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ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE M. P. CHURCH.

Convened With the Henderson Church Yesterday Morning—Will Continue Through Remainder of the Week—Proceedings of Yesterday's Session.

The eighty-sixth annual session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church assembled with the Henderson church yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and will continue through the remainder of the week. The attendance of ministers, delegates and visitors upon this session is unusually good, being about the largest in the history of the conference. Quite a number of prominent men in the Church are here.

A large number of ministers and delegates arrived in the city Tuesday afternoon, and in accordance with previous arrangement a beautiful and interesting welcome service was held at the church that night at which there was a large attendance. The address of welcome on behalf of the Henderson church and the people of the city was delivered by Mr. Andrew J. Harris, a leading member of the local bar, who is also prominent in the councils of the Church.

Mr. Harris, always an interesting and elegant speaker, was at his best on this occasion and his address was generally pronounced as one of the very best of the kind the conference has heard in a long time. It was beautiful in conception and highly appropriate to the occasion, being delivered in his most elegant and impressive style. It was greatly enjoyed by the members of conference and everybody present and at its conclusion was greeted with hearty applause.

The response on behalf of the conference was by Rev. J. A. Burgess, one of the brightest young men in the conference, and although he complained that he had been given no time in which to prepare himself for the occasion, his talk was thoroughly to the point and much enjoyed by everybody. After the benediction, there was a social hour in which all present were invited to take part. This hour was spent in hand shaking, making acquaintances and social conversation.

Conference was called to order yesterday morning at 10 o'clock by the president, Rev. W. E. Swain, D. D., and after the usual opening religious services proceeded to the transaction of the business of the session. The conference roll was called by the secretary and the responses were as numerous as usual at the opening session.

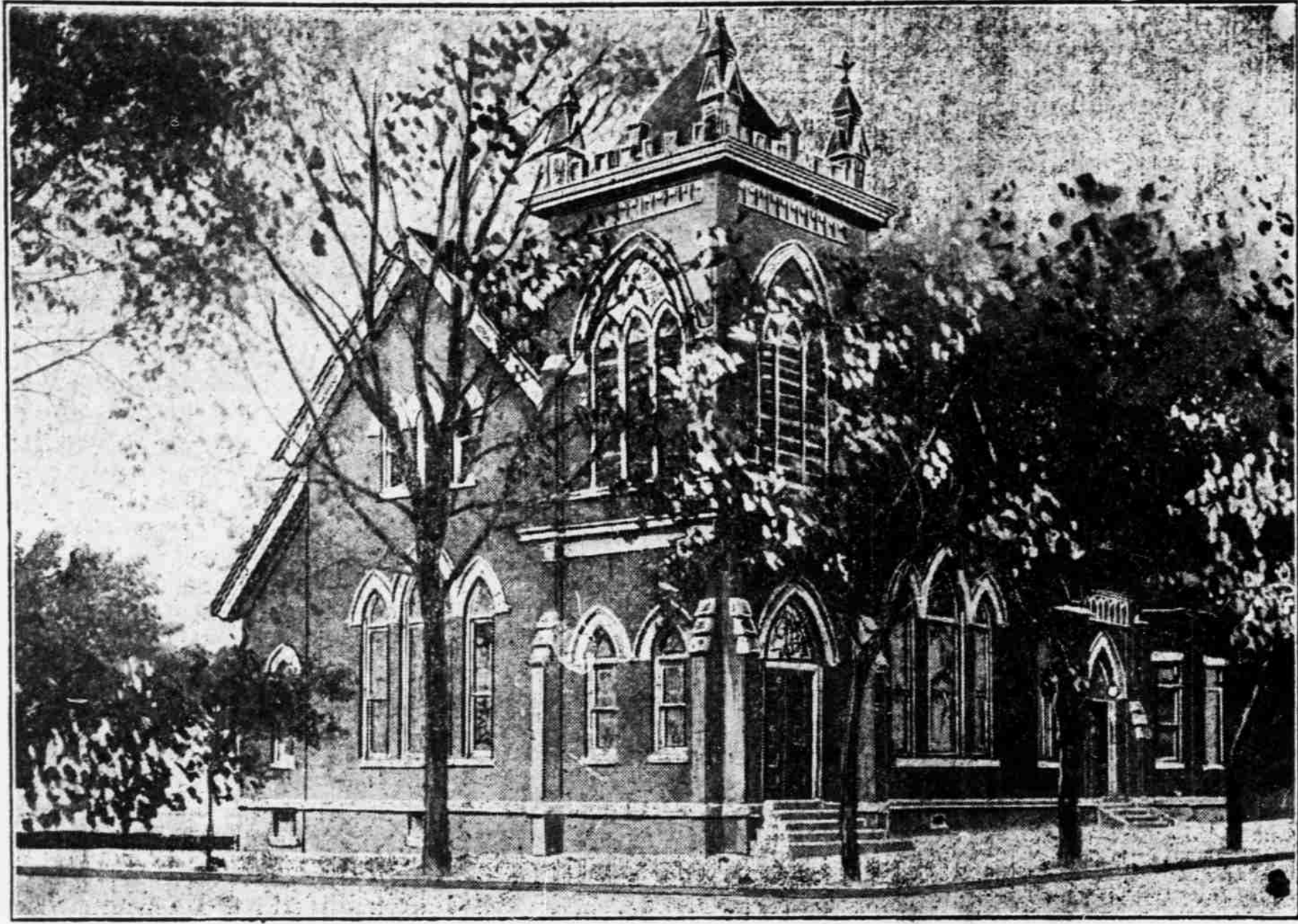
The president then read his annual report, which was listened to with the closest attention and interest. The report showed faithfulness on the part of workers during the past year and quite satisfactory progress along all the various lines of church work. It especially emphasized the great need of more ministers to preach the gospel and carry on the work of the Church. It showed progress in material improvement and increase of pastoral support, and pointed to an encouraging future.

