

THE PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY OPENS

Fifty-Third Sessions of Southern Presbyterian Church At Kansas City.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WILL BE KEYNOTE

Recommendations Expected Which Would Revolutionize Educational Policy of Church.

Kansas City, Mo., May 21.—Christian education will be the keynote of the fifty-third assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church that convenes here today. The ad interim committee on education appointed by the assembly of 1913, is expected to make recommendations which, if adopted, will revolutionize the educational policy of the church.

The report of the a dinterim committee on the proposed union of the United Presbyterian church, will also come before the assembly for action.

The first event on today's program was the opening sermon by the Rev. J. S. Lyons of Louisville, Ky., the retiring moderator the Rev. Mr. Lyons will retire. The assembly will close its meeting May 28.

A new presiding officer will be elected as a moderator each year and to preside over that assembly only, and no moderator can succeed himself in office. The two officers of the assembly who have succeeded themselves from year to year for a number

of years past are Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., of Spartanburg, S. C., the stated clerk and the permanent clerk, Rev. J. D. Leslie of Cisco, Texas.

The prominent preachers who will be heard during the sessions, include the Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D. D., and the Rev. John A. Armstrong, D. D., Nashville, Tenn.; the Rev. S. L. Norris, D. D., Louisville, Ky.; the Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., and R. E. Magill of Richmond, Va.

No report to be substituted will be heard with greater interest or will be of greater importance than the report of the committee on education, Rev. Henry H. Sweata, D. D., of Louisville, Ky., chairman and one representative from each of the fourteen synods of the assembly constituting the committee, which held a conference during the summer of 1913.

This report deals with schools, colleges, universities and theological seminaries with reference to church connection, standardizing financial problems, loan and scholarship funds and the need of arousing the church on the subject of Christian Education.

The recommendations of this report are stated to be definite and concise. Another interesting subject to come before the assembly will be that included in an overture from the synod of Virginia recommending the erection of a new synod, to be known as the synod of West Virginia and to include all of the State of West Virginia part of which territory is now included in the synod of Virginia. The erection of another synod, familiarly known as the "Mountain synod," will no doubt receive consideration also.

The amount contributed by Southern Presbyterians during the year just closed for foreign missions was \$661,179, and for home missions, \$168,679. The amount contributed for home missions was an increase of \$14,480 over the amount contributed to this cause the year previous, and is the largest amount the church has given to home missions during any year of her history.

The attendance of commissioners to the assembly this year was increased on account of the change in the basis of representation. Upon the new basis of representation each presbytery is entitled to one clerical and one lay commissioner and one clerical and one lay commissioner additional for every 4,000 communicants of the church in the presbytery.

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RHEUMATISM

Remarkable Home Cure Given by One Who Had It—He Wants Every Sufferer to Benefit.

Send No Money—Just Your Address. Years of awful suffering and misery have taught this man, Mark H. Jackson of Syracuse, New York, how terrible an enemy to human happiness rheumatism is, and have given him sympathy with all unfortunate ones who are within its grasp. He wants every rheumatic victim to know how he was cured. Read what he says:



"I Had Sharp Pains Like Lightning Flashes Shooting Through My Joints."

"In the spring of 1893 I was attacked by Muscular and Inflammatory Rheumatism. I suffered as only those who have had it know, for over three years. I tried remedy after remedy, and doctor after doctor, but such relief as I received was only temporary. Finally, I found a remedy that cured me completely, and it has never returned. I have given it to a number who were terribly afflicted and even bedridden with Rheumatism and it effected a cure in every case. I want every sufferer from any form of rheumatic trouble to try this marvelous healing power. Don't send a cent simply mail your name and address and I will send it free to try. After you have used it and it has proven itself to be that long-sought-for means of curing your Rheumatism you may send the price of it, one dollar, but, understand, I do not want your money unless you are perfectly satisfied to send it. Isn't that fair? Why suffer any longer when positive relief is thus offered you free? Don't delay. Write today. MARK H. JACKSON, No. 256 Gurney Bldg., Syracuse, N. Y."

