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COUNCIL MEETING

The Diocese of East Carolina.

ADJOURNED ON SECOND DAY

But Very Little Business Transacted by This, the Nineteenth Annual Council, Diocese of East Carolina.

The Nineteenth Annual Council of the Diocese of East Carolina assembled in Christ Church, Elizabeth City, on Thursday May 22nd, 1902. The attendance of clergy was large, but there was a very small number of parishes represented. There being very little business to be attended to, the Council finished its labors on the second day of its session, and adjourned to meet in St. John's Church, Fayetteville, May 20 1903. The result of the elections was as follows: President, Rev. Jas. Carmichael, D. D.; Secretary, Rev. Frederick N. Skinner; Treasurer, Col. Wm. L. DeRosset. The Standing Committee: Rev. Nathaniel Harding, Rev. Jas. Carmichael, D. D., Rev. T. M. N. George, Mr. Geo. H. Roberts and Col. Wm. L. DeRosset.

Delegates to the Missionary Council: Rev. J. H. Griffith and Mr. B. R. Huske.

The council sermon was preached by the Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield, of St. James, Wilmington, from St. Matt. 1-20, and was highly appreciated by a large congregation.

On the night of the first day an interesting Missionary Meeting was held, at which an unusually large congregation listened with marked attention, to a very interesting address made by Dr. Lloyd, our efficient General Secretary to the Board of Missions. On the second day, at the Morning Session, the Bishop read his Annual Address. The large amount of work done by him, the many addresses made, the number of sermons preached, the confirmations held, and the office work done, showed the Bishop's age had not deprived him of his usual untiring energy.

The Bishop's address spoke of the proper observance of Holy Thursday, (Ascension Day); of the new churches built during the past year; of the great importance of meeting our Missionary Apportionment. He commended the noble work done by the Woman's Auxiliary, and of the liberal offering made by the children, for Missions during Lent. He praised the parochial schools and that school of the Prophet's, Trinity School, Chocowinity, where so many of our clergy have received their early instruction.

Attention was called to the valuable work done by Lay Readers in the Diocese and their usefulness in Missions.

The Bishop regretted the supposed need of clerical changes.

Mention was made of the Bishops who have gone to their rest during the past year.

The Clergy Relief Fund and its good work was specially referred to, and the need of liberal contributions towards its support.

At Evening Prayer, Friday night, the needs of Thompson Orphanage

were set forth by Rev. Mathew J. Smith, Superintendent of that institution.

On the second day the Woman's Auxiliary partook of the Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m., at which they made their annual offering for Diocesan Missions amounting to \$72.00. Later they assembled in the Masonic Hall and listened to an address from the Rector and the Rev. J. H. Griffith and Dr. A. S. Lloyd, General Secretary.

Hundreds of visitors were in town as a result of the meeting. Many prominent members of the clergy were among the number. A few of those who came to attend the Council have not, as yet, left the city.

STORY OF MARTINIQUE.

From the Early Days of Colonization To the Recent Disaster.

The eruption of Mont Pelee and the death and destruction entailed by same has drawn the attention of the world to the scene. But few people are acquainted with the island of Martinique and its history and feeling that our readers would appreciate a story dealing with the history of the island and its people we have arranged with Mr. J. Anthony Keenan for such a story to appear in our issue of June 13th, 1902.

Mr. Keenan is not only a good story teller but he is well acquainted with the subject by reading and travel and our readers may expect a rare treat.

He will not only deal with the history of the island but with the cause of volcanic eruptions as well.

The Very Latest.

The colored race has a craze for high sounding names for their offspring. At least some of them do and we find the country flooded with little dark, Dewey's, McKinley's and Roosevelt's but the very latest to come under our notice was one with the cognomen of Sapolio. We were up on a certain street, whose residents are chiefly the lower class of negroes, when we heard the voice of an aunty yelling Sapolio. For a moment we thought it was a new advertising scheme gotten up by that firm but again came the cry: "You S'polio ef youse doan cum here to me I'es gwine to 'lam' all de bref 'outen' yer." A little pickaninny came stumbling around the corner of the house and we learned that this was "Sapolio." The proud mother explained like this: "I saw 'dat' air name in a street cyar dar in 'Portsmouth' and dis hyer child hadn't been named an I'jis call him S'polio ever since."—Norfolk Landmark.

Receipts and Disbursements.

The following figures, just given out by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, show the amount raised and disbursed on account of the public schools of the State last year: Receipts, from poll tax, \$328,403; property, \$525,257; special local, \$15,545; special poll, \$404; fines, \$25,412; liquor licenses tax, \$79,280; from State Treasury (legislative appropriation) \$101,401; from other sources, \$45,984. Total, \$1,119,746. Of this amount \$1,091,276 was expended, leaving a balance of \$227,954. Of the amount paid teachers \$621,628 went to whites and \$219,561 to negroes. The county treasurers received \$22,589 of this school money in commissions.

TERRIBLE CRASH.

Temporary Sidewalk Caved In.

ONE MAN INSTANTLY KILLED.

By the Caving of a Sidewalk One Man Was Almost Instantly Killed and One Hundred Injured.

New York, May 27.—Elvin I. Coolidge, circulation manager of the New York Commercial, was almost instantly killed, and about one hundred others injured this evening by the breaking down of a temporary sidewalk at Fifth Ave. and Eighteenth street. Some of those injured may die.

Those who fell were part of the crowd gathered to watch the parade of militia in honor of the visit of the French Rohambeau commission to this city.

Two hundred persons were on the sidewalk when it gave way. They were precipitated twenty feet into an excavation for a new building and fell on piles of building material.

The accident occurred just as the head of the parade had passed the corner. The French visitors had gone past and knew nothing of the accident until some time later.

The authorities are busy endeavoring to discover who was to blame for the accident. Coroner Schooler says the sidewalk had not been built of material strong enough to stand such a great weight as burdened it this evening.

He said the real cause of the accident was the giving away of an upright timber, four by twelve, in dimensions, that extended from the bottom of the excavation to the cross beams on which the sidewalk rested. About ten feet of this timber, he said, was rotten and very weak.

Considering the nature of the accident and the number of persons in it the hospital surgeons express surprise at the few who received serious hurts. Many were able to go directly home after having their injuries treated by the ambulance surgeons.

E. L. Coolidge, who was killed, received a fracture of the skull. He leaves a widow and four children.

Big Scheme Failed.

The big scheme of Mr. Underwood for consolidating the cotton mills of the South has fallen through, according to reports. The Charlotte mill men who were interested in the matter have stated that it stands no show of success. However, the Charlotte News quotes some mill men of that place as expressing the opinion that Mr. H. E. Fries' plan for the formation of a cotton mill trust will materialize. None of the Charlotte mills are in the Fries plan, but the News says that one may be taken in soon. There is also a report that the Fries plan has doomed the Underwood scheme and will supersede it. There seems no doubt, from appearances, as to the success of Mr. Fries' plan so far as the Raleigh mill is concerned.

A MID-NIGHT FIRE.

Hill's Cafe Destroyed by Fire.

OTHER PROPERTY ENDANGERED

Hill's Cafe Was Last Night Burned to The Ground. Cataclysm Threatened the Business Section of the City.

At a late hour last night, Elizabeth City was visited by a fire that for a time promised to be the most disastrous conflagration in the annals of its history.

On the corner of Water and Matthews streets stood a two story frame building occupied by Jas. M. Hill as an ice depot. This morning only a bed of ashes marked the spot and the blackened walls of adjoining buildings speak only too well, the disastrous nature of the blaze.

Officer Brothers discovered the fire at 11:15 o'clock. In ten minutes the entire building was wrapped in flames and the fire department but arriving on the scene.

When the department arrived, adjoining buildings were in imminent danger. The market house was afire in places; the flames were reaching out for the building occupied by Williams & Bell; across the street, the glasses in the windows of Dr. McMullen's store was crashing from heat; showers of red hot embers were falling over the business section and dire disaster was expected.

At 11:30 p. m. the department had three streams playing upon the endangered property and only by the merest chance did they confine the blaze to its original source. At one o'clock this morning the fire laddies had completely conquered and the town was out of danger.

The loss, to the Hill building was estimated at \$1,000 and we learn that it was fully covered with insurance.

The old building occupied by Lowry and Davis was completely destroyed at but little loss. A few hundred dollars will place the damage done to others. How the fire originated is a mystery that may never be explained, although many attribute it to carelessness of hired help.

FARMER TALKS.

He Discusses Hard Times and Their Causes.

MR. EDITOR:—I have recently heard much cry of "hard times." The complaint is made by both farmer and merchant, and being a farmer myself I seek space in your paper to give some reasons why the farmers and merchants cry "hard times."

The farmer goes to the merchant to get him to run him 'til fall. The farmer goes to work, but goes to town Saturday to get his supplies and buys three times as much as he would if he then had the cash to pay. He does not think of the storms that might come or possibly a drought that would cut crops short. He plants his crop but when the sun shines down upon his hat he goes to the shade and fans with

his hat while he eats the merchants meat and bread and at the end of the season he tells the merchant a song of hard times and he has a fertilizer bill to meet and really you must wait on me a while. Then it goes on in this way from bad to worse until hard times are upon both farmer and merchant.

