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CANADIAN SYNOD

By Rev. G. A. Morrow, Stated Clerk

The Synod of Canadian Methodists in West End Presbyterian church at Arkadelphia, Ark., September 25th, 1930, at 7:30 P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. H. C. Cousins, of Lima, Okla. His text was I Sam. 17:42. He preached a strong and powerful sermon.

Dr. G. E. Caesar, of Little Rock, Ark., was chosen Moderator, and Rev. S. J. Onque, Temporary Clerk.

Rev. L. W. Davis gave us a most cordial welcome, making us feel at home in the city, in the homes, at the tables and in the beds of the people. Rev. C. N. Shropshire, of Texarkana, Ark., responded in high style, praising Brother Davis' work highly appreciated all that he said.

The Stated Clerk in presenting the docket, moved an amendment setting forth the completion of the docket Friday afternoon at 5:30. The motion carried and all wished to that end.

The Committee on Arrangements reported and all were given nice and comfortable homes; none were more than one-half mile from the church.

An offering was taken for the benefit of the church. Prayer was offered and we repaired to our new homes.

Friday morning 9 o'clock we returned for praise services. At 9:30 the business of the Synod began. Rev. J. D. Stanback was appointed Vice-Moderator.

The Stated Clerk reported among other things the return of the minutes from the General Assembly approved without exceptions.

The Committee on Evangelism reported through its chairman, Rev. S. J. Onque. This was the most encouraging and profitable report on the subject we have had in a long time. Rev. T. B. Hargrave, our evangelist, full of life and enthusiasm, followed with a soul-stirring address, showing the possibilities of a great ingathering for the Master during the next twelve months. Rev. Hargrave is doing good work on our field.

The report on Christian Education was brought to us by Rev. H. C. Cousins. Among some of the new features was the oratorical contest set forth by the General Assembly. This report was thoughtful and inspiring.

At 11:30 o'clock the Lord's Supper was celebrated. Rev. C. S. Mebane, D. D., administered the bread, while Rev. W. H. Carroll, D. D., served the wine. After this we fed our physical bodies.

At 2 o'clock we had the report on the Board of Pensions by Rev. Dr. Carroll, followed by an address by Dr. W. P. Lockwood, of the Synod of Indiana. The doctor told us some rare things about the Service Pension Plan. This is the third consecutive year Rev. Dr. Lockwood has been with us and we are not tired of him. We say, Come again, doctor.

We also had with us the Rev. Dr. J. E. Detweiler, of the Synod of Missouri, who addressed Synod on Foreign Missions, following the report on that subject. Dr. Detweiler has spent much of his life on the foreign field. We enjoyed his address much and were sorry when he took his seat.

The report on National Missions was indeed excellent. We were sorry we could not have Dr. J. M. Gaston with us, but he assured us that our Synod was in the A class, having made a gain in benevolence for the last three years.

Rev. Dr. W. E. Houston was re-elected as representative on

the National Staff, and the Stated Clerk elected for another term of service. The Presbyterian Records were approved without exceptions.

The report on Program and Field Activities made a fine showing. There seemed to be progress in many activities.

At 5:30 o'clock the business of the Synod was not completed and the time was extended to complete the docket. At 6:12 P. M. the Canadian Synod adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction to meet at Grant, Okla., Thursday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1931, at 7:30 P. M., thus closing one of the briefest and most business-like sessions in the history of the Synod.

The Synodical rendered a beautiful program Friday night, under the supervision of Mrs. C. S. Mebane. The collection was \$25.

RUSSIA A THEME FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF HISTORIANS IN CLEVELAND

Professor Francis D. Tyson, the noted economist of the University of Pittsburgh, will discuss the effect of mechanization on rural people with special reference to Russian peasants and American Negroes at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, to be held in Cleveland from the 20th to the 30th of this month. He has just returned from that country.

Professor Tyson will compare the effects of mechanization on labor in Russia with the effects of it on the rural Negroes in the United States. A more timely topic on such an occasion could hardly be selected. The whole country is vitally interested in the matter and the presentation of the results of the conditions in the two countries will be decidedly informing.

Unemployment in the two countries, as it has been brought about by mechanization in agriculture and industry will be the important thought advanced. The forces at work in one country and the corresponding factors in the other will be paralleled, and what experience has taught to be the wisest policy will be emphasized.

The economist, however, will not merely discuss things as they are, but will give the background of economic history in the two countries to show how the conditions now obtaining have resulted from factors long at work in determining the present situation. In other words, the present is to be illuminated by an explanation of the past, and the future will be understood by a careful examination of the present.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Association is being sponsored by such Cleveland organizations as the Phillis Wheatley Association, the Adult Education Association, and Cleveland College. Distinguished persons like the Honorable Harry E. Davis, Attorney Alexander H. Martin, Miss Jane Hunter, Miss Mildred Chadsey, and the Honorable John D. Marshall, the mayor of Cleveland, have constituted themselves a committee to welcome the visitors and make the conference a success.

