

# THE ROBESONIAN

Established 1870.

Country, God and Truth.

Single Copies Five Cents

VOL XLIV NO. 28

LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA, MONDAY, MAY 26, 1913.

WHOLE NO 2865

## BEST OF CONFERENCES

Methodists of Rockingham District Adjourned Friday — Conference Well Attended—Best in His Ministry of 32 Years, Declared Presiding Elder McCullen—Much Business Transacted and Excellent Preaching—Hoffman Next Year.

Rockingham district conference, which began Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock in Chestnut Street Methodist church, closed its business sessions at 4:45 o'clock Friday afternoon. Two business sessions were held each day, Friday morning beginning as early as 9 o'clock, and there were two preaching services each day, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. All the 24 charges in the district, which includes Robeson, Scotland, Richmond, Moore and Hoke counties and parts of Cumberland and Bladen, were represented. There were 90 delegates in attendance.

Rev. A. McCullen, presiding elder, who presided at all the sessions, at the closing business session Friday afternoon stated that he had been very much gratified at the attendance, which was the largest of any conference that he has ever attended during the 32 years of his work in the active ministry. The interest manifested by the laymen was especially gratifying. It is a great pleasure, he said, to be presiding elder of a district where there is such harmony. There are no complaints from any quarters, all seem satisfied with their pastors. There are some hard places to fill, but no man need look for easy places in the ministry. He expressed the hope that all had been greatly benefitted by the conference and that all the preachers would go back to their churches inspired to do greater work.

Much business was disposed of during the conference. Presiding Elder McCullen is an excellent presiding officer, transacting business with dispatch and ease.

Large congregations attended all the preaching services and excellent sermons were preached. The opening sermon was preached Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock by Rev. H. M. Eure of Red Springs. Rev. E. B. Craven of Raeford preached Thursday at 11 o'clock and Thursday evening Rev. E. M. Hoyle of Greenville, who was pastor of Chestnut Street church four years prior to the beginning of the pastorate of Rev. J. W. Bradley 18 months ago, filled the pulpit of this new church for the first time. Mr. Hoyle labored to raise funds for the new church during his pastorate and it was during his pastorate that the cornerstone of the church was laid. Friday morning Rev. J. D. Bundy, pastor of Grace Street church of Wilmington, who was pastor of the Lumberton church 15 years ago, preached, and Rev. E. H. Davis of Rockingham preached Friday evening.

By a rising vote a resolution was adopted at the closing session Friday thanking the congregation of Chestnut Street Methodist church and the town of Lumberton for the hospitality extended visiting brethren and for the royal manner in which they were entertained.

At the closing session Rev. J. D. Bundy, who is a member of the mission board of the North Carolina Conference, presented to the conference the cause of missions. He complimented the Rockingham district on its fine record. For foreign missions this district was assessed \$1,782 and paid \$3,165; for conference and home missions the district was assessed \$2,154 and paid \$2,190, receiving back from the board \$1,650, leaving a surplus to the district over what it receives of \$450. This is one of the best records made. Mr. Bundy declared that Rockingham is one of the most God-blessed districts in any conference. But the strong ought to help the weak. The assessment of the North Carolina Conference last year for conference and home missions was \$19,700, and only \$19,240 were paid. That deficit must be wiped out. Of the entire assessment, \$5,200 is for home missions and \$14,500 is for conference missions (missions entirely confined to the conference). There is only the sum of \$14,500 available for the work and it would take at least \$16,000 to meet the demands. Hence it has been necessary to cripple the work in some directions by cutting assessments. Mr. Bundy appealed to the Rockingham district to make its surplus above its assessment \$500 this year instead of \$36, in order that weak places might be helped.

Mr. Bundy made the startling statement, which was news to a majority of his hearers, that there are 800 charges in the Southern Methodist Church without pastors, served merely.

## PIER COLLAPSES; 34 KILLED

Hundreds Fall on Heads of Other Hundreds and All Hurdled Down Chute of Shattered Woodwork.

Long Beach, Cal., Dispatch, 24th. Too weak to uphold the burden of nearly 10,000 human beings assembled for the festivities of "British Empire Day," the land end of the big double decked municipal pier in front of the city auditorium collapsed today. Hundreds of persons on the top deck were plunged down on the heads of other hundreds crowded on the second deck. The lower deck then gave way, and all were dropped down a chute of shattered woodwork to the tidewashed sands 25 feet below.

