

## TEN THOUSAND ATTEND ATTEND S. S. CONVENTION.

Washington Thronged for the Most  
Cosmopolitan Gathering Ever Held  
on Continent.

Unprecedented for its cosmopolitan-ism, unequalled in the magnitude of its constituency, and unsurpassed as a spectacle, the recent World's Sixth Sunday School Convention in Washington, D. C., May 19-24, marks an event in religious history.

President Taft was not alone in expressing amazement over the size and character of the Convention. He looked out over a sea of six thousand faces on the opening night, while outside the Convention Hall a still larger number of persons congregated, unable to enter. Nearly twenty-five hundred of the official delegates wore red ribbon badges with the legend "North America." Some five hundred others wore blue badges bearing the names of more than fifty different nations, as remote as China and South America, Turkey and Australia. In addition to these three thousand official and representative delegates from every State and province in the United States and Canada and from foreign lands, there were about seven thousand unofficial delegates or visitors. Sometimes three and four simultaneous Convention sessions were inadequate to hold the throngs.

It was a spectacular Convention. The great Men's Bible Class Parade on the afternoon of May 20 opened the eyes of Washington to the virility and masculinity of modern religion. In order that some members of Congress might march in the parade, as they did, and that others might witness it, Congress adjourned early on the day of the demonstration. Torrential rains immediately preceded and followed the parade, largely reducing the ranks; nevertheless five thousand men in bannered procession a mile long marched down Pennsylvania Avenue, and were reviewed at the Capitol by a throng of ten thousand persons.

All these marching men belong to the Sunday School, and the thought uppermost in the minds of many of the spectators lined the sidewalks was expressed on one banner, "Where the men lead the boys will follow." A huge mass meeting for men, with ringing speeches by Rev. Dr. Homer C. Stuntz and Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, followed the parade. At the same time two big meetings of women delegates were in session.

Another spectacular feature of the Convention was a great open-air gathering on the east steps of the Capitol when a multitude of people joined in the singing of Christian hymns.

The demonstration accorded President and Mrs. Taft—whom the former introduced to the cheering throng as "the real president"—stirred the nation's Chief Executive greatly. He declared his belief in the fundamental importance of religious training of the youth of the nation through the Sunday School.

The Convention sat with a monster map of the world before its eyes. The official button showed the globe with a red cross superimposed thereupon. Part of each day was given to a "Roll Call of Nations." The ends of the earth came together at Washington.

Strikingly, the note of international peace resounded from session to session; the depth of conviction upon this subject which possessed the delegates made the gathering worthy to rank among the great peace conferences.

On the closing night of the Convention there was a tableau of seventy-five children reproducing the picture which this Convention has made famous: "The Twentieth Century Crusaders." The children of many nations gathered under the Sunday-School flag. At the same time delegates gathered from many lands—Korea, China, India, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Turkey, etc.—gathered on the front of the platform and all sang together to one tune, but each in his own tongue, one of the familiar Christian hymns that is sung the world over.

The statistics of the Convention were presented at this time, the bag of each nation being added to a display stand as the figures from that land was given. The total showing is 27,888,479 members, of whom above 16,000,000 are found in the United States and Canada. This includes 2,500,000 officers and teachers; the number of schools reported being 285,842. All ages from octogenarians and other adults by the million to infants on the cradle roll and in the kindergarten department are now found in the Sunday School. This vast company is scattered over the habitable globe, the increase in non-Christian lands being especially noteworthy.

Reports from Mr. J. F. Cannon, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Long's Sanitarium in Statesville last week, state that he is improving nicely and gradually regaining his strength.

## SON TAKEN FROM FATHER.

Boy Who Had Been Enticed from Home Recovered Here by His Father.

Mr. James Young, of Walnut Cove, spent last night in the city in search of his sixteen-year-old son, Fred Young, who was enticed from his father's home by his uncle, Jim East, formerly a resident of this city and a man of bad reputation, who gave the officers no little trouble during his residence here.

James Young, the father of the boy, married a sister of East, who died several years ago, and since that time he has married again. East has two other brothers living in Stokes county, and it seems that the three are trying to take the boy away from his father's home. East enticed the boy away from home, and the two went to High Point, where he secured work for the boy in one of the furniture factories. On learning that the boy's father was coming to High Point for his son, East brought the boy to Concord, where he secured work for him at the furniture factory, and left him at the home of a cousin to board, telling them if they heard that his father was coming for him to send him to Charlotte.

