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There were some interesting things about the Synod at Red Springs. It was the largest meeting of Synod ever held in the history of the venerable court. And more, it was adjudged to be the most enjoyable Synod ever held. It may be added too that it was one of the hardest worked Synods anybody recalled. There were great questions of great importance to settle and time to do it and it was done. Owing to the fact that all the Synod was sleeping, eating and meeting under one roof there was little occasion for any loss of time and the opportunity was seized upon for much work. The body was happy in having a business man of clear head and warm heart for moderator. He was prompt and pushing day after day. G. W. Watts is an ideal business man. Fortune has fallen to him as a fruit of his clear headedness and enterprise. Never before did the Synod adjourn feeling so fully that it was acquainted with itself. The brethren being co-guests had an opportunity to see one another as never before and deeper mutual love was developed among the brethren. There was no friction. Not an acrid word was spoken. No apologies were called for. The enrollment was 200. This was the number precisely we anticipated. And it was the largest meeting of a Synod in the history of the Presbyterian Church South except one. We are told that the Virginia Synod once enrolled 201 members. An exceptional number of fine addresses were made. Rev. Drs. Howerton, Lily, Hardin, Morris, Phillips and others, spoke with unwonted power and effectiveness. The Foreign Missions cause showed decided progress. There was increase of 25 per cent. in contributions. Twenty-six new missionaries were sent out during the year. The Synodical Home Missions' report showed that 26 home missionary workers had been at work with large success. The year closed with a debt, but steps were taken to pay it off. Rev. R. P. Smith was re-elected superintendent of the work and Rev. Wm. Black general evangelist. Order was made to open all the churches of the Synod to the visits of the superintendent to raise funds to carry on the work and two collections a year for the cause was ordered for all churches which have preaching more than once a month. Rev. Dr. A. J. McKelway told the Synod of his retirement as editor of the Standard. The paper is owned by its creditors, who have several courses of action before them. It might be lost to the Synod. He urged the taking of steps to save it. A large committee was appointed with this in view. The next meeting will be held in Statesville. No class enjoyed Synod more than the college students. It was a fine educational week for them. Many had never seen a Synod before. This one will be a delightful memory. It was a revelation that anything could so effectively roll back the tide of time as the convening of a Synod, to live several days and nights in a college building. Gray headed old men became sophomores again. The boyish spirit that had slumbered for decades revived. Campus songs were recalled and sung. Years and cares were forgotten in the abandon of youthful diversion. A sort of hazing too was indulged in to complete the round of repeated experiences as collegians in the long ago. The musical concert by the faculty, which was given Thursday night was a brilliant success. Nothing impressed the learned body more. It was a revelation. The more musical hearers were most delighted and loudest in their compliments. After the concert the literary societies gave one of their most enjoyable receptions in the spacious and elegant dining hall. The lofty spirit of the student body, the degree and character of the culture in the institution as a whole made a deep and lasting impression on the venerable court. A well chosen and hearty series of resolutions of thanks were adopted enthusiastically. The body adjourned Friday night in simple form, the singing of a hymn, prayer by its oldest

member, R. v. Dr. J. Rumble and the apostolic benediction.

The better way to judge a man is by his evident instincts. The prompting of his heart in what we call small matters are unerring criteria. All who think at all with average good sense knows that recurring impure innuendoes come not from a pure heart. Unchaste allusions falling frequently from the lips of a man tell of the blackness restrained in the heart. There would be an open display if the display would not cost so much. Self preservation compels suppression. The real self is, so to speak, disguised. The vulgar and vile references made are as far as he can go without the forfeiture of confidence and respect. We naturally loathe the man of this class. He is avoided by the clean and more thoughtful. No one enjoys the companionship of a man who may at any turn let drop a filthy and malodorous suggestion. The unclean go the same road, lepers flock together.

