunday schools, will awake to the realization of the fact that right in our midst we have just the workmen that we need.

"When Christ had found the workmen, He called them. And what we need in our Sunday schools is teachers that are called to the important work of teaching the Word of God.

"In the next place, Christ called His workers, trained them, then for the work to which He called them. And our Sunday school workers must be trained for the important work entrusted to them. In the first place our teachers to be successful in Sunday school work must be men and women with a working knowledge of the Bible, and in the second place they must be men and women who, in addition to having been called to their work, and having been trained for their work, must possess the art of teaching.

"After having found and called His workers, and trained them, He sent them forth. We need to emphasize the importance of our work, our teachers, by making an important occasion out of the time when our teachers take up this work by having an installation service.

"Before sending them forth, our Lord encouraged His workers, and came back to Him for help. He knew they would meet with opposition and discouragement and He encouraged them to return to Him for help in all times of difficulty. In our work, we need training classes to help us with our difficult problems."

Mr. N. B. Broughton announced the following committee on enrollment of the delegates: F. S. Blair, T. W. Long, A. H. Monaghan, D. T. Perkins and L. W. Holt.

The session closed with the benediction.

"Heart and Voice" is the music book used at the convention, and Messrs. E. S. and K. K. Lorenz, of Dayton, Ohio, are directing the music.

Miss Pearl Eldridge, of Greensboro, is visiting Miss Kathryn Smith, at her home on Myers Street.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brown, of Concord, are visitors in the city. They are guests at the Buford.

Mr. E. W. Spilman, of Winston, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

RECORDED RECEIVES ADVICE.

Unknown Friend Advises Him Against the "Drug Store Bar-rooms."

Recorder F. M. Shannonhouse received the following card from an unknown party in Columbia, S. C., several days ago. He gave it to an observer reporter yesterday for publication. The card follows:

"Mr. Recorder: If you would devote one-fourth the time and energy to looking after your bar-room drug stores that you give to a poor case who sells half-pint of pop-skull once and awhile, I at least am disposed to think that you would accomplish more.

Your bar-room drug stores are hourly selling before your eyes, but you are too blind or partial to see. Beer is sold through soda fountains. You are great in the partiality you show. Violators do not all look alike to you when there is a difference in money."

A Strenuous Old Lady. The following letter from an Observer subscriber will explain itself:

"Dear Sir: I saw in your paper that two counties had come to the front with living fathers of veterans. I don't wish to see old Mecklenburg fall behind. We have the mother of a veteran living in Long Creek township. Mrs. Mary Demas, who is 91 years old, her son, Calvin, is in the seventies. The old lady is strong the hearty, and does all of her household work. She is a sister of Mrs. Elizabeth Douglass and visits her often."

A Reception This Afternoon. The primary union of the Sunday schools of this city will give a reception in the parlors of Tryon Street Methodist church, this afternoon, from 5 to 6 o'clock, in honor of Mrs. Barnes, of Newark, N. J., and Miss Worth, of Greensboro, to which all primary and junior teachers of Charlotte and visiting delegates are invited.

A Real Ground Hog. Lizzie Harris, a colored woman who lives on the farm of Mr. G. W. Caldwell, six miles from the city, on the road to Newell's, has a real, genuine ground hog that she brought from West Virginia. The little weather prophet, stouter than he is, attracts considerable attention. He is alive and active. For several months before Christmas he was here in Charlotte. He is kept as a pet.

Mr. R. S. Payne, of Morganton, is spending today in the city with friends.

THE WEATHER. Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Fair Wednesday; Thursday fair, colder in the interior, light east to south winds.

NOTICE. On the first Monday in May, 1906, I will sell at public auction, at the County Court House door in the city of Charlotte, N. C., at 12 o'clock m., for non-payment of city taxes, cost to be added, the following described city lots listed for taxes in said city:

Ellen Banks, 1 lot, 408 E. Stonewall St., \$ 800

Sarah Barber, 1 lot, 423 S. Graham St., 300

John Barber, 1 lot, 410 W. 2nd St., 10 40

Margt. Barnett Estate, 1 lot, 509 S. Myers St., 600

Miss Agatha Bentley, 1 lot, corner N. 2nd and W. 2nd Sts., 50 25

W. A. Black, 1 lot, W. Hill St., 400

Henry Caldwell, 1 lot, 209 E. Boundary, 13 25

Jesse Caldwell, 1 lot, 415 W. Stonewall St., 13 00

S. J. Caldwell, 1 lot, 614 E. 8th St., 16 90

H. C. Cogswell, 1 lot, 816 S. Church St., 6 55

John E. Danks, 1 lot, 311 S. Graham St., 24 00

Alfred Dixon, 1 lot, 613 S. Graham St., 12 00

Edy Dobson, 1 lot, 810 E. First St., 7 00

John E. Eagel, 1 lot, 409 N. Caldwell St., 31 25

Mrs. M. J. Edwards, 1 lot, 1114 S. Boulevard St., 51 10

J. W. Gordon, 1 lot, 317 S. Graham St., 25 10

James Harrison, 1 lot, 613 E. 2nd St., 21 50

W. T. Hart, 1 lot, 805 E. 5th St., 10 60

Jesse Hookins, 1 lot, 507 S. Caldwell St., 28 50

Wm. Hawkins, 1 lot, 495 E. Stonewall St., 12 75

Lee Hunter, 1 lot, 614 E. 10th St., 11 00

Sam. Jackson, 1 lot, 797 S. 3rd St., 3 50

Charles Landray, 1 lot, 603 E. 2nd St., 12 70

Harriet Martin, 1 lot, 1065 S. Caldwell St., 7 00

Matthew & Short, 1 lot, 15 N. Long St., 10 10

Mary Mendenhall, 1 lot, 360 S. Boundary St., 10 50

Jane Moorehead, 1 lot, 405 S. Caldwell St., 6 00

Annanda Moseley, 1 lot, 504 E. Third St., 3 50

John V. McCoy, 1 lot, 604 S. McDowell St., 12 15

Mrs. Mary McGowan, 1 lot, 208 S. Brevard St., 35 25

James McKnight, 1 lot, 412 N. Myers St., 10 10

Wright Perry, 1 lot, 15 E. Boundary St., 11 85

John R. Ross (colored), 1 lot, 419 W. Second St., 6 35

Ellen Safford, 1 lot, 417 E. Third St., 6 50

A SMOOTH LITTLE CROOK.

He Forged Checks and Paraded His Money—The Officers After P. L. Elliott, a Young Man Who Did a Little Turn Here Saturday.

Last Saturday there came to this city a young fellow by the name of P. L. Elliott, who claimed Washington City as his home and declared that he was employed as a nurse in the United States Army. Soon after arriving in the city the youngster went to the Central Hotel and registered. He made the store of Houston, Dixon & Company, loafing headquarters, and having many interesting stories to tell, very pleasant and entertaining. He declared he was on his way to Atlanta for a rest and to visit friends. He had paraded his money on one or more occasions and quite frequently changed his clothes. His face being very attractive he won his way to the hearts of strangers.

Some time Sunday morning early, in fact before day, young Elliott departed, taking his good and bad money. He left an unsatisfied bill at the Central and two or more worthless checks in the city. It was found late yesterday afternoon that he had forged the signature of Mr. B. P. Callahan, of the Central, to one check and his indorsement to another. He got \$25 from one firm in the city. He was smooth enough to forge a note introducing himself to the concern where he got his checks cashed. There may be other checks.

The bird has flown, but officers are hunting for him. He had a ticket to Atlanta.

Southern Bell Acquires Three New Exchanges. The primary union of the Sunday schools of this city will give a reception in the parlors of Tryon Street Methodist church, this afternoon, from 5 to 6 o'clock, in honor of Mrs. Barnes, of Newark, N. J., and Miss Worth, of Greensboro, to which all primary and junior teachers of Charlotte and visiting delegates are invited.

The Charlotte Band has been duly and properly organized, with Prof. R. L. Keesler as director. The aggregation is composed of good musicians, who, when thoroughly trained to play together, will be one of the leading bands in the South. Mr. Keesler thinks that it is already that, and he is constantly trying to make it better.

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Misses Danna and Duckworth, the two young ladies who were so unfortunate as to have their purses stolen while shopping at Ivey's a few days ago, have recovered them empty. The purses, which contained more than \$20, were left at the West Trade street store of the Little-Long Company, after they had been emptied of their contents. The police have some idea as to who the thief was.

Mr. Jasper Hinson Pardoned. Mr. Jasper Hinson, who was sent to the State penitentiary from this county in 1897 for killing a young fellow by the name of Crantford, was pardoned yesterday by Governor Glenn. Hinson is 70 years old. It will be recalled that he shot Crantford in a saloon on College street. He and the young fellow had had some trouble about Huntersville.

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