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RED SPRINGS NEWS.

The Elders' and Deacons' Institute began its seventh annual session last Friday at 8 p. m., under very favorable circumstances. The tabernacle is beautifully decorated with our national colors, and a number of nice flags wave in the breeze. The audience was large and has continued to increase in size, enthusiasm and interest, and we feel that by God's grace much permanent good is being accomplished by such spiritual and mental feasts of good things, and such grand, sweet soul-stirring, inspiring music by the large trained choir and select orchestra. The leader of the music is Prof. Frank Blount, who will not only get some glory or fame out of such success, but he seems to be getting a great deal of real satisfaction out of the privilege and opportunity of being so useful in training and leading such a large select choir. The principal performers on the piano are Mrs. D. W. Fox, Miss Mary McKinnon and Miss Zula Elmore, and the performers on the organ are Mrs J. D. Bule, Mrs. Oliver, Miss McGeachy and Miss Annie McRae.

There are a number of fine singers here, but some think Miss Thompson, music teacher, of Sanford, has the finest voice.

The programme has been mainly carried out. Rev. J. M. Rose preached a very able and helpful sermon Friday night on "The Church and Its Authority."

Mr. L. McDonald conducted prayer and praise service Saturday at 9:30.

Rev. H. G. Hill preached an able sermon on "The Unrest of the World." This was an able and practical talk that came right home to the minds and hearts of all present. He spoke over an hour and I took full notes, but your space forbids even an outline of this splendid effort:

The wicked are like the troubled sea when it cannot rest. In the moral and spiritual world we find the unrest of pleasure, of riches, of ignorance, of knowledge, of disease, the unrest of the ungodly, etc. Some of the causes:

1. Primarily, the first cause is physical wants. What shall we eat, what shall we drink and wherewithal shall we be clothed. Toiling in fields, worships, in mines, etc., to drive away hunger and nakedness, But all wants are not natural and real.

2. Social rivalries Families, politicians, etc., trying to rival others of the same rank. Some burn midnight oil, not for satisfying real but artificial wants. This desire to take high rank causes thefts, embezzlement, etc.

3. The next cause is to be found in lawful but excessive desires, as daring speculations, prying into the future, producing discontent. Secret things belong unto the Lord our God.

4. A desire for approbation—a vain desire to win the plaudits of of all mankind.

5. Excessive desire for property—covetousness.

6. A desire for power. Desire to mould or modify peoples views to suit us. This may generate into a false ambition. Much unrest may be traced to improper indulgence of lawful desires.

7. Evil passions indulged—pride, envy, avarice, revenge. This affects bodies of men. Avarice, greed, etc., cause capitalists to combine against labor. The failure the failure of the great Letter wheat deal recently. Thank God it did fail.

8. It sometimes causes laborers to organize and demand excessive wages. It often promotes of anarchy. Want, misery, terrible material and moral wrecks caused by it.

9. A guilty conscience scourges and [illegible] coward. It drives criminals [illegible] crime. The guilty [illegible] fear.

10. The influences of Satan. He constantly adds to the misery and unrest of the world. God allows him to employ the forces of nature as in the case of Job.

10. The judgements of Heaven. God vindicates his law as in the deluge. Spain is now suffering for the evil deeds.

Space forbids mentioning the cures for this unrest. We all know them better than we use them. We need the Holy Spirit's guidance, prayer, consecration and devotion to duty.

After good singing, recess.

Rev. D. N. McLauchlin spoke on "The Unrest of the Church." It was a splendid effort, and was highly appreciated.

That evening Rev. T. B. English delivered an able lecture on "The Bible the word of God." That night there was praise service but a heavy rain prevented preaching

Sunday morning George Warburton conducted prayer and praise service and made a good talk. Rev. M. D. McNeill gave the audience a very interesting talk on consecration.

The Maxton choir, Miss Annie McRae, C. McFadyen, Mrs. Ed McRae, J. S. McRae, Bob Croom and Gus McNair, aided by Prof. Blount and Miss Mary McKinnon, give an excellent rendition of the noted anthem, "Let Mt. Zion Rejoice."

Rev. J. M. Rose preached an able sermon on "A Closer Walk With God," thirty minutes.

Children's sermon at 3:15 p. m. by Rev. D. N. McLauchlin. Excellent and appropriate.

In the absence of Rev. H Craig, Dr. Rose preached again on Personal Responsibility, and I trust much good may result from it.

MONDAY.

Prayer and praise service—M McKeithen.

The New Testament Elder—Rev. W. B. Arrowood.

The Elder of Today—Rev. D. N. McLauchlin.

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Praise service.

Studies in Acts—Rev. Dr. English.

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Praise service. Be Filled With the Spirit—by Dr. Rose.

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