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ATLANTIC SYNOD MEETS AT NEWMAN, GA.

On Wednesday evening, October 26, at 7:30, Atlantic Synod met in the Second Presbyterian church of the city of Newnan, The Rev. Joseph W. Holley, D. D., LL. D., a former Moderator, presided, in the absence of the retiring Moderator, Rev. Dr. Miles J. Jackson, who failed to appear.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. G. E. Henderson, the pastor of Zion Presbyterian church in Charleston, S. C. Rev. Henderson preached from Genesis 18: 1; 19: 1.

Following the sermon, the Synod was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Dr. I. D. Davis. Those who answered to the roll call showed that about 65 per cent of the members of the Synod were present. A quorum being in evidence, the Synod elected the Rev. O. M. McAdams, of Greenville, S. C., Moderator, and the Revs. J. H. Toatley and J. W. Manoney, temporary clerks.

The Revs. Walter C. Hargrave, D. D., C. J. Baker, D. D., and Rev. P. A. Flack, of the Synod of East Tennessee; the Rev. John M. Gaston, D. D., LL. D., of the Synod of Pennsylvania; Rev. N. Bell, of the Synod of Catawba; the Rev. H. H. Anderson, of the Western Baptist Association; and the Rev. C. D. Thornton, of Atlanta A. M. E. Conference, were accorded seats as corresponding members.

Thursday Morning.
The Committee on Board of National Missions made its report through its chairman, Dr. G. T. Dillard. In connection with this report, Dr. Gaston, Secretary and Assisitant Treasurer of the Board of National Missions, spoke on vital matters relative to the observance of the 125th Anniversary of the work of the Board; Dr. Clark spoke in the interest of the work of the Sabbath School Board; Rev. S. T. Redd spoke in the interest of the Division for Colored People; Dr. J. M. Miller spoke in the interest of the Division of Church Errection; and Rev. S. D. Thom, D. D., represented Evangelism.

Thursday Afternoon
Dr. I. D. Davis, Chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions, made his report. Pending the adoption of this report, special representative, Rev. Dr. Hargrave, of the Synod of East Tennessee, and Rev. Dr. Holley, Dr. Geo. W. Long, and Rev. T. L. Kennedy spoke briefly and aptly to this report.

Thursday morning from 11:45 to 12:30 was set apart for Holy Communion, presided over by the Rev. I. D. Davis, D. D., and E. J. Gregg, D. D., while Elders W. T. Reid and G. E. Bernon served the elements.

The Committee on Program and Field Activities made its report through its chairman, Rev. Geo. W. Long, D. D. Pending the adoption of this report the following made appropriate remarks: Revs. I. D. Davis, D. D., C. J. Baker, D. D., J. M. Miller, D. D., and J. H. Toatley, who represented the Rev. Dr. C. M. Young.

The report on Christian Education was presented by Rev. J. W. Holley, D. D., LL. D.

The Women's Popular meeting Thursday evening, presided over by Mrs. A. A. Jones, was up to its usual standard. The demonstration of tithing in a dialogue by one boy and three girls of the student body of our school in connection with our church at Newnan, was a new feature in the ladies Thursday night program, but it brought home the lesson of wasting the Lord's tenth.

On Friday morning the Synod

completed its business and adjourned to meet in a popular meeting Friday evening to listen to the following members of the Synod to speak on the subjects: "Practical Christianity as Shown in Our Benevolence," by Rev. S. T. Redd; "The Presbyterian Church and Its Program for Parochial Schools," by Rev. A. S. Clark, D. D.; "The Presbyterian Church and its Program for Higher Education," by Dr. W. L. Metz.

Twenty-six Years Ago.
It can be recalled by some of us that Synod met here just 26 years ago with Rev. G. T. Dillard, D. D., as retiring Moderator and with the late Rev. J. C. Watkins, D. D., as Moderator. The late Rev. Dr. B. L. Glenn was the active and popular pastor among all the people, white as well as colored.

It was here and then Hodge Presbytery was set aside against the strong and stubborn opposition of the late Dr. A. R. Wilson and Rev. B. L. Glenn, D. D., but the late David Brown, D. D., would not see anything better than two Presbyteries in Georgia.

