

THE SYNOD'S THIRD DAY

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and the prevalence of worldliness as reported below. About 74 per cent of the churches have paid their pastors salaries in full. Special manifestations of the Holy Spirit's power are reported by 29 per cent of the churches. Evangelistic work is done by 29 per cent outside their own congregations. About 24 per cent of our ministers seek to secure recruits for the Gospel ministry. Eighty-one per cent of the churches of the synod have been supplied with preaching the past year in whole or in part. This report was signed by Chairman J. M. Rogers of Winston-Salem; G. W. Harper, W. DeB. McEachern, W. Davenport, R. F. Kirkpatrick, J. M. Wells, V. R. Gaston and J. G. Garth.

MORNING SESSION.

The morning session of the synod convened at 9:30 o'clock with Rev. W. R. Miller of Lincoln, the moderator, in the chair. Rev. W. R. Coppidge of Rockingham conducted devotional exercises. The moderator announced the following committee on nominations: Elders A. M. Seales, W. A. Ayelette, A. G. Miller, J. H. McLellan, G. P. Patterson, W. H. Bell and Revs. J. M. Rose, D. D., G. M. Richards, D. D., W. D. Morton, D. D., J. M. Wells, D. D., F. D. Jones, E. R. Latham and S. L. Catey.

WANT CENTREMEETING OF SYNOD.

A special committee was appointed to report as to the acceptance of an invitation from Alamance church, in Guilford county, to the synod to hold its centennial meeting in that historic church two years hence. The committee was constituted as follows: Rev. S. M. Rankin, G. A. Gliner, W. R. Coppidge, J. M. Grier, A. S. Caldwell, W. E. Hodgins.

An overture from Fayetteville presbytery was referred to the committee on bills and overtures. The overture

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Mr. Seales closed his cogent and eloquent appeal with the proposition that the synod pledge itself to raise \$50,000 within the next 12 months. No sooner had he taken his seat than Rev. Dr. C. G. Vardell of Red Springs took the floor and in a ringing, impassioned appeal urged the synod to proceed to the business of securing the money asked for. He said that he believed in "bread and molasses" and plenty of it, but that something more was needed. He was sure that the children of the home-sick people went to bed both cold and hungry and that it was a shame that this was the case. He urged immediate and enthusiastic action. He was followed by other speakers who all favored the desired \$50,000 was immediately pledged.

At the conclusion of the canvass of the synod in the interest of the Barham Springs orphanage, when \$13,000 had been pledged toward the \$50,000 endowment asked for, an interesting statement was made explaining the attitude of the Presbyterian College and Charlotte Presbyterianism toward the orphanage in not joining in this effort. President J. L. Caldwell read resolutions adopted by the board of trustees of the college in November of 1910 with reference to the debt of \$60,000 which hangs over the college.

Rev. A. A. McGeachy, pastor of the Second church and president of the board of trustees of the college, made a grateful appeal which was warmly received. He told how at one time two presbyteries were pledged jointly with the people of Charlotte for the support of the college but both repudiated their obligations and left the Charlotte board to bear the burden alone. Though feeling keenly the necessity for discharging the debt, the local people stood aside when the appeal was made for an endowment for Davidson College and then later yielded to assist Union Theological Seminary. It has long since been realized from experience that not a particle of aid need be expected from the outside. Neither to the North, the South, the East or the West.

The report on assembly home missions submitted by Rev. Dr. Neal Anderson of Winston-Salem was as follows: "In making its report on assembly home missions the synodical committee desire to call attention to the consummation of the plans for the consolidation of the assembly's executive committees on home missions and colored evangelists. This has long been realized from experience that not a particle of aid need be expected from the outside. Neither to the North, the South, the East or the West.

There are now 200 children in the home, including employes. Only one death during the year has occurred. The home is being kept in good condition and a number of improvements are being planned that will make a most model plant for the orphanage. The Presbyteries contributing to the support of the orphanage have given over \$20,000. The permanent fund has been increased during the year by over \$7,624, and other valuable contributions of money and supplies have also been received from friends of the institution during the past twelve months.

