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MEETING AT CONCORD

Twenty Sixth Annual Sunday School Convention.

RANDOLPH GETS THE PRESIDENCY.

Five Hundred Delegates Representing Ten Denominations Attended—Randolph Again Wins the County Banner.

The twenty-sixth annual convention of the North Carolina Sunday School Association convened in Concord April sixth to eighth. It was one of the most interesting and profitable conventions in the history of the association, and a great deal of enthusiasm was shown by the Sunday school workers. There were about 500 delegates present. Thirty-seven counties and ten denominations were represented.

The day sessions were held in the Presbyterian church, a large, new building, handsome in appearance, and provided with almost every modern equipment and convenience for carrying on the work of a Sunday school. The sides and back of church were arranged so that small rooms could be formed by sliding doors—an ideal arrangement.

The night sessions were held in the magnificent graded school auditorium, which has a seating capacity of about 1200. Each night the building was crowded to overflowing.

Dr. Franklin McElfresh, of Chicago, International Secretary of the Department of Teacher Training, added greatly to the program by his interesting address on Teacher Training and Sunday school work generally.

Rev. Plato Durham made a fine address on the "Child in the Sunday School," and made a wonderful impression on the audience.

The Department conferences and Round Tables were centers for seeking and imparting information in regard to the various departments of Sunday school work. The delegates recognized the value of these meetings and derived great benefit from them.

Mrs. E. R. Michaux, State Elementary Secretary, assisted by Mrs. Chas. D. McIver, conducted a most instructive conference on elementary work. The music was conducted by Tullar and Meredith, who visit Sunday school conventions all over the country.

Rev. O. Brown Cox, who was elected president of the Sunday school association at the convention in Burlington last year, has made a most efficient executive officer.

Randolph again won the banner, but there were four other counties this year which met the requirements, viz., to pay the county pledge, to have held the county convention, and each township convention and to be represented in the State convention. There were 54 delegates from Randolph county, thirteen townships represented. The Randolph delegates outnumbered any county outside of Cabarrus, and when called on to rise during roll call of counties, they were applauded. Randolph county pledged for the coming year \$252.00, paid last year, \$331.00.

This year our county not only won the banner with honorable mention, but the honor of having the president for the ensuing year, Mr. Elijah Moffitt, who is president of the County Sunday School Convention.

The election of officers resulted in the following:

President—E. Moffitt, Asheboro.
Vice Presidents—W. R. Odell, of Concord; J. D. Hardin, of Wilson; Rev. J. K. Prohl, of Winston-Salem.

Office Secretary—Miss Maud Reid, Raleigh.

Statistician—Prof. S. M. Smith, of Raleigh.

Treasurer—H. W. Jackson, of Raleigh.

Executive Committee—W. B. Cooper, W. G. Dowd, E. C. Harris, B. E. Harris, J. E. Pegram, D. T. Perkins, L. R. Vasser, R. M. Andrew, L. W. Clark, C. B. Cox, Thad. Jones, H. B. Parker, Jr., S. M. Rankin, W. C. Wicker, N. B. Broughton, F. S. Blair, J. R. Mendenhall, J. L. Murphy, C. M. Poole, George W. Watts, W. J. Young, Sr., and the officers of the association with N. B. Broughton as chairman.

Department Secretaries—Mrs. E. R. Michaux, Primary; Mrs. C. D. McIver, Home; Rev. W. B. Dutcher, Teacher Training; T. B. Eldridge, Organized Adult Class. Other department secretaries to be appointed by the executive committee are as follows:

MR. FINCH BUYS NIVARA.

Brokaw Disposes of Home at Great Neck.

W. Gould Brokaw, a New York millionaire who lives at Fairview, Trinity township, this county, most of the time, has transferred his summer home, Nivara, of Great Neck, Long Island, to T. J. Finch, one of Mr. Brokaw's employees at Fairview, the consideration named in the deed being "one hundred dollars, and other valuable considerations." The property is said to be worth one-half million dollars.

The estate which has come into the hands of ex-Sheriff Finch comprises 100 acres. It was bought nine years ago by Brokaw and he built a costly mansion thereon and greatly improved the place. Its sale is subject to three mortgages, one for \$61,000, another for \$10,000 and a third for \$2,000.

Mrs. Brokaw did not sign this deed.

It will be remembered that it was published in this paper some months ago that Mrs. Brokaw had sued Mr. Brokaw for divorce and alimony.

The Brokaws were married in 1907. The last of December in that year Mr. Brokaw and Mrs. Brokaw executed a deed for the various tracts of land at Fairview in this county to Mr. Gould one of Mr. Brokaw's uncles. The deed was not recorded in this county until about a month ago.

The New York World gives a long account of the trouble between Mr. and Mrs. Brokaw, most of which was published some time ago.

Mr. Brokaw having disposed of all his real estate, Mrs. Brokaw expects trouble in getting alimony. It is said she will fight for her dower rights in the Great Neck property.

INVITES GOVERNORS.

Chief Executive of Thirteen Original States to Participate in Charlotte Celebration.

Charlotte, April 12.—The central committee which is directing the programme of exercises to be held here on the twentieth of May in celebration of the 134th anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, has invited the governors of the thirteen original States to come to Charlotte for the three days' festival. Gov. Eben S. Draper has accepted.

The people of Charlotte are preparing to give Mr. Taft the greatest reception ever accorded a President of the United States in a southern city.

Special trains will be operated into the city on the 20th—"Taft Day"—from all directions.

An Eminent Minister.

Rev. W. R. Lambuth, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., missionary secretary of the Southern M. E. Church, will preach at the Methodist church Sunday night. Dr. Lambuth is one of the most distinguished preachers in the United States today. He is a near kinsman of ex-President Grover Cleveland, and in force of character and strength of mind he does not suffer in comparison with his illustrious kinsman.

Shooting at Waxhaw.

T. L. Davis, fatally shot Chas. Gamble at Waxhaw Monday. The men were drinking when they began to quarrel over the contest for office of cotton weigher in which a brother of Gamble defeated Davis for the nomination.

Fire at Graham.

The Oneida Cotton Mills at Graham was greatly damaged by fire on Monday of this week. The fire started from a spark on the cotton platforms. The loss was \$7000 fully covered by insurance. Good work prevented spread of flames.

follows: Missions, House to House Visitation, and Intermediate.

At a meeting of the executive committee the following were appointed a central committee: N. B. Broughton, E. Moffitt, W. J. Young, J. E. Pegram, G. W. Watts, O. Brown Cox, H. B. Parker, Jr., S. M. Rankin, R. M. Andrews.

The convention next year will be held in Wilson.

The hospitality of the Concord people cannot be described; the gates of the town were wide open, and the latch strings were on the outside. Everyone seemed to have suspended business and agreed to entertain the delegates and enjoy the convention.

Passing of the Old Courthouse.

By MRS. IDA INGOLD MASTEN.

Randolph is to have a new and modern courthouse. It will be a natural and logical improvement in the course of progress, especially indicative of the progress so marked in the south at the present time. It will be a credit to the citizens of the county, an adornment to the town of Asheboro, and a finger pointing toward the better and grander commonwealth, the like of which is characteristic of present conditions from end to end of our great country.

We do not measure a man by what he knows, or by the strength and depth of his emotions. We measure him by the amount and quality of his deeds. The employer who agrees to hire a man upon the strength of that man's word that

he is a good workman, does so because he has no other means of knowing the truth and is in direct need of a man to fill the position. The employee gets no promise of a steady job or of high wages until the employer or his deputy has had opportunity for testing the man's power and willingness to work. This is to show that the power to do things is of first importance. Words and plans may come first in the routine of business transaction, but immediately lose their consequence in the face of the all-important question: the faculty and inclination to bring things to pass. It is so in all the universe; "to do" comes before "to teach" in point of value. "All the works that Jesus did if they had been written every one, the world itself could not contain the books;" but the whole teaching of Jesus is to be found in the little New Testament, only a few hundred pages altogether. We may make much of words, but we must also make more of our works. Our intentions and emotions, unless followed up by fulfillment in works, die with the breath on which they



RANDOLPH'S NEW COURT HOUSE.

I suppose with us all there is some such feeling in regard to the old court house. I cherish many memories of it, all of my early years. But there is one instance that stands out plainer than the rest, perhaps you will know why when I tell you about it.

