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 Wears away the hardest stone;
 The constant gnaw of Towser
 Masticates the toughest bone;
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MET THIS MORNING.

MODERATOR MALLARD CALLS THE ASSEMBLY TO ORDER.

A Large Attendance.—Rev. Dr. Geo. T. Goetchins Elected Moderator.—A Fine Opening Sermon.

The thirty fifth General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church convened in the First Presbyterian church, this city, at 11 o'clock Thursday morning.

Rev. Dr. R. Q. Mallard of New Orleans, the Moderator, in the chair. The church and Sunday school were filled with delegates and visitors. The assembly, rising, sang "Praise God from whom all blessing flow," and Dr. Mallard repeated the Lord's prayer. He then announced Hymn No. 990, "Hail thou God of grace and glory." The 27th Psalm was read.

Dr. J. W. Walden of Athens, Ga., offered the opening prayer.

Dr. J. R. Howerton announced 986 the hymn, "I love thy kingdom Lord."

Dr. Mallard announced as his text numbers 10:38, 36, "And it came to pass when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, Lord, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee. And when it rested, he said, Return, O Lord unto the many thousands of Israel."

The journeyings of Israel has been called the march of mysteries. It began with the miracle by which a nation marched passed through a sea of dry land. To march that mighty host of two millions across the sea in a single night, Jehovah must have hewed out a broad path.

The march ended with a miracle; they had to cross the rapid Jordan when it had overflowed its banks with the spring floods; and again the waters were rolled back and they had dry land. The movements of the hosts were ever directed by the pillar of fire, and inspiration deemed it important enough to give the minute details of their marchings.

The preacher then gave a minute account of the tabernacle in all its points; and soaring aloft over all was the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. The Holy Ghost has with equal minuteness described the marching; he then pictured the events of a single day's march.

I have been describing to you not one of the great ethnic movements of the world; it was the march of a nation, but one consecrated as the trustee of the hope of the world. It was the march of the immaculate church itself, from which she would be set again on Mt. Zion to send its light out to the world.

It teaches us three lessons:

1st, interdenominational fellowship; the different denominations but the different squadrons of the church, all with a common purpose marching to the same great end. There is much talk of the "evils" of the divisions of the Protestant denominations; the Lord prays for unity with himself, and that prayer remains uncancelled for nineteen centuries. Once the church had the visible unity, but it was the unity of contraction, and was the imperious ecclesiasticism of Rome; it was a period of intellectual night and spirit death. What the church needs is, in essentials unity, in non-essentials diversity, in all things charity.

Men differ in regard to all secular things; why not in religion? The fault is not with the religion, but with man. Let us remember that we be brethren. 2nd, sectarianism is one thing and denominationalism another; for one we have no apology, for the other no excuse. 3rd, a right individualism; the private Confederate soldier made the General; we do not need more leaders, we need more consecrated homes, more earnest church members. Piety begins in an intensely individual, personal question. To save himself is to save others; he is made a better father, husband, citizen. Convert the individual and you save the race. God's plan is to save from centre to circumference; the new method to save from circumference to centre. By the Lord's method the world will be saved. And God himself in incarnate love will tent with man upon the earth.

He referred to the anniversary of the Westminster Standards; and the formation of the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly. The meeting at Augusta, he said was a gathering of giants. No one mind dominated that assembly. For thirteen days and nights they were engaged

in prayerfully, carefully laying the foundations of the Southern Assembly. The Great Head of the church has signally blessed us, and we live a strong, homogenous Presbyterian body. Let us broaden out our catholicity until it shall embrace the whole family of God, but let us cling tighter and more lovingly to our own branch of the church. It stands for something:

1, A positive written creed, resting on the bed-rock of the word of God.

2, Entire separation of church and State.

3, A male, educated, divinely called and regularly ordained gospel ministry, co-ordinated by an elected and Presbyterially ordained eldership.

We shall always be found close to the base of the pillar of cloud that shall lead us on to victory for God.

The Moderator then called the General Assembly to order, and opened the meeting with prayer.

The roll of commissioners from the different Synods which make up the Assembly was called.

