

**PROCEEDINGS OF CONFERENCE.**

**What the Methodist Brethren Have Been Doing in Hickory.**

A special to the Charlotte Observer gave Saturday's proceedings of the Conference as follows:

Only one member of the conference has died during the year, Rev. J S Nelson, who had been a minister of the Gospel for 54 years. His last pastorate was the Belmont church in Charlotte and after retiring from active work he continued to live in Charlotte. The conference will hold a service in memory of Mr Nelson tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The committee of trial in the case of Rev. C F Sherrill has made no report to the conference and it is thought by some members of the conference that adjournment will be delayed on account of this trial. Rev. G H Detwilder is defending the accused, with Rev. T F Marr and Rev. H K Boyer to assist in the defense. Rev. J E Woosley and Rev. H F Chreitberg are the prosecutors. It is the opinion of some members of the conference that this case, will furnish the ground for hard-fought battle of argument in the committee room. The report of the committee is awaiting with special interest. This is the first time in the history of the conference when any charge affecting the moral character of a presiding elder has been preferred.

Conference was called to order at 9 o'clock, Bishop Atkins in the chair. Rev Z Paris conducted the opening devotional service, after which the minutes of the session of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

The vote taken for alternate lay delegates to the general conference at the close of session of yesterday was announced and showed no election. Another ballot was taken resulting in the election of J S Martin and H A Hayes.

The vote taken for clerical delegates at the close of yesterday's session was also announced, and it likewise showed no election. The third ballot was cast, resulting in the election of Rev. J C Rowe with 115 votes; Rev. H K Boyer with 108 votes, and Rev. G H Detwilder with 96 votes. The fourth ballot was cast and the result was the election of Rev. W. L. Sherrill with 101 votes. The first ballot for clerical alternates resulted in the election of Rev. S. B. Turrentine, D. D. A second ballot was cast for alternates and before the tellers retired to count the votes a motion was passed that the two preachers receiving the three highest number of votes be declared clerical alternate delegates. Rev. W R Ware and Rev. R M Hoyle were elected on this ballot.

Bishop Atkins called questions 17 and 18 and the characters of the preachers sustaining the supernumerary and superannuated relation were passed. Several of these were present and spoke to the conference. The remarks of Rev. J W Wheeler, of Charlotte, heard with special interest because of the fact that for the past several years he has been able to attend conference only a few times. His remarks were interesting and touching and showed his great pleasure at being present to mingle again with his preacher associates.

When three additional names were referred to the committee on conference relations for the superannuated relation. Bishop Atkins urged the conference to establish an emergency fund from which to supply each preacher a certain amount of money upon the day that he superannuates, instead of compelling each one to wait an entire year after retiring before he can receive any financial help whatever. T C Jordan made a motion that 5 per cent. of the amount collected for conference claimants be set aside for a superannuate emergency fund, to be used as Bishop Atkins indicated, and the motion was carried.

Bishop Atkins appointed Revs. J C Rowe, D Atkins and H K Boyer to constitute a committee to consider the subject of securing homes for superannuated preachers in the different parts of the conference. The committee recommended the appoint-

ment of Rev. W M Bagley as the agent of this enterprise, an enterprise in which he is thoroughly interested and in the interest of which he has done a good work already.

J A Fry was recommended for local elders' orders and he was elected local elder. J S Martin, secretary of the joint board of finance, submitted the report of the board. Among the recommendations of the board was one that the conference give \$16,300 next year to the cause of foreign missions and another that \$10,000 be given to conference claimants.

The report of the committee in the trial of Rev. C F Sherrill was read by Rev. J B Carpenter, secretary of the committee. It was stated in this report that the charge against Rev. Sherrill was immorality. The report stated further that after careful and prayerful consideration, the committee begged to say that specification 1 of the charge was sustained, specification 2 of the charge was not sustained, and specification 3 of the charge was sustained. Furthermore, the report stated that the committee did not sustain the charge of immorality, but did sustain the charge of imprudence. The committee recommended that the accused be suspended from the ministry for 30 days.

