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AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE. John 8:32.
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THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION OF CATAWBA PRESBYTERY

By Mrs. Hallie Q. Mayberry

The 38th Annual Session of the Sabbath School Convention of Catawba Presbytery met in the Brooklyn Presbyterian church on Thursday, July 31st, and continued through Friday, August 1, 1930. The Rev. A. H. Prince is pastor and Mr. Fred McGill is Superintendent of the Sunday school.

All of the sessions were largely attended and a happy, enthusiastic spirit was manifested by all in attendance at the Convention.

One hundred twenty-five superintendents, delegates and ministers were registered and received the Convention badge, the personnel comprising the best and most intelligent workers from the local churches in our Presbytery. The sessions were presided over by the Secretary, Dr. L. J. Melton, in the absence of our President, Prof. W. H. Stinson, who is suffering from an accident in which he sustained a broken ankle.

Each session opened with a lively and inspiring song service, conducted by Mr. T. J. Van Landingham, with Miss Catherine Johnson, pianist, and the Convention choir. The Brooklyn church choir rendered the music on Thursday evening at the popular meeting which was excellent and added much to the spirit of the occasion.

The opening worship service was conducted by Rev. J. H. Gamble at 9:45. The large audience of delegates and Sunday school workers is always on time for this special feature of the Convention's program, and they were well repaid, for the Bible study was indeed uplifting and every one was impressed with the deep religious feeling of this period of worship. Rev. Gamble used as his subject, "The Man of Galilee." The Scripture was St. John 2: 7-15.

One of the outstanding features on the program of the Convention was the Superintendents, Officers and Teachers' Conference, conducted by the Rev. F. C. Shirley, Sabbath School Missionary of Catawba Presbytery and Director of Young People's Work in Catawba Synod. The three principal topics for discussion were: 1. "The Workers' Conference in the Sunday School." 2. "Problems Relating to the Teaching Staff." 3. "Records and Finance."

Under the topic, "Problems Relating to the Teaching Staff," Mr. S. C. Boger, Superintendent of the Westminster Sunday School, Concord, N. C., discussed the subject, "What Plan Do You Have for Providing Your School with Future Teachers?" This subject was further discussed by Mr. J. N. F. Brown, of the Bethpage Sunday school.

Mr. A. W. Barnes, of the Church St. Sunday school, discussed the subject, "How Do You Get the Co-operation of Your Teachers in Attendance upon the Workers' Conference?"

Mr. Fred McGill, Superintendent of the Brooklyn Sunday school, gave an outlined program of three meetings of the Workers' Conference of his Sunday school.

Mr. J. W. Spears, of the Bellefonte Sunday School, Harrisburg, N. C., discussed the subject, "What Difficulties Are in the Way of Holding Regular Stated Workers' Conferences in Rural Sunday Schools?"

Under the topic, "Problems Relating to the Teaching Staff," Prof. E. A. Chisholm, of the Seventh Street Sunday school, discussed the subject, "As Superintendent What Re-

quirements Do You Make of Your Teachers: (a) As to Punctuality in Attendance; (b) Regularity of Attendance; (c) Lesson Preparation; (d) Follow Up of Absentee Pupils."

Miss Jamie B. Wallace, Superintendent of the Beginners Department of the Seventh St. Sunday school, discussed the subject, "As a Sunday School Teacher Tell Us from Your Point of View What the Superintendent Can Do to Help the Teachers to Get Better Results in Their Class Room Work."

Mr. A. T. James, of the Church St. S. S., discussed the subject, "As a Sunday School Pupil What Would You Suggest to Officers and Teachers to Strengthen the Effectiveness of the Sunday School?"

Mr. N. M. Potts, Superintendent of McClintock Sunday school, discussed, "Should the Sunday School Be Included in the Church Budget?"

All of these discussions were full of information and very practical. Each Superintendent, officer, teacher and delegate should have gotten a broader view of their responsibility to the Sunday school.

Rev. H. Wilson, the Statistician of the Convention, presented and explained a statistical chart for the past five years of the Convention, showing the results of our labor, both the increase and the decrease. This review gave enlightening information to all present.