The secret of it is laziness. Let us begin work as soon as one crop is laid by to make preparations for a succeeding crop. Clean out the ditches, plow off the edge rows, trim their fences and compost the dirt from the ditch bottom and then we will have no need of these big guano bills.

Make manure through the winter. Go out in the wood where there is decayed vegetation, hoe it up in piles, never minding the cold or that lazy feeling. Barns will soon be filled with grain and the smoke house with meat. The cow will look sleek and add to your wealth, and the poultry will be better cared for. The cackle of the hens from the hay loft, the satisfied grunt of the hogs, all are a source of satisfaction and pleasure.

Industry has its reward and no where has it better than on a properly conducted farm. It is a pleasure each morning to see some task begun and each evening see it close. I would not give the freedom I enjoy for the cares of a crown. Hard times are created by indifference and neglect and these apply not only to we farmers but to men of all callings.

Brother farmers let us awake to the situation which confronts us and see the tendency of the times. Young men form a horrid opinion of farming by viewing these results. They miss the chance of their life for a greater happiness than any other vocation can give. Out in the business world a man must be a man and hustle. Now if we farmers would put an equal amount of push in our work the large clearings that are growing up and have been since the civil war will be reclaimed, prosperity will reign where misery dwelt. Trees bearing delicious fruit will stand where now the gall berry grows, and we all will be more prosperous.

A FARMER.

A. C. I. Commencement Exercises.

Baccalaureate Sermon, 11 o'clock June 8th. Baptist Church, Rev. C. W. Duke.

"The Deestrick Skule," June 10th.

Physical Culture Classes, June 11th.

Graduating Exercises, June 21th. Exercises to be held in Academy of Music.

Public School Commencement.

Prof. Hinton's school will hold its annual commencement exercises for three nights beginning Tuesday June 3d and including June 5th.

The first night will be devoted to the 1st and 2nd grades and contests for recitation medal.

The second night will see two medals contested for. There are two declaimers medals, one to be awarded to a boy, another to a girl.

The 4th and 5th grades will hold the boards on the closing night. The last act to be an operetta.

Mrs. M. M. Sawyer spent last week in Portsmouth, Va., visiting her mother, Mrs. Beveridge, who returned with her.

WARNED OF DANGER

The Governor of Martinique Warned.

HELD BACK NEWS OF DANGER.

All of the Inhabitants of St. Pierre Could Have Been Saved From Death by Awful Cataclysm. Present Conditions.

Fort de France, Martinique.—Special.—It is now fully known here that the lives of all in St. Pierre might have been saved had it not been for the action of Governor Mouttet.

He had been given official warning of the impending cataclysm, and that warning reached him several days before the disaster of May 8th. He chose to disregard it, and even went so far as to order that the warning should be kept from the public.

Professor Landes, of the University of St. Pierre, had been instructed by Governor Mouttet to make an investigation of Mount Pelee. At the imminent risk of his life Professor Landes went to the crater of the volcano. He found that the forces at work were such as to make an explosion certain.

Hurrying back to St. Pierre, he sent a cipher dispatch to the Governor, in which he gave the warning that the volcano would not hold itself in check much longer. He even went so far, it is said, as to predict the destruction of St. Pierre not later than May 8th.

Instead of acting on the advice of Professor Landes the Governor went to St. Pierre and tried to allay the fears of its inhabitants. He ordered the Professor to say nothing about the conclusions reached.

The Governor said that if St. Pierre was destroyed he would remain to share the fate of the inhabitants. Professor Landes acquiesced, saying he, too, would remain. Both lost their lives May 8th, though the Governor, it is believed, tried to escape when it was too late. The cipher message of warning sent by Professor Landes is still in existence.

PRESENT CONDITIONS.

Continued eruptions from the fatal crater of Mont Pelee makes it impossible to reach the dead bodies buried in the ruins of St. Pierre. The volcano continues vomiting showers of black mud and molten lava. The air is filled with heavy clouds of ashes and the people at Fort de France are panic stricken. There is now no danger of famine as immediate and liberal responses from all over the world have placed adequate supplies in the hands of committees appointed to administer to the wants of the sufferers.

For the Infants.

Sunday morning when the teachers took charge of their classes in the M. E. Sunday School what a surprise greeted the little fellows as they entered the infant class room. All of the old clumsy pews had been removed and cute little chairs put in their stead.

WANTED.—To purchase second-hand desk, either flat or roller top. Apply at Tar Heel office.