The disbursements for the year were \$31,823.81, leaving a balance on hand of \$336.10. The regents recommend that the presbyteries of Albemarle, Asheville, Concord, Fayetteville, Kings Mountain, Mecklenburg, Orange and Wilmington be assessed a total of \$10,000 for expenses this current year, Mecklenburg's assessment being the largest, amounting to \$4,800.

The report recommends the erection of a central heating plant at the home, also a new building and an auditorium, and a large barn for the care of the stock used on the farm operated in connection with the orphanage.

The terms of Rev. Geo. Atkinson and Mr. George W. Watts expire at this session, and will have to be filled. MR. SCALES FOR THE ORPHANS. At the conclusion of this report on the Barham Springs Orphan Home, former Moderator A. M. Seales of Greensboro made a vigorous and earnest plea for the raising of \$50,000 for this cause within the next twelve months.

Mr. Seales pronounced himself a "stand-patter" in all that appertains to the doctrine and polity of his Church, but that in some of the synod's administrative and financial work he was something of an insurgent in what he said he was speaking for himself and his views were not necessarily those of the board.

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Your committee calls special attention to the fact that the receipts for this cause so far under the new scheme of collections are below the receipts for the same period last year, and this notwithstanding the further fact that the executive committee has by direction of the assembly assumed responsibility for the work of colored evangelization.

We recommend that the synod urge upon presbytery chairmen for the cause the importance of seeing to it that the congregations which have adopted the new schedule of collections set aside for this cause the full 33 per cent of the total amount received for the assembly's cause in their bounds.

The needs of homeless churches and newly organized congregations are so imperative that no more dignified method of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of our Church could be devised than in a plan for raising a fund of \$100,000 for this purpose, and we recommend that the synod heartily commend the effort put forth to raise this sum to the generosity of its people.

Perhaps the greatest of all needs connected with this great cause is represented by the call for the awakening of a spirit of evangelism in the Church at large. The facts connected with the issuing of this call are such as to call for the most prayerful and serious consideration of this synod.

The number of additions to our Church last year on profession of faith was less than were received seventeen years ago, and this notwithstanding the large increase in the total membership during this period.

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Dr. Charles R. Fisher, director of music at the Presbyterian College, who had charge of the program at the delightful concert last night.

Our committee recommend that the presbyteries be directed to plan for special evangelistic work within their bounds.

We regret to report that under the plan of consolidation of the home mission and colored evangelistic committees, there seems to be no quickening of interest on the part of the churches in the latter cause. The most discouraging feature of the work is the lack of funds for its enlargement, and the most encouraging elements of the problem are the splendid work done at the Stillman Institute, and the successful Sunday school work maintained in a few of the churches.

The closing address of the morning session, which had now become an afternoon meeting, was made by Rev. Dr. N. B. Porter of Richmond, Va., Southern representative of the American Bible Society. He proceeded to state a few of the reasons why the Southern Presbyteries should support the society more liberally than ever before.

Dr. Porter emphasized the fundamental missionary nature of the work. Throughout the world if you will find that before the missionary has proclaimed the message there has come the man with the book which contains the message. By its charter life the American Bible Society is not allowed to make one penny of profit on the books it sells. It is dependent, therefore, for the expenses of mailing and placing these Bibles on such contributions as it receives.

What a grand opportunity! The interest of \$2,000,000 only the interest of which, at the rate of about five and a half per cent, is available. The income from its endowment is therefore sufficient to run the society about two months.

The total contributions last year from all American churches and Bible societies was only \$32,000. Dr. Porter thought this entirely inadequate. He did not consider that the people really put low a value as that on the Bible, but the cause had merely been overlooked in the multiplicity of others. This year the society is spending within the territory of the Southern Presbyterian Assembly 60 per cent more than was received from this section last year. This ought not to be THE "EVERY MEMBER" PLAN.

