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M. E. CONFERENCE AT ELIZABETH

Reports from Various Charges Show Progress—Several Live Subjects Discussed by Live Men.

The Raleigh District Conference met in regular session Wednesday, August 14th, at Elizabeth, Clayton Circuit, Rev. R. B. John, Presiding Elder, in the chair. After devotional exercises, the Presiding Elder requested, Rev. G. B. Starling to call the roll, a large number of preachers and lay delegates responding, which showed a fair attendance at the opening session.

Rev. G. T. Simmons was elected Secretary. The Presiding Elder then called for the reports from the preachers of the various charges. Fine reports were heard from all sections of the District. In these reports the preachers endeavored to show the spiritual and financial condition of their respective charges. The absent preachers sent their reports which were read by the secretary.

The preachers were: Revs. L. B. Jones, Central, Raleigh; G. W. Starling, Brooklyn and Apex; E. M. Spence, Epworth; J. D. Pegram, Cary; G. B. