

The Conference for Education in the South

The conference for education in the south held at Richmond Va., April 15-18 with an attendance estimated at two thousand persons was a notable gathering, composed as it was of governors, bankers, secretaries of commercial bodies, railroad industrial agents, editors, farmers, teachers, preachers, district, county and state supervisors of rural schools, teachers of agriculture, superintendents of public instruction, and others. The Times Dispatch comments:

"The biggest exhibit at this gathering is men. They are big men, fighters, idealists, humans rich in experience, and full of life and energy. They are missionaries and that is why they got results. They go out among the farmers, teachers, business men, with a vision and a hope. They put the desire for better conditions in people."

EXHIBITS

Nothing could be more illuminative of the tendency in Southern schools toward industrial education, manual arts, and domestic science than the exhibits incident to the conference for education in the South. Where such an exhibit a few years ago would have shown a predominance in writing, classical exercises or drawing, that of today shows furniture making, sewing, cooking, canning, corn raising, carpentry, blacksmithing.

This tendency is not confined to one or more classes of schools or of students but extends to all. White boys and colored boys, white girls and colored girls, scholars in one room rural schools graded schools, agricultural high schools, all are being taught the dignity and satisfaction of labor.

Some idea of the character and the scope of this great conference may be had from the opening and closing words of Ambassador Page.

"Never in any place have there gathered so many men well inspired, so many men of apostolic zeal, so many men with exact knowledge and instruction of the future, as are met tonight in Richmond."

With these words the sixteenth conference for education in the south was opened last night, in the presence of an audience that packed the auditorium of John Marshall high school, by Vice-President Walter H. Page editor of the World's Work, and ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the court of St. James.

ADDRESS BY AMBASSADOR

Following an evening program of discussion of rural work in the South, in the elementary school, in the high school and in the interest of the public health, Ambassador Page began his address:

"Some months ago," he said, "I was asked by the executive secretary to summarize the work of this conference at its conclusion. This was a custom of our earlier years. It could have been done very well then. But to attempt it at this time would be like summarizing the spring time, with its beauty and charm."

But there are a few thoughts that may have occurred to all. First there are its comprehensiveness. Never before, do I believe have so many thoughtful and suggestive people come together from so many regions of the South. Every state is represented by a group, and every member of each group seems to be a leader. The comprehensiveness of the program is beyond all precedent in my experience and observation. It is no haphazard affair, but goes in ordered procession through all the allied subjects.

THE NATION'S PROBLEM

"The largest problem that faces the American civilization today lies in building up her country life. No matter what idea some of us may have toward the tasks the United States bears, we are obliged to come to this. We have just passed through a period of organization of the machinery of the modern world—making the city and the railroad and the country has been left out. Now we must build it up and that is the errand that brings us here. We all know that in the coming centuries, in the past, the character and the vision of American life will come from the soil."

"I marvel therefore at the wisdom with which the schedule of our meeting was laid out."

"In our early days the characteristic of the people of the United States was individualism. Great as this was for the cause of democracy, it rested upon a false economic basis. A man's home cannot be his castle, for he is mutually linked as his brothers keeper, whether he will or no. A larger vision and a larger liberty and a larger opportunity now comes on us as a task for our

working hours. We must organize in this country.

"Another thing and one that must have impressed a stranger from a different land, suddenly dropped among us is the unselfishness with which everything has been done and discussed. I defy anyone to find so many intelligent self-supporting men and women anywhere, to sit for three days discussing problems for the good of all, never once admitting the exploitation of anybody for any purpose."

MOST THRILLING CHAPTER

"The historian of the progress of democracy could not write a more thrilling chapter than the events of the past ten or fifteen years taking as the cue the note of the conference for education in the South. We began with the school and the child, and we end with them, of course, but every step has been toward a widening democratic ideal—nothing less—to see how we could teach one another. Dr. Knapp let a flood of light on all this problem. I am not sure but that he was the greatest school master of the age."

"So our discussions have come regularly, with no eccentricities, but with a broadening application of all that cooperation means. To till the soil to train the children, to make the home a work of continuous human service, I count as one of the greatest human privileges that can fall to the lot of man. We have worked on a program to bring to pass the dream of the fathers, that our republic shall be and remain the hope of the world."