Thirty-four persons, mostly women, were killed by the shivered timbers or crushed to death by the falling bodies of companions and friends. Fifty more were seriously injured, while hysteria and fright caused the disabling of scores of others.

A section of the auditorium, which went down in the crash, and the debris from it, was added to the wreck that fell on top of the injured and dead.

The victims were subjects, or former subjects of Great Britain, residents in southern California.

All of the seriously injured are residents of Los Angeles and vicinity.

## ARRAIGNMENT OF TENDENCIES

Distressing Loss of Membership in Many Synods—Worldly Church Members.

Atlanta Dispatch, 23rd. An arraignment of the "tendencies of the time" was contained in the report of the committee on narrative, presented today before the Northern Presbyterian Assembly in session here. The report deplored the "distressing loss of membership in many Synods of the church."

Nearly 4,000 churches during the past ecclesiastical year failed to secure a new member through confession of faith according to the report. Other unusual features brought out were that some of the Church's most intelligent and influential members spend the Sabbath on the golf links instead of attending divine worship; that the extent and boldness of the white slave traffic has become appalling, even extending, the report declares, into Sabbath schools and Christian Endeavor societies.

The report stated that a total of 87,000 new members through confession of faith were enrolled during the past year by the Church. W. H. Houston, of Columbus, Ohio, secretary of the permanent committee on vacancy and supply, declared that the problem of securing pastors was one of most distressing in every non-Episcopal church. Whatever else may be said of the Methodist Episcopal Church," he said, "we must admit that it has the most effective system that we know anything about of supplying churches with pastors."

## Superior Court—Week's Term Closes.

A week's term of Robeson Superior Court for the trial of civil causes, Judge G. S. Ferguson of Waynesville presiding, came to a close Saturday. The jury in the case of Katie Ann Locklear vs. W. A. Savage et al, for conversion of timber, rendered a verdict Thursday afternoon in favor of the plaintiff for 100 acres of land and \$500 damages with interest from 1905. The trial of this case began Monday morning and it was given to the jury at noon Thursday. The firms of McNeill & McNeill and Britt & Britt appeared for the plaintiff, the firms of McLean, Varsar & McLean and McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor appearing for the defendant.

Other cases tried were: M. B. Griffin vs. A. C. L. Ry. Co., verdict for defendant; Sellers & Co. vs. R. C. Townsend (protest by defendant), verdict for plaintiff, \$73.04. Some cases not on the calendar were settled, compromise judgments were signed in the following: Murdock Smith vs. Patterson & Ware, A. Weinstein vs. A. C. L. Ry. Co., J. D. Bridgers vs. J. F. McDonald, Admr. Other cases on the calendar were continued except Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. vs. O. I. Floyd et al, in which non-suit was entered.

The spring months often find a woman tired out, with pain in back, hips and head, nervous and sleepless. Foley Kidney Pills will quickly prove their worth and value as a healer of all kidney and bladder ailments and irregularities. They are a splendid remedy for rheumatism, clearing the uric acid from the joints and system. Try them. For sale by all dealers.

Feel laguid, weak, run down? Headache? Stomach "off"? A good remedy is Burdock Blood Bitters. Ask your druggist. Price \$1.00.

## WRITTEN AND SPOKEN WORD

Careless About Paper—Don't Throw Glass in the Streets—The Just King Who Gave an Eye for His Son.

Some people are mighty careless about scraps of paper. They seem not to care at all that paper which they carelessly pile out in front of their houses blows all over the yards of their neighbors. It looks like folks—real folks—would be ashamed to be the cause of littering up their neighbors' yards that way; but it is just thoughtlessness and carelessness. It is much nicer and more considerate to burn your scraps of paper and put on your scrap-pile for the town wagon only such refuse as a passing gust of wind will not deposit in your neighbor's yard.

The Robesonian called attention recently to the danger that lies in throwing glass in the streets. There is a town ordinance against this and Chief of Police Redfern says he is going to enforce it to the best of his ability. A little carelessness in that regard may result in crippling a small boy or girl or may puncture an auto tire or do even more serious damage. Carelessness about throwing glass, boards with nails sticking up, etc., into the streets is criminal.

