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In and About the City

MEETING OF NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS

Of the Reformed Church to Be Held at Lower Stone May 5-8.—Historical Sketch.

The ninety-fifth annual sessions of the Classis of North Carolina of the Reformed Church in the United States meets in the Lower Stone Reformed Church, near Rockwell, N. C. May 5-8. The Classis is a delegated body representing 53 congregations of the Reformed Church in North Carolina, grouped in 28 pastoral charges, having a communicant membership of more than 7,000 and a Sunday School membership exceeding 10,000. All the ministers and an elder representing each pastoral charge constitute the Classis.

The Lower Stone Church is a historic church. Services were held in the old "Hickory Church" as early as 1754. The present building (native stone, hence called Lower Stone) was begun in the year 1785. To the right of the south door is the face of a dial chiseled on the face of a smooth blue stone, and on it is this inscription: "Im Yahre Christi 1785. The inscription above this door, written in German is as follows:

"To the glory of God has been built The Church which you here behold By a people who God confers And name themselves after Jesus Christ; Who also are incorporated with Him. And they call themselves 'The Reformed,' 1785, Grace Church. The end."

The church is 40 by 51 feet and 27 feet high at the eaves. There is a gallery surrounding three sides. The old pulpit was designed like a wine-glass, with an overhead sounding-board. That was removed many years ago and a more modern pulpit built in. Above the pulpit is the name of the church, and in bold letters the names of the pastors and the length of their pastorates, beginning with Rev. Samuel Suther, 1768-1785. The 18th pastor is the Rev. James D. Andrew, who began January 1, 1925. This church has given to the ministry of the Reformed Church the following: Peter M. Trexler, D. D.; J. M. Luther Jeryly, Ph.D.; Alen A. Holshouser, M. D. (all deceased) and Henry A. M. Holshouser, Ph.D.; A. Samuel Peeler, and Mrs. Frank L. Fesperman, Missionary in Japan.

Lower Stone Church has been the mother church from which have gone forth her members to build the following churches: Ursinus at Rockwell; Bethany at Crescent; St. Luke's; St. James at Mt. Pleasant; Shiloh at Faith; First, at Salisbury; Boger, and Trinity at Concord.

This year 1925 is the 200th anniversary of the organization of the first congregations which later became the Reformed Church in the United States. These congregations were located in Pennsylvania where the Germans of the Palatinate had settled. The organizer was a layman, John Phillip Boehm, later ordained a minister. The first Synod was organized in 1747 by Rev. Michael Schlatter under the Synod of Holland. The Synod became independent in 1792. Just three years later the old historic Lower Stone Church was built.

The Classis has met in this historic church previously as follows: 1837, Rev. W. C. Rankin, president; 1838, Rev. John Fritchey, president; 1846, Rev. John Lantz, president; 1858, Rev. David Crooks, president; 1865, Rev. Jeremiah Ingold, D. D., president; 1874, Rev. Jacob C. Clapp, D. D., president; 1899, Rev. William A. Long, Ph.D., president.

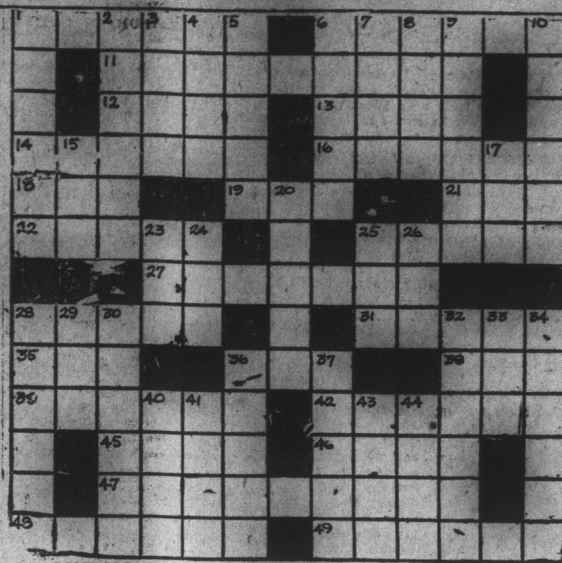
The Classis is the owner and the manager of the Nazareth Orphans' Home at Crescent in Rowan County. The board of managers is elected by the Classis, and makes an annual report to the Classis and receives instructions for the operation of the home. During the past year the home has built a modern dairy barn, and a girl's dormitory. The last building is nearing completion. It will take care of fifty girls and have dining equipment for one hundred children. The home receives its support from the Reformed Church in North Carolina, the Reformed Church in the north and many friends in the Piedmont section of North Carolina.

The Classis owns and controls Catawba president for forty years—a length of useful career at Newton, covering a period of 75 years. During this time 65 ministers were educated for the ministry of the Reformed Church, and many others for useful service in the Church and in the State. Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., was president for forty years—a length of service that few college presidents exceed. Two years ago the board of trustees decided to close the college because of the lack of equipment and limited endowments and a growing deficit in the current expenses. At the same time opportunity was offered to take over a large and new plant in Salisbury that was first planned as a military institute and later as a normal school for girls. This property was taken over for the indebtedness, less than a title of its real value. The Classis took action to open Catawba College in Salisbury as an accredited college. The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States was meeting in Hickory in that year, 1923, and the Synod said, "Catawba College must live."

