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EPWORTH LEAGUERS.

Bishop Galloway Opened the Conference With An Eloquent Address—A Progress of the Work of the Young People—Other Addresses—The Beginning of Active Work at the First Session.

Central M. E. church was well filled Thursday night at the opening of the meeting of the Epworth League and Sunday School Conference.

After a song service by the excellent choir and a hymn by the entire congregation, Rev. Carroway led in an appropriate prayer. Presiding Elder Scroggs read the 19th Psalm. Mr. H. M. Rarrow sang the solo "Throw Out the Life Line" when the congregation sang with hearty zest the charming chorus.

Elder Scroggs then introduced Bishop Galloway, who seemed all burning with enthusiasm in the work of the assembly.

His theme was "the availability of young life in speeding the triumphs of Christ's kingdom." The speaker possesses many features, a strong voice and abundant energy. His mind seems well expanded with literary culture together with that finish gained by much travel. His memory serves him well and graphic delineation, thrilling passages and sweeping satire come forth in ready and fitting words.

He entertains high hopes of the great work to be accomplished through the zeal and honest work of the young and recited the names of some of the world's most conspicuous characters in church and State whose deeds revolutionized the world while they were yet comparatively young.

He strongly repudiated the theory, now happily passing away, that youth may be neglected till near mature years, then suddenly turned into the ways of righteousness and declared that a child spoiled in the nursery is rarely reclaimed in the sanctuary. He said that better than training the grins of denunciation against youthful waywardness was the guiding and training of them in the work of the church.

The speaker believes firmly in the capacity and fitness of youth for the perception and the inception of religious truth and the practice of a life of Christianity.

For sixty-five minutes this eloquent speaker held the large audience apparently oblivious of all save the stream of thought along which he led his hearers.

Another beautifully rendered song and the benediction closed the service of the evening.

FRIDAY MORNING'S EXERCISES.

The assembly met at 9 o'clock in the order of program, Rev. J. R. Scroggs presiding. Rev. J. H. Page conducted devotional services. Number 6 of the Young People's Hymnal was sung. Rev. Page then read passages of Scripture from Mt. Timothy 2 and from Deut. 11, when Rev. W. H. Willis led in prayer. Rev. Page again read from Acts 5 and was followed in prayer by Rev. J. K. Brooks. No. 11 of the Hymnal was then sung.

Presiding Elder Scroggs then introduced Judge W. J. Montgomery, who gave strangers a good, comprehensive idea of what Concord is and from what she has grown, dating her leap forward in material growth from the time when local options took root and growth.

After acquainting the visitors and

representatives on this line, the speaker delved into history and Scripture and pointed to the marks of decay in our nation which are to be overcome only by the power of the Christian religion and hailed the Epworth League and the Sunday School work. He bid all a hearty welcome to all there is in Concord to add to the happiness of those coming among us.

Rev. J. D. Arnold spoke the welcome of Concord's Methodism, going over the history and the names of the heroes connected with its early days and referred touchingly to the old shell of a church still standing with part of the belfrey still in tact, back of the Central and near the creek. He invited those inclined to stroll to that sacred spot. He enumerated about 1000 Methodist communicants and 862 Sunday School scholars in the fold here all bidding welcome to the guests.

Rev. S. B. Turrentine then responded to the welcome on the part of the Epworth Leaguers and in the 15 minutes allotted for each speaker was very happy in the scope over which the League is extending and will extend its benign influences. He was very happy to accept the cordial welcome of Concord.

Rev. J. W. Jones spoke for the Sunday School representatives. He said it was no longer a doubt that John Wesley had antedated Robert Raikes by 14 years in the organization of the Sunday School work. He thought there was more power in the Sunday School work for raising our nation to the heights that the Divine intended it should occupy than all the presidents and cabinets could do and claimed that to teach the children in the Sunday School class is a work that probably an angel would feel honored and delighted to engage in. The speaker sees in the Sunday School the possibility of the growth of citizens of strong moral integrity, from which vote buying, jury bribing and spurious verdicts may be heard less of and high moral compacts may be evolved. Hymnal No. 15 was then sung, Prof. Fitch Taylor rendering the solo most beautifully.

Elder Scroggs then in some remarks fraught with pleasantry, called Rev. Turrentine to the chair who in turn asked Rev. J. W. Jones to preside instead.

Rev. W. M. Curtis then treated the subject "The Relation of the League to the Missions Movement."

As well as the field was being explored by the different speakers, nearly all of whom touched more or less on this line the speaker found new and rare gems. He was pleased to quote that "The last century was one of prayer, the present one of missions, and that the next will be one of achievements."

Home Mission Work of the Epworth League was then discussed by Prof. Fitch Taylor. With no effort at speech making the speaker related historically the inception, growth, present proportions and needs of the Brevard Mission School in Transylvania county in a way to elicit the keenest interest in that splendid work of which he is the head.

Two stanzas of No. 47 were then sung in that usual hearty way when the present condition of our League work was taken up and ably discussed by Rev. H. M. Blair in place of Rev. W. L. Sherrill, detained at

home on account of sickness in his family.

In the course of his remarks the speaker gave the numbers of Epworthians as follows: In the Northern Church 1,000,000, in the Southern 150,000, in the Western N. C. District, 3,470 with some not numbered.

Rev. Scroggs responded to the call to take the place of Rev. D. Atkins absent, and stoutly maintained that the "League's methods are Methodist." The speaker was in his best vein and did justice to the subject.

Mr. C. H. Ireland, of Greensboro, rose and desired that the good old habit of hand shaking be fully entered into and related his experiences to the amusement of the congregation but to the hearty approval of all and to the great joy of all at the happy results of his persistent mode.

Dr. Brooks rose and said that every church or body had its way of showing approval of the good points made by a speaker and that he wanted the good old Methodist Amen! forever allowed and practiced to which there were almost a roar of Amen.

Appointments etc. were then made and the meeting adjourned with one stanza of hymn No. 182 and benediction by Rev. Brooks.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. John A. Sims is spending the afternoon in Charlotte.

—Mrs. E. C. Register, of Charlotte, is over attending Conference.

—Miss Sallie Whelan, of Shelby, is visiting at the home of Mr. M. V. Hartell, on Mill street.

—Rev. A. K. Pool is spending several days in the city. His many friends are glad to see him.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dick have returned from a short visit to relatives at Greensboro.

—Mr. Booth, of Oxford, spent the day in the city with Mr. Gavan Dugan.

—Mrs. G. L. Barnhart, of Lenoir, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Richmond.

—Mr. O. C. Russell came in from Gaines, S. C., last night and will spend several days in the city.

—Miss Edna Cole is again at her home in this city, having arrived last night from Greensboro Female College.

—Mrs. M. E. Mehahey left this morning for Winston, where she will visit her brother, Rev. W. A. Lutz.

—Miss Maggie Bessent arrived in the city last night, from Salem Female College. She will spend some time here.

—Messrs. Ed. F. Correll and Harry Swink returned to the city last evening. They have been at Gaines and Spartanburg, S. C.

—Rev. J. J. Payseur and Evangelist Edmundson are in Charlotte this afternoon. Mr. Payseur will not return until tomorrow.

—Rev. Patterson, a member of the Presbyterian General Assembly now in session at Charlotte, spent last night in the city, the guest of Mr. R. W. Allison.

—Mrs. E. C. Ransom, who has been spending some time in the city with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Montgomery, returned to her home at Milton today. She was accompanied by her little niece, Shirley Montgomery.

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