In the course of a sermon at the Presbyterian church here recently Bishop Robt. Strange of Wilmington told a beautiful story to illustrate the love of God for His children and the necessity of conforming to God's laws. The Robesonian man has to show his ignorance in attempting to tell this story, for he could not catch the name of the King about whom the story centers and it was new to him. Bishop Strange said though, that he does not know whether it is history or legend, and many others in the bishop's congregation on this occasion were as ignorant as The Robesonian man. But to the story:

A certain King, in some far away country long ago, was famed far and near as the most wise and just King in the world. His people were prosperous and good and happy. There was no other kingdom like unto it. By and by a certain crime against decency and morals began to become so common as to cause officials of the realm alarm, and finally it was brought to the attention of the King, who issued a decree that any one accused of committing this crime should be brought into the great council chamber and tried, and if found guilty both his eyes should be burned out with a red-hot iron.

The Prince of the realm, the King's own son, was the first one caught committing this crime after the decree was issued. The Prime Minister was horrified to learn of the charge against the prince and wondered what was to be done. Not for a moment did it occur to him that the decree would apply literally to the Prince. He hastened to the King and told him of what had chanced. "Sire, shall the Prince be released and the matter be passed over without further notice, or shall the Prince be sent to you for private reprimand?" "Neither," said the King; "let him be brought into the great council chamber at noon tomorrow and answer the charge."

On the morrow at the stroke of noon the great council chamber was crowded with people from all parts of the kingdom to see what would be the action of the Just King. The Prince entered the council chamber with a confident smile, certain that his punishment would be nothing more than a public reprimand. The decree setting forth that anyone committing the crime should have both his eyes put out was read and to the inquiry as to whether he was guilty or not the Prince replied that he was and expressed no sorrow over his act. The King ordered the executioner to prepare a red-hot iron, the Prince was bound upon a marble table and at the command of the King the executioner put out the Prince's left eye. But when the executioner started to pass the red-hot iron over the Prince's right eye the King ordered him to wait, descended from his throne and approached the table whereon his son lay bound. His devoted subjects, perceiving the King's purpose, began to crowd forward and to plead with the King not to do this thing: But the King was firm. He commanded the people to stand back, commanded that his son be released, and that he himself be bound in his son's stead, and that his own right eye should be put out with the red-hot iron in place of the other eye of his son.

When the King's eye had been put out and he had been assisted back to

## TO REBUILD PARTY.

Leaders of Republican Party Lay Plans.

Washington Dispatch, 24th. Leaders of the Republican party laid preliminary plans today for the congressional campaign of 1914 and the National political battle two years later to regain control of Congress and possession of the White House.

As a result the Republican National committee will meet 60 days after adjournment of the extra session of Congress and an extraordinary Republican convention is expected not later than a year hence.

Changes in the basis of representation in National conventions and reforms of methods of party procedure, which have been subject to criticism, will be disposed of through these agencies.

Today's conference was the first formal meeting of Republican leaders since the 1912 campaign and it was harmonious from the time Chairman Charles D. Hilles of the National committee called for order until the last motion was adopted.

The need for reform within the party was not denied. The suggestion of a progressive element for a National convention in the near future was heard and it was practically the unanimous opinion that such a convention would be called.

## NEW LAW FIRM.

Mr. T. L. Johnson Enters Into Copartnership With Brother.

Mr. T. L. Johnson and his brother Mr. E. M. Johnson formed Saturday a copartnership for the practice of law under the firm name of Johnson & Johnson, Mr. T. L. Johnson being senior member of the firm. Mr. E. M. Johnson arrived Friday evening from Wake Forest College, where he has just finished the LL. B. course. He stood the State examination before the Supreme Court in February, at which time he was granted license for the practice of law. He spent last summer in Lumberton in the law office with his brother.

Mr. T. L. Johnson received his law education at Wake Forest College and has been practicing his profession in Lumberton since 1908, first forming a co-partnership with Mr. J. Abner Barker under the firm name of Barker & Johnson. After about a year this firm was dissolved and Mr. Johnson became the junior member of the law firm of Shaw & Johnson. Since Mr. Shaw's death in December, 1910, Mr. Johnson has practised alone, occupying offices over the First National Bank formerly used by the firm of Shaw & Johnson.