ATLANTIC SYNODICAL

The Atlantic Synodical Missionary Society will convene with the Synod of Atlantic at St. Paul Presbyterian church, Cordele, Ga., October 23-24. All delegates expecting to attend will please notify Dr. A. S. Clark, Cordele, Ga.

MRS. M. M. JONES, President. MISS LUCINDA WHITE, Cor. Sec.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN

A Sunday school enrollment campaign is being launched within the four Synods. This campaign begins November 1, 1930, and closes July 1, 1931. In order to stimulate the schools and encourage them to increase their enrollment, four prizes are being offered in Catawba Synod and three in each of the other three Synods.

A letter has been sent out to every minister and every superintendent explaining the campaign and inviting the schools to register. It will be necessary for a school to register at headquarters in Atlanta before it will be listed as a member of the contest. Cards are being sent to each superintendent for his signature. The filling out of these cards and returning them to Atlanta places that school in the contest.

The prizes are as follows: First prize: The school that secures the largest increase over 25 in the enrollment will be entitled to send three delegates to the School of Methods in August with all expenses paid, including travel, registration, board and an allowance for books.

Second prize: The school that makes the second largest increase over 25 will be entitled to send two delegates to the School of Methods with all expenses paid, including travel, registration, board and an allowance for books.

Third prize: The school that sends the third largest increase in its enrollment over 25 will be entitled to send one delegate to the School of Methods with all expenses paid, including travel, registration and board with an allowance for books.

Fourth prize: The school that makes the fourth largest increase in its enrollment over 25, will be entitled to \$10.00 cash on the expenses of a delegate to the School of Methods. (This fourth prize is given only to the schools in Catawba Synod.)

The source of these prizes is as follows: The first two prizes are known as the "J. M. Somerndike Scholarship Prizes," and are open to the schools in each of the four Synods. The third prize is "The School of Methods Scholarship Prize." This prize is open to each of the four Synods. The fourth prize is the "H. C. Miller Scholarship Prize," and is open only to the schools in Catawba Synod.

Here is a chance that challenges the best that is in every pastor and every superintendent. Here is an opportunity for every Sunday school within our bounds. There are hundreds of boys and girls that are still out of Sunday school and without any religious training and some of these children are in the community of every school.

It should be kept in mind that the Sunday school enrollment includes the Cradle Roll, Home Department, Teacher Training class and every pupil in the classes. To begin your campaign you should first see if all children, including babies of the parents of your church, are members of your school. Then see if all the children of your church community are enrolled in any Sunday school. Then proceed to build up your Home Department.

The contest is based on the percentage plan. The school enrolling the largest number on the percentage basis is the winning school. But all schools must first secure 25 new pupils before the count begins. Rules governing the contest will be mailed to each superintendent

as soon as he registers his school for the contest.

The Synodical directors of the campaign are: Mr. J. T. Jones, Chester, S. C., Atlantic Synod; Rev. F. C. Shirley, Charlotte, N. C., Catawba Synod; Rev. C. N. Shropshire, Texarkana, Ark., Canadian Synod; and Miss E. E. Goines, Johnson City, Tenn., East Tennessee Synod.

For help and information, please write any one of these directors, or

A. B. MCCOY, Campaign Headquarters, Atlanta, Ga.

CATAWBA DISTRICT MEETING

District No. 1, Mrs. C. H. Shute, leader, held its District meeting Sunday, September 28, at St. Paul Presbyterian church, Rev. L. C. Alexander, pastor. Mrs. Shute led the devotions. We all stood and sang with warm hearts "Bless Be the Tie That Binds," after which we were led in prayer by our President, Mrs. Hallie Q. Mayberry.

After a good warm praise service the meeting was then opened for business. The following secretaries were present and made helpful and encouraging reports:

Mrs. H. L. McCrorey, Secretary of Stewardship, Mrs. McCrorey's report was indeed inspirational and to the point.

Miss Annie Chresfield, Secretary of Young People. Miss Chresfield gave us encouraging remarks along this line and advised us to encourage the young people. Miss Chresfield's report was indeed interesting.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Gamble, urged us to pay our apportionments at least the first and second quarters. She explained the system which we are now using and asked the women to co-operate with the executive officers in supporting this system.

The President made a wonderful address. Mrs. Mayberry was full of wonderful thoughts and ideas and she did not fail to express herself. In her address she urged the women to do more for this cause. She told of her desires for missions and how she wanted us to co-operate with her in this wonderful program. She told us of the great missionaries of the Biblical period, and urged us to be true and loyal to this cause. Those of us who are well acquainted with Mrs. Mayberry know just how appealing her message really was.