The report was referred to the committee on the president's report. The president's official message was then passed. The various conference committees were announced by the president. It was decided to have the conference sermon preached today at 11 o'clock. Dr. Klein, secretary of the board of foreign missions, was introduced to the conference, after which an adjournment was taken for dinner.

Most of the afternoon session was taken up with the election of officers for the next year. Rev. W. E. Swain, D. D., was re-elected president on the first ballot. Rev. S. W. Taylor was elected secretary. The conference then proceeded to the election of a stationing committee, which is composed of one minister and one layman. Rev. W. E. Swain, D. D., was elected ministerial member of this committee and Mr. A. M. Rankin lay member.

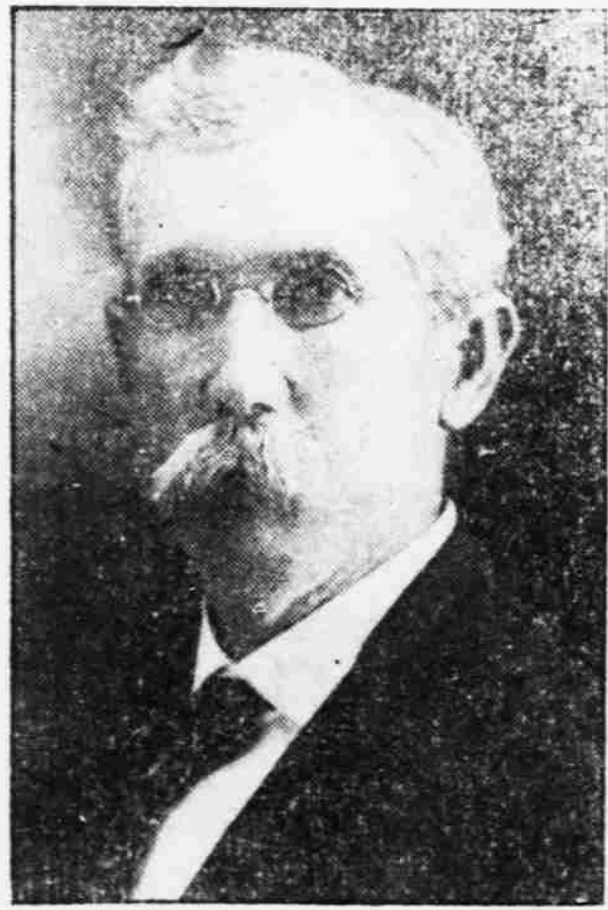
It is the business of this committee to assign the preachers to the various charges in the conference for the next year, and it is therefore one of the most important committees of the conference. This committee consults freely with the ministers and delegates as to their needs and preferences and then locates the preachers at the places during the next year where it believes they can accomplish the greatest good. Of course many important considerations enter into the work of making these appointments. The appointments are read out at the end of conference.

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HENDERSON METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, Where Annual Conference is Being Held.

Protestant Conference is composed of 230 churches scattered throughout a large portion of the State. These churches are valued at \$283,912, and have a membership of 20,000. There are 60 ministers and 33 preachers, unordained men, in and under the direction of this annual conference. It is therefore one of the largest and most important religious bodies in the State.