After the detailed report of the committee on systematic benevolences had been read in the afternoon by Rev. Dr. Neal Anderson, the synod heard an address by Mr. W. C. Smith of Richmond, managing editor of the Assembly's Missionary Review. He spoke on the merits of the "every member" system. This provides for the payment of a stipulated amount each Sunday by each member of the family who is a communicant. He stated that he realized that this was no new thing to this synod. It has been tried by its members and has appeared to be distinctly successful, judging by its popularity. "In past centuries," said he, "there was granted to mankind the greatest boon it has ever known; one which is great in its adaptability to the entire life of man, the amount asked for as a contribution for the current year. As the amount given last year was only one and one-half of the total amount represented as a minimum, and as the

fact that it is based on Scripture and that that can be truly said of this. It is adaptable to city churches and to country churches as well. The fact that the amount is generous is admitted but the larger part is resolutely denied, especially with reference to a country church whose members are widely scattered and which has service only once or twice a month. It is the case of a family with whose expenses he was cognizant and narrated how by this system of allowing each member of the family to give a stated sum each week, that family's contribution was increased almost without its knowledge and without any stinting of itself, and the interest of its members was aroused in causes to which it had not previously contributed anything.

He contended that the system promoted fellowship and broadened the interests of the Church members. Rev. Dr. R. F. Campbell of Asheville stated that Hendersonville church, which was the banner church in this department of effort, had had for several years a steady and doubling its contributions. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Smith for his address.

CHURCH STATISTICS. A statistical report submitted and accepted showed that the total amount raised by all the churches in the synod for the ecclesiastical year just closed was \$569,459. There are 217 ministers, 466 churches with 137 communicants, 4 licentiates, 147 candidates, \$39,482 in debt, \$1,882 by certificate. Twenty-eight ministers were received and twelve were dismissed. Six churches were organized. Three licentiates were received and two were dismissed. Twenty-four candidates were received. Three ministers died, there were 4 ordinations and 38 installations. There are 324 Sunday schools, 20 young people's societies and 319 women's societies. The average salary for the pastors in six presbyteries heard from, two not having reported on this point, was \$1,033. There are 130 manse valued at \$348,500. There are fifteen counties in North Carolina in which there is no Presbyterian church. There are 136 pastors and 368 churches supplied, and 159 ministers in charge of churches. There are 157 vacant churches. The 217 ministers reported are divided as follows: 103 in the Synod, 114 in the Synod, 114 in the Synod, 114 in the Synod.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE. Rev. Dr. W. D. Morton of Rocky Mount, chairman of the committee on Sabbath observance and family government, took the chair at 4 o'clock. Rev. J. C. Shibe of Wilson made a forceful address urging a stricter observance of the Sabbath. He took a decided stand for strict observance of Sabbath privileges and opposed with vigor all work on Sunday not absolutely necessary.

Mr. Shibe was followed by Rev. E. R. Lyburn of Durham, who discussed family government in an interesting and enlightening manner. He was followed in turn by Rev. J. M. Rose of Laurinburg, Dr. Henry H. Sweets of Louisville, Ky., who was then presented. It is assembly secretary of Christian education and family government. He presented these causes pointedly.

Toward the latter moments of the afternoon session it was moved and carried that the synod accept the invitation to meet in Raleigh next year. The object of the invitation is to meet on the fourth Sunday in October. This may possibly be altered to make possible a joint meeting for a day or two with the Virginia synod in celebration of the centenary of the Union Theological Seminary.

REV. W. M. WHITE'S ADDRESS. The feature of last night's session at the Presbyterian College was an address on home missions by Rev. W. M. White, of Raleigh, at the request of the home mission committee. He announced his intention of discussing "The Need of Building Up the Presbyterian Church in the Country." After stating the object of the address he said that the glory of God and the love of the brethren are the two things which should be foremost in our minds. The speaker stated that the first and nearest thought in connection with home missions is the building of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

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Why isn't Elizabeth City a good city? Other churches grow and prosper there. It is the fault of the Presbyterian Church. For the real reason look at the map and you will find no less than 100 counties blank around Elizabeth City. With not a Presbyterian church in them. It is trying to make bricks without straw.

ON THE CONTRARY. On the other hand Albemarle Presbytery met lately at the church at Falkland, Pitt county. It is a little village in the midst of a thickly populated vicinage round about it. Dr. J. N. H. Sumner visited it about 1880. It looked like a finished town. He had been there ever since the Revolution. And he wasn't very warmly welcomed. They didn't care much for preaching and preachers any way. But he preached in an "upper chamber" over a store. And what did presbytery find there? A beautiful little country church, nestled in the waving pines, and behind it a neatly kept graveyard, with not a vacant space of grass, not a briar in it; the house filled to overflowing at every service; and an actual membership considerably over a hundred. And embracing as many live, wide-awake earnest and active young men, and old men, too, as you will find in any other hundred Presbyterians; in short a church bearing every mark of a growing, thrifty, flourishing and successful one with a yet brighter future before it.

THE CASE OF CHARLOTTE. "What better illustration of this idea we would enforce is to be found than the contrast between this fine city where we now sit and that other capital city, wherein your humble servant, the speaker, has his home. The Presbyterian Church began in Raleigh in 1806, before any other church. When Dr. McPheeters came, he came to be the pastor of the city--not of the Presbyterian church--and his salary was paid in part out of the public treasury. The Presbyterian church began in Charlotte about 1830, 30 years later. And yet in Charlotte, with a population of 34,014, we now have 9 churches, with a membership of some five thousand. Yet in Raleigh, with a population of 24,000, there are 100 churches. The Presbyterian church--the first and only, with about four hundred resident members. That is to say with 20 years the start in Raleigh. Presbyterianism has done only one-tenth as much as has the Baptist church in Raleigh. The inferiority of the Raleigh church? Is it due to the stingy, narrow, mean people that live down in Raleigh? Possibly that is what some people have been saying or thinking. But let us look at the case of the good people of that fair city. I resent all such talk as utterly uncalled for. There are just as fine and faithful and willing and liberal people living over there as in Charlotte or any other city in the State.

"For the real reason look to your map again, and you find not another Presbyterian church in all Wake county, and but few very few, in the surrounding counties. Study the map of Albemarle Presbytery, and the striking feature in it is that, in all that vast presbytery with a score and a half of large counties, there are almost no Presbyterian churches in the country. Strictly speaking there is only one concrete county pastorato, composed of four churches, the group in Granville county, with about 150 members all told. There are two churches in Vance county with 134, and the church at Falkland, and one or two in other counties. And yet the country Presbyterians in the churches in Newbern, Oxford, Henderson, Goldsboro, Newbern, Washington, Rocky Mount, Elizabeth City, and all the other cities and towns are supposed to live, thrive and grow fat, populous and mighty.

BAPTISTS STRONG. "Although there are, or have been until lately, no Presbyterian churches and no Presbyterian churches outside the city of Raleigh in the county around it, there are three Methodist ministers for all their time, with ten church buildings and over 1,000 members. What shall we say of the Baptists? Will you not tell me, and tell you that outside the city of Raleigh and inside the boundary lines of Wake county, there are twenty-seven Baptist preachers at work, with 48 church buildings, and 4,116 members, and twice as many as we have in all Albemarle Presbytery. Is it any wonder if, as a Baptist minister of Raleigh, said, 'every fourth white man you meet on the street in Raleigh is a Baptist'? Is it strange that the Baptist church should have a membership of 4,116, and that the Presbyterian church should have a membership of 150? The only wonder is that there are not more of them. And Mecklenburg county with its 24 Presbyterian churches is enough to account for Presbyterianism in Charlotte.

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A Splendid Record. Raleigh News and Observer. Superintendent Laughinghouse of the State prison, gives the statement that on the farms this year he has made fifteen hundred bales of cotton on fifteen hundred acres, enough corn and forage to last nearly two years, enlarged the buildings for stock and forage, and does much work in putting up dykes on Roanoke river so as to make possible a bigger crop next year. This is good news and is a result of good farming and good business methods, and speaks finely for the management.

The best contrast between the Republican and Democratic administration in North Carolina is found in the management of the penitentiary. When the Republicans were in power the management of the penitentiary was a stench in the nostrils of the people. When the Democrats came into power, all that was changed. Under Aycock, Glenn and Kitchin the management of the penitentiary was clean, capable and businesslike. It is a glorious record and is the best indication of Democratic government.

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