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ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF PRESBYTERIAN WORKERS

The Largest Gathering in History of Conference Attend Meeting Held at Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, January 25-28—Splendid Addresses the Feature of Sessions.

By Rev. L. B. West, D. D.

The 1927 Workers' Conference, under the auspices of the Division of Missions for Colored People of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., met at Johnson C. Smith University, Rev. H. L. McCrorey, D. D., LL. D., President, Charlotte, N. C., January 25-28. The presiding officer was the Rev. J. M. Gaston, D. D., LL. D., Secretary of the Division.

The attendance was the largest in the history of the Conference. One hundred and fifty persons registered from ten States. Although the weather was cold and gloomy it did not dampen the fervor of the delegates, who pronounced the Conference the best they had attended. Thoughtful and instructive papers and addresses were heard on church and school work, and warm discussions were made on all matters relating to the betterment of the race.

The University Chorus and Quintette, under the leadership of Prof. W. S. Peyton, rendered excellent music at the night meetings. Mrs. J. C. Bryant sang a beautiful solo on Thursday night. The accompaniment was played by Mrs. S. D. Williams.

The faculty and student body, led by Dr. and Mrs. McCrorey, did all in their power to make the entertainment of the delegates the best that could be given. The Presbyterians of the city opened their doors and welcomed the Conference and helped to take care of it. President and Mrs. McCrorey were hosts at their home to the Conference for an hour before the opening of Tuesday evening's session. At this time members of the Conference and invited guests from the city met in social intercourse, to the mutual pleasure of visitors and residents.

Greetings

Dr. McCrorey extended a most hearty welcome to the Conference. Mrs. W. T. Larimer, the beloved Asst. Secretary of the Division, brought the greetings of the Board of National Missions and the Division for Colored People; also greetings from the large number of men and women all over the field who had by their generous contributions, helped to develop the work among the colored people of the South. Mrs. Larimer was more than pleased with the growth and progress of the work, and looked into the future with a great deal of hope and optimism. She had words of encouragement for the workers. She said that about 19,000 boys and girls were now in our schools and colleges, and called attention to what this will mean as the boys and girls are trained for usefulness and sent forth to influence others for good. Mrs. Larimer was warmly applauded.

Devotionals

Each session of the Conference was opened with a season of Bible reading, prayer and song, which formed a proper setting for the papers and discussions which followed. The leaders at the devotional exercises were: Dr. T. R. Lewis, Concord; Rev. S. H. Scott, John's Island, S. C.; Dr. Clarence Dillard, Goldsboro; Rev. S. T. Redd, Savannah, Ga.; Rev. G. W. Hamilton, Asheville; Rev. M. A. Sanders, Charleston, S. C.; Rev. C. A. Washington, High Point; Rev. B. H. McFadden, Spartanburg, S. C.; Rev. G. P. Watkins, Martinsville, Va.; Rev. H. Mc-

Fadden, Allendale, S. C.; Dr. C. N. Jenkins, Charlotte, and Dr. H. M. Stinson, Cotton Plant, Ark.

Evangelism.

Evangelism had a prominent place on the program. The Conference was opened with an institute on evangelism, and evangelistic services were conducted at night. Dr. I. H. Russell, Director of Evangelism, was the leading spirit. He was assisted by Revs. S. D. Thom, D. D., Atlantic Synodical Evangelist; Z. A. Dockery, D. D., of Statesville and C. W. Francis, of Anderson, S. C. Revs. Russell and Dockery thought that if our evangelistic efforts are to be more successful there must be more prayer on the part of church members. Rev. Thom said that we should use every legitimate method possible to win souls for Christ. Rev. Francis said that great care should be exercised in making our plans. It was clearly brought out in the institute that the great need among our churches is vigorous, heaven-born evangelistic campaigns for the salvation of lost souls.

Interesting sermons were preached by Revs. Thom, Dockery and Francis.

The Church

Several subjects dealing with the work of the Church were presented and discussed with profit to all. Rev. O. E. Sanders, of Charlotte, read a comprehensive paper on "The Essentials for a Standard Church. Among other things he mentioned: (1) Spirituality; (2) Loyalty to the truth revealed in the Scriptures; (3) Progressiveness; (4) Proper Organization; (5) Prayer, and (6) Self-Support.