That is sad news that comes from Russia. The empire is rife with revolution. Travel and communication are arrested. The arteries that bind together the parts of the great country are in the hands of mobs. The deep unrest has at last burst forth. Uprisings are reported of such magnitude, anarchy and blood shed are supposed to be imminent. The emperor has been in solemn conference with his advisers of state. It is said he is weary, sad and discouraged. His readiness to grant the people a share in the government, as the story goes, has come at last. But it appears to have come too late. He put it off too long. The refrain now is there must be bloodshed. The revolutionists are courting a clash with the army. If the power of the government is put to the test and it should be felt that the life of the government turns on its promptness in crushing the rebellion, then a horrible carnage may be awaited. Revolutions like this generally run into excess and gruesome pictures of blood, fire, pillage, mark the history that follows.

Animals More than Human.

"India's pets are not royal, but celestial," says Edmund Russell, in his article on "The Sacred Animals of India" in the November Everybody's. "To write of animals in the land which keeps its Vedic prayers and forgets the names of its emperors, one must leave solid ground, and ascend to heaven, must speak in poetry, not prose, in hyperbole rather than in plain speech. The question of animals cannot indeed be soberly treated. Everywhere one sees acts toward them that can be explained only by their sacred and legendary importance. One can scarcely believe one's senses. This attitude is not fantasy of a moment nor the bete-blanche, so to speak, of a single author. It is the accumulated national delirium of thousands of years. To detach such animal-worship from Indian life is to tear the rug to pieces, and we can weave nothing more beautiful.

"The place held by these creatures in India is different from that accorded them in any other country. Every animal is looked upon as but the covering of a spirit. Is not its mind with God? Are not its auras and vibrations far purer than ours? May not we ourselves return to lower than its state if we give it not reverence? Such conceptions are not culled from obsolete thought, but from the vibrant life and life of India to-day. One is always in the Orient. 'It is your misfortune that you have to talk so much of progress,' said a sage to me--'we have progressed.'"

Mrs. Dan Shaw, of Laurinburg, arrived yesterday morning for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Whitfield.

Lumber Bridge Locals.

There will be preaching at Shannon next (1st) Sunday. It is the regular communion occasion. There will be preaching Saturday before at 11 a. m. The services will be the beginning of a protracted series extending through the week. Rev. L. Smith will assist the pastor.

Miss Lena Hall came home while the Synod was in session in the college.

Rev. Mr. Weich is conducting a protracted meeting in Parkton, assisted by Rev. Mr. Tuttle, of Fayetteville. The services are conducted in the nice and new church just erected.

Mr. Gilbert Hughes expects to run back to his business in Florida this week.

Mr. A. Worth Shaw is pleased with his work and surroundings in Princeton Seminary.

Mr. J. C. D. McNatt, who visited California recently on business, was delighted with his trip. He says he passed through nineteen States in his travels.

It is much regretted that Rev. R. D. Cross is to leave the community. He is a preacher of more than average scholarship and intelligence and also of preaching gifts among his brethren. The removal both of his wife and himself will make a void hard to fill. He expects to accept a call to the church at Morehead City.

N. Shaw was the representative of Lumber Bridge church at Synod and enjoyed the meeting very much.

Many of our people went over to Red Springs during Synod, but none got more pleasure and profit out of it we dare say than Capt. J. D. Malley.

Miss Minnie Shaw is happy. She is troubled by no widowers, but surrounded by lovely hats and other millinery with customers to encourage her in her dainty store at Parkton.

Mr. J. C. D. McNatt is to repaint his hotel and it will add a little to the appearance both of his premises and the town.

Dr. D. Hughes is talking about going to Florida this winter. But it is not for his health we make bold to say, for he looks as well as he did fifteen years ago. It is a pleasure outing that is in his mind.

Address on Cotton.

Maxton, N. C., Oct. 30.—Mr. E. D. Smith, president of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Association and a vice-president of the National Association, spoke in the armory here at 11 o'clock a. m. today to a representative audience. His subject was "Cotton," and he presented it very graphically and convincingly; his logic was unanswerable, and the people felt that he was advancing the proper solution of the much mooted question. Mr. Smith received hearty applause at frequent intervals and his argument will do much to strengthen the movement in this section for warehousing cotton and holding it for 11 cents. Saturday afternoon, Mr. J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, who was present with Mr. Smith at Maxton in the morning and introduced him, addressed a body of farmers at Branchville, a country school-house several miles in the country from here. After his speech, the farmers were saying that he did things up "brown." The street carnival which has been in progress here during the week, close to night and the next engagement of the company is in Marion, South Carolina.—Charlotte, Observer.