Mr. Jackson is responsible. Above statement true.—Pub.

LOWER CALIFORNIA IS LITTLE KNOWN COUNTRY

Mexican Peninsula Never Was Thoroughly Explored—Many Minerals Found.

Washington, May 21.—Lower California, Mexico's isolated peninsula, the coast of which the Pacific fleet of the United States is now patrolling, is one of the least known territories in North America. The following facts concerning this arm of land, which projects about 800 miles southeasterly from the southern border of California, were given out by the National Geographic Society at Washington, today.

The width of the peninsula varies from about 39 to more than 100 miles, and its irregular coast-line, over 2,000 miles long, is bordered by numerous islands. Being mainly a mountainous, desert region, it is thinly peopled and presents many sharply contrasting conditions. Low sun-scorched plains, where death by thirst awaits the traveler, lie close to the bases of towering granite peaks, belted by forests and capped in winter by snow; desolate plateaus of black lava look down on valleys seamed with green-bordered streams.

At the time of its discovery in 1533 by an expedition sent out by Cortes in search of a fabulously rich island, it is estimated to have been inhabited by 25,000 Indians, who vigorously resisted the intrusion and prevented the new comers from getting a foothold for more than a century. The Jesuites then came in and were wonderfully successful in exploring the

peninsula and establishing missions. They established three main trails, one along each coast and the third down the middle, which serve as the regular routes of travel today. The Indians have vanished from all parts of their former territory, except a few in the extreme northern end.

During the last half century all parts of the territory have been visited mainly by Americans, in search of mines and other natural resources. But little of the knowledge gained has become available to the public. Gold, silver, copper, iron and other minerals and much fertile land have been found, but the scarcity of water, fuel, food, and the difficulties of transportation have united with other causes to bring about failure to develop the resources.

The climate of Lower California in general is hot and arid. Northern conditions are closely like those in adjoining parts of southern California; in the middle they are more arid, but the extreme southern end, though arid, tropical, has more regular summer rains. The peninsula suffers long periods of drought, during which no rainfall sufficient to start vegetation, occurs over large areas for periods of from three to five years. They dry periods may be succeeded by torrential rains, which sweep the country and roll great floods down to the sea. Surface water is scarce and limited mainly to isolated water-holes in the rocks or

to springs from which small streams flow a short distance. The Rio Santo Domingo is the one living stream within the peninsula which flows on the surface from its source to the sea throughout the year. These conditions have resulted in the development of the richest and most extraordinary desert flora in the world. The bird and mammal life, however, is closely related to that of southern California. The plains abound with small desert mammals, such as rabbits, pocket mice, kangaroo rats and others. A large number of the smaller mammals never drink water, it having been found impossible to teach some of them to take water in captivity. Antelope, mountain sheep, mule-deer and mountain lions are the only large game animals.

The peninsula is thinly peopled and enormous areas remain uninhabited. The most populous section is the region south of La Paz, where rains are more regular than further north. A few small towns and widely scattered communities along the coast, with a limited number of villages, ranches and miners' camps in the interior, cover the population of Lower California, and owing to its great length, is divided near the middle in a northern and a southern district, Ensenada and La Paz being the respective capitals.

Phone your wants to 102.

Stylish Garments Underpriced for Three Days' Selling



Every item mentioned here is on apparel, the styles of which are for Spring and Summer 1914. Seasonableness and desirability are just as big an attraction, as the decisive reduction in price. This store is ever alert to purchase good garments at special prices, but they must be right in more ways than mere price. Several of the items listed below are special purchases and they exemplify the desirability of Bon Marche bargains.

\$15.00 to \$20.00 line of crepe de chine and other silk dresses, all colors and sizes, for \$10.75.

HALF PRICE on Wool crepe dresses, black, navy, copenhagen, and other shades, all sizes, which makes some as reasonable as \$4.25.

Special purchase of white crepe dresses, prettily trimmed in lace, new over-tunic effect, for \$5.75

All wool white serge and crepe dresses to go special at \$7.50.