"With that thought and with infinite gratitude from the very bottom of my heart to every one of you, and with a growing hope I declare the sixteenth conference for education in the South adjourned."

How the Southern Educational Conference has grown in twelve years and some of the things that it has accomplished were told by United States Commissioner of Education P. P. Claxton in an address yesterday afternoon. He said that from a collection of teachers discussing the technical details of their profession it has grown into a large, diversified body, capable of considering education in a statesmanlike way and in its way relation to life. He asserted that the Southern Educational Board, the General Educational Board, the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission and many other valuable institutions have sprung directly from this conference.

Among North Carolinians who appeared prominently on the program were Ambassador Walter H. Page, Commissioner P. P. Claxton, Supt. J. Y. Joyner, Gen. Julian S. Carr, Miss Elizabeth Colton, Mr. Clarence Poe, Z. V. Brogden, Dr. Chas. Lee Raper, Pres. D. H. Hill, E. K. Graham, Dr. J. A. Ferrell, Mrs. W. N. Hutt, N. W. Walker.

New Church Opened

An immense crowd assembled at Ransdell's Chapel Sunday afternoon to witness the opening of the new church that has just been erected. It is located in a densely populated section midway between Rock Spring and New Hope churches, near the Polly Solomon old place, about eight miles from this city. With the help of friends from the outside, the people of the community have built a very neat chapel, seating about 300. It is not completed yet, but near enough to be used with comfort.

Rev. Walter M. Gilmore, pastor of the Lousburg Baptist church, who preached out there several times last summer under an arbor, preached the sermon Sunday afternoon on the power of the cross. A Sunday school will be organized there next Sunday afternoon. Mr. Gilmore will supply this church on Sunday afternoons for a time, till a regular pastor can be obtained. His next appointment will be the first Sunday afternoon in May.

Much credit is due Mr. W. C. Ransdell for his untiring efforts in bringing about the results above.

Bank of Castalia Now Open for Business

Castalia, N. C., April 12, 1913.—The new bank commenced business last Thursday, April 10th. Mr. W. C. Smith, one of Franklin county's most prosperous young planters, being the first depositor. The opening was really better than had been expected, having been delayed for some time. The promoters are to be congratulated in the organization of the bank of Castalia with a capital of \$10,000. The following officers are in charge: President, Dr. T. A. Matthews; Vice President, S. J. Bartholomew; Cashier, Gray R. King; Directors, Jos. T. Inscow, J. L. Blackwell, J. S. Bachelor, Dr. T. O. Coppege, W. J. Lancaster, S. J. Bartholomew and Dr. T. A. Matthews. Finance Committee: S. J. Bartholomew, T. A. Matthews and W. J. Lancaster, the first named being chairman. Now we have the bank, so much for that, let's have the Henderson to Castalia railroad.

Towns That Grow

In every county and in every State can be found towns that are continually forging ahead, while others remain practically at a stand still and accomplish nothing in the way of advancement. In every case the fault can be found to rest, not with the town, but with the people themselves. An exchange has been thinking pretty seriously along this line and it presents its conclusions in this way:

"The reason why some towns grow is because they have men in them with push and energy who are not afraid to spend their time, energy and money in anything that will boom and benefit the town. They have confidence enough in their towns to erect substantial and modern buildings and residences and work for public improvements in the same order."

"They organize companies and establish factories, induce industrial enterprise to locate and use every means to further the best interests of the town. Their work is never considered finished and the accomplishment of one thing is only an incentive of another."

"On the other hand, the town that does not get ahead will be found to be dominated by either a set of men who are perfectly satisfied with their surroundings or who are afraid somebody else will be benefited in the event something is started; consequently no effort of any kind is made by this class for these two reasons."

"If some men or set of men endeavor to start something they are met by opposition and discouragement and it is uphill work all the way and very often failure."

"Every town, however, has a certain progressive element which hopes for a turn of the tide when the town will go forward for leaps and bounds and occupy a position of importance and obtain numerous advantages which go to make a good town in every sense."

"But this stage cannot be accomplished by mere wishes or suppositions. It can only come from harmony in purpose and action and the eternal vigilance of the citizens."

"The town with these things will continue to grow and improve, but the town without them can be expected to remain in a state of lethargy indefinitely without affording its residents anything but a mere existence."

"Its all true."

Chickamauga's Death List

"An American battle that passed in its ratio of carnage the bloodiest conflicts in history outside of this country ought to be understood by the American people. Sharpsburg, Antietam, I believe had a larger portion of killed and wounded than any other single day's battle of our war, and that means larger than any in the world's wars: Chickamauga, however in its two days of heavy fighting brought the ratio of losses to the high water mark: Judged by percentage in killed and wounded, Chickamauga nearly doubled the sanguinary records of Marengo. Austerlitz was two and a half times heavier than sustained by the Duke of Malborough, at Malpaquet, more than doubled that suffered by the army under Henry of Navarre in the terrific slaughter at Coutras, nearly three times as heavy as the percentage of loss at Salferino and Magneta, five times greater than Napoleon at Wagram, and about ten times as heavy as that of Marshal Saxe at bloody Rocoux. Are if we take the average percentage of loss in a number of the world's greatest battles—Waterloo, Wagram, Valmy, Magneta, Solferino, Zurich and Lodi—we shall find by comparison that Chickamauga's record of blood passed them three to one.—Gen. John B. Gordon in, "Reminiscences of the Civil War, page 199."

Franklin Superior Court.

The trial of the criminal docket continued through Saturday, after which the civil docket was taken up. As we go to press the case of Powell vs Strickland, a damage suit for breaking the ties of home, was in progress. No other cases of any special interest was tried. The following is the remainder of the criminal docket proceedings: State vs Garfield Wilkins—murder, guilty of murder in the second degree. State vs Willie Ruffin, a. d. w., c. e. w., guilty of both charges, judgement suspended. State vs Willie Ruffin, l and r, guilty two years on roads. State vs William Harris, enters plea of manslaughter, two years on roads. State vs Willie Ruffin, retailing, not pros. State vs Willie Arnold, retailing, not guilty. State vs Oscar Joyner, violating town ordinances, not guilty. State vs C. W. Privitt, a. d. w. continued. This completed the trial of the

criminal docket with the exception of a few continuances after which the Solicitor made the following report to the Court:

To His Honor E. B. Cline, Judge presiding and holding this term of Superior Court:

The undersigned Solicitor of the 4th Judicial District respectfully reports that during this term of Superior Court he has made careful examination of the registry of the office of the Clerk of this Court, and the dockets, records and indexes, which the law requires of him to keep therein, and he finds and so reports that said dockets, records and indexes are kept in an accurate, methodical and very intelligent manner and that the duties of the office so far as he can observe are performed in a manner satisfactory to the public. This officer finds pleasure in the prospect of the building of an up-to-date modern court house, the Clerk will there have quarters adequate and commensurate with the growth of the business of the office, and the convenience of those who have business herein.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted,

R. G. ALLSBUROK, Sol.

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Pearce Commencement

The closing exercises of Pearce academy will begin on Tuesday evening May 6th at 7:30, with exercises by primary and intermediate grades.

The following afternoon, Wednesday 7th at 3:00 the Pearce ball team will play the Pilot team. On Thursday, 8th at 10:30 a. m. the literary address will be delivered by Prof. C. W. Wilson, chair of Pedagogy in the East Carolina Teachers Training School. That afternoon a game of ball between Pearce and Newhope will be played and at night at 7:30 the regular entertainment by the grammar school will be had. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Confederate Reunion

The reunion of the United Confederate Veterans association will be held at Chattanooga May 27-29. Chickamauga's bloody field is reached from that city by trolley line in forty minutes at a cost of fifteen cents. No better opportunity could be made possible for intelligent study of this field, as Gen. Gordon, now dead and gone advises. The battlefield has been preserved by the government, and beautified by the expenditure of many millions of dollars and the battle lines are indicated by historical tablets and markers. The old confederate soldiers who fought on this field will be valuable teachers in May to the younger generation in the study of Chickamauga.

The Baptist Church.

The pastor will conduct public worship Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Morning theme, "The Debt Paying Christian;" at night, "The Great White Throne. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Everybody is cordially invited.

