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CONFERENCE TO MEET NEXT YEAR AT HIGH POINT.

The Name of Rev. Mr. Miller, Former Asheville Pastor, is Dropped From Roll.

Statesville, Nov. 11.—Owing to the urgent request of the board of missions for the reduction of districts, it is not at all improbable that the North Wilkesboro and Waynesville districts will yet be absorbed by others, giving the conference only ten districts.

One very important step taken during that session of the conference this morning was the adoption of report No. 1 of the board of education. This report recommended that \$140,000 be raised in the conference the coming year for the cause of education; that a campaign in the interest of education be carried on and that Rev. L. B. Abernathy be appointed conference Secretary of education, and that he direct the educational campaign and raise the money designated, which shall be appropriated in the following manner: Trinity College, \$11,000; Greensboro Female College, \$11,000; Rutherford College, \$25,000; Weaver College, \$25,000; Davenport College, \$25,000; Jefferson school, \$20,000. G. T. Rowe, president of the board of education, read this report.

P. T. Durham presented the report of the committee on the representative church. This report recommended that the conference contribute \$5,000 to this church, and that Rev. W. L. Sherrill be recognized as the special agent of this fund. This report recommended also the second Sunday in March be designated as the day upon which the pastors shall present from their pulpits the interests of this church.

Bishop Hoss conducted the opening devotional service this morning. Bishop Hoss received five young preachers into full connection in the conference at 10:30 o'clock. The following named constitute this class: R. K. Brady, L. W. Collins, A. P. Ratledge, E. P. Staples, and D. R. Proffitt.

The following named undergraduate members of the conference were advanced to the class of the fourth year: G. C. Brinkman, P. H. Brittain, J. O. Erwin, J. A. Fry, T. E. Houck, J. F. Moser, J. H. Robertson, J. A. Womack, E. E. Yates, B. F. Hargett, O. P. Routh, G. A. Stamper, R. A. Taylor and D. C. Ballard.

The name of D. J. Miller was stricken from the roll of the conference. A year ago Mr. Miller was appointed pastor of Bethel church, Asheville. Soon after conference Mr. Miller left his charge under very mysterious circumstances and without explanation and he was lost sight of soon after, the latest information received about him being to the effect that he had gone away from the United States. After these facts had been stated, Bishop Hoss stated that the quickest and best way in which to dispose of a case of this kind is to strike the name of the preacher from the roll of the conference.

On motion D. A. Brinkley, who was admitted on trial in the conference last year, was discontinued. During the past year he was stricken with paralysis and is unable for work.

Question 6 was called and announced that a motion was made that B. A. York and J. A. Snow had been received by transfer into this from the North Carolina conference.

On motion L. E. Stacey was granted the superannuation relation. The joint board of finance submitted its report, showing that the past year this conference has contributed \$9,638.20 to the fund for conference claimants and \$2,933.34 to the fund for the support of the bishops of the church.

The afternoon session was occupied largely with the reading and adoption of reports.

Question 48, "Where shall the next session of the conference be held?" was called, and J. H. Barnhardt, pastor of Washington Street church, High Point, extended a cordial invitation for the conference to meet in that city. No other invitation was extended and that from High Point was accepted unanimously.

Sunday at Conference.

Statesville, Nov. 12.—Sunday at an annual conference is always a great day. The weather today was anything but ideal, but large congregations gathered in all the churches to worship.

A great service at conference is the old Methodist love feast. From the days of John Wesley the love feast has been observed by the Methodists at camp-meetings, log meeting-houses and city churches. Mr. Wesley adopted the love feast from the Moravian brethren. Rev. J. W. Jones, Rev. W. B. Lyda and Rev. F. H. Wood conducted this service. The bread and water were partaken of and then the brethren related their Christian experiences. This was a rich, mellow occasion. The old veterans, after the long Christian fight, told of the triumphs of grace. The young Christian, just entering the golden path, spoke of divine love, and these rich experiences were interspersed with old-time Methodist singing. A love feast marks the crown of the Christian religion on the emotional side, and this is no small part of the religious life.