The election of officers was the first business before the convention. The following officers were elected:

Rev. Dr. George T. Goetchins, of Rome, Ga., Moderator.
 Stated clerk, Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Wilson; permanent clerk, Rev. Dr. Robert P. Farris; temporary clerks, Rev. Dr. J. H. Wiggins, of Bonham, Texas; and Rev. Dr. A. R. Cocke, Waynesboro, Va.

PRESTON MEMORIAL WINDOW.

Impressive Ceremonies of the Dedication Yesterday Afternoon.

Sunday afternoon the curtains were drawn aside, and the Preston memorial window with its "vision of St. John, the beloved" shone forth in all its beauty.

Probably the largest crowd that has ever gathered at the historic First Presbyterian church was in attendance. Not only the large main auditorium, but the Sunday school room and the galleries were filled to overflowing, and several hundred were turned away unable to gain admittance to the building.

Mr. Walter W. Watt, who has been so largely instrumental in raising the fund for the memorial, presided over the solemn ceremonies of the occasion.

The choir sang the anthem "Let Not Your Heart be Troubled," after which Rev. Dr. McPheeters, of Columbia, S. C., read as the scripture lesson Rev. 21:1 and Rev. 22; and hymn No. 508, "Lo! What a Glorious Sight Appears," was sung. Rev. Moses D. Hoge, the aged Presbyterian divine of Richmond, Va., offered an impressive prayer. Miss Bonnie Oates sang the superb "I know that my Redeemer Liveth" from Handel's "Messiah."

Messrs. E. V. Finlayson and W. R. Foreman drew aside the curtains that veiled the window; and Mr. W. H. G. Belt, of Baltimore, in an appropriate address, on behalf of the traveling men who were its donors, presented the window to the church.

Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton, pastor of the church, in a fine address, accepted the beautiful memorial. He read the poem "St. John, the Aged," with which Dr. Preston one year ago closed his memorable sermon to traveling men.

The choir sang the anthem "How bright those glorious spirits shine," after which Rev. J. W. Stagg, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, delivered the address, which was in every way worthy of the occasion. "Jerusalem, my happy home," was sung by the choir, and with the benediction the solemn ceremonies of the afternoon were brought to a close.

The window is one of the most beautiful seen here, representing the vision of St. John, the Beloved.

Boyd Appointed Today.

By Telegram to The News.
 WASHINGTON, May 26.—The President today made the following appointments:

Kenneth R. Pendleton, of North Carolina, Collector of Customs for the district of Albemarle.

James Edmund Boyd, of North Carolina, assistant Attorney General of the Department of Justice.

It is Senator McLaurin Now.

Special to The News.
 COLUMBIA, May 26.—Governor Ellerbe today at noon appointed Congressman John Lowndes McLaurin to succeed the late Joseph H. Earle in the United States Senate. His commission was forwarded to him today.

THE NEW THEOLOGY.

DR. SMITH ATTACKS LATTER-DAY THEOLOGICALS.

The Assembly Reduces Amount Asked for Home Missions to \$40,000.—Mass Meeting for Foreign Missions Tonight.

Wednesday the Presbyterian general assembly was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. H. Tucker Graham. Dr. J. C. Mallory offered prayer, and after the reading of the 91st Psalm, Dr. R. P. Farris prayed.

At the opening of the assembly the chairman called the order of the day, which was the report of the Standing Committee on Home Missions, but Dr. Smoot, of Texas, asked that the assembly hear the reading of the report of the committee on Sabbath Schools so that it could be placed on the docket and an hour set for its discussion; there being no objection, the report was read and placed on the docket.

Dr. Mallard, chairman of the committee on Bills and Overtures, read some interesting overtures from various Presbyteries and Synods and these with their answers were placed upon the docket. An overture from the Memphis Presbytery in regard to publishing notices in Sunday newspapers will no doubt call forth some interesting discussion. The committee recommended that the assembly prohibit the handing in of notices to Sunday papers and also papers which are set up on Sunday to be printed Monday.

This committee also recommended that the Anniversary addresses, which have been delivered at this session of the assembly be printed and subscriptions solicited.

The regular order was then proceeded with. Dr. Price read the report of the standing committee on home missions was approved down to the recommendations, which were passed seriatim.