The president is at home again. He says that he immensely enjoyed his trip through the South. He speaks in glowing terms of his enthusiastic reception throughout the Southern States, and says that all around, it was one of the most enjoyable and profitable trips of his life.

Elrod Items.

On account of rain there was no "Rally Day" service at Purvis church Sunday.

Mr. S. W. Paul, Misses Nary Paul and Annie Culbreth, attended the Fair at Fayetteville last week.

Mr. A. W. Pate spent part of last week in Charlotte, taking in the Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Stubbs went to Maxton one day last week shopping.

Miss Tiny Chappell and Mr. C. T. Pate went to hear Frank Dixon's lecture at Rowland Friday night.

Misses Ora Paul and Berta Bullard attended the Carnival at Maxton last week.

Mr. Ellert Bridgers, of Orrum, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents here.

Messrs T. B. and R. W. Bullard, F. McRae and L. H. Paul attended the Carnival at Maxton Saturday.

Miss Ella Gaitley, of Rowland, spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of Mr. L. W. Bullard.

Mr. Sandy McGirt was here one day last week representing the Robesonian.

Miss Tiny Chappell was in Rowland Saturday, shopping.

Miss Ora Paul and Mr. John McCall went to Branchville Monday.

Sorry to report Mrs. S. Hall still very ill.

Ashpole News Letter.

The rain of last Sunday interfered with services at both Methodist and Presbyterian churches but for once no one grieved for the rain was so much needed.

Mrs. Sanford returned last Saturday from a delightful visit to Siler city.

A visit of several days to friends in historic old Fayetteville was much enjoyed by your correspondent last week. We visited the Fair and saw a little of the racing which was the best for several years. Fayetteville is fast getting toward the head in the line of progressive towns but needs badly a better depot and railroad service.

Mr. F. S. Floyd's handsome new house is completed except for plastering and we hope they will soon move into town.

Mr. Smith of the Geological commission, Washington, D. C., was here last week securing samples of Artesian water.

Mr. Tom Grantham attended the Fayetteville Fair last week.

Mrs. Adams, of Purvis, is spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. J. E. Thompson.

Our town will soon have six or eight new streets opened. They are being surveyed now.

Death at Cedar Creek.

Mr. John Ward died at his home in Cedar Creek on the 28th inst., aged 72 years, 10 months and 23 days. He was a prominent and faithful member of Cedar Creek Baptist church, and will be sadly missed by a host of warm friends he made during his long life. He is survived by a wife and one brother. The interment took place in the Bullard cemetery.—Fayetteville Observer.

Fire, starting from an oil explosion, almost totally destroyed a small oil town, Pinegrove, in West Virginia Tuesday. The loss is estimated at \$125,000. Dynamite was used to stop the progress of the flames. It is reported that several lives were lost in the Pinegrove Hotel which was wrecked.

Rev. P. R. Law, of Red Springs, spent yesterday here.

God Frees Russia.

A special from St. Petersburg of Monday contains the following, which will be read with interest: "Tonight the autocracy of the Romanoffs, and the old order of things cease to exist.

Emperor Nicholas has surrendered and Count Witte comes into power as Minister-President with an imperial mandate which will enable him to convert the farcial National Assembly into a real legislative body, elected by greatly extended suffrage, and to confer upon the people fundamental civil liberties, including free speech.

These welcome tidings reached St. Petersburg shortly before 6 o'clock this evening. Count Witte had spent the day with the Emperor at Peterhof, going over the final draft of the manifesto to which he insisted that certain minor modifications be made, and before taking the train for St. Petersburg he telephoned to a friend that the Emperor had affixed his signature and that the imperial mandate comprising the conditions upon which he had agreed to accept office was in his pocket. These include freedom of the press, the right of assembly and the immunity of the person, including the right of habeas corpus.