Mrs. Mayberry is indeed an interesting young woman, and although a new President, she is not failing to gain the good will and earnest prayers of her local missionary societies of Catawba.

The churches represented were as follows: McClintock, 2; Ben Salem, 7; Murrkland, 5; St. Paul, 4. Murrkland brought their apportionment for the second quarter which was \$10.

Revs. Mayberry, Alexander and Gamble were accorded seats as corresponding members. Elder E. A. Chisholm was also accorded a seat as a corresponding member.

We were delighted to have present many other interesting members of other districts, who when introduced to the house, gave us greetings from their societies. Those were as follows: Dean and Mrs. T. E. McKinney, Mrs. Rann and Mrs. Partee, from Johnson C. Smith University.

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The leader then brought the meeting to a close and we were dismissed with the Christian Endeavor Benediction.

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SWIFT MEMORIAL COLLEGE

ROSENWALD, TENN.

Since the confusion of getting adjusted has subsided, everything is moving with clock-like uniformity at Swift Memorial College. Sunday school and Young People's meetings have been re-organized and, along with the prayer meetings, are weekly features enjoyed by both teachers and students.

The various clubs on the campus have re-organized and are making out their programs for the year's work. The Camp Fire Girls have prepared a special program for Armistice Day. Richardson's Dramatic Club is sponsoring a presentation of Miss Ada Belle Griffin, dramatic reader, some time during the first two weeks of November.

On Friday, October 3, Miss Pettis, the Music Instructor, presented to the school "A Peep into the Studio," students of the Musical Dramatic Club taking part. This presentation was given especially for the benefit of the students in the class of Music Appreciation to exact criticism.

The 1930 edition of the Swift Bulldogs' ushered in the football season Saturday, October 4th, with an easy victory over the Fighting Parsons' of Nelson Ferry College, Jefferson City, Tenn.

The Parsons' found themselves in the red corner, but the wrong play was their lack of skill.

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The Woman's Synodical Missionary Society of Canadian Synod held its annual meeting with West End Presbyterian church, Arkadelphia, Ark., September 25-28, 1930.

It was an inspiration to see the delegates arriving on time and the interest manifested in the meeting. Friday morning at 10 o'clock our President, Mrs. C. E. Mebane, of Hot Springs, Ark., led the worship service. "Fellowship with Christ in His Stewardship of the Gospel" was the theme of the meeting. Records of Stewardship, Education, Literature and Young People's Work were discussed by Mesdames Stinson, Simpson, Alverson, Shropshire, Clardy, Stanback and Miss Boyd.

Mrs. C. N. Shropshire, pianiste, had charge of the worship service for the second session, which was beautifully carried out. "Fellowship with our Missionaries Through the Year Book of Prayer" was presented in a most interesting manner by Mrs. L. Stinson. All present could but feel a deeper realization of individual service that may be rendered along this line. "Promotion Plans for the Year" and "Plans for Stewardship" were discussed by Mrs. Shropshire and Mrs. Stanback.

Mrs. L. W. Davis, in a very pleasing manner, told of her success with the young people, materials and methods used, whereby each society may profit.

Round Table discussion of several subjects proved interesting. Dr. James E. Detweiler,

York, was with us during this meeting and gave helpful suggestions and a very splendid address.

The popular program Friday night was well attended. The President presided. Voices blended in singing "The Negro National Anthem." After Scripture reading, "Stewardship" was discussed by Mrs. J. Clardy, of Hot Springs, Ark. Prayer by Rev. L. W. Davis. "The Biennial Hymn—Who Wrote the Biennial Hymn?" was given by Mrs. J. D. Stanback, Valliant, Okla. Welcome address, Mrs. L. W. Davis. Response Mrs. J. R. Simpson.

Several beautiful selections were rendered by the young people of Arkadelphia Academy, accompanied by Miss Dinkins, the efficient instructor, who also favored the audience with an instrumental solo.

Rev. T. B. Hargrave, Synodical Evangelist, took the place of the Board's representative and a powerful address was given. Rev. Hargrave, with all sincerity and eloquence, paid the highest tribute to the women and their efforts in carrying out the program of our great Church.

Rev. J. D. Stanback and Rev. C. N. Shropshire called for the offering. Twenty-five dollars were raised. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. G. E. Caesar, D. D., Moderator of the Synod.

Thus ended one of the most pleasant and profitable meetings of the Canadian Synodical, where thoughts that inspire were received and a determination felt for greater service in bringing about the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. C. S. Mebane; First Vice-President, Mrs. H. M. Stinson; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. R. Simpson; Secretary Young People, Mrs. J. Clardy; Secretary for Children, Mrs. L. W. Davis; Secretary for Literature, Mrs. C. N. Shropshire; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Stanback.