In the days of the making of the Synod of Atlantic it had its strong men of envied personality and Godly piety. In casting about only two of those men could be found in this last meeting of our Synod: Drs. G. T. Dillard, B. F. McDowell and B. F. Russell. They came to the Synod to look after the interest of the Church and that only.

The Entertainment
by the good people of Newnan left nothing undone to make their efforts prove that they know how to entertain. The Rev. Franklin Gregg and his kind helpmate are in the hearts of all the people. Rev. Dr. E. J. Gregg and I were entertained in Rev. Franklin Gregg's home during the meeting of the Synod. Rev. E. J. Gregg was in his brother's home, and therefore felt perfectly at home; and having been associated with some one of this noted old Sumter County Presbyterian family since 1888, I felt doubly at home.

After we adjourned Friday we went and dined and returned to the church to await the arrival of a number of cars of some of the good citizens to carry us over the city of Newnan and through the outskirting villages.

Quite a number of the brethren packed their bags to leave Synod as soon as the apostolic benediction was pronounced, but on learning that there were cake and ten gallons of cream to be served after the popular meeting, they decided that they would "better sorter hang around" a while longer. The reception was one of the best if not the best.

On to Chester on the 4th Wednesday in October, 1928, with the Rev. J. W. Manoney's good people! We met at this place October, 1910. They want us again.

W. L. METZ,
Stated Clerk Atlantic Synod

DEATH OF LITTLE MARTHA KNOX.

Little Martha Knox died at her home last Thursday at 9:00 o'clock. The funeral service was held Friday at 11 A. M. at Mt. Olive Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. Z. Beatty. She leaves a father and mother, one sister and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away."

BARBER COLLEGE NOTES

By Joetta Stinson

Barber girls and teachers enjoyed the talks of the visitors Sunday afternoon, especially the one given by Miss Charlotte Dunlap, who has been a missionary to China for five years. Miss Dunlap also displayed several interesting articles, that were typical of China and quite illustrative of her talk. The Quartette sang for the occasion, and several spirituals were sung by the school. The music was highly commended by the ladies.

Sabbath evening the Prayer Circle which is sponsored by Miss Moke, gave a very beautiful program, emphasizing the need for missions in India and Alaska. An offering from each prayer circle was brought to the platform in a white envelope. The beginning of the Young Women's Missionary Society of Barber College has been hopeful. This society will grow more and more.

Monday evening an eerie atmosphere pervaded the building. In Halloween mask and costume, all the ghosts, witches, Jack o'lanterns and jolly people Barber could summon-tipped down to the party in the dining room. Apples bobbed expectantly, faces leered, ghosts crept about the floor, mysterious forms appeared. A gypsy fortune teller sought out everybody with her promises for the future. Somewhere near in utter darkness was a room which spelled terror from its tomb-like appearance and the shrieks issuing forth. An orchestra composed of drum, cornet, cymbals, tambourine, combs, brushes, toy horns, and jug (a wind instrument) created appropriate music for the occasion. After the grand march a prize was given to Celestine Bryan, a Freshman, for having concealed her identity the longest. Stunts were performed by the three departments—College, Senior and Junior High. The two clowns present entertained in true clownish fashion to the delight of all. After some other activities refreshments were served and the party disbanded. Once more the witches, ghosts and goblins were as free to walk and disturb the Barber world as were the creatures of Pandora's box of old.

We were delighted to have Rev. G. E. Henderson spend a few hours and take dinner with us Wednesday evening. Rev. Henderson is a very successful Presbyterian minister in Charleston, S. C., and is an old friend of Barber.

Mrs. Frances McLemore, field secretary of the Y. W. C. A., was a very pleasant visitor all day Thursday and part of Friday. Her talks to the Y. W. C. A. cabinet, the student body and to individuals were full of vital interest, spirituality and inspiration. Christianity seems to be a part of her. The theme of Mrs. McLemore's talks was that Barber girls attain that maturity of intellect, emotion and spirituality which will enable them to conquer all giants that menace the development of the best possibilities of the world. Some of these giants, in fact, most of them, are to be found in individual persons. In fact acts and methods should be discarded for the womanly qualities which show maturity.