The subject, "Should the Chief Emphasis in the Sunday School Be on Education or on Recruiting for Christ," was introduced by the Rev. C. P. Pitchford, after which Dr. L. B. West, in a very able manner, held up putting the chief emphasis on recruiting for Christ in the Sunday school.

The subject, "What Is the Evangelistic Responsibility of the Individual Teacher to Her Pupils?" afforded one of the liveliest discussions of the Convention. With pleasure and with profit did we listen to the deep spiritual discussions on this topic. Dr. L. B. West opened the discussion and others who discussed it were Mrs. H. L. McCrorey, Dr. C. N. Jenkins, Dr. L. J. Melton, Prof. E. A. Chisholm, Dr. C. H. Shute, Rev. E. U. D. Goring and Rev. N. A. Johnson.

The reports of the Sunday schools were encouraging and showed progress financially and spiritually but a decrease numerically. Many of the schools are trying to perfect the standard of educational efficiency. Of the forty-eight schools on roll forty-three made reports. We were delighted to enroll two new Sunday schools at this Convention: The Johnson C. Smith University Sunday School and the Biddle Heights Sunday School.

The popular meeting was held on Thursday evening.

Welcome Addresses

Miss Idell Rhyme extended us a very cordial welcome on behalf of the Sunday school, and Mr. Roger McGill on behalf of the young people of the church. After listening to their inspiring addresses and seeing the generous and hospitable spirit existing we felt at home, for truly these good people had our interest at heart to open their doors to us on such a late notice.

Miss Sarah Costner, in a very delightful and pleasing manner, expressed the Convention's appreciation of the beautiful words of welcome.

The annual message was brought to us by the Vice-President, Rev. W. R. Mayberry. In

this interesting and thoughtful address, many steps essential and necessary for the intellectual and spiritual growth of the Convention were outlined.

Rev. W. S. Plair, delivered an inspirational address from the subject, "Modern Youth." He discussed youth under three heads: Program, Psychology, and Problems.

The officers elected to serve another year are as follows:

President, Prof. W. H. Stinson; 1st Vice-President, Rev. W. R. Mayberry; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. N. M. Potts; Secretary, Dr. L. J. Melton; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Hallie Q. Mayberry; Treasurer, Dr. Geo. S. Leeper.

Dr. C. H. Shute, in words of force and feeling, inducted the officers into office and offered prayer.

The following persons were introduced to the Convention and accorded seats as corresponding members: Miss Mary Chapman, Concord, N. C.; Rev. A. J. Mitchell, of the A. M. E. Church, Charlotte; Dr. J. Francis Lee, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, Charlotte, and Dr. I. H. Russell, the Evangelist of Catawba Synod.

"Goals for the Coming Year" were presented by Rev. F. C. Shirley and adopted by the Convention. They are as follows:

1. That at least twelve schools would report Regular Monthly Workers' Conferences during the year.

2. That at least 12 schools would subscribe for the "Westminster Leader," a Sunday School Magazine, for the next year.

3. That at least twelve more schools would organize teacher-training classes during the coming year.

The Bellefonte church, Harrisburg, was decided upon as the next place of meeting.

An outstanding feature of the Convention will be the Boys' Camp which will convene one week before the Convention and close with the Convention.

The Convention appointed the following committee to perfect arrangement for the Camp: Rev. O. E. Sanders, Rev. A. H. Prince, Rev. W. S. Plair, Miss Annie Chresfield, Mrs. Hallie Q. Mayberry, Rev. F. C. Shirley and Rev. H. Wilson.

Delegates elected to represent this Convention at the School of Methods were Rev. H. Wilson, the Statistician of the Convention, and Miss Catherine Henry, of Love's Chapel church, Belmont. The alternates are Mr. Thos. Jenkins and Miss Zella Mae Springs.

The minutes of the Convention were read by the Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Hallie Q. Mayberry, and adopted by the Convention.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions of Thanks was read by Miss Catherine Henry. The report was received and adopted.

After singing "God be with you till we meet again," we closed with prayer by Rev. A. H. Prince, pastor of Brooklyn church.

Thus came to a close a Convention which it is hardly possible that any delegate will ever forget.