The Classis put on a canvass for funds for endowment and to date \$136,000 has been subscribed and is being paid in. Salisbury and Rowan County put on a campaign for funds for endowment and buildings and subscribed over \$155,000. In September 1924, Elmer Rhodes Hoke was elected president. He has continued the campaign north, begun by Rev. J. H. Keller, of China Grove, and to date has around \$70,000. By action of the board of trustees the college will open September 14 for the resumption of college work, admitting only the students for the freshmen and sophomore classes. The board of trustees will report to the Classis Wednesday afternoon, May 6 at which time the progress of the work will be reviewed and such action as is necessary to continue the college will be taken. The Classis elects the members of the board of trustees, acts upon the treasurer's report, and makes recommendations to the board.

The opening sermon will be preached by the retiring president, Rev. W. C. Jeryly, of Concord, Tuesday, May 5th at 8 p. m. The Classical communion will follow, also the election of the President. Wednesday night, Rev. E. R. Hoke, Ph.D., president of Catawba College, and Rev. James M. Mullan, D. D., of Baltimore, Md., of the Board of Home

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HORIZONTAL

- 1 Seasoned.
- 6 Hard coverings of nuts.
- 11 Having a tendency to catch the attention.
- 12 Portable home made of canvas.
- 13 Nights.
- 14 Consolidated curd of milk used as food.
- 16 Revokes.
- 18 Age.
- 19 Hastened.
- 21 Unit.
- 22 Amount at which person is appraised with reference to assessment.
- 25 Extra dividend out of accumulated profits.
- 27 Sprinkled.
- 28 Pondered (esp. over a book).
- 31 Portioned.
- 35 English coin.
- 36 Devoured.
- 38 Female deer.
- 39 Sum of the rents.
- 42 Distributes.
- 45 To pierce with horns.
- 46 To fly aloft.
- 47 A rising into view.
- 48 To place again.
- 49 Conveyed a deed.

VERTICAL

- 1 A machine for cutting bread.
- 2 Dormant.
- 3 Largest plant.
- 4 Sea eagles.
- 5 To prevent.
- 6 Strict.
- 7 Home of bees.
- 8 Level.
- 9 A cut.
- 10 Seeing, hearing, feeling, etc.
- 15 Interjection meaning stop.
- 17 African antelope.
- 20 Thoroughly proficient.
- 23 Reverential fear.
- 24 Boy.
- 25 Where one sleeps.
- 26 Lyric song.
- 28 A carrier of luggage.
- 29 Metal in natural state.
- 30 Roves.
- 32 Worshipped.
- 33 Quantity.
- 34 Tried.
- 36 Nimble.
- 37 Relieved.
- 40 Especially large book.
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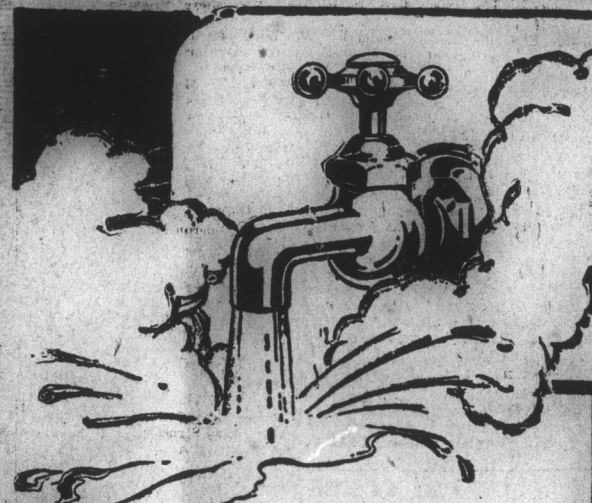
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Missions, will present the cause of education and missions. Thursday night, Rev. Rufus W. Miller, D. D., of Philadelphia, executive secretary of the Publication and Sunday School Board and Elder J. Q. Truhal, of Philadelphia, of the board of foreign missions, will speak.

The business of the Classis will be transacted Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 6-8. Delegates to the General Synod of the Reformed Church which convenes in Philadelphia in 1926

will be elected. The Forward Movement begun in 1920 will have the right of way till the completion of the work in June, 1925. In this movement the Reformed Church in North Carolina oversubscribed their quota, subscribing \$190,000.

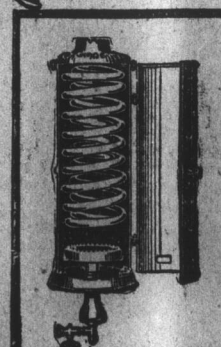
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Road Builders Will Use Many Convicts. Raleigh, N. C., April 30.—The state highway commission will make use of a big force of state convicts for road construction under plans projected at a conference between the commission and Governor McLean yesterday. The commission is already using one force of convicts on construction work at Bat Cave, and others will be put to work soon. Plans are also in the making for the establishment of machinery at the central prison here for the manufacture of cement piping for use by the commission. That will employ a considerable number of prisoners. Between 4,000,000 and 4,500,000 snakes are used annually in Japan for medicinal purposes. More than 200 men make their living by serpent catching in the vicinity of Mount Iouki and Shiga-Ken. Margaret Kramer, noted concert singer, is the first woman to be awarded a doctor's degree by the University of Halle.