The interest of the conference entered around the sermon by Bishop E. E. Hoss, D. D., L.L.D. The people expected a great, uplifting sermon, on some great theme of the Gospel and they were not disappointed. The ser-

mons new Broad Street Methodist church was filled to overflowing, the Sunday school auditorium and class rooms being thrown open to accommodate the great congregation. The bishop's theme was "Our Sonship to God," and the text was 1st John 3:2—"Beloved now are we the Sons of God," etc.

At the close of the morning service there was the ordination of elders and deacons. This is a most beautiful and impressive service of the church. Drs. J. C. Rowe, D. Atkins, S. B. Turrentine and F. H. Wood assisted the bishop in the impressive ordination. The following elders were ordained: J. C. Harmon, O. J. Jones, A. C. Swafford, J. F. Starnes, R. A. Taylor, L. D. Thompson, J. W. Williams, C. E. Stedman.

The following deacons were ordained: R. K. Brady, O. W. Collins, J. B. Hornbuckle, E. B. Stabler, R. C. Kirk, T. L. Coble, T. J. Folger, L. T. Hendron, N. S. Osborne, E. B. Williams.

"Beverly of Graustark" Saturday Night.

The theatregoers in the city had the opportunity of witnessing one of the best shows of the season Saturday night when "Beverly of Graustark" was presented at the Opera House, and those who took advantage of the opportunity were greatly pleased with the performance. The show was a great success here with elaborate settings, admirable characters, clever situations and interesting plot. All the parts were well acted and the company enters into the play with a spirit and effectiveness. Miss Dorothy Reding as "Beverly Calhoun" was the star of the attraction and her cleverness made a decided hit from the minute she appeared on the stage. Miss Reding's work seemed to grow in favor with the audience and at times was superb. Robert Lawrence as "Prince Danton" proved that he was in every way capable of holding the lead of the strong cast. Miss Eva Benton as "Aunt Fannie," an old colored mammy, won frequent applause. The whole show is strong in every way and ranks as equal, if not the best of any performance seen here this season.

Only one incident marred the performance and that was some fellow from the gallery, who should have been in a cattle pen, talking to the actors on the stage. This was done on several occasions. If the police would take such toughs to lock up it would add greatly to the pleasure of the audience and certainly make the ladies who attend the shows feel more at ease. Manager Byles has every possible moment of his time taken up when a show is staged and under the lease he is allowed police protection.

Railway in Statesville.

Statesville, Nov. 11.—Mr. Bird S. Coler, the New York capitalist, who is the head of the North Carolina Public Service Corporation, which has for some years operated street cars systems in Greensboro and High Point and recently bought the Salisbury and Concord systems, was in Statesville Thursday afternoon looking over the town with a view to asking for a franchise to operate a street railway in Statesville. Mr. Coler was accompanied by Mr. Clark, also of New York, and the two were driven over all the principal streets of the town and thoroughly investigated its business interests. It is believed that they were favorably impressed and look upon the town as a fine opening for a car system, though no action has been taken. Mr. Coler said he had heard a good deal of Statesville and understood it to be "a good town," and he is now doubtless convinced that what he had heard was true.

It was the former owners of the Salisbury Concord street car system who made application some time ago for a franchise to operate a system here, and now that Mr. Coler has bought out these gentlemen, it is hoped that he will carry out their plans in regard to Statesville and will extend his operations to this town.

Chain of Evidence Against Cambridge Preacher is Incomplete.

Boston, Nov. 12.—Tomorrow, a month, lacking a day, since Avis Linnell was found dead from cyanide of potassium, Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, to whom she had considered herself engaged, will be called in the Supreme Court to the grand jury charge that it was he who furnished her with the fatal poison. The arraignment will be a brief proceeding. Its most immediate result, it is believed, will be the announcement of the date upon which the clergyman will be placed on trial.

Although the police have been quietly at work since the return of the indictment, it is understood that they are still unable to declare certainly the manner in which the poison reached Miss Linnell.

The police say they have learned that the clergyman actually had asked a minister to marry him to Miss Linnell on a date not fixed.

"The Missing Will" a Vitagraph drama is on the programme at the Theatorium today. There's nothing missing in this picture. The will is accounted for, the dishonorable widow foiled, and everybody's cup of happiness is filled. It's a great feature film and one that you can not afford to miss seeing.

CONCORD VERSUS THE MORAL LAW.

Subject of Sermon Preached by Rev. J. Walter Simpson at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Last Evening.

Rev. J. Walter Simpson, pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, preached last night on "Concord versus the Decalogue of Moral Law." The church was well filled with people, a number of whom were members of other churches who went out to hear the forceful young preacher on this subject, it having been previously announced that he would preach on this question.

Mr. Simpson read the 5th chapter of Daniel as the Scripture lesson and took the 27th verse as text: "Tetel, thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting."

Mr. Simpson preached for nearly an hour and held the undivided attention of his audience throughout his discourse. He drew a vivid word picture of Belshazzar and his magnificent palaces and the great feast he gave to his thousand lords and of the drunkenness and rioting of the men and women. "Though this happened thousands of years ago, let us come down to the present, to this church and this people and this city. Men may abuse the church and its ministers and what they do in Concord, but I never saw an honest man that did not believe in the Ten Commandments. The law is all right. What we need in Concord today is men behind the law who will enforce it towards rich and poor alike."

Mr. Simpson then read each of the Ten Commandments and comparing conditions here asked how would Concord like to be weighed in the balances with them. Taking the first one on to the 10th the speaker made comparisons that no doubt made a deep and abiding impression on his hearers. In speaking of the first commandment Mr. Simpson said: "What ever you love most is the God you worship, be it honor, wealth, social position or whatever you love. I know many men and women in Concord who do worship the true God, but there are many men here who worship Baebus as their God. And how they do fight for him. What was all this recent stir in the city about? It was the men defending Baebus."

Here Mr. Simpson related an account of an incident told him by a young man who was arrested for being drunk. When the young man was arrested he was asked by the officer where he got his whiskey and he told the officer that he got it at the same place he did. And next morning, said the speaker, when the young man was about to stand trial the officer put his arm on his shoulder and told him to be a man and not tell where he got it."

In speaking of people bowing down before images Mr. Simpson said that many people were bowing before other images in going to moving picture shows. The young people of this city go by the houses of religious worship on Wednesday night and go to the moving picture shows. It is a test as it shows what they love and what images they are bowing down to.

Mr. Simpson took up the lives of the men who swear, who break the Sabbath, who dishonor their father and mother on through every commandment and asked would they be willing to go into the balance against God's laws. In speaking of the men who use profane language the speaker said that there could be no profane swearers in heaven. "Cursing is a sin and it matters not whether you mean to swear. God has said that he will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. You have heard blasphemy hurled at the ministers of this city on the streets of this city. How would those men weigh in the balance of this law?"

"If parents want their children to grow up and honor them teach them to honor the Sabbath Day and keep it holy."

Continuing on the next commandment, the speaker said: "I don't know a lighter man or a man that weighs less anywhere than a man that dishonors his father or mother."

Mr. Simpson concluded his discourse with a strong appeal to his congregation to so live that they could be weighed in the balances of justice sent down from above. He dismissed his congregation with a short prayer in which he prayed especially for the officers of Concord.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Moser Passes.

Hickory, Nov. 12.—Rev. Dr. J. C. Moser died rather suddenly this afternoon from a stroke of paralysis. He was 62 years of age and had been pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran church here for twenty-five years. He is survived by a widow and four children, three sons and one daughter. He has been in failing health for a number of years and only a year ago had given up the pastorate of his church here. In his death the religious life of this community loses one of its strongest men and Hickory one of her noblest citizens.

Dr. Moser was a brother of Squire T. A. Moser, of No. 8 township, and was well known in this county. He was educated at Mount Pleasant. Squire Moser and Rev. L. D. Miller left this morning for Hickory to attend the funeral.

See the Imp drama "By the House That Jack Built" at the Pastime today.

REVISION OF PSALM BOOK VOTED DOWN BY A. R. P.'S.

Fraternal Delegates of United Church Urges Consolidation.—Other Matters Discussed and Acted Upon.

Troy, Tenn., Nov. 11.—The Associated Reformed Presbyterian synod, in session here, voted down, 55 to 85, the proposition to revise the psalm book.

The synod convened this morning at 9 o'clock and the regular routine of work gone through until 11 o'clock when a strong session was preached by J. S. Moffet, president of Erskine College, Due West, S. C., from Matthew 5:16.

An opportunity was given for the ministers and friends of Dunlap orphanage, located in Tipton county, Tennessee, to contribute to that institution. Over \$350 was raised in a very few minutes.

Probably the most important feature of the day was the address of Dr. Pressley Thompson of Washington, Pa., the fraternal delegates of the United Presbyterian church. Dr. Thompson was very happy in his remarks and the main part of his address was the reason why these two churches, the same in faith, doctrine, blood and traditions, should unite and form one organization. The moderator, Rev. W. V. Lindsey, formerly of Memphis, replied in words well chosen and fit for the occasion. In 1904 the synod voted on this matter and it lacked only four votes of being carried. The United Presbyterian church is very desirous of this union. Dr. Thompson compared the Associated Reformed Presbyterian church to a modest Southern maiden, and said they were going to continue to support her until they won her consent.

White Oak, Ga., was selected as the place of the next meeting, and the Rev. J. H. Pressley, of Statesville, N. C., was chosen moderator.

Miss Cox at Davenport College.

In writing about the music students at Davenport College, at Lehigh, this morning's correspondent of the Charlotte Observer has the following:

"Miss Sara Cox, daughter of R. D. F. Cox, of Concord, is one of the most promising students ever graduated from the musical part of Davenport College. Miss Cox is notably fine in her work of the compositions of the great Franz Liszt, and also of her work and interpretation of the greater compositions of Beethoven. Miss Cox will devote her entire time to the profession of piano."

ANOTHER PARTY OF OHIO FARMERS

Will Visit Eastern Section of North Carolina During the Month of December.

New Bern, Nov. 11.—A few weeks ago the Land and Industrial Department of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company brought a party of Ohio farmers to Eastern North Carolina on a special train and exhibited to them the wonderful progress of this section.

Owing to the fact that just at the time this trip was made there were a large number of those who had intended being among the party detained on account of harvesting their crops.

The visitors were so well pleased with what they saw, especially in and near New Bern, that they gave a very glowing account of their visit when they returned home. Within a few days the railroad officials received a number of inquiries in regard to another similar trip, and after due deliberation of the matter they decided to run another of these special excursion trains from Ohio to Eastern Carolina.

With this idea in view they compiled and issued a profusely illustrated and very attractive 68-page booklet which fully describes the conditions in this section as they really are. These booklets were sent out all over that State to prospective visitors. Plans have been made for the party to leave Cincinnati, O., on Dec. 15th.

Going on to Norfolk they will spend one day there and then traverse the coast section, arriving in New Bern on December 9th. After spending several hours in this city they will go on to Kinston and look over that section. Returning here on the following day the party will disembark and return home at their leisure.

The Norfolk Southern Railway Co. is doing much for Eastern North Carolina, and the people, realizing this, are doing everything possible to assist them.

On the second ballot, in a contest contested by great display of spirit and sentiment, Mrs. Alexander B. White of Tennessee was Saturday elected president general of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, defeating Mrs. Livingstone Rose Schuyler of New York, after Mrs. James B. Grant of Missouri had withdrawn.

Success is merely a matter of luck. If you don't believe it ask any unsuccessful man.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come And Go.

Mr. Robert White, of Spartanburg, spent Sunday here.

Mr. H. G. Gibson spent yesterday in Albemarle with friends.