New Hope School

The closing exercises of the New Hope school will be held on Thursday May 1st. The public is most cordially invited.

PROGRAM

10:30 a. m. Exercises by the pupils, 11:00 a. m. Betterment reports from each of the schools in the township. A short report of work done for the improvement of school conditions of each of the schools of Harris township will be made by some patron of the school. Each speaker will be held strictly to his time limit of five minutes in making these reports. Math Rock—Mr. M. Rodgers. Royal—Mr. J. B. King. New Hope—Mr. A. P. Strickland. Rock Springs—J. W. Poythress. Prospect—11:30 Address—Supt. R. B. White.

Closing at Mapleville

The entertainment of the Mapleville School will be held Tuesday night, 8:30 p. m. May 6th, by the primary pupils. Wednesday May 7th, exercises will begin at 10:30 a. m. Address 11 a. m. by Prof. J. H. Highsmith, of Wake Forest College. 12 to 1:30 dinner. Afternoon exercises will be given over to Betterment Work. 8:30 p. m. exercises by advanced pupils.

Teachers Reading Circle

Those members of the Reading Circle who desire the certificate of credit will note that May 3rd is the day appointed for them to meet with the County Superintendent in Louisburg in order to give satisfactory evidence of having completed the work of the Reading Circle for the current year.

Personals

Rev. W. B. Morton left Tuesday for Columbia.

Hon. F. S. Spruill is in attendance at court this week.

Mrs. R. C. Stallings, of St. Louis, is visiting her people here.

Mr. D. F. McKinne went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. J. A. Turner went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. G. C. Harris returned from a trip to Rocky Mount Monday.

Mr. — Griffin, of Spring Hope, visited Louisburg the past week.

Messrs. R. P. Taylor and Wm. Bailey visited Raleigh the past week.

Mr. J. T. Hicks, of Henderson, was in attendance at court here this week.

Mr. C. E. Johnson, of Apex, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mr. R. A. P. Cooley, of Nashville, was a visitor to Louisburg yesterday.

Mr. B. G. Alford, of Nashville, visited his people in Louisburg the past week.

Mr. Jno. A. Matthews, of Spring Hope, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Major and Mrs. J. B. Thomas returned home from Kentucky the past week.

Attorney-General Bickett was at home several days the past week in attendance at court.

Mr. George Cooper, of Rocky Mount, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cooper, of Rocky Mount, visited her sister, Mrs. Dr. Burt, the past week.

Mr. J. R. Collier, Chief Clerk of the House Claims Committee, spent Sunday and Monday at home.

Mr. Walter Waddell, who has been attending school at Rutherfordton, has returned home for the summer.

Misses Ellice Alford, Susie Meadows and May Jones are at Raleigh undergoing operations in the hospital.

Mrs. E. G. Shotwell, of Vance county and little grand-daughter, of Granville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Clay.

Miss O. May Jones, who is in charge of the Y. W. C. A. work at Columbia S. C., visited friends and relatives in Louisburg the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. May, of Henderson, passed through town Wednesday en route to Justice to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Robert Bowden, who died on Tuesday.

The B. Y. P. U.

At their regular meeting at the Baptist church Monday night the following officers were elected for the next six months: Miss Lillie May Aycock, president; Miss Pattie Aycock, secretary; K. Marshall, treasurer; Misses Grace Hall and Eva Allen, group leaders. The meeting Monday night will be in charge of Miss Hall's group. "Italy" will be the subject.

Loses Grainary

Mr. J. H. Mitchell, who lives near town, lost a grainary by fire on last Saturday. The contents were small, paying high tribute to the Woman's Betterment Association, of Bunn, and pleading that in the crisis that is on now at that place the folks come up as men and meet the pressing need of the hour in the matter of the new house for the County's only State High School.

Base Ball

There seems to be a revival of interest being manifested in base ball, by the people here. Chances are that it will result in some excellent sport for our fans this summer. At present we have a number of expert players and can easily muster up a crack team that will be equal to anything in this section. The movement is meeting with the approval of all and no doubt the permanent organization will be ready for announcement in a near future issue.