Rev. C. M. Dusenbury, of Stuart, Va., in a thoughtful address, showed what young people can accomplish in church work when they are encouraged and put to work. Rev. A. H. George, of Wilson, magnified "The Pastor's Place in the Work of the Church." After speaking of the pastor as shepherd, teacher, leader, friend, he showed how the pastor can get young and old to work harmoniously together for the good of the church. He said that the elders are to be taught that youth is not to be condemned wholesale, and youth need somebody to tell them that "flaming youth does not know it all."

The subject of Church Finance was illuminatingly discussed by Dr. Z. A. Dockery, of Statesville. He condemned some of the methods for raising finances in many of our churches and gave suggestions for a better system.

The Rev. L. M. Onque, of Mocksville, in a strong paper, said that the business of the church is to furnish a constant supply of Christians for the betterment of the community.

"Church officers should be God-fearing men," declared Rev. G. M. Ulmer, of Winnsboro, S. C., in a splendid paper. Continuing he said that they should be humble, wise, tactful and honest in the discharge of their many duties.

The Rev. C. J. Baker, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga., Secretary of Benevolence in the four colored Synods, gave valuable instructions for the carrying out of the Every Member Canvass. He also gave interesting facts touching the workings of the Boards and made a strong appeal in behalf of each church raising its benevolence quota.

Colored Missionaries for Africa.

The Rev. A. B. McCoy, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga., Regional Director of Sunday School Work Among Negroes in the South, in an address gave a vivid description of his trip to Belgium last summer as the colored representative of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., to the Conference on Christian Missions for Africa. The Conference rose and sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" when Dr. McCoy declared that the way was clear for the Foreign Mission Board to send colored men and women to Africa as missionaries. The books are now open for colored applicants who can qualify.

The School

The importance of the work of the school in all its branches was ably set forth. Mrs. A. A. Jones, of McConnellsville, S. C., for 40 years in the parochial school work, called attention to the good that had been accomplished and to the boys and girls who had gotten the right start there. She said that the day had not yet come for the abandonment of the parochial school. The Conference was overwhelmingly in favor of Mrs. Jones' opinion.

The cause of industrial education was championed by Rev. Prof. A. H. Reasoner, of Harbison College, Irmo, S. C. He discounted the false idea that people entertain about work and held up the dignity of labor. He said that work was not an affliction. He declared that the happiest people are those who work. "The hustler gets along better than the loafer." He told of the program of Harbison College in teaching industrial education.

The Rev. Graham F. Campbell, of West Point, Miss., the new President of Mary Holmes Seminary, said that the possibilities of Mary Holmes Seminary were great. It was the only school of its kind ministering to a colored population of 900,000 people. It was his first visit to the conference and he was pleased to be present.

Mrs. T. R. Lewis, Principal of Scotia Woman's College, Concord, in a well-prepared paper, traced the history and development of Educational Training for Women. She called attention to the changed attitude, and showed that the avenues in education as well as other lines were now open to women.

Miss Maud Kinniburgh, Dean of Barber College for Women, Anniston, Ala., read an excellent paper. She told of the influences for good which accrue from a college education. The girl learns to be truthful, straight-forward, considerate, patient and honest. She spoke of the physical, mental, cultural and spiritual values which come to the girl whose privilege it is to receive a college education. She called attention to the fact that a girl's progress in college depends on her past training, and said that several of the girls who come to Barber are handicapped because of a poor foundation. Miss Kinniburgh closed by saying that a college education was a start in life with a bonus.

"The School and the Community" was the subject of a very interesting paper prepared by Mrs. John A. Savage, of Albion Academy, Franklinton. It was clearly shown that the school is a community center. The idea was advanced that the school discovers the needs of the community and helps to supply them. The school helps to develop men and women, not only intellectually but morally and spiritually. Concrete examples of what the school can do were given of Albion Academy. Mrs. Savage was unable to be present. Dr. Savage read the paper.

Dr. G. W. Long, Principal of Coulter Academy, Cheraw, S. C., in a forceful address, held up the economic, intellectual and social advantages of co-educational

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THE SCOTIA CHAPTER OF NEW YORK AND VICINITY NOTES.