## Confederate Veterans Gather at Chattanooga This Week.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dispatch, 24th. Pitched in the shadow of Missionary Ridge where "the battle above the clouds" was fought 50 years ago, Camp Stewart now awaits the arrival of survivors of that and other noted engagements in the War Between the States, who will attend the United Confederate Veterans' twenty-third annual reunion here May 27 to 29. Hundreds of Army tents tendered by the United States Government compose the camp, located in Jackson Park, and named after Gen. A. P. Stewart, the famous Confederate leader.

his throne the Prince, who had been unrepentant and careless when he entered the council chamber, staggered to the throne, fell at his father's feet and implored forgiveness, saying that he saw clearly now that his father's law was to be obeyed and begged to be allowed to remain at the court in the capacity of the meanest hired servant in order to prove his loyalty and love.

If parents tell a child to do something and when the child does not do it pass it by unnoticed, said the bishop; or tell a child not to do something and pass it by unnoticed when the child does the forbidden thing, it does not take that child long to conclude that it does not make much difference whether it obeys its parents or not. That is not God's method and it is not kindness to the child. It is merely weakness on the part of the parents—weakness for which those parents will pay dearly.

The great calamity in Omaha was quickly overshadowed by the terribly disastrous floods in Ohio. Great suffering and sickness from colds and exposure resulted. L. Poole, 2217 California street, Omaha, writes: My daughter had a very severe cough and could but Foley's Honey and Tar Compound knocked it out in no time." Refuse substitutes. For sale by all dealers.

## CHURCH NOTES.

Quarterly Conference at Chestnut Street Methodist—Children's Day Exercises at Presbyterian.

Presiding Elder A. McCullen, who presided over the sessions of the Rockingham district conference, mentioned elsewhere in this paper, Thursday and Friday, preached at Chestnut Street Methodist church to a large congregation yesterday morning and held the second quarterly conference for the year for this church last evening following a sermon to another large congregation by Rev. O. W. Dowd, pastor of St. John and Gibson circuit. Routine business occupied the attention of the conference and there was little of general interest. Mr. N. P. Andrews was elected a member of the board of trustees of the church to succeed the late B. Stansel and a committee was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions in memory of the deceased. Messrs. C. V. Brown and F. W. Walters were recognized as ex officio members of the official board of the church, the former as president of the recently organized Epworth League, the latter as an exhorter. Mr. G. Y. Jones was elected secretary of the conference. Mr. McCullen left this morning for his home at Rockingham. He was a guest while here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McAllister.

The Lumberton Presbyterian Sunday school had children's day exercises yesterday. The exercises began at 11 o'clock, taking the place of the regular preaching hour. Recitations, dialogues, songs and the like by the little ones, principally, constituted the exercises and they all did fine. Mr. J. P. Russell, one of the teachers in the school, made a short but interesting talk, using as the subject of his remarks "Citizenship and Missions." Mrs. J. Q. Beckwith sang a solo and Rev. J. F. Gorrell, pastor of the church, made a short talk explaining the needs of the cause for which a contribution was made—a school in Mexico. The contribution amounted to \$35.28. Mr. M. G. McKenzie is superintendent of the school and he offered a prize to be awarded to the class making the largest contribution, the contest being limited to classes Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. The prize was awarded to class No. 8, its offering amounting to \$6.31.

## Fire Plays Havoc With Colored Restaurant.

The alarm was turned in Thursday night about 10:30 o'clock for fire on West Third street in a colored restaurant conducted by Lizzie Houston. The place had been closed up for the night an hour or more when the fire was discovered. The fire is supposed to have started in the rear of the building where the cooking was done. When discovered the rear end of the building was in a blaze. The alarm was turned in and in a very short time the fire-fighting force had the fire out, but the building and contents were ruined. It is understood that there was no insurance on either the building or its contents. The building belonged to Mrs. J. W. Griffith of Greensboro.

## Mr. J. S. McDonald Succeeds Mr. C. H. Craven at Lumberton Drug Store.

Mr. C. H. Craven of Greensboro, who for some time held a position as pharmacist for the Lumberton Drug Co., resigned last week and left Saturday for Murphy, where he accepted a position. He is succeeded by Mr. J. S. McDonald, who, as mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, has just resigned as pharmacist with the Pope Drug Co. Mr. McDonald has been elected manager and pharmacist of the Lumberton drug store and he will probably take charge about the last of the week. He went yesterday to Raleigh, where he joined Mrs. McDonald, who has been visiting in Raleigh since last Friday. They are expected to return Wednesday.