The Dramatic Club has begun the study of Shakespeare's Macbeth with an eye to possible production on the Barber stage. Owing to a delay in receiving the expected new typing apparatus for the printing room the first edition of "Barber Echoes" which was announced for November 8th will be published later, possibly in three weeks.

Note: Many thanks to Dr. Baker for notifying us of an error found in the Barber Notes in the issue of the Africo-American Presbyterian for October 27. In the article about the memorial service in honor of the late Mrs. Barber it was stated that Dr. Baker was the speaker chosen by the Synod to express their appreciation of the life and service of Mrs. Barber. Rev. Barber was the speaker, not Dr. Baker. We regret very much the error.

EAST TENNESSEE SYNODICAL NOTES
By Mrs. E. F. Roberts
The East Tennessee Synodical met in Calvary church, Rev. A. W. Rice, pastor, Anniston, Alabama, October 21-22, 1927.
The morning session was opened with devotional services, led by Mrs. W. E. Fort, President of Rogersville Presbyterial. The services were quite interesting and spiritually uplifting. The devotionals closed with sentence prayers by each person present.

The President, Mrs. E. M. Downer, gave report of the Biennial. It was listened to with interest and enthusiasm. Mrs. Downer spared no pains in attempting to give off some of the spirit, information and earnestness for missions which she received while attending the Biennial at San Francisco, Cal. May 19-24.

The enrollment of delegates showed growth in missionary societies Light Bearers and Young People's Societies.

Much credit is due Mrs. L. W. Johnson, of Birmingham Presbyterial, who is Synodical Treasurer, for the manner in which she made the report of the Treasurer. The money had been deposited in bank on saving account and had netted a neat sum of interest. There were other points of interest about this report.

In the afternoon the devotions were led by Mrs. Broadner, of Le Vere Presbyterial. The Biennial Hymn, "Christ, Thou Dost Call Our Souls," was led by Mrs. E. F. Roberts, of Birmingham Presbyterial.

Findings of the Biennial were read and discussed in sections. A careful study was also made of the Standard of Excellence.

We listened to Miss Josephine Petrie, who told us of the work of the Board of National Missions.

The following visitors were received and they addressed the Synodical in their own way: Rev. S. A. Downer, D. D., Rev. H. L. Peterson, D. D., Rev. T. B. Bailey and S. S. Missionary Jones.

The Synodical accepted the invitation to commune with the Synod in the afternoon.

The popular program was held on Friday night in Barber College auditorium. The program consisted of two parts. The first part was given to Miss Josephine Petrie, who addressed the audience on giving and the achievements of the National Board. The students of Barber College furnished music for this program.

The pageant, "The Call and the Answer," was presented to East Tennessee Synod and Synodical in a very impressive and convincing manner by the Barber College Dramatic Club and others. I am sure every one has returned home to answer the

call in a fuller sense than ever before.

Saturday morning's session was the business hour. Resolutions of Thanks were read by Mrs. Goodner, of Le Vere Presbyterial and Resolutions on Necrology were read by Mrs. L. W. Johnson, of Birmingham Presbyterial.

Ten dollars was given to the Board of National Missions out of appreciation of having Miss Josephine Petrie with us.

Forty dollars was donated to this Board for the rebuilding of Scotia.

The officers present were: Mrs. E. M. Downer, President.

Mrs. W. E. Fort, Vice-President.

Mrs. E. F. Roberts, Vice-President.

Miss Janie Duff, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. M. M. Rice, Literature Secretary.

Mrs. L. W. Johnson, Treasurer.

The East Tennessee Synodical appreciates the hospitalities which it received while at Barber College. This method is taken to thank Barber for all courtesies shown while there.

The social hour given by the school, and especially that of Friday night, was indeed entertaining.

The stunts by Miss Josephine Petrie, "Wasn't it sad when that ship went down;" Dr. C. J. Baker, "Getting the Murphy's Mail;" Rev. J. H. Byers, "That Mule;" Mr. Jones' comedy song; with Miss Beattie Mayle ending the stunt with "I love you truly," showed us how successful and clean a social hour may be.

