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MEETING OF EAST TENNESSEE SYNOD

By Rev. J. B. Barber

Chattanooga—local magnificent, with the majestic grandeur of mountain and winding river; peopled with friendly, kindly folk,—was a most gracious hostess to the Synod of East Tennessee at its recent meeting.

Convening in its 27th annual session on October 17-18, at the historic Leonard Street church, the Synod found itself on familiar ground. There the Synod was organized on October 24, 1907; to that place it had returned—again and again and again for its gatherings—more frequently than to any other field within its far-flung boundaries.

The sermon of the retiring Moderator, Rev. Van Horn Murray, of West Point, Miss., was of major import. He chose for his subject, "The Mode Church," and delivered a well-wrought and deeply impressive message.

The Presbytery of Le Vere was honored in the unanimous choice as Moderator of Rev. W. C. Hargrave, D. D., of Dardridge, Tenn. Rev. J. B. Barber, of the same Presbytery, was chosen Temporary Clerk.

A Royal Welcome

Pleasing among Synod's experiences was the program of welcome. Greetings were brought by Mr. T. C. Thompson, former Mayor of Chattanooga; Prof. W. J. Davenport, Principal of the Howard High School; Mr. W. C. Hixson, representing the Negro citizenry, and Dr. L. L. Patton, President of the State Medical Society, and to all these Rev. C. A. Edington, Ph. D., fittingly responded. The ministers of the city brought greetings at a later time. Of unusual significance was the coming of Rev. J. E. Clarke, D. D., of Nashville, as a fraternal delegate from the Synod of Tennessee. Responding to his gracious greeting and invitation, Synod chose Revs. H. L. Peterson, D. D., and J. M. Ewing, D. D., to serve in a similar capacity to the Synod of Tennessee, which was in session at the same time in Chattanooga.

Reports

The National Missions' report was presented by Rev. J. B. Barber. It was his first report as Chairman of the Synod's committee, as was that of Rev. W. G. Hamilton, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education. Rev. W. C. Hargrave, D. D., told graphically of the work of Foreign Missions, while the Pension activities were related by Rev. L. R. Taylor. Rev. S. A. Downer, D. D., reported on Program and Field Activities; Rev. A. W. Rice, D. D., on Sabbath School Work, and Rev. Wm. Sample Evangelism. The reports were of a high order and elicited much helpful discussion.

Board Representatives and Visitors

Rev. J. M. Gaston, D. D., or, as we are wont fondly to say, "our Dr. Gaston," was present throughout the meeting, and his messages of advice and counsel, interspersed throughout the sessions, were instructive, clarifying, and always richly heartening. Drs. McCoy West, and Hargrave spoke in the interest of various phases of the work of National Missions, while Dr. W. P. Lockwood was, as always, informing on Pensions. Synod rejoiced to welcome as corresponding members Rev. T. C. Boyd, of the Synod of Canadian, and Rev. O. E. Sanders, of the Synod of Catawba. With joy Synod was aware of the gracious presence of Mrs. Gaston, and or the first time, that of M. S.

L. B. West

A Pre-Synodical Conference on National Missions was held for the purpose of clarifying the procedure of Synod work in that field. Those attending, besides Drs. Gaston and West, of the Board, were: Revs. A. W. Rice, D. D., C. A. Edington, Ph. D., and J. B. Barber.

The Popular Meeting

was unique and impressive. The Synod sharing the program with the Synodical Missionary Society, Mesdames J. F. Whitley, the President; L. M. Bolden, T. A. Jenkins and Miss Georgia Donnell represented the women, while Revs. J. B. Barber, Wm. Sample and J. M. Ewing, D. D., spoke for the Synod, discussing the Maqua and its relation to our work.

Change of Name of Synod

The proposal to change the name of the Synod to that of "The Synod of the Blue Ridge" because of the unfortunate similarity in name to that of another, was received favorably by the Synod, and referred to Synod's General Council, with power. It was voted, also, to go back to the earlier plan of meeting from Wednesday through Friday—it being felt that the shorter period failed to allow sufficient time for the completion of Synod's business.

Donation to Johnson C. Smith University, at the suggestion of the alert and ever considerate Dr. S. A. Downer, a voluntary offering was taken for Johnson C. Smith University, to be applied on the Girls' Dormitory Fund. This offering was later supplemented by Synod so that the amount of the entire gift was \$25.00.

A Saga to the Valiant

While there was abundant cause for rejoicing in the presence of so many of the brethren—the largest number, it is authoritatively stated, in the entire history of the Synod,—withal a deeper strain of gratitude to God was blended as there was noted the continuing presence of many of the pioneers, truly the "Fathers" of Synod; men like Ewing, Peterson and Tucker among the ministers; Col. L. P. Berry, the perennial, and Elder M. F. Martin, of Anniston, among the laymen,—men whose illustrious names and deeds have been inseparably intertwined with the life and labors of the Synod since its beginning. Two others were absent only because of the exacting toll of the years—Dr. W. H. Franklin, Synod's first Moderator and President emeritus of Swift Memorial College, and Rev. W. H. Lamplsey, long chairman of Synod's Committee on Pensions. To them Synod sent gracious and affectionate greetings.

Orchids to Leonard Street

The fulsome resolutions of Rev. L. R. Taylor, though inimitable, as those who know him and heard him well know, could express only in part Synod's appreciation for the gracious reception and full hearted welcome accorded by the Leonard Street church, Synod's "Church Beautiful." Pastor and people and friends abounded marvelously in hospitality, and a deep and joyous comradeship reigned throughout. Synod voted to meet next year in the city of Birmingham, Ala., with the Miller Memorial church.

Kings are like stars—they rise and set—they have the worship of the world, but no repose.—Percy B. Shelly.

MT. VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PALATKA, FLORIDA

It has been some time since you have heard from the church here; however, the work is moving onward.

About twenty months ago the Rev. B. Jonathan Hopson, a graduate of Morehouse and Oberlin Colleges, took charge of this church, succeeding the Rev. T. C. Coleman. Since the Rev. Mr. Hopson has been here the activities of the church have been well planned and every department is working harmoniously.

On Sunday, September 23rd, our pastor preached a special sermon to the students who were leaving for the various colleges. He admonished them to use wisely and well their time and talent. Many helpful suggestions were given, and we believe will not be forgotten by the group.

Monday morning, September 17, the schools of the city and county opened for the session of 1934-'35. Several visitors were present, among whom were the leading ministers of the city. Principal C. W. Banks announced that the enrollment for the day was over 900.

Mrs. Margie Trapp-Hines, one of the teachers in the high school department of Central Academy, has been indisposed for three weeks. Friends wish for her a speedy recovery. Mrs. Hines is also the efficient organizer of Mt. Vernon church and has served without compensation in this position for a number of years.

A Golden Supper was given by the ladies of the church on September 26th in the school auditorium. This was an enjoyable affair and was largely attended by the young people of the city. After the social hour the pastor was called to the rostrum where he was presented with a large box of gifts from the members and friends of the church, this date being his birthday. It was quite a surprise to him, but in a pleasing manner he thanked the members and friends most graciously for their thoughtfulness of him on this particular occasion.

On September 10, a musical and literary program was rendered by the students who were leaving soon for the various colleges. Mr. Harold Finley, instructor in biology at the West Virginia State College, was the principal speaker. Mr. Finley spoke on "The Accidents in Science." Many practical but forcible illustrations were given. This was indeed a very able address and one that will long be remembered by those who had the pleasure of hearing him.

The Woman's Missionary Society, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Fannie G. Browning, is busy getting in shape for the winter. The course of study for this term promises to be very interesting. Our pastor will conduct the study course. A large attendance is expected and we believe great good will be derived. Mrs. Mary L. Trapp, our former President, is giving of her time and talent to assist in this great work.

Miss Evelyn Browning left on the 28th of September for St. Augustine, Fla., where she entered the Florida Normal Institute. We wish for Miss Browning a profitable school year.

Rev. H. Lawrence McCrorey, of New York City, was a recent visitor in our city. Two very able sermons were preached by him at our church. The Rev. Mr. McCrorey is the son of President H. L. McCrorey, of Johnson C. Smith University.