As a starter a game between the fats and the leans has been arranged for next Tuesday and from the list of names to select from as given below some real sport may be expected. It will be a big game and everybody will be out to witness it. The line up or the names from which a line up will be given, follows: Fats—Earl Underwood, B. T. Holden, F. B. McKinne, B. B. Massenburg, E. S. Green, L. L. Joyner, Dr. A. H. Fleming, John W. King, R. O. Bissett. Substitutes: W. E. Uzzell, M. S. Clifton, E. S. Ford, P. E. Griffin, F. J. Benaley, J. E. Thomas, J. H. Person, S. P. Boddie, J. R. Bunn. Leans—William Bally, John E. Wil-

iams, G. R. Walker, R. C. Beck, Geo. H. Cooper, W. M. Person, F. W. Wheelers, G. L. Crowell, Maleome McKinne, Substitutes: H. M. Stovall, O. V. Yarboro, Bob Carycloth, William Allen, W. D. Jackson, T. W. Watson, J. P. Winston. The managers have agreed that if any more substitutes are needed the fats may have all on the north side of the river, and on the western side of Main street for out as Ingle-side. The leans may draw from the south side of the river as far out and including the farm of O. H. Harris and all territory west of Cripple Creek, excluding those in the grave yard.

This will be a fast game in every way and will well be worth the time it will take for you to go out and either take a part or witness it.

Arrangements are now being made for a game with the Bloomer Girls. The exact date of the game is not yet decided but arrangements are sufficiently advanced to say it will surely be perfected. This will add to the sport as on their last visit the ball park witnessed the largest crowd ever within the walls before or since. You will all be expected as arrangements will be made for your accommodation.

Let everybody take a part in encouraging this sport for Louisburg. You can all readily recall the difference in the life of the town during the summer with and without this sport.

Bunn High School Exercises

The commencement exercises of the Bunn High School last Friday were pronounced a complete success by the large crowd present during the day and at night. The work of the pupils in music showed excellent training, and reflected on Miss Ferebee, the music teacher. The voices in the choruses blended well. The first chorus given in the afternoon, "The Rising of the Lark," seemed to please the audience better than any of the others.

Prof. Noble of the University of North Carolina proved his ability as a speaker and entertainer, as well as in the field of constructive thought on educational progress. His speech was full of humorous hits that gave him careful and happy attention. He sent his hearers away thinking—and with inspiration to make progress in bettering our educational conditions. His theme was centered around the idea of making the school more vital to present-day conditions. The speech was a plea for the development of the best in life around us and the conservation of the good things we have already attained. His philosophy may well be summed up in one thing he said; "We sing of a 'happy land far away,' what we need is to get out and make a happy land here and now. We dream of a heaven that is to be; we need to see the possibilities of life around us and enjoy some of heaven in our daily living."

Mr. White, our County Superintendent of Schools, spoke in the afternoon along local lines. Among other things he recalled the fact that in the last ten years the county has increased the value of its school property from \$4,000.00 to \$75,000.00, as well as lengthened the school term and improved the grade of teaching efficiency. He complimented the Bunn people for having led this progressive movement in the county, paying high tribute to the Woman's Betterment Association, of Bunn, and pleading that in the crisis that is on now at that place the folks come up as men and meet the pressing need of the hour in the matter of the new house for the County's only State High School.

Spring Hope won a ragged game of from Bunn—8-2.

The night program proved only interesting. All the character parts were taken off unusually well for school children. In the Ruggles Family, Emma Gay as Mrs. Ruggles and Willie Gray Cheves and Cephas Winstead did remarkably. Master William Jones as Baby Larry was possibly the best. Duke White as Pete was the star feature of Our Awful Aunt, on the whole. Curtis Weathers acted certain parts of the play with a show of talent.

The crowd was good humored and orderly, both day and night and those from a distance are still talking about the good dinner that was served on the grounds at noon.

List of Letters

The following is a list of letters remaining in the post office at Louisburg, N. C., April 25th, 1913, uncalled for: Clarence Dent, Lillian Fuller, M. S. Agner Hayes, Garland Harris, Peter Moore, Roines Smith, Mrs. Anner Smith, J. T. Smith, Matthew Warren, Alice Williams, Mrs. George Scott. Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say they saw them advertised.

M. W. YARBROUGH, P. M.