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## SYNOD OF CATAWBA

By Rev. H. C. Miller, P. C.

The Synod of Catawba convened with Grace Presbyterian church, Winston-Salem, N. C., Wednesday, October 9th, and was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. L. B. West, D. D., of Charlotte, N. C. The text was taken from Luke 4:18-19, subject, "The Task of the Church." The sermon was in thought, forcefully delivered and made a profound impression on the Synod.

Synod was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the roll was called and the Synod proceeded to the election of officers.

Rev. G. P. Watkins, D. D., of Martinsville, Va., Southern Virginia Presbytery, was elected Moderator. Revs. A. H. George, of Wilson, N. C., Cape Fear Presbytery, and H. Wilson, of Concord, N. C., Catawba Presbytery, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The docket, as presented by Stated Clerk, Rev. J. A. Savage, D. D., was adopted with minor changes.

### Welcome by the Mayor

The address of welcome was given by Hon. G. W. Cohen, Jr., mayor of the city of Winston-Salem. He impressed the Synod with the true ring of his words of greeting. Rev. J. A. Bonner, D. D., pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, Winston, made a pleasing response.

The Standing Rules presented by Rev. J. A. Savage, D. D., Stated Clerk, were committed to a special committee. Bills of Stated Clerk's office were ordered paid.

After an offering of \$12.00 and the singing of Doxology, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. L. L. Downing, D. D., of Roanoke, Va.

Thursday Morning, October 10, 9 o'clock.

After devotions, led by Rev. W. H. Freeland, of Goldsboro, Synod was opened for business. After announcement of Committees, the following persons were accorded seats as corresponding members of Synod:

Revs. J. W. Holley, D. D., A. B. McCoy, D. D.; G. W. Long, D. D., Atlantic Synod; C. O. St. John, Synod of Illinois; J. M. Gaston, D. D., Synod of Pennsylvania; and M. J. Crocker, D. D., Synod of Kansas, and President of Scotia Seminary.

### Addresses

Dr. J. W. Holley, of the Synod of Atlantic, made a thrilling address relative to his trip abroad; Dr. Crocker spoke about the work at Scotia; Dr. Gaston spoke for the Board of National Missions, especially the colored phase of the work, of which he is executive; Dr. McCoy spoke of the Sabbath School phase of the National Missions work. Dr. Long brought greetings from Atlantic Synod.

### Reports

The afternoon session was given principally to reports on the Boards of the Church as follows: Christian Education, Rev. H. L. McCrorey, D. D., LL. D., President of Johnson C. Smith University, Chairman; Foreign Missions, Rev. A. A. Hector, Richmond, Va., Chairman; National Missions, Rev. F. C. Shirley, Charlotte, Chairman; Pensions, Rev. W. J. Rankin, Lexington, Chairman.

### Special Committee Reports

The Committee on Minimum Salary reported through its Secretary, Rev. H. S. Davis. Rev. J. E. McMillan spoke pending the adoption of the report.

### Memorial Service

Synod paused in the midst of business to memorialize the

life and work of Rev. A. G. Davis, D. D., who died September 15th, 1929, at Washington, N. C. Drs. R. P. Wyche, J. A. Savage and J. A. Bonner told of personal relations with the deceased, commending his life of service to the brethren. Very touching was the plea of Dr. Bonner for some of the Old Guard to be on hand when he shall have fallen on the field.

### Communion

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered at 4:30 P. M. Dr. L. B. West administered the bread and Rev. J. M. Morton the wine. Elders serving were Messrs. G. R. Marsh, G. A. Bridges, C. W. Robinson, and S. L. Young. Rev. C. H. Shute, D. D., made the closing prayer.

### Women's Meeting

Thursday night was given over to the Missionary ladies. The program was rich and varied. Addresses were made by Dr. J. M. Gaston, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Rev. A. A. Hector, Richmond, Va., and Rev. Mr. Johnson, of the Moravian church, Winston-Salem. Mrs. M. J. McCrorey presided. More than \$60 was taken up for the Missionary Society's work. Mrs. E. B. Meares, of Greensboro, rendered a vocal selection.