Mrs. Rosa K. Days, who for

a number of years has been a teacher in Central Academy, left on the 28th of September for the Florida A. and M. College, Tallahassee. Mrs. Days hopes to complete her college work in June.

A Fashion Revue, presented at the Lincoln Theater on the evening of September 29th, was a very attractive affair. Numbers of beautiful costumes representing the fall and winter styles were worn by several of the young people of the city. Mrs. M. T. Hines and Miss N. L. Davis were the sponsors. Miss Nannie J. Davis, director of the Young People's activities, with her assistant, Mrs. Blanche Scott, has put on a very interesting program for the Sunday school. These ladies are working very hard to increase the interest in their department.

Miss Davis, who has been one of the teachers in the public school system, has been recently appointed Jeanes Supervisor of Schools in Putnam County. We congratulate Miss Davis on her appointment and wish for her continual success.

The pastor and members are elated over the fact that the new church building is nearing completion. At a very early date the dedication services will be held.

The beautiful memorial windows that are now being installed will give a very pleasing setting to the interior of the church. The following members have donated these windows: Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Days, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Brownrig, Mrs. M. T. Hines and Mrs. M. L. Trapp. Mrs. Nora Simmons and daughters, Rev. B. J. Hopson, Mrs. M. J. Lawson and Miss Nannie J. Davis.

We are indeed very grateful to Knox Presbytery for sending to us our most efficient young minister, who has won the love and respect of citizens of this city and who has worked untiringly for the erection of this beautiful edifice. THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

HARBISON DAY

Let every minister, elder and church worker of McClelland Presbytery take notice!

At its Spring meeting in April at Wellford, S. C., the Presbytery voted unanimously to make Sunday before Thanksgiving, Harbison Day—a day to boost Harbison and to give opportunity to all throughout the bounds of the Presbytery to show loyalty and love to their school. Let every church raise a nice sum for Harbison on the designated day.

The Ladies' Missionary Societies through the Presbyterial have already given a nice variety of useful things to the school. These articles not only serve for great use in the school but are a source of much encouragement to the workers.

This timely Harbison Day scheme was suggested by the Rev. D. T. Murray, the Chairman of the Committee on the Board of Christian Education, in the Presbytery. A few weeks ago the Stated Clerk called attention to this matter in his writing which gave the details of the Fall meeting of the Presbytery. This was the first public statement of the matter since the Presbytery decided to have the Harbison Day.

Brethren, let us not forget our promise, but let us keep our vote and pledge and observe the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day as Harbison Day.

J. G. PORTER.

Harbison Institute, Irmo, S. C.

He whom love guards is well guarded.—Voltaire.

HOME-COMING AT GIBSON CHAPEL, SPRINGFIELD, MO.

November 4 was a great day in our church and all enjoyed themselves. We were especially delighted with the day because of our guest speaker, Rev. Mark Gibson. Rev. Gibson is the son of Rev. Harry A. Gibson, the builder of the present church edifice and for whom it is named. Many interesting things were brought out about Rev. Harry Gibson's pastorate and the church history as a whole. Perhaps the readers would be interested in the history of our church.

The church was organized in 1867 by Father Peter Lear as the Cumberland Presbyterian church. A year after it was organized a nice church building was erected and it housed the people until 1891 when Rev. Harry Gibson built the present edifice. Under the pastorate of Rev. Arthur E. Rankin the church went into the U. S. A. branch of the Presbyterian church about twenty-five years ago. The church has seen bright days and it has seen days when the clouds hung very low, but whether fortune smiled upon it or adversity frowned upon it, the people always maintained their faith in God.

In this transitional period when many people are turning away from the church and questioning the church's usefulness, it would be well if they would pause to consider what the church has done for the development of mankind, and its power to do in the future. Gibson Chapel has played a prominent part in the development of the Negro in Springfield.