The father traced the boy from High Point to this city, and came here last night. One of the policemen went to the furniture factory this morning and returned with the boy, who seemed perfectly willing to come back with him when told his father was waiting for him. Mr. James Young, the father of the boy is a man of good appearance and seemed to be greatly distressed on account of his son leaving home. He said that both he and his wife were devoted to the boy and gave him all the care and attention they possibly could and the little fellow always seemed happy and contented when he was at home. The boy could give no reason for his leaving home except he was induced to leave by his uncle. East has returned to his home in Stokes county, and it could not be learned why he enticed the boy away from his home, but it is very evident that the step-mother plays an important part.

Mr. Young and his son returned to their home this morning on No. 36.

## Concord's Cleaning-up.

Charlotte Chronicle.

A cleaning up contest was closed in Concord Saturday night. It was participated in by eighty-five boys. There were two \$25 cash prizes and eleven other cash prizes, ranging from \$10.50 down to \$1, while there were other prizes of watches, rifles and other articles contributed by the merchants, each one of the eighty-five boys getting a reward of some sort. The result of the trash cleaning campaign in Concord was 5,842 barrels, which shows that there was need for the work that was entered upon by the boys. The cleaning-up movement is a good one and should be an institution in every town. There is no doubt of the fact that health conditions in Concord will be improved as a result of the cleaning up contest and the town did well to see that none of the boys went unrewarded.

## Teachers Must Attend Institute.

The approaching teachers' institute must be attended by every teacher who expects to teach next year. This is the law. It reads: "All public school teachers of any county in which such institute is conducted are hereby required to attend the same continuously during its session, unless providently hindered, and failure to attend the biennial institute and school shall debar any teacher so failing to attend continuously from teaching in any of the public schools of the state for a period of one year, or until such teacher shall have attended according to law some county institute and school as herein provided for in some other county."

## Sentence Commuted.

There will be no electrocution in the state prison Friday. Cobb Withers, of Mecklenburg county, was scheduled to die in the electric chair on that date for first degree murder, but Governor Kitchin yesterday, acting on the recommendation of the trial judge, the prosecuting attorney and a number of the jurors, commuted the sentence to life imprisonment on the ground that Withers was tried without having counsel to represent him and that a verdict for second degree murder could not have been criticised had the jury taken that view.

The Davidson College Glee Club and Orchestra will give a concert in Concord Thursday evening of next week. The concert promises to be unusually interesting. Mr. G. H. Cartledge was here yesterday making arrangements for the coming of the Glee Club.

Elder M. Williams will preach in this city at the Primitive Baptist church, Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock, and at New Zion Sunday at 11 a. m.

## MARRIAGE LAST NIGHT.

Rev. Carl E. Allison, of Hot Springs, and Miss Mary Burrage, of Concord.

Miss Mary Burrage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Burrage, and Rev. Carl Reginald Allison, of Hot Springs, were married last night at 8 o'clock at Forest Hill Methodist church. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and lilies and a large number of friends of the young people gathered there to witness the ceremony, the church being unable to accommodate the large number that desired admission.

The sweet strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, rendered by Mr. R. P. Benson, was the signal for the bridal party to enter. First came Messrs. John Burrage and John Scherf, down opposite aisles closely followed by Misses Ruth Gibson and Bessie Utley, the two couples taking their places at the chancel. Misses Gibson and Utley carried beautiful shower bouquets of sweet peas. The groom and his best man, Mr. Frank Petrea, then entered and joined the young couple at the chancel. Next came the bride on the arm of her father, dressed in messaline cashmere, and carrying a very large bouquet of roses and lemon blossoms, being met at the chancel by the groom and escorted to the beautifully decorated arch, where the ceremony was performed by Rev. J. P. Rodgers, a brother-in-law of the bride. During the ceremony Mr. Benson played "Oh Perfect Love" and Mendelssohn's wedding march as a recessional.

The bride is very popular here among her wide circle of friends. She is a prominent church worker, and for several years was organist at the Forest Hill church.

After the marriage a reception was given to the bridal party at the home of Mr. Burrage.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison left this morning for Hendersonville to spend a week after which they will go to their home at Hot Springs, where Mr. Allison is pastor of the Methodist church.

## Miss Mary Archey Married.

The Newton correspondence of today's Charlotte Observer has the following of much interest in Concord:

A marriage of special interest to a large number of friends in Newton, but which has come as rather a surprise to many is that of Mr. A. B. Coon of Newton and Miss Mary Archey of Concord, which took place in Asheville last night at 9 o'clock. Mr. Coon left yesterday on No. 11 for Asheville and Miss Archey went to the same city on the No. 12.