Friday Morning, October 11, 9:00 o'clock.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. W. Smith, of Raleigh. After the reading and approval of minutes, Synod took up business for the day. The matter of aid to the Orphanage at Oxford was referred to the Committee on Finance. An offering of \$20 was raised for the Orphanage.

Rev. W. J. Rankin, D. D., Chairman of Pension Board Committee, presented Rev. C. P. St. John, a representative of the Board of Pensions. Rev. St. John made a brief talk relative to the Board's work. He also explained some features of the Pension Plan.

Resolutions endorsing the Young People were adopted.

Synod voted down a resolution aimed to make a charge of \$1.50 per day for delegates attending future Synods.

Synod disposed of recommendations of Special Committee on Standing Rules as follows: Rules shall be published in the Africo and considered at next meeting of Synod.

Resolutions of Thanks were adopted. Synod was loud in its praise of the splendid entertainment given by the members and friends of Grace and Lloyd Presbyterian churches. Also the dignity of the Moderator, Rev. G. P. Watkins, D. D.

After reading of the Minutes, omitting calling of the roll, Synod adjourned to meet with Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, Roanoke, Va., the second Wednesday in October, 1930.

## CHATTANOOGA ACTIVITIES

By Mrs. N. W. Moore

The Leonard Street church is glad to bring news of its progress to the press after an extended vacation by the Editor. Although no news of us has reached the readers of the "Africo" in the past few months, our work and activities have been on the upward trail.

During the month of August we were especially blessed with a group of well-planned sermons by our pastor, Rev. J. B. Barber, bringing thoughts for meditation and words of encouragement and inspiration to the many of us who were privileged to attend some, if not all, of these services.

The evening services during the summer months were given over to sacred musical con-

certs under the direction of the choir. Many and varied were the selections rendered during the series, from the best that the city affords. These concerts attracted large numbers of music lovers, and were enjoyed by all.

Since early Springtime beautiful flowers have adorned the Sanctuary, making winsome and radiant the place of our trust with God. This beautiful service is performed by the faithful members of the "Flower and Altar Service."

Our Sunday school is making rapid progress in growth and interest. A new Adult Bible class, with our pastor as teacher has been recently organized with an enrollment of sixteen members. "Decision Day" was observed by the school the last Sunday of September. As a result eight boys and girls accepted Christ, and five of them became members of our church. We are indeed proud and happy to see our young people taking the stand for righteousness.

Sunday, October 27, will be a long-remembered day by the members and friends of Leonard Street. The pastor preached on "The Call of Jesus." Special anthem, "Behold a Stranger," and the spiritual, "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door," were sung by the vested choir.

At the close of the sermon the hymn of invitation was sung, and Miss Gladys Bone, and Mr. Howard Adair united with the church. This makes a total of eight new members for Leonard Street during October. Mr. H. B. Lewis having joined at a previous service.

With the coming of Fall our mid-week prayer services have taken an upward leap in attendance and interest. Many who have not attended regularly are coming now, and the meetings are deeply helpful.

A troop of Boy Scouts was recently organized in our church with the pastor, Rev. J. B. Barber, as Scout Master. The troop meets every Thursday afternoon, and now has an enrollment of twelve boys.

With many projects in view, most of the departments of Leonard Street church are hustling these days. The children have on a popularity contest, the ladies are planning new carpet and runners for the for an electrically lighted bulletin board, while all of us are church, the men are working and planning for our Home-Coming Services to be held Sunday, November 17. The Rev. Wm. Sample, of Birmingham, Ala., will preach the sermon, and that Prince of Elders, Mr. B. L. Greer, has promised to bring a group of his fellow-workers to help us celebrate our Home-Coming Day.

While so many things have happened to gladden our hearts, we have been greatly sorrowed at the loss of Elder Bryant C. McCauley, who departed this life in the early Fall, after an illness of over eighteen months. Faithful, loyal and true, Elder McCauley's life was a rich blessing, and his going has taken much from our church life. He leaves us the precious heritage of a life well spent in the Master's service.

The theologians have spent many good hours and years in discussion of the problem of how to harmonize the divine sovereignty with the free will of man. I do not see that they really need to be harmonized, for they are not in any antagonism. But, however that may be, we can scarcely fail to see that the chief emphasis of Jesus was upon the choice of the individual soul.

—Dr. H. J. Bryce

## MEETING OF DISTRICT 6 OF CAPE FEAR PRESBYTERIAL AT HAYMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On Sunday, October 27, at 4 P. M., a meeting was called for of District 6 of Cape Fear Presbyterial which includes Red Springs, Raeford, Hope Mills, Panthersford and Fayetteville. Although the out-of-town societies were not represented, the meeting was of great benefit to the large audience which witnessed an excellent program. Representatives from the missionary societies of all churches in the city were participants and co-operated in making the meeting a splendid success.

After singing "Ye Christian Heralds," the Scripture lesson was read from Galatians 6th. Mrs. Nellie James then offered prayer, followed by a few introductory remarks by the President of the Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. E. Stevens gave a brief history of "The Background of Missions," and Mrs. L. Moore gave an outline of "The Spiritual Contribution of Missions to the Local Church."

Miss Lizzie Lamb, of the white Methodist church, and a missionary to China, was then presented to the audience and left a deeply spiritual message of the missionary movement in China. Miss Lamb's message was full of power and we indeed felt a "Call to Spiritual Advance" for service for His kingdom.

An offering was quietly taken while the Girls' Quartet, Haymount church, very beautifully rendered "My Task." The offering was \$4.62.

The meeting closed with sentence prayers for Africa, China, Latin America and India, offered by Mesdames Patterson, H. Slater, Simmons and R. Westbrook.

The initial meeting of District 6 proved a spiritual awakening toward this vital part of our Christianity — Missions — and we trust that other members of the district will continue this effort in order that we all might come together in meetings of consecration for His service.

MRS. H. S. DAVIS.

## SUMTER SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SUMTER, S. C.

Kendall Institute opened with an unusually large enrollment. The work is progressing nicely under Dr. I. P. Pogue.

We were very glad to have the Presbytery meet with us in September. It was well attended and each one seemed to have enjoyed being here. Each night's program was well carried out. The choir with Miss McKay as organist furnished excellent music. Everybody seemed to have enjoyed that phase of the Presbytery. Miss N. I. Davis added much to the music with her lovely alto.

Friday night was given as usual to the Woman's Missionary Society. Their program follows:

Anthem, "Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem."

Invocation, Dr. L. Bragg, Anthony.

Anthem, "Praise Ye the Lord." The tenor obligato was by Mr. Jonathan Francis, a student of Lincoln High School.

Remarks by the Synodical and Presbyterial Presidents, Mesdames Jones and Long.

Welcome address in behalf of the churches of the city, Mrs. M. E. Sanders of the A. M. E. church.

Welcome address in behalf of the Missionary Society of

the Presbyterian church, Miss Isabelle McKay.

Response, Mrs. A. A. Adair, of Chester.

Anthem, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say."

A Synopsis of her trip to the General Assembly, Mrs. D. T. Murray.

Solo, "O, Dry Those Tears," Mrs. Hollowell, of Harbison College, Irmo, accompanied by Miss Manley, of Coulter Academy, Cheraw.

Scripture lesson of the Ten Virgins, read by Mrs. Vincent of Columbia.

Just here the audience was favored with a musical saw selection, "Marcheta," by Miss Manley, of Coulter Academy, accompanied by Miss McKay.

The crowning feature of the evening was a pageant, "The Ten Virgins," given by the Missionary Society of which Miss Helen Usher is President. Soft, sweet music was played throughout the entire pageant. Miss Helen Usher is widely known for her splendid ability in putting over her programs. Every one went away with a deeper feeling of what it means to be ready; for no one knows the hour in which the Son of Man cometh.

By special request, a duet, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," arranged by Henry Smart, was rendered by Misses McKay, accompanied by Miss Julia Mae Donnelly.