NOTICE

The Central District Convention of Yadkin Presbytery will meet in Grace Presbyterian church, Winston-Salem, N. C., August 21st. Each Society in the District is requested to send a delegate.

MRS. W. J. RANKIN, Leader.
MRS. J. A. BONNER, Sec.

Only the golden rule of Christ can bring the golden age of man.—Anon.

AN INVITATION ACCEPTED

It was at the Catawba Sunday school Convention which was held on the 31st of July and August 1st at the Brooklyn church, Charlotte, N. C., that the Rev. R. Z. Beatty, S. T. B., the pastor of the Woodland Presbyterian church, which is located about nine miles out of Charlotte, gave me a cordial invitation to be present at that church on Sunday evening, the 10th instant at the dedication of the annex of his church.

On Sunday evening last, on the verge of my boarding the inter-urban trolley in order to be at the Woodland church as I had promised there was a down-pour of thunder showers which drenched me from head to foot so I had to forego travelling then and return home to change my attire. And after doing so, I wended my way to the Biddleville Presbyterian church, but, unfortunately, no services were held there, due to the fact that the electric lights had been cut off. We who were at the church were sadly disappointed.

Dr. L. B. West, who happened to be going to the Woodland church, very kindly gave me a comfortable seat in his spacious car. We left Charlotte at about 8 o'clock that night, arriving at our destination in ample time for the dedication of the annex.

On entering the church edifice the Rev. Mr. Beatty afforded us seats on the rostrum. There we sat and listened attentively to the various financial reports in connection with the annex. They were all very gratifying. The members of the church seem not to have been stinting in contributing toward the addition of their church. Evidence of the good work that they have brought about indicates that the people had a mind to work, and this reminds the Bible reader of the people who worked with Nehemiah in building the walls of Jerusalem.

The Rev. Mr. Beatty is a live preacher and pastor, and his willing officers and faithful members made the addition to the church building in a masterly manner which cannot be ignored. I gathered from the reading of the financial reports in connection with the annex, that the members are cognizant of their duty and need of giving, and this, of course, greatly facilitated the completion of the annex in so short a time. May they continue to give as the Lord shall prosper them, as it is enjoined upon us all in the Holy Scriptures that, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:25.)

And again we read that: "Freely ye have received, freely give." (Matt. 10:8.)

The plan of the annex was the design of the pastor himself. It was well thought out as the symmetry shows.

The annex is 16 by 30 feet so that the members of the choir will be comfortably seated. Then, too, when this section of the building is being used for the scholars of the Sunday school, it also will be of incalculable benefit to the youth. The cost of the annex was \$471.

When the prominent pastor of the church was introducing Dr. L. B. West as the speaker of the evening, he said that himself and Dr. West had been classmates in the Theological Seminary at Johnson C. Smith University (formerly Biddle) and that from that time up to that very evening they had been staunch friends, and that he knew that his former classmate had brought a good message for them all.

Then the Rev. Mr. West made a few preliminary remarks, after which he delivered his

message. He began by eulogizing the members of the church for their co-operation with their beloved pastor in everything that he attempts to do. He cited the annex as an indication of progressiveness among them all, and said they should continue their loyalty to him. Moreover, he said that what has been accomplished in regard to the annex involves a greater responsibility on them as members of the church than hitherto. He also mentioned self-evident truths which were very encouraging and appropriate for the occasion, for they were uplifting, helpful and brimful of inspiration.

He then turned to the pastor and his good people, many more years of service in their Master's work and in their labor of love.

The writer was asked by the pastor to say a word or two and he readily acquiesced, and after the singing of a very precious hymn he pronounced the benediction. Thus ended a very profitable Lord's Day.

REV. ED. U. DALTON GORING, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C.

HOLBROOK STREET CHURCH, DANVILLE, VA.

The members of Holbrook St. church are forging along very nicely these warm days. We had to preach for us Sunday, the 27th of July, Rev. Albright, (white) of Burton Memorial Presbyterian church. His theme was: "What think ye of Christ?" He showed how some people try to build on the mistakes of others and how those who do not want to do the will of the blessed Master flee from the church, but advise the faithful ones to fight the good fight until the end, and said the good Lord would bless us, and the faithful ones here expect to carry this good work on.