REV. W. E. SWAIN, D. D., President of Conference.

The body is made up of the ministers and one lay delegate from each pastoral charge, the latter having equal authority with the ministers.

The members of conference and the visitors are being entertained in the various homes of the city, irrespective of denominational lines, with that open handed hospitality for which Henderson has long been noted. The personnel of the body this year is exceptionally fine and it has already made a strong and very favorable impression upon the people of the city.

Special Rates to Richmond.

Leave Henderson on train No. 66 of November 29th or No. 32 of November 30th. These tickets good on sleeper open at Henderson at 9:50 p. m. Rate of \$3.00, Pullman \$1.50. Returning from Richmond at 9:50.

To err is human, but to rub it in that we did is inhuman.

A SANITARY CAMPAIGN.

Vance County Commissioners Provide Necessary Funds to Carry It On.

Vance county is one of the five counties of the State that has provided the necessary funds to have a free dispensary for the free examination for and treatment of hookworm disease since November 1st. At their last regular monthly meeting the county commissioners appropriated a sum of \$50 a week, or so much of that amount as would be necessary for carrying on the work for a term not to exceed six weeks, the State to furnish

a like amount, for the purpose of carrying on a sanitary campaign in the county at the termination of the present small-pox infection in the county.

This work has already been completed in ten other counties of the State in a manner that was highly satisfactory to the people of those counties, and is now in progress in Pitt, Brunswick, Pender, Harnett and Hertford. It is not known just at this time when the campaign in Vance will be begun, as small-pox is still prevalent in several portions of the county. But when it does begin, the people of the county should do all they possibly can to co-operate with those who have charge of it. In this way good results will come of it and it will be worth to the county all it may cost.

Five widely separated points in a county are selected. At each point an available building, usually a public school house, is secured for the dispensary. On advertised days of the week the field physician and his laboratory man spend about six hours at each dispensary. On corresponding days of the five to six subsequent weeks that the county work continues the dispensaries are similarly opened. Thus people in every section of the county are afforded an opportunity weekly for free examination and treatment until the successive treatments needed to effect cures have been received. The people are cured, and the educational work goes on by actual demonstration.

Don't Neglect Your Eyes.

The prudent person does not wait until his or her vision becomes perceptibly weakened before attending to it. Yet some people will persist in believing their eyes to be the exception to the rule; and will never be obliged to wear glasses. Don't take chances with your eyes. Dr. N. Rosenstein, eye specialist of Durham, will be at Henderson Monday, November 27th, stopping at the Massenburg Hotel, for one day only. Come to see him and he will give your eyes a thorough examination and advise you as to their condition. His prices are very moderate, from \$2 up including examination.

NORTH CAROLINA DAY.

December 23rd Set Aside for This Special Observance.

The program of exercises for the observance of North Carolina Day in the public schools of the State is just issued from the State Department of Education. December 22nd is set aside for this special observance by the schools and the booklet embracing the program, readings and studies for the day, is the work of Secretary R. D. W. Connor of the State historical commission. It gives William Gaston's poem, "The Old North State," has an extract from ex-Governor Aycock's brilliant address at the

first North Carolina reunion at Greensboro; an outline for county history to be localized by the schools in the drafting of sketches of the counties in which the schools are located; gives concise and very valuable histories of the origin and names of the counties of the State; a paper on North Carolina and North Carolinians in history, the national song, "America," and lists of all Governors, Chief Justices of the Supreme Court, presiding officers of the General Assembly, members of the continental Congress, United States Senators and Confederate States Senators from North Carolina. Also there are appeals for the largest possible contributions from the school children of the State for the statue to Sir Walter Raleigh that is to be erected in Nash square, Raleigh, as a tribute from the school children or the State.



REV. R. M. ANDREWS, Pastor of Henderson Methodist Protestant Church.

Will be at Henderson Monday, November 27th.

Dr. N. Rosenstein, the eye specialist of Durham, will be at the Massenburg Hotel Monday, November 27th, for the purpose of examining, eyes and fitting glasses. You should have them examined now and glasses fitted. Don't take chances with your eyes. Charges very moderate, as low as \$2 including examination.

THE GOLD LEAF'S GREAT VOTING CONTEST IS NOW IN FULL BLAST.

Contestants Who Work Hardest Will Win the Prizes—5,000 Free Votes Again This Week.