The consideration of the report called forth considerable discussion. Dr. Dabney made a few terse remarks on the recommendation of the report, that the assembly insist upon the observance of September and January as the time for taking collections for home missions. Dr. Dabney said that some of the Synods were going contrary to the ruling, not observing the time mentioned, and that unless stringent measures were adopted, the final result would be the breaking up of the Presbyterian church. He favored the adoption of the recommendation and the urging of the churches to a strict observance of the two months for this purpose.

Short earnest speeches were made by two Texas evangelists and several others.

The committee recommended that the assembly appropriate \$50,000 for home mission work and \$20,000 for ministerial relief. Rev. A. A. Little, of Mecklenburg Presbytery, moved that it be changed to \$40,000. Rev. Guinn, of Virginia, opposed the amendment, saying that he believed it would be suicidal to reduce the amount. Rev. Washburn supported the amendment on the ground that the people east of the Mississippi have suffered several severe reverses and are not able to give as much as formerly. Dr. Craig announced that \$50,000 was asked for last year, but only \$21,000 was raised, and insisted on asking for \$50,000. Mr. Little's amendment was adopted. The remainder of the report went over as unfinished business.

DR. SMITH'S ADDRESS.

At noon today, after a five minutes' recess, the assembly continued the Westminster celebration. Dr. Shearer read hymn 248, and Dr. Egbert W. Smith, of Greensboro, led in prayer. The special order was the address of Dr. Samuel M. Smith, of Columbia, S. C., on "The Westminster Symbols in their Relation to Current Popular Theology." He said one of the marked features of current popular theology is that it is not supported by scripture. Its supporters claim a biblical foundation, but they never give a scripture text to support their statement. The speaker called attention to the "heresy" of Chas. H. Briggs, and said when Briggs spoke of biblical criticism he meant Briggs' criticism, as was evident to anyone reading his writings.

He was very severe in his arraignment of the whole school of modern theology, saying it was "nothing more than 'Pantheism spiritualized.'"

"Nothing more than the pale ghost of Pantheism keeps it from becoming blank Atheism."

The address showed thorough preparation and evinced a great amount of research.

He said in closing that if the modern theologians would prepare a catechism he would furnish them with the first question and answer free of charge, and it would be as follows: "What is the chief end of God?" Answer, "To live and glorify man."

At the close of the address Dr. Mallard offered prayer.

LAST NIGHT'S MASS MEETING.

Presbyterian Assembly Considers its Home Mission Work.

At the afternoon session of the General Assembly yesterday the report of the standing committee on publication was considered. The report called forth considerable discussion but was finally passed.

Dr. Pitzer presented the report in part as follows:

The Presbytery of Winchester further overtures this Assembly for a careful revision of all blanks and the elimination therefrom of everything superfluous, indefinite or obscure. In answer thereto, we recommend: First, That the statistical report remain unchanged. Second, That the systematic beneficence report shall embrace only the following items: Foreign missions, Assembly's home missions, local home missions, colored evangelization, relief and invalid fund education. Third, The Sabbath school reports shall embrace: (a) number of schools; (b) number on rolls; (c) average attendance of officers, teachers and scholars; (d) scholars admitted to communion; (e) contributions of the schools, for your own school and other objects.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That this Assembly hereby emphasize anew the value that it places upon the Shorter Catechism and the catechical mode of instruction, by requesting Dr. G. B. Strickler to furnish a copy of his address for publication, and directs its committee of publication to issue that address in pamphlet form, and expresses its desire that a copy of it may find its way into every home within its bounds."

FOR HOME MISSIONS.

Dr. Robert Price conducted the opening exercises of the missionary mass meeting. Hymn 991 was sung, after which Rev. W. McF. Alexander, of Memphis, Tennessee, offered prayer.

Dr. J. N. Craig, secretary of the home mission committee, made a short statement of the work. He said the committee would be short \$2,000 in meeting its obligations on June 30th, unless the amount was secured before that time.

The speeches were limited to ten minutes each.

The first speaker was Rev. F. D. Hunt, of Southern Florida, followed by Rev. H. H. Newman, of Florida, and Rev. S. G. Wiggins, of Texas. These all told of the imperative needs of their respective fields and urged the assembly to come to their assistance.

The last speaker of the evening was Dr. Moses Hoge, of Richmond, Va., and his address was excellent, and to the point. He spoke on the subject of home missions from a patriotic standpoint.