We are doing very well on our rally in getting money to fix the manse. Every one has been very liberal in donating to us. So we are going ahead and putting our trust in the good Lord and praying to Him to carry us through. The good Lord will hear His people when they pray.

We had to preach for us Sunday, August 3rd, Rev. Oscar Hylar, of the Y. M. C. A. (white). His theme was: "Two Great Powers." It was a very interesting discourse, and all enjoyed it.

Mr. James Cobb departed this life at his residence on White Street at 11 o'clock last Monday night. His funeral was at the Holy church on James St., Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Rev. Wm. Thomas preached the funeral. He leaves a wife and other relatives to mourn their loss. Mr. Cobb had been in the restaurant business on Craighead Street for a number of years, and was well known, and liked by all who knew him.

Mrs. Elaine Martin returned from summer school at Petersburg, Va., last Saturday, and Miss Evelyn Allen and Prof. J. T. Page returned from summer school at Hampton, Va., last week. They are all looking well.

The wife of Mr. Allen Floyd departed this life Wednesday, the 30th of July. The funeral was at Loyal Baptist church, Friday, August 1st, at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. Melton, her pastor, officiated. Mrs. Floyd leaves a husband and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

Mr. Edward F. Garland left Saturday for the S. C. tobacco market to be gone six weeks.

JAMES GARLAND

Give us what Thou seest fit, only fit us for what Thou givest.—Rowland Williams.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT JETERSVILLE, VA.

Dear Africo: It has been a long time since you have had a message from us at Allen Memorial in Amelia County, Va. We are still on the map and busy. Our Sabbath school is doing a splendid work. The enrollment is 116. No of teachers and officers, 11; average attendance, summer, 70; winter, 52. The Sabbath school is being graded and we are looking forward to using departmental literature next quarter.

Our Vacation Church School was even a greater success this year than formerly; formerly it was necessary for some older person to be actively on the job every day; but this year the entire responsibility was taken over by the young people. The Principal was Miss Christina Riey, a recent graduate of Ingleside "High"; Intermediate teacher, Miss Corene Brown, a Senior "High"; Junior teacher, Miss Cornelia Brown; Primary teacher and Secretary, Miss Virginia Berkeley; Physical Education and Recreational teacher, Miss Viola Harris; Supervising teacher, Mrs. Sarah Paige Brown. Several certificates were awarded for regular attendance, deportment, scholarship, etc.

The spirit of the workers was fine. Our workers are all volunteers. We hope to be able to present them with a purse next year. The Woman's Missionary Society of the church is active. A neat little sum was realized from an entertainment on July 1st for the benefit of said society.

Our Church

is energetic, interesting, interested pastor, Rev. D. A. Henry. I am sure our church will progress under his wise Christian leadership. And now that he has taken a better half (Miss Alma Pitchford), from our flock, we feel that our claims on his service is two-fold. May we have many years of his service.

Our week day church school term for 1929-1930 was the best in the history of its work. The enrollment, not being so large as heretofore, the work was more effective. The "effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Pray for us at Jetersville.

SARAH PAIGE BROWN.

YADKIN YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE

By Miss Ethyl L. Goodman, Secretary

The Young People's League of Yadkin Presbytery met at Cameron church, near Elmwood, Friday, July 25, from 2 to 7:30 P. M. The delegation was large and each church in the district was well represented. Those present entered into the program making it a most enjoyable one. On the lawn beneath the shade of the oaks we were able to have our Get-together and Recreation Hour. Here we played games, sang pep songs, and tried yelling our League yells.

Then we took our seats in the open air and from four to five there was an open forum debate. Resolved: "That the Country Church Offered a Better Opportunity for the Development of Character than the City Church." Affirmative, Rev. Waddell, Miss Mildred Goodman, Salisbury; Miss Thelma Long, Logan; and Miss Florence Steele, Mocksville. Negative, Rev. W. A. Hawkins, Miss Edna Murdock, Knoxville, Tenn.; Mr. Willie Woods, Statesville, and Mr. Neely, of Mocksville.

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