On the 11th of December the chapter entertained Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, President of the Bethune-Cookman Institute and also President of the Federation of Colored Women of America. Mrs. Bethune is a daughter of Scotia and the chapter was very happy to entertain her. It was practically a reunion of Scotia students of New York and surrounding towns. The Johnson C. Smith students were well represented.

At the December meeting the election of officers took place. Mrs. Willie Bowers Harris was elected President; Miss Clara Twine, Vice-President; Mrs. C. Snowden Jones, Secretary; Miss Annie M. King, Social Secretary; Mrs. C. Ward Moultrie, Treasurer. Members of the Executive Board are Mesdames M. J. Taylor, L. M. Levy, Daisy Judge, D. Sanders and C. James Byers. Miss Otto Allen, a recent graduate of Scotia, became a member of the chapter.

The Hope Chest Contest was a great success. This is the first year we have had a contestant from any State other than New York and New Jersey, which made it quite exciting. Many members are originally from North Carolina and were anxious for their home girl to win. The hearty applause of the audience showed their approval and joy because of Miss Iola Branch, of Mary Potter Memorial School, winning the beautiful chest. The second prize, a diamond ring, went to Miss Edwina Moultrie, daughter of Mrs. C. Ward Moultrie, of Englewood, N. J.; the third prize, a camera, was won by Miss Scott, of Englewood, N. J., and the fourth, a slave bracelet, to Miss Booker of Brooklyn. Up to this writing the chapter has realized \$593 from the Hope Chest.

The January meeting was entertained by Mesdames Earlotto Miller, Daisy Judge and U. Snead Sherwood, at the home of Mrs. Miller, 180 Classon Ave., Brooklyn. The day was very disagreeable, but nevertheless the members were out in full. After the business meeting the hostesses served the most appetizing collation of cream chicken patties, ice cream, cake, coffee and candies.

Mrs. Cora Lomax, former Science Teacher of Scotia, and Mrs. Minnie Hicks-Francis joined the chapter.

Mrs. Johnnie Carson Mitchell and Dr. Julia Hughes Coleman, who have been away for some time, are with us again.

Mrs. Louise McCullough Alexander, of Charlotte, N. C., is visiting her sons, who are attending school here. Mrs. Alexander has been entertained by the different members of the chapter.

Miss Lucia E. Jones, daughter of Mrs. C. Snowden Jones, was a graduate of Wadleigh High School last week.

The Scotia chapter of New York and vicinity would be glad at any time to hear from the other Scotia chapters. The chapter thanks the Africo-American Presbyterian and wishes it a happy and prosperous New Year.

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OKLAHOMA TEACHER WILLS FORTUNE TO TUSKEGEE.

(From the Lincoln County Republican, Chandler, Okla.)

Albon L. Holsey, Secretary to the Principal of Tuskegee Institute, was here last week for a conference with H. C. Callark, retired school teacher (colored) and owner of valuable city and farm properties.

Following their interview, Mr. Callark authorized the announcement that he has made Tuskegee Institute chief beneficiary under the provisions of his will,

which has just been made and recorded. The properties owned by Mr. Callark are conservatively estimated to be worth \$50,000 and less than a week ago oil was discovered on land adjacent to one of the eighty acre tracts which gives added value and importance to his holdings.

Mr. Callark's life story is a gripping drama of the closing days of slavery and of the pioneer days of the Middle West. He was born near Newark, N. J., and between the ages of three and four, he and his brother were kidnapped and taken to Missouri, where he lived as a boy until sixteen years of age. In 1863, with the aid of a colored man, Edmund Chandler, he was "kidnapped" again and ran away to the North.

When the two runaways reached Kentucky, young Callark left his friend and benefactor and joined the Union army as orderly to one of the officers. A soldier in the same company, Matthew Hayes, became attached to the young Negro orderly because of his quiet reserve and unflinching loyalty and, at the close of the war, took him to his home in Missouri. Two years later, Callark went to Wyoming and thence to Iowa, where he worked for a family named Gaston. The Gastons became interested in him and encouraged him to enter Taber College, where he began his education. The friendship of the Gastons has continued until the present day and he tells of some of the Gaston children with whom he played who are now parents and grandparents.