Broad Variety of Trunks, Suit Cases and Traveling Bags

On the third floor of this store is the largest collection of leather goods in Asheville. This is a broad statement, but we have the merchandise to back it up. It will prove to your profit to investigate.

Trunks, canvas, fibre, etc., in all styles, including Roller Tray and Wardrobe, prices range from \$5.50 to \$65.00.

Suit Cases; straw, fibre, bamboo and leather, priced at \$1.25 on up to \$25.00.

Traveling Bags, Straw and Leather, are priced at 59c. to \$25.00.

A Special Purchase of Chamoisette Gloves 39c pair

These gloves come in natural and white they would sell ordinarily at 50c pair. Our very special price, 39c. pair, all sizes.

A Rare Sale of Neckfixings

This event is a genuine Clearance. There has been but one thought in connection with it—to sell the neckwear. Prices have been cut to such a degree that they seem incredible, however, you have our word that they are as listed below. The neckwear has been divided in lots and the merchandise has been selected from our regular stock,

Up to \$1 lot of Neckwear for 49c.

Up to \$2 lot of Neckwear for 79c.

Up to \$3.50 lot of neckwear, for 98c.

Up to \$7.50 lot-of neckwear, for \$1.98

35c. and 50c. Hair Ornaments, for 24c.

75c. and \$1. Hair Ornaments, for 39c.

Bon Marche

Bon Marche Special Sales are opportune. They come at the time when goods are most needed

\$1.25 and \$1.50 Waists, in white crepe, voile and lingerie, a late shipment, also a line of the new colored printed waists, very special, 98c.
\$2.50 linerie and Wash Silk Waists are very special at \$1.95.

Shoes of Quality The New Court Ties

These late arrivals come in dull leathers and patent kid, all sizes and lasts. It is one of the real smart creations of the summer that fashion has suggested, and with the Colonial Pump divides most of the attention of prospective shoe buyers. They are priced at \$5.00 pair.

White Buckskin and Canvas Shoes, in street and outing styles, are priced at \$4.00 pair.

Don't forget that we sell excellent Pumps for children, priced at \$1. to \$3.50 pair.



MANY TOBACCO PLANTS BUT RAIN IS NEEDED

Special to The Gazette-News. Warsaw, May 21.—Reports coming from various points in the surrounding country indicate that there are plenty of tobacco plants, although the extremely dry weather this section has experienced is causing much trouble in transplanting. This work was due to have been done two or three weeks ago, but owing to the fact that no rain has fallen in several weeks the plants are getting rather large. The past few days have been cooler than the preceding ones, and have been taken advantage of, though with only partial success.

The crops that have been planted are also suffering in this respect, and it is feared that this will have a bad effect on the harvest.

NEW STEAMSHIP LINE MAY BE DISCONTINUED

Special to The Gazette-News. New Bern, May 21.—There is a possibility, and in fact the operators have so stated, that the new freight-carrying boat line recently inaugurated between New Bern and Baltimore, will soon be discontinued. When this line, which is owned by the Dea Kyne Steamship company, was inaugurated,

the owners figured on carrying a certain amount of freight in order to make expenses and to get a profit on their investment. For the first trip their expectations were realized but, according to their statements, the amount of business had decreased since that time. They have put the matter up to the shippers of New Bern and Washington and asked their aid in keeping the steamer in operation, declaring that it will be taken off the run after the next few trips unless the amount of patronage increases.

Special to The Gazette-News. Wilmington, May 21.—Because the

Morse Securities company, headed by Charles W. Morse, failed to make good its agreement to establish a boat line between New York, Baltimore and Wilmington, stockholders of the Southern Steamship company, organized among local business men as an allied corporation are writing Morse that unless the line is immediately established court action will be taken.

In Political Circles. "How about my letter proposing matrimony?" "It has been advanced to a second reading," said the congressman's daughter, "and will come to a vote before very long."—Pittsburgh Post.

We are now booking orders for Hoosier Kitchen Cabinets

Factory notifies us that they will try and send us a few cabinets early this week.

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Jeff's Lack of Education Disgraces Mutt

By "Bud" Fisher