The collection was taken up and \$150 was secured.

MERIDIAN'S FINE HOTEL BURNED

The Southern, One of the Handsomest Hotels in the South Destroyed.

FRIDAY, May 20.—The Southern hotel, one of the finest blocks of its kind in the South, was burned this morning. The loss will exceed \$150,000. During the fire a panic among the guests ensued. No lives were lost. There was insurance to the amount of \$95,000 on the building.

This hotel was under the management of Mr. Hunter Perkinson, formerly manager of the Buford, of this city. Mr. R. F. Arledge, of Charlotte, was connected with the Southern for some time, during last year. It was regarded by the traveling men as one of the best of Southern hostilities.

DAY WE CELEBRATE.

THE SUCCESSFUL FESTIVITIES OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Events of the Firemen's Races This Morning—Charlotte Won the Hand-Race—Sumter's Hard Luck—Firemen Preparing to go Home.

The time honored custom of making the 20th the most conspicuous of holidays, began at an early hour that morning. The visitors from the nearby towns poured into Charlotte, by sun rise and each incoming train emptied crowds of visitors at the different stations.

Charlotte's neighbors Salisbury, Concord, Statesville, Greensboro, Rock Hill, Chester and all the towns along the Carolina Central road have done well by us; sending us a large percentage of their best citizens to take part in the celebration of the day that is dear to the hearts of our people and a day that the whole state feels a pride in.

The firemen, military and civilians have done their part nobly and Charlotte is proud that she can number them among her visitors. Owing to the lateness of the hour that the Hose Wagon race took place THE NEWS was unable Wednesday afternoon to state the outcome.

The following were the entries and time of each competing team: Entries—Palmetto, Columbia; R E Lee, Greenville; Monagan, Sumter; Greensboro, Greensboro; Delgar, Sumter.

Greensboro, first time, 42 1/2 seconds; Palmetto, second time, 50 2 1/2 seconds; R E Lee failed at plug; Monagan failed to reach minimum water line; The Delgar team failed on account of the hose blowing off at the plug.

The misfortunes of both the Greenville and Sumter teams are regretted by all. Both of these South Carolina towns have good firemen, and they deserve special mention. Charlotte always stretches out a hand of welcome to the South Carolina fire laddies and hopes they will come again.

Tuesday the first interesting event was the hand reel race. The entries and time were as follows:

Entries—Palmetto, of Columbia, Greenville, Charlotte, Anderson, Asheville, Delgar, of Sumter, and the Falcon of Greenville.

Time—Palmetto, 24; Greenville, busted; Delgar, 26; Falcon, 25 1/5.

Charlotte and Columbia tied for first prize, and the Columbia boys, rather than run the tie off conceded the race to Charlotte; the championship of the Carolinas, the flag and the two teams divided the prize money. Each receiving \$50.

The grab race was the next event. The entries were Palmetto, Greensboro, Charlotte, Anderson, Asheville, and Delgar. Time: Palmetto, to hydrant 15 seconds, water 22 1/2; Greensboro, to hydrant 15 2-5, water 21 1/2; Charlotte, to hydrant 15 1-5, water 21 1-5; Anderson, busted; Asheville, to hydrant 14 4-5, water 22 2-5.

The Delgar team, of Sumter, failed at the nozzle. They made the best time to the hydrant, making it in 14 seconds. The hard luck that Sumter played in all through the different events was phenomenal. Their "Masco" must have been left at home and their "Jonah" substituted.

The oldest firemen say that they have never seen such a bad streak of luck as the Sumter boys have played in. Come again boys. You have our well wishes if you are not prize winners.

The military display at the park on Wednesday was a beautiful sight. All of the visiting companies participated.

The military medal, also donated by Mr. Chadwick, will be awarded on tomorrow.

The Seaboard Air Line brought in nine car loads of people from Monroe Thursday A. T. & O. vestibule was crowded to the trucks, and carried a number of extra coaches. The Southern brought in crowds of people on every train from almost every direction, the cars being packed full and overflowing.

President James D. McNeill, of the State firemen's association, is here, attending the firemen's meet. He says the Fayetteville boys are preparing for the largest meeting in the association's history, and the town on the Cape Fear will give the firemen a warm welcome at their meeting the first week in August.