Mr. L. A. Brown is spending the day in Salisbury on business.

Mr. J. P. Query spent yesterday in Mecklenburg county with relatives.

Mr. E. E. Hendrix left Saturday night for his new home in Miami, Fla.

Mr. A. Frickhoffer, of Birmingham, spent yesterday in the city with friends.

Mrs. E. T. Cannon left this morning for Winston-Salem to visit Mrs. J. B. Douglass.

Mr. C. R. Propst, of Salisbury, spent yesterday here with his brother, Mr. W. F. Propst.

Mr. T. D. Maness has gone to Raleigh to appear before the Supreme Court on Professional business.

Mrs. W. C. Hamrick and Miss Alma Hamrick, who have been visiting Mrs. R. E. Cline, returned this morning to their home in Gaffney, S. C.

Mr. Lewis Heilig, of Spartanburg, is spending the day in the city with friends. Mr. Heilig is one has way to Winston-Salem, where he has accepted a position with the Southern Railway, having resigned his work with the same company in Spartanburg.

In an attempted flight Sunday from Pasadena to Long Beach, officially to end his Atlantic-Pacific journey, Aviator C. P. Rodgers met with the worst mishap of his career, falling with his machine 125 feet into a ploughed field, half way between the two cities and within sight of his destination. Although no bones were broken, Rodgers was rendered unconscious. He was badly shaken, his face scratched and torn, his hands were burned by his motor and he complains of severe pains in his side. His machine was completely wrecked.

B. D. Brown, a policeman was shot through the leg at Hamlet at 11 o'clock tonight by a negro whom he was attempting to arrest, and died shortly afterwards from the wound. The officer was shooting at the fleeing negro when the latter turned and fired the fatal shot. A crowd is searching for him and violence is feared after his capture.

Somehow or other the fellow who knows it all is never the one who wins bets.

The less brains a man has the easier it is for him to lose his head.

TRAIN NO. 37 JUMPS TRACK.

Engineer Kenny, of Thomasville, Instantly Killed This Morning When the Limited Passenger Train Leaves the Track Between Reidsville and Benaja.

Special to The Tribune.

Greensboro, Nov. 13.—Train No. 37 the Southern Railway's limited passenger train between New York and New Orleans was derailed this morning about 20 miles north of Greensboro. Engineer W. A. Kenny, of Thomasville, one of the veteran guardians of the throttle of the Southern's system, was instantly killed. The cause of the accident has not yet been determined.

The accident occurred in a cut. Five cars left the track and turned over against the embankment. None of the passengers were seriously injured. The track was torn up for a distance of about 200 yards. But for the fact that the cars turned over against the embankment it is likely that many lives would have been lost. A list of the passengers has not yet been secured but so far as is known no Concord people were on the train. Mr. Frank M. Caldwell, of the staff of the Charlotte Chronicle, was a passenger, but escaped uninjured.

FROM FOREST HILL.

A Surprise Birthday Supper.—New Pastor at McGill Street Baptist Church.—Personal and Local.

Mr. J. C. Cook was the center of a surprise birthday supper last Friday night. Mrs. Cook had prepared an elegant oyster supper and Messrs. J. A. Fowler and Chas. Widenhouse accompanied the unsuspecting Mr. Cook home to enjoy the supper.

Mr. P. B. Raiford spent Saturday afternoon in Charlotte.

Mr. A. A. Ramsey has accepted the position as second hand in spinning room at Brown mill.

Mr. H. R. Yow, of Gibsonville, has arrived in the city and accepted a position as beamer at Locke mill.

Mr. W. P. Whitley is moving his family today from Harrisburg to Forest Hill.

Messrs. T. P. Moore and Jno Stratford, of Kannapolis, spent Sunday in the city with relatives.

Rev. J. C. Zipperman, of Mount Holly has accepted a call to McGill Street Baptist church and will move to Concord within a few days.

Miss Addie Wood, of Kannapolis, spent Sunday in the city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wood.



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