The appointments for the Salisbury District were made Monday and are as follows:

- J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder.
- Albemarle Station—E C Sprinkle.
- Albemarle Circuit—P W Tucker.
- Bethel and Big Lick—S S Higgins.
- China Grove—J J Eads.
- Concord Central—P T Durham.
- Epworth—J A J Farrington.
- Forest Hill—W L Hutchins.
- West Concord—W C S Jones.
- Concord Circuit—W P McGee.
- Cottonville Circuit—E A Wiley.
- Jackson Hill Circuit—E M Avett.
- Kannapolis—W B Shinn.
- Lexington Station—A L Stanford.
- Linwood Circuit—A R Surratt.
- Mount Pleasant—N R Richardson.

- New London Circuit—O J Jones.
- Norwood Station—T E Wagg.
- Salem Station—G A Stamps.
- Salisbury, First Church—S P Turrentine.
- Holmes Memorial—C M Short.
- South Main Street—W O Davis.
- Salisbury Circuit—J T Stover.
- Spencer Station—R D Sherrill.
- East Spencer, North Main—C A B Holderby; J P Luning, supernumerary.
- Woodleaf Circuit—M B Ridenhour.
- Principal New London High School—J D Rankin.

An Eclipse of the Moon Saturday Night.

There will be an eclipse of the moon on Saturday night November 27th, of more than passing interest and although it has chosen a most inconvenient hour for its appearance there will be many who will put themselves to the necessary inconvenience of staying up a greater portion of the night, or getting up at a very unusual hour, in order to witness it, and taking into consideration the fact that we don't usually go to bed very early Saturday night, we can use the eclipse as an excuse for not getting up in time for church on Sunday morning, we expect a good many will witness it. We don't think that staying up will matter much, if all could have their sweet hearts with them.

The New Berne Journal scientist gives this advance information of the coming event: "The moon will enter the earth's penumbra at 1:12 a. m., eastern standard time, and will first reach the full shadow of the earth at 2:11 a. m. At 3:14 a. m. she will disappear completely in it and will not begin to emerge until 4:37 a. m. This is an unusually long duration, due to the fact that the moon will go almost centrally through the earth's shadow which itself will be larger than usual, the moon being near the earth. At 5:38 a. m. the moon will finally leave the shadow and at 6:38 will get clear of the penumbra and eclipse will be over."

For the benefit of those who may not have a dictionary handy it may be said that penumbra mentioned isn't a vehicle, as might be supposed, but a partial shadow—a shadow cast in an eclipse where the light is partly but not wholly cut off by the intervening body.

**Musical Entertainment and Debating Contests**

"An entertainment" and debating contest will be given under the auspices of the Young Men's Bible Class of Ursinus Reformed Church at Rockwell on Thanksgiving night, November 25th, at 7:30 o'clock. The music will be rendered by the Rogers String

Band of China Grove, N. C. The question for the debate is: "Resolved, that the United States will perish and fall as other great nations and republics have perished and fallen." The speakers on the affirmative will be Marcus Lyaly and George H. Sifford, and negative Frank R. Sifford, John C. Peeler. A gold medal will be given to

the best debator in oratory, composition and rhetoric. All are invited to come and spend a delightful Thanksgiving evening with the boys. The committee consists of George H. Sifford, Hubert McCombs, C. T. Misenheimer, and Sumner Hallig. An admission fee of 10 cents and 25 cents will be charged.

**A Scalded Boy's Shrieks**

horrified his grandmother, Mrs. Maria Taylor, of Nebo, Ky., who writes that, when all thought he would die, Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured him. Infallible for Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Corns, Wounds, Bruises. Cures Fever-Sores, Boils, Skin Eruptions, Chilblains, Chapped Hands. Soon relieves Piles. 25c at all druggists.

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