The Japanese cookies were ever busy sorting up with tea and sandwiches. We will not forget those of Barber who made it possible for us to enjoy all the courtesies shown us.

Mrs. E. M. Downer and Mrs. L. W. Johnson motored from Birmingham to Anniston with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bolden.

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RALLY DAY AND CHILDRENS WEEK

AT DAVIE STREET CHURCH, RALEIGH.

Sunday, October 30, Rally Day was observed in Davie St. Sabbath school with pleasing results. The program was conducted at 8 o'clock Sunday night and was in charge of Miss Dorothy Lane, Superintendent, and Misses Lydia Pope and Lillian Ancrum, Gladys Hill and Mrs. Elnora Carr, teachers in the Sunday school. A splendid audience was present and enjoyed the program which was well rendered by the children.

Five dollars was raised for the Board of Christian Education. After the program the audience listened to a short talk by Miss T. J. Percival, in which she laid plans for Children's Week.

Beginning Sunday, October 30th, Children's Week, including Sunday, November 6th, was observed. Miss Percival, who is now serving in this Presbytery, was present and had charge of the activities during the week.

The Cradle Roll was revived with ten babies enrolled along with the organization of a Mother's Club, the leader of both being Mrs. R. H. Lightner.

The Tuxis Club, as organized with Misses Gladys Hill, President; Lillian Ancrum, Secretary and Mary Austin, Treasurer.

The girls are very enthusiastic and seem anxious to make the Tuxis Club go.

A campaign was put on for

kindergarten chairs for the Beginners' and Primary Departments. Nine chairs were donated and Sunday the little folks seemed much elated with them. Still other chairs are promised and ere long there will be enough to accommodate all the little folks. The chairs were dedicated to the Sunday school hour with fitting ceremonies, led by Miss Willie Mae Davis.

At the morning service a special sermon to parents was preached by Rev. J. W. Smith, the pastor, from Prov. 23: 15, text, "My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice even mine." The truths brought out in the text were food for thought to those who have been entrusted with the rearing of children, and may those who heard it let it sink deep into their hearts.

Miss Percival is an expert in her line of work and we feel that much and lasting good will attend the week of service here.

The auxiliary met Monday night at the home of Miss Rosa Ellington on Davie Street.

The Woman's Missionary Society met Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Yeagen on Cabarrus Street.

The Sunday school with Miss Dorothy Lane, Superintendent, and her corps of teachers along with Rev. Smith, are striving to make it second to none.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Curtis, October 22nd, a son, Wm. Henry Curtis. On September 20th, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Allen. These babies are members of the Cradle Roll.

Master Baxter Farrar, one of the boys of the Junior Department who suffered a broken leg some weeks ago, is doing nicely at his home under the watchful care of his mother.

ST. JAMES CHURCH GREENSBORO.

By Mrs. G. A. Bridges

Sabbath the Earnest Workers won the cup. Banner for finance and attendance went to UP and Doing Class.

Mrs. R. E. Cundiff, of Wilkesboro, N. C., is visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. G. A. Bridges.

Rev. H. C. Miller is conducting a week of services at the Hannah church.

Sunday morning Rev. H. C. Miller spoke from Matt. 15:30-32, subject, "The Compassion of Jesus the Source of Our Comfort."

Among other things the speaker said, the world presents today cases similar to those met and mastered by Jesus. Men are lame because of the battle of life and lame because of sin; men are blind because of tears and also by the doubts they hold, yet Jesus has compassion in all.

His power is equal to His compassion. No condition puzzles the Master. He is the only friend that can go in Gethsemane with men.

Whatever may be the condition of one's life, comfort may be found in the fact that Jesus is standing by like a big brother, watching the conflict.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to those who so kindly gave their assistance, and for the beautiful offerings sent to us in our recent bereavement.

W. T. Blue, C. S. Blue, I. H. Blue, J. F. Blue, Annie B. Boykin, W. A. Blue, Jr., H. S. Blue, Carthage, N. C.