I was young, but I had decided to become a public school teacher. My father, respecting my wishes in this matter, accompanied me to Asheboro and to the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, then went away to do some errands about town. We had not known for some reason when the regular day for examining teachers had been, so I had come to stand a special test alone. The Superintendent was tall, dark, and to my unsophisticated mind, forbidding. He leveled his piercing eyes at me, and I shrank up until I fancied I resembled something very green, a shriveled green apple, for instance. If a small boy had passed through the room at that moment what a welcome sight it might have been to me, and what a relief to the Superintendent. But no small boy came, and besides I was so sure after all that I resembled a green apple very much, for my feet and hands had assumed enormous proportions. While the mental linkage had been going on those members had been getting larger until they were burdensome to me. I had a violent desire that I might fade away like the fancies of which I had read. But, alas, I was made of flesh and blood, (most of the blood was in my face, however), and I couldn't fade. There I sat as big as life, and very uncomfortable I was. I shall never forget the Superintendent's first question, "Define likeness." I looked straight at him. I had been expecting something difficult. What did he take me for? He looked up, and in his eyes I read that he was in earnest. I pondered a bit: this world that the Superintendent spoke of could not be the one with which I was familiar, the "likeness" that meant a picture. Examinations could never be that easy, this must be something different, and so I timidly told him that I did not know. The Superintendent frowned, if he reads this and remembers, he may frown again, but still I insist that he frowned, as he told me very unceremoniously, that a "likeness" was a tin-type, or photograph.



Mrs. Ida Ingold Masten

were born and become a reproach to us. It is the same with a community, a state or a nation. What is actually accomplished is the index of character, good or bad.

That the people of Randolph are yearning for better things will be made clear to all the world by the erection of a beautiful court house as well as their efforts for the betterment of the roads, etc. They have yearned and they are going to fulfill their desires, their dreams, and their plans amount to nothing without the fulfillment. If fulfillment be deferred, all else becomes a reproach.

We are glad to know that there is to be a new court house and are interested in its early completion, yet many of us will regret the passing of the old one. We will sigh about the memories which clustered about it betake themselves to the indistinct past. In the make up of human beings there is, in a greater or less degree, a bit of foginess, or conservatism, or what you please, which longs for and reaches backward after the old. It is in all of us, and sweet and commendable though it be, it stands in the way of progress. We cling to old customs, old structures, and old places often to our hurt. It is this attachment to the old things that makes the children waste their energy on rocky, barren soil because their fathers did so before them. The home feeling is stronger than the desire for material betterment, and they obey the former instinct.

POST OFFICE RECEIPTS.

Increase For First Quarter Made During The Month of March.

The receipts of a post office is a fair index to the progress of business of a town. Asheboro has made a creditable showing for the month of March 1909 when the receipts were larger than for any previous month and indications point to the greater increase during the month of April.

The receipts for March 1909 from stamp sales were \$513.74. For March, 1908, \$384.34.

For the quarter ending March 31, 1909 the receipts aggregated \$1,388.84. For the same period last year, \$1,259.21. This shows an increase of \$129.63 for the quarter and from the report for March, 1909, compared with the same month last year, it is seen that \$129.40 of the gain for the quarter was made during March 1909.

Burglars at Wadesboro.

Wadesboro, April 7.—Several residences have been entered and ransacked recently in the heart of town. In almost every instance these burglars have been committed in the early evening during the absence of the occupants at church service. The town police are making every effort to locate the offenders.

Died.

Miss Sadie Barker died at High Point April 7, after a lingering illness. The funeral was conducted by Rev. A. G. Dixon, pastor of the M. P. Church. The deceased leaves one near relative, a sister.

A New Legal Holiday.

The 12th day of April was made a legal holiday at the recent general assembly, in commemoration of the conventional congress at Halifax, having on the 12th day of April, 1776, authorized our delegates to vote for independence.

Three Montgomery Defendants Found Guilty.

J. Elam Russell and Green Hogan, of Montgomery county, and John Henry Jordan were found guilty of illicit distilling in the federal court in Greensboro last week.

Church is Looted.

The Episcopal Church at Wayneville, N. C., was broken into one night last week and many valuable articles were stolen therefrom, such as linen and embroidered coverings for the altar and communion service.