Miss Archey has visited very frequently Mrs. C. Ed Smyre near Newton and it was while on one of these visits that she met her future husband. She is a young lady of much beauty, extremely vivacious and attractive and has formed a host of friends in and around Newton.

Mr. Coon, is originally a Lincoln county man, but for a number of years has made his home in Newton as the trusted book-keeper of the Newton and Clyde cotton mills. The young couple will return to Newton tomorrow.

## Twenty-five Injured in Wreck.

A Norfolk and Southern northbound train was derailed six miles south of Herford Tuesday afternoon and 25 persons injured. Every ear in the train turned turtle, the locomotive only remaining on the track. Baggage W. H. Sanderlin, of Belhaven, and Mrs. E. R. Conger, of Edenton, N. C., were the only ones seriously injured. The injured were rushed on a special train to Norfolk for treatment. The injuries of others were bruises, sprains and slight cuts. Physicians were rushed to the scene.

## Great Damage by the Freeze in Ashe.

Referring to the frost and freeze in Ashe county on the 15th the Jefferson Recorder says:

"The mercury stood 5 degrees below freezing in fair exposure. Half grown cherries were cooked as with fire—apples, peaches, pears and all were killed. Only fruits having special natural protection escaped. We estimate the damage to the crops at not less than \$100,000 in this county."

## Interest in Wrestling Match.

Much interest is taken in this section of North Carolina in the wrestling match between Young Beel, of Atlanta, and Young Nero, of Washington, who will meet on the mat in Salisbury, May 30th. Both athletes are in fine trim, Beel having spent several days there already in training. Many visitors will be in Salisbury for the event. Special invitations have been sent to the press of the State.

In his write-up of the meeting of the Building and Loan Association in Charlotte, Mr. Wade H. Harris, of the Chronicle, has this: From Concord, we saw Mr. J. M. Hendrix, of the Cabarrus County Building and Loan Association, which in accomplishments stands at the top among the associations of the State.

## FINAL PLAN SUBMITTED.

For Consolidation of Lenoir College and Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute.

The following of great interest to Lutherans and all people in this section, is from this morning's correspondence from Hickory of the Charlotte Observer:

In answer to the broad proposition for consolidation of Lenoir College and Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute made last night by the commission of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, the officers of the Tennessee Synod and the committee of the board of trustees of Lenoir College for the morning and drew up the following proposition to be submitted this afternoon to the commission of the North Carolina Synod. It was first submitted to the full board of trustees of Lenoir College which adopted it unanimously and then adjourned sine die:

"Whereas, the interests of the Lutheran Church in North Carolina demand the concentration of all its energy and means to build up and equip a high grade central college, and whereas, the North Carolina Synod has made overtures through a regular appointed commission to the president of our synod and the board of trustees of Lenoir College for the consolidation of the educational interests of the North Carolina Synod and the Tennessee Synod.

"Wherefore, resolved, that we approve of the movement and pledge ourselves to carry this matter by resolution to Synod, upon the following basis:

"1. In order that a distinctively Lutheran college shall be maintained and perpetuated, this consolidated college shall be conducted upon the fundamental principles and constitution of Lenoir College as established and now conducted.

"2. That the North Carolina Synod shall be controlled and operated by on the board of trustees, and half interest in the property of Lenoir College, and be associated with us in the further execution of the original trust.

"3. That in consideration of equal representation on the board of trustees and one-half interest in our property, the North Carolina Synod assumes the payment of one-half of the present indebtedness of Lenoir College, and gives to the Tennessee Synod a half interest and half control in the educational interests of the North Carolina Synod at Mount Pleasant, free of indebtedness and the further moral and financial support of the North Carolina Synod to the consolidated college.

"4. That the consolidated educational property of the two synods shall be controlled and operated by one joint board of trustees.

"W. J. Boger, president; B. D. Wessinger, vice president; B. L. Stroup, secretary; R. A. Yoder, D. D., treasurer, officers of Synod. W. A. Deaton, James F. Deal, John J. George, J. S. Mauney, P. C. Setzer, committee board of trustees."

This proposition in whatever form it leaves the joint conference, is to be submitted to the respective synods for final consideration.

There is a small indebtedness of about \$12,000 on Lenoir College, and under the resolution the North Carolina Synod would assume half of this debt. It is understood that the indebtedness of the North Carolina Synod in its Mount Pleasant property is small and therefore there is nothing burdensome in the terms of the resolution that the Tennessee Synod is to be free from any responsibility for indebtedness at Mount Pleasant.

Lenoir College has a magnificent property with a fine main building whose towering dome overlooks the town. In it are class rooms. There are two up-to-date dormitories, one for boys and one for girls, two stories and spacious. There are professors' houses around the beautifully wooded 20-acre campus. The property is easily worth \$100,000. The old North Carolina College property is estimated by some to be worth \$40,000, but probably \$30,000 would be too liberal an estimate, and at auction it would not bring that.

There is a strong sentiment for consolidation, and both synods seem to be convinced that this is the propitious time for it. If it is effected it may have a far-reaching effect in the work of the Lutheran Church and it is hard to estimate all the possibilities that are wrapped up in it.

It is possible that there may be a called meeting of the North Carolina Synod to consider this proposition. The Tennessee Synod's regular meeting is October 1 at Lincoln, and strangely enough it is to be in the same church where the separation from the North Carolina Synod was effected in the year 1820, and the main thing at this next meeting will be the consolidation proposition—a plan for co-operation that has possibilities of extension in it.

The deacons of the First Presbyterian church will meet tonight at 8 o'clock at the Cabarrus Savings Bank.

## LOCAL AND OTHERWISE.

Rev. J. J. Long, of South Carolina, will preach at St. John's Lutheran church next Sunday morning.

Mr. J. D. Lentz is confined to his bed at his home on Church street. He has been sick for several days.

The infant of Mr. Calvin Garmon died Tuesday night at eight o'clock at Mr. Garmon's home near the Bala mill.

There will be a game of ball Saturday afternoon between the Brown mill team and the North Charlotte team at Brown mill.

Manager L. C. Biles, of the opera house, has made arrangements to get the returns by rounds of the Jeffries-Johnson fight, July 4th.

Mr. Henry C. Parks, of Rockwell, and Miss Martha Elsie Palmer, of New London, were married at the Misenheimer Springs Tuesday afternoon. They left at once for Washington on a bridal tour.

Charlotte Observer: Miss Beatrice Blake is planning to give a house party at her home on East Ninth street some time early next month. She leaves Monday for Davidson to attend commencement. A number of her school girl friends will be her guests.

Dr. R. M. Armstrong, osteopathic physician, of Salisbury, who has been coming to Concord every Thursday and Saturday for sometime, finds that, on account of his practice at Salisbury he will be obliged to discontinue his visits to Concord. This will be his last day.

According to the county records, drunkenness in Rowan county has decreased 65 per cent, since the statewide prohibition law went into effect.

The comet will not set tonight till 11:06 p. m. If there are no clouds it will be a fine sight before the moon rises.

Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Mr. Earl E. Ridenhour to Miss Maggie Evan Phillips, daughter of Mr. John W. Phillips, of Concord, which will take place on Thursday evening, June 16, at half past eight o'clock. The ceremony will be performed at the home of the bride just above the city.

Tuesday's Salisbury Post: Rev. Geo. H. Crowell, formerly of Stanly county, now of Oklahoma City, Okla., spent yesterday in the city on his way to visit his parents near New London. With him were his wife and child. Rev. Mr. Crowell has made good in Oklahoma, during his short stay there of little more than a year, having recently been elected president of the State University of Oklahoma.

## Rooster Acts as Mother to Deserted Chicks.

Mr. C. A. Robinson, who lives in the city and farms in No. 11 township, tells of a singular occurrence at his home. He had a hen with seventeen young chickens, and she deserted them, leaving them without a protector. Being up against it, he put a large domineer rooster in the coop where the hen had been keeping her chicks, and much to his surprise and gratification, the old fellow took charge of the chicks and gathered them under his wings when night came and kept them there. The old fellow is doing the best he can by them and makes strenuous efforts to cluck to them, which art he has not yet been able to acquire.

## Another Case of Smallpox.

Tom Allen, a young negro who works at the Gibson Mill, was discovered Tuesday morning with a well developed case of smallpox. Allen reported for work that morning with eruptions all over his face and hands. He was told see Dr. Wallace and let him examine him. Instead of having a physician to go to see him the negro came all the way down town and went in many places before finding Dr. Wallace. No one knows how many people he came in contact with or what will be the result of his being exposed. His disease was pronounced smallpox and he was immediately sent to the pest house.

## Mr. Widenhouse Candidate for Renomination.

Clerk of Court M. L. Widenhouse has definitely decided that he will again enter the Democratic primaries for renomination for the office he now holds. Mr. Widenhouse has been Clerk of Court for the past four years and has made a capable and efficient officer. He is the only Democrat that now holds a county office. As the Clerk of Court is not elected except every four years, he was not on the ticket last election, when the entire Democratic ticket went down in defeat.

Mr. B. L. Umberger has returned from Hickory, where he was a member of the committee to decide as to the consolidation of Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute and Lenoir College.

Mr. R. L. Keesler, of Charlotte, is spending the day in the city.

## TO SUCCEED MR. ROGERS.

Card of John H. Pearson Announcing His Candidacy for Corporation Commissioner.

To the Democrats of North Carolina: I adopt this method of making known to the Democrats of the State the fact that my name will be presented to the next Democratic State Convention for nomination as Corporation Commissioner to succeed Hon. Samuel L. Rogers, whose term will expire next year.

If chosen by the Convention, which means election at the polls, I propose to serve every citizen of the State, whether natural or artificial. My object will be to promote the welfare and business prosperity of the people of all classes and conditions, while I shall be watchful to protect the people from oppression. The enormous growth of corporation powers and influence in all things political, social, economical and even educational should warn us that the side of safety for public rights lies in the careful selection of public agents who are at least free from obligation to those whose interests are to come before them for adjudication and control. Without intimating that our convention could mistake its man and certainly without disparagement of any possible candidate, I claim for myself to be wholly free from any alliance with those corporations for whose regulation it was the purpose of the statute creating the Corporation Commission.

Mr. H. C. Brown, who has been appointed by Gov. Kitchin to fill the unexpired term of the late Mr. Aycock (since my first announcement in the State papers some two months ago) has stated his intention of being a candidate to succeed himself. Unquestionably the successor of Mr. Rogers should be chosen from the section of the State west of Greensboro, which is the center. I had a former service on the board in 1897 and 1898 and am willing to submit the record I then made in behalf of the shippers and tax payers of the State to the people, as I have lived to see my views and rates urged at that time since endorsed by my party in the shape of State statutes.

## JOHN H. PEARSON.

Morganton, N. C.

## Death of Mrs. L. C. Hubbard.

Rev. T. W. Smith received a telegram Tuesday stating that Mrs. L. C. Hubbard, mother of Mrs. Smith, died this morning. Mrs. Smith received a message yesterday morning saying that her mother was very ill, and she and Miss Sadie Smith left on the morning train for Clinton.

Mrs. Hubbard was 86 years of age, and is survived by seven children: Messrs. L. H. and T. L. Hubbard, of Clinton; W. L. Hubbard, of Virginia; Moseley H. Hubbard, of West Virginia, and C. M. Hubbard, of Fayetteville; Mesdames T. W. Smith, of this city, and J. D. Kerr, of Clinton.

Mrs. Hubbard had several times visited Mrs. Smith here, and had a number of friends in Concord, among whom she was greatly esteemed.

## Suits Against New York Cafe.

The Carolina Bottling Co., H. L. Parks & Co., Gibson Drug Store, G. W. Patterson, A. J. Scott and W. F. Morrison brought suit against James B. Smith, trading as the New York Cafe, for accounts they alleged were due them by the cafe. Smith claimed that he has sold the cafe to the parties who are now operating it and that he was not responsible for the debts. Mr. L. T. Hartsell represented Smith and Mr. W. G. Means the merchants. Squire Pitts rendered a judgment, against Smith for \$100.64, the amount of the accounts. Smith appealed the case to the Superior Court.

## Some Corn.

Mr. J. P. Allison has some corn in his garden that is growing some and then some more. He planted the corn the middle of March and last Saturday he measured some of the stalks. On that day the stalks measured six feet and four inches. Today they measured six feet and ten inches, which is surely growing some. This corn has never been worked with a plow or hoe and at the time it was planted no fertilizer was used.

If Col. Wade H. Harris will come over we will allow him the privilege of climbing one of the stalks so as to get a good look at the comet.

## Eclipse of Moon Monday Night.

Those who sat up late enough Monday night were well repaid by seeing a total eclipse of the moon. The comet in the earlier part of the night had lost interest to gazers as it was hardly large enough to see. The total eclipse began about 12 o'clock, and lasted about two hours. The eclipse was visible all over North America.

Miss Merrie Richardson passed through the city Tuesday afternoon enroute to her home in Mt. Pleasant from Greensboro, where she has been teaching in the graded school, and