Sabbath morning, October 20th, we were favored with the presence of Rev. B. J. Pogue, of West Virginia, who gave to us a splendid message from Galatians 6th chapter, 2nd verse. Every one felt the presence of our "Father" which art in Heaven. In the evening of that same day Rev. Pogue gave to us another wonderful message. The theme of his discourse was "The Thing God Does Not Know About." The audience was spell bound, waiting and listening for the final point. At last it came. "God knows nothing of any other God save Himself."

On Sunday afternoon, October 27, a splendid musical program was rendered by choirs from the Melina, Westminster and Congruity churches. Rev. E. W. Allen, of Irmo, left a splendid message with us. His theme was "A False Name." The neat sum of \$20.45 was realized. This was the first effort on the instalment of water in our work.

The City Federation gave a two nights' bazaar in the interest of charity. Several ladies of the Presbyterian church were and are yet contesting for the "Hope Chest."

Miss Julia Mae Donnelly is studying at Shaw University. Miss Ernestine Pogue has returned to Scotia Seminary. Miss Bertha Jackson is also studying at Scotia.

We are glad to see Mrs. Nellie Pogue out again, after having been indisposed for a week.

Master Edward M. Miller is on the sick list this week. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Miss C. E. Manoney is making her home with Miss Usher, 320 Manning Ave. She has been instructing in Kendall Institute for several years.

Miss N. I. Davis is visiting in Florida.

The many friends of Miss M. M. Evans sympathizes with her in the recent loss of her stepmother, Mrs. John Evans.

Drs. I. D. Davis and M. J. Jackson attended the Synod which met at St. Augustine, Fla.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

The less we have from which to give the more it means when we do give.

## BIDWELL STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PITTSBURGH, PA.

By Mrs. Wenn G. Cutts

The Bidwell Street church had a capacity audience Sunday, Oct. 20, at the early hour of 10:45 o'clock. Dr. Glasco's discourse was well prepared and revealed much thought and consideration. "I must work the works of him that sent me." The theme was quite inspirational and a leading thought to the Holy Eucharist which was administered at the close of the sermon. Dr. Glasco said in part:

Everyone who has been called to spread the gospel must have the mind of Christ. The morning of one's life is the time to build a firm foundation upon which to stand in blossom time and in after years. In middle life, one blossoms out and spreads the fragrance gathered in earlier years. In the evening of life one grows gracefully towards twilight without a care or worry, ready to meet the Great Master, the Almighty God.

His summary was: Life is a vapor; it forms its circles and rings, and rises higher and higher, disappearing altogether; it is there for a while and then gone. Life is a shadow; it registers your good deeds as well as your bad deeds before and after your appearance. So remember what you would have live after you have passed away, and have a care that your shadow will be a good one.

Nine new members received the right hand of fellowship, but before they partook of the Holy Sacrament, Rev. Glasco impressed three things upon their minds. viz: First, read your Bible; second, guard against worldly things such as card playing and dancing, because cards are always associated with gamblers and sinners, and the things which result from dancing are demoralizing. Third, touch not the wine glass. Drink leads to crime of all degrees.

The congregation at the Bidwell St. Presbyterian church on Sunday morning, Oct. 27th, was very large, and, from all appearances, quite anticipative of spiritual food for thought. The members were not disappointed because Dr. Glasco preached a wonderful sermon in the manner of a plea to children, adolescents and adults.

Dr. Glasco chose his text from David, when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech who drove him away and he departed. The text was, "They that seek the Lord shall not want for any good thing". The words of the text cover everything; this Psalm is a revelation of truth, not abstractly, but in the terms of human experience. The truth revealed is wrought into the emotions, desires and sufferings of the people of God by the circumstances through which they pass. Those who seek the Lord and are adopted into the Heavenly family reap a heritage; they have an assurance that they will not want for any good thing; they know that they can receive pardon. God feeds, clothes, watches over us and encourages us; the chief end of man is to glorify God. The great promise of the text is spiritually true in Christian experience in the sense that it discloses the mind of God and the exercises of his heart towards those minds are perplexed, those who are afflicted or cast down.

In Dr. Glasco's plea to youth, he advised them to seek and learn about Jesus when they are young, shun evil and shed fewer tears when age overtakes them.