Count Witte insisted on a cabinet on the British model with a selected Premier responsible to the imperial Duma, or Parliament, while the Emperor clung to the appointment of members of the cabinet on the American plan by the Emperor as Chief of State. The State Department has instructed Charge D. Affaires Eddy, in case of emergency, to give American citizens asylum at the embassy, and if necessary to charter a steamer.

Foreign Minister Lamsdorff is re-assuring the ambassadors by formally guaranteeing the safety of foreign residents. He announces that the government is prepared to afford them military protection in St. Petersburg and elsewhere in the event of disorders.

Happy Hooligan Coming.

This makes the tenth year out on the road for "Hooligan's Troubles" and millions of people have laughed at this matchless sidesplitter. This splendid company of funmakers is well recommended wherever they appear. Standing room only is the warning in all towns, packed to the doors, beyond doubt the funniest comedy on the road, three long acts of constant laughter. Bring the whole family and enjoy an evening of pure fun. Get your seats early, else you'll have to go way back and stand up. At Opera House Thursday, November 9 b.

Pembroke Items.

Mr. Gus McCormick is spending a few days with his brother here.

Mr. McGill, of Raeford, has accepted a position with the Brown-Shaw Lumber Co., of this place.

Messrs. Jesse Smith and Arch and Joe Shaw attended the fair in Fayetteville last week.

Mr. Jim Ray, the A. C. L. agent, while attending to his duties of the South-bound train last Wednesday night, fell through a trestle and cut a gash over his eye. He is getting on very nicely now.

Mrs. G. W. Wrenn and children have returned from a visit in Virginia. The young men will give an oyster supper Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Wrenn.

Mr. Edwin Pate spent Sunday in Red Springs.

A number of young people attended a Halloween party at the home of Mr. G. E. Bancke Tuesday night.

As to Funerals.

What is considered a rather unusual procedure, taken altogether, and one that many will hesitate to follow to the letter, when a funeral occurs in their family, was unanimously adopted by the High Point Pastors' Association in session Monday. It is as follows:

"Believing that there should be a uniformity in the manner of conducting funerals and further believing that some of the customs now followed are unnecessarily taxing to the family and friends of the deceased by exposure to the weather, etc., we are agreed on the following suggestions which we hope all will conform to as early as possible.

"First—That we recommend that as far as possible all should avoid arranging for funerals to be conducted on Sundays.

"Second—That we discourage the use of black as an emblem of mourning.

"Third—That the funeral director be encouraged to take charge of arrangements and relieve the ministers of this duty, either at the church or elsewhere.

"Fourth—That excessive expense be carefully avoided.

"Fifth—That the casket be not opened after leaving the residence, only in very exceptional cases, but that all who desire to view the remains go to the residence and that as far as possible the family should be alone when taking final view of the remains.

"Sixth—That the funeral services be not prolonged by unnecessary eulogies of the dead or by long discourse on immortality.

"Seventh—That if the weather is inclement men should not be expected to remove their hats during the reading of the burial service.

"Eighth—At the grave when the casket is lowered and the burial services have been read, the congregation shall be dismissed by the benediction or prayer, leaving the filling of the grave to the sexton, who by taking his own time can do it much better—thus saving the exposure to the weather, also the family and friends the very severe strain of hearing the rumbling of the clods which are to be the covering of the dead."

(Signed),

"C. L. Whittaker, President.

"E. L. Siler, Secretary."

McIntyre--Biggs.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Biggs, of Saddle Tree, Miss Pearl Biggs was united in marriage to Mr. Janus McIntyre Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. C. H. Durham, in the presence of a number of friends and relatives of both parties. After the marriage the bridal party left for the home of the groom, where an infair was held Wednesday night.

The bride is a sister of Messrs. K. M., J. T. and D. W. Biggs, of this place, and has often visited here where she has a large circle of friends. She is a splendid young woman, of charming personality, and her sweet, winning disposition has made for her countless friends.

The groom, a son of Mr. Daniel McIntyre, is a prosperous young farmer of near Rennett. We offer congratulations. A more detailed account is promised for next issue.

The English Church Missionary Society is sending six pioneers to open up a region new to missionary enterprise in the Soudan. After leaving Khartoum they will go in boats 1,100 miles up the White Nile. They will take with them a doctor, a carpenter and an agricultural expert.