Springfield boasts of the finest Negro park in the country for the size of its population, and when I see the large swimming pool, the great array of flowers, pretentious entrances, buildings, etc., I think of the first layground which was equipped and supported by Gibson Chapel. We have a very modern school building with library, gym, domestic science room and well equipped and well managed class rooms, but in this field Gibson Chapel blazed the trail. The first library for Negroes was equipped and supported by Gibson Chapel. We had the first gym and the equipment is still in our church where we encouraged and supported a domestic science class. The colored hospital here speaks well for the population and yet the first clinic for Negroes was equipped and supported by our church and when the present hospital was organized we gave our equipment and our support to make it a success. We take pride in the fact that we have been the forerunner in every great movement for the betterment of our people. But above all we have enriched the spiritual life of the people through the vicissitudes of its history.

We are not like many churches that gloat in the past, damn the present and fear the future; we push forward to the high calling of God which is in Christ Jesus. Since the pastorate of Rev. Douglass began nineteen months ago, thirty members have been added to the church and over \$4,000 raised. Of this amount over \$1,600 has been spent on new equipment and renovation. Every department of the church is well organized and functioning. In a few days the Ladies' Art Club will let a contract for a model dining room and kitchen at a cost of \$428.00. When we think that all this has been accomplished with 114 members our hearts go out in praise and thanksgiving to God.

The first six months of our church year we have raised \$1,040. Of this amount \$40

has been paid on our benevolence. Last Sunday at our Home-Coming we raised \$43.68.

We ask of you your prayers as we build the church of God in the hearts of men and women.

THE PASSING OF REV. G. A. MORROW

Rev. George Alexander Morrow passed away Monday evening, November 8, at his home in Broken Bow, Okla. Funeral services were held at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The services were conducted by the Rev. C. N. Shropshire, Sabbath School Missionary. The funeral oration was delivered by Rev. Allen S. Meachem, of Valliant, Okla. The telegrams, messages of condolence and beautiful floral designs marked the tributes of respect and esteem of Rev. Morrow's many friends.

Rev. Morrow was born in Greensboro, N. C., February 10, 1871. He completed his college course at Biddle, now Johnson C. Smith University in 1899; his theological course in 1902. He was ordained to the ministry in the same year and began his missionary work in the States of Alabama and Tennessee. He married soon after he began his career as a Sunday School Missionary, but his wife lived only a short while. He soon shouldered the responsibility of pastoring and after serving in Alabama and Tennessee for a number of years he went to the State of Texas and worked in the public school system for 10 years. In 1917 he came to Oklahoma and began work as pastor of Beaver Dam church, Grant, Okla. During his stay there he married Miss Mary L. Richards in 1920. To this union were born five children who, with their mother, survive him. He later pastored Oak Hill, Pleasant Valley, and St. Paul and Mt. Gilead.

At the time of Rev. Morrow's death he was pastor in charge of Pleasant Valley church at Broken Bow, Okla., and St. Paul church at Eagletown. He was also Clerk of Kiamichi Presbytery and Stated Clerk of Canadian Synod. He served faithfully and well and will be missed by the entire Church, U. S. A.

Kiamichi Presbytery and Canadian Synod certainly have sustained a great loss with the passing of Rev. Morrow. He had been gradually failing in health for four years, but continued to work until the end. He went away singing his favorite hymns. Peace to his ashes, or a good and faithful servant has gone.

At the funeral services the following persons talked of his life and works: Rev. J. W. Mallard, Arkinda, Ark.; Mrs. J. D. Stanback, Valliant, Okla.; Miss Mabel Bailey, Valliant, Okla.; and Mrs. Mary Moore, Broken Bow, Okla.

CONTRIBUTED.

NOTICE

District No. 5 of Catawba Presbyterial, Mrs. Eva Davidson, leader, will meet Sunday, November 18, 1934, at 2:30 P. M., at the Bethpage Presbyterian church. We are asking all the churches in this district to be represented. Please bring as much of your apportionment as possible. The churches in this district are as follows:

Cedar Grove, Caldwell, Davidson, Huntersville, Siloam and Bethpage.

MRS. J. H. GAMBLE, Recording Secretary.

Thou art in the end what thou art. Put on wigs with millions of curls, set thy foot upon all-high rocks. Thou abidest ever—what thou art.—Johann Wolfgang Goethe.