Fire at Spencer.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the building, stock and merchandise of Mr. J. L. Barker of Spencer on Thursday of last week entailing a loss of \$2000 with \$1600 insurance.

Liquor Election in Michigan.

Twenty of the twenty-seven counties in Michigan which voted on the question of abolishing the sale and manufacture of liquor, went dry in the election last week.

a "second grade certificate," which I presume was very good, considering the circumstances and conditions.

And so it is, I never think of the old court house at Asheboro that I do not think of a timid little girl sitting in the Superintendent's office with big feet and hands and a very red face, seeking to place her unaccustomed feet upon the thorny path of the country district school teachers. That little girl has not faded away yet, nor does she expect to for a long time, and her feet and hands are no smaller than they were then. But the old court house will soon be no more. I may never see it again, and the thought brings a regret for there are many pleasant memories of it. One at least was triumphant. When, having finished teaching my first school I went, accompanied by my father, (always accompanied by my father) to receive the money for my winter's work, almost a hundred dollars, I remember it well, how happy I was as I returned home with my very first money.

So much for the old courthouse of memory. But, here's to the new one, for progress! What is first love worth? Except to prepare for a second? What does the second love bring? Only regret for the first!

MR. RICHARDS VISIT.

Guest of Industrial Association Last Week.

ADDRESS ON TOWN AND COUNTY DEVELOPMENT.

United Effort on the Part of People of Town and County is Essential to the Progress of a Community.

Asheboro has taken on new life and this interest was stimulated last Thursday by the visit of Mr. V. Richards, Industrial Agent of the Southern Railway who spent two days in Asheboro upon invitation of the Asheboro Industrial Association. Thursday afternoon was spent in looking over the town, visiting the stores and meeting the business men of the town.

Mr. Richards highly complimented the people upon the appearance of our "magnificent little town," as he expressed it. He spoke enthusiastically of the progress already made and the prospect for advancement which is apparent on every hand.

Thursday night Mr. Richards spoke to about two hundred citizens on the development of the South reviewing the past fifty years. He also spoke interestingly of the best methods of town buildings. The fruits of his address will be seen in the steady growth of our town.

Mr. Richards told of the many obstacles over come in the development of the south citying that only persistent effort and faith in the success of the work of developing a town, county or nation will bring reward. He expressed great faith in Asheboro and the future of Randolph county.

Referring to good roads Mr. Richards urged that the people of the county plan immediately for modernizing the principle roads or the county, and showed not only the value to the travelers, and farmers in conveying their products to market but also the greatly increased value of farm lands along such roads. Where ever we find good roads, good schools and churches we find the highest type of civilization.

Mr. Richards spoke interestingly of the agricultural interests and urged that our farmers study more along the lines of modern agriculture and instead of priding themselves on the large numbers of acres of land to boast of small but productive farms. He urged more attention to the culture of fruits and vegetables for packing purposes and suggested small canneries to take care of these crops assuring profit to the owners. Dairying, stock raising, etc., were also suggested as profitable pursuits in this section.

Mr. Richards believes in the co-operation of the people of the town and country in the development of a county. What benefits one benefits the other. Neither can progress without the assistance of the other.

Friday morning Mr. Richards gave a very interesting talk to the pupils of the Asheboro Graded Schools on the immensely increased opportunities for education in the State and urged them to endeavor by every means to fix themselves for success in life. Mr. Richards complimented the school very highly as an institution our people should be proud of.

Settle to Get Holton's Job and Adams to be Provided For.

Spencer B. Adams, Chairman of the State Republican Executive Committee, is slated for Commissioner of the Internal Revenue. Thomas Settle is to be district attorney for the Western district of North Carolina, to fill the position now held by A. E. Holton, who has 18 months more to hold.

This is nice on paper, but Butler is to be reckoned with. He has not yet lost his cunning.

Clarence Call, of Wilkes, wants to be Marshal of the Western district, so does George Hendricks, of Randolph; but it is whispered that Miliken, who has held the place three terms, wants it again, and it is said that Hendricks in that event, will back down.

For the second time within the memory of man the voice of Niagara Falls is mute. The falls are frozen over from bank to bank. At present the damage is placed at \$1,000,000.