In 1879 Mr. Callark determined to enter the teaching profession and after completing the teachers' course at a normal school in Jefferson City, Mo., taught for nine years in Texas and then came to this place where he farmed and taught school for more than twenty years here in Lincoln County.

Six years ago, Mr. Callark retired and now devotes his time to Sunday school work and to looking after properties he has accumulated. He has never married and has never seen his parents since that eventful day back in New Jersey when he was stolen from them. In spite of his seventy-seven years, he is active, giving much of his time to reading and occasionally writes poems of real merit.

SWIFT MEMORIAL COLLEGE, ROGERSVILLE, TENN.

The faculty and students worshipped at the African Methodist church last Sunday morning. The services were very inspiring.

The Y. W. C. A. program was in charge of the third year class last Sunday. Each member of the class was at her best and a spirit of cooperation was shown.

Miss Inez E. Patton, a college student of Virginia, is expected to return to us very soon to continue her studies. She was called home to the bedside of her mother.

Miss Vera Mae Crawford was called to Johnson City, Tenn., to attend the funeral of her uncle.

Rev. W. C. Hargrave, D. D., a member of the faculty, has been appointed to attend an educational meeting in New York very soon. He is to go in company with other distinguished members of the Presbyterian Church. They are to discuss some means by which the young men and young women of the Church can have aid in educating themselves for missionary work.

Mr. Flack had charge of the prayer-meeting this week. He gave an inspiring talk on the "Prodigal Son." He emphasized the fact that God is always ready to forgive.

M. ADRENE HOLSTON.

ONE QUARTER SECTION OF LAND DONATED.

One Hundred and Sixty Acres of New Mexico Land Given to the National Baptist Publishing Board.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 31. (Special)—One hundred and sixty acres of land in New Mexico have been donated to the National Baptist Publishing Board of this city. The donors were Mr. Clinton Ragsdale and his wife, Mrs. Mollie Ragsdale. The announcement was made by Henry Allen Boyd, the Secretary of the Board, when he received a letter from Mr. Clinton Ragsdale, dated January 26th, in which he enclosed the deed.

The generous donors are members of the Baptist church out in Dexter, New Mexico. The deed is recorded in the county clerk's office at Dexter, New Mexico, and has the official seal of the great State of New Mexico on it. "This is the first donation of any kind along that line ever received by the National Baptist Publishing Board since its organization in 1896, by the late E. H. Boyd, its founder," declared the Secretary today, in making announcement of the contribution.

It is understood that this land is valued at between one hundred and one hundred fifty dollars per acre, and that it is located in a fertile section of the State. Mr. Ragsdale, in his letter, informed Secretary Boyd that he contemplates adding another one hundred and sixty acres to this donation, as he holds the National Baptist Publishing Board and the founder in the highest esteem.

BARBER COLLEGE NEWS

By Joetta Stinson

Quite unexpectedly visitors came to Barber last Saturday evening. Great was the excitement when Miss Katherine Hammond with her sister, mother and brother, stepped from the car which brought them all the way from Illinois. Miss Hammond will be remembered as the College History teacher last year. Remaining all day Sunday Miss Hammond sang: "The Perfect Prayer" for Sunday school. Girls and faculty were very glad to welcome these friends back and sorry they had to leave Monday morning on their trip to Florida.

The Coleridge-Taylor Choral Club, of Anniston, introduced Mr. Carl Diton, pianist, last Monday evening, at the Seventeenth Street Baptist church. A large and appreciative audience was present, including some of the faculty and student body of Barber. Mr. Diton gave little lectures about the composer, his environment and the idea of the composition before each interpretation. The audience was charmed throughout the program. The technique and the power of the pianist, together with his feeling, must have expressed what the composer felt when the piece was written. One of the teachers who heard Padewski, placed Mr. Diton very close to this great musician. Some of the selections rendered were: four selections from Bach, including "Nocturne" which was beautiful and rich in singing tone; two of List's numbers, one of which is supposed to be the most difficult piece for the piano ever written.

Near the end of the performance Mr. Diton in a rich, clear voice sang several numbers. Spirituals were included and among them were: "Knocking at Your Door," "Steal Away," arranged by Mr. Diton and several others. The audience called

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