## \$100 Reward For Ross.

Governor Craig Friday offered a reward of \$50 for the capture of Joe Ross, colored, who shot and killed Will McMillan, also colored, at Wakkula on the 10th inst. The county offered a reward of \$50 immediately after the killing, so that rewards amounting to \$100 are now offered for his capture.

## This Interests Every Woman.

A family doctor said recently that women come to him thinking that they have female trouble, but when he treats them for their kidney and bladder, they soon recover. This is worth knowing, and also that Foley Kidney Pills are the best and safest medicine at such times. They are tonic in action, quick in results. They will help you. For sale by all dealers.

## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Good middling cotton today 11c.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Jimmie Smith and J. F. Herring.

—Miss Lillie Oakley, of Red Springs, started this morning teaching school at the Jennings Cotton Mill village.

—There will be a special meeting tomorrow evening of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M., for degree work. The meeting will be at 8 o'clock.

—Chief of Police Redfern has complied with a recent order of the board of town commissioners by putting a phone in his residence. His number is 221.

—The Secretary of State charters the Red Spring Motor Company, Red Springs, capital \$10,000 authorized and \$5,000 subscribed by J. J. Thrower, Wm. Jones and others.

—The county road commissioners are in session today preparatory to winding up the business of the board at the last meeting Monday of next week. The new road law goes into effect June 1st.

—Mr. M. G. McKenzie, received last week from his son, Mr. W. B. McKenzie at Wimauma, Fla., a nice watermelon. The melon was expressed from Wimauma on the 20th. It weighed about 35 pounds and Mr. McKenzie says it was good and ripe. The melon was cut yesterday.

## Arrested for Skipping Board Bill.

J. C. Kelly of Clarkton, a young white man who had been in Lumberton for about two months working part of the time at the Seaboard freight depot, was arrested Saturday at Bladenboro and brought to Lumberton to answer a charge of "skipping" a board bill amounting to \$30. The warrant for Kelly was sworn out by Mr. W. O. Britt, proprietor of the Lumberton hotel. Kelly's father, who lives at Clarkton, came back with him and paid the board bill and there was no trial about the matter. Kelly left Lumberton Saturday morning without giving the proprietor of the hotel any notice of his intended departure, and as soon as Mr. Britt learned of Kelly's absence he had papers issued.

## Among the Sick.

Miss Epsie Fuller has been sick since Thursday at the home of her father, Mr. C. M. Fuller, Sixth and Chestnut streets, with typhoid fever. Her condition was improved and very favorable this morning.

Mr. A. E. Belch, who underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital a few days ago, returned Friday to his home at Bellamy. Miss Jerusha Todd, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the hospital 2 weeks ago, will return home this week. Mrs. Andrew Ivey of Raynham is a patient at the hospital.

## Date for Accepting Challenge Extended to June 10.

The time in which the challenge for public debate extended by Messrs. F. M. Barnes and S. R. McKay may be accepted has been extended from May twenty-seven to June ten. Any two high school boys in the county may accept. The challenge must be publicly accepted through The Robesonian.

## Steamer Goes Down in Gulf of Smyrna—Many Perish.

Smyrna Dispatch, 24th. The steamer Nevada, with 200 passengers on board, struck three mines in succession today in the Gulf of Smyrna and sank. Only 80 of the passengers are reported saved. The mines were strewn on the coast waters by the Turks to prevent attack by the Greek fleet during the Balkan war.

## Killed at Rifle Practice.

While looking from behind the wall surrounding the target pit at the close of the Third Regiment shoot this afternoon, Lewis White, a well-known Raleigh boy, was shot through the head by a stray bullet and killed instantly. It was the first accident in ten years' rifle contests at which 150 Third Regiment men contested. White was 18 years old.

It is estimated that shipments of fertilizers from Wilmington during the 4-months' season this spring reached the total of at least 313,580 tons, valued at the lowest estimate, at \$8,780,240.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days  
Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Burning, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Relief. 50c.