The Gold Leaf's great voting contest is getting real interesting. The result of our effort to increase the circulation of the paper has so far been most gratifying, but a beginning has just been made. Contestants have just gotten down to real work during the past week or so, and from now until the close of the contest things are going to hum.

CONTEST WILL BE A SUCCESS.

It is our desire to make this contest the most successful one ever had in this part of the State and we are going to have just what we want if the contestants will get out and hustle for subscribers. There are hundreds and hundreds of people who desire to subscribe to the Gold Leaf or either renew their subscription and are waiting to see which of the contestants will be the first to ask them for it. Determine to be a winner and work diligently to that end.

The manager of this contest desires to offer his assistance to any of the contestants who need help, and will be glad if any of these contestants will call upon him.

Work constantly and be a winner. Get out and make a systematic, simon pure, all wool and a yard wide, cut, split and dried campaign for subscriptions and you will see your votes grow. Do not hesitate to call on your friends for subscriptions and renewals. Get them to take the Gold Leaf themselves and also send it to their relatives and friends. They will gladly assist you to win one of the valuable prizes offered in this contest.

NO ONE CONTESTANT HAS AN ADVANTAGE.

From a study of the standing of contestants it will be clearly seen that no one contestant has any considerable lead over the other contestants. A few days earnest work might put you in the lead. And it is by no means too late for new contestants to enter. If you have been thinking of entering the contest, take our advice and send in your nomination today. None of the contestants have yet gotten so far ahead that you could not quickly catch up. You now have the chance of a life time to win a prize of which you would always be proud. Don't let the opportunity slip by.

5,000 FREE VOTES.

Most every contestant secured the 5,000 free votes last week, and we have decided to repeat the same offer for this week. Take advantage of this offer to make your votes grow.

THE PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED.

During the past week quite a number of good men have come into the office voluntarily and paid their subscriptions, in almost every instance manifesting a deep interest in the contest and voting for their favorite contestant. This ought to be extremely encouraging to contestants whose votes have thus been swelled. See your friends at once, solicit their subscriptions and ask them to do a little work for you. You may be surprised to see how readily and gladly they will render you any assistance they can in this way.

WRITE TO YOUR FRIENDS.

Several contestants are securing quite a number of subscriptions by writing to their relatives and friends at a distance and soliciting their support. A great many people have in years gone by moved away from the county, and the weekly visits of an up-to-date and wide awake newspaper like the Gold Leaf would be like a long letter "from home" to them every week. One good lady in a distant State sent a large check to one of the contestants to help her win one of the nice prizes. There are those who would just as readily and gladly help you if you would ask them to do so.

A FIRST-CLASS NEWSPAPER.

The recent improvements in the Gold Leaf have had the effect of placing it right in the front ranks of weekly newspapers in the State and it is now so recognized by the press of the State. This makes everybody want it and the subscription list is growing at a remarkably rapid rate. It is no trouble to get subscribers to the Gold Leaf.

PIANO ON DISPLAY.

The first prize, a magnificent Cote piano, is on display at Hughes-Smaw Furniture Company's Store and we invite the inspection of all who are interested in this contest to stop by and try it. Note its beautiful design and sweet tone. The piano has seven and one-third octaves, the keys are made of the best quality of ivory. Panels are hard carved and fall board is of the latest folding pattern. Trimmings are nickel plated throughout. Three pedals including muffler. The case is double veneered in and out and the construction is guaranteed by the maker for a term of ten years. This piano retails in music stores for \$400.

RELATIVE STANDING OF CONTESTANTS TODAY.

BOBBITT.	
Miss Clara Young	59 250
Miss Nettie Allen	6 750
WATKINS.	
Miss Kate Bobbitt	60 750
RIDGEWAY.	
Miss Helen Moore	48 750
HENDERSON.	
Miss Bessie Trotter	4 500
Miss Irene Betts	6 000
Miss Miriam Smaw	57 900
Mrs. J. C. Champion	61 575
HENDERSON R. F. D. NO. 1.	
Miss Ada Daniel	16 500
HENDERSON R. F. D. NO. 3.	
Miss Rosa K. Parham	51 275
Miss Bessie Satterwhite	11 000
HENDERSON R. F. D. NO. 4.	
Miss Ida May Floyd	4 500
KITRELL.	
Miss Florence Stone	47 250
TOWNSVILLE.	
Miss Hazeltine Harris	50 750
DABNEY.	
Miss Ethel Ellington	11 750

The man who breaks himself of a bad habit is never so successful in breaking himself of boasting about it. We have two ears and only one tongue, but the one tongue can generally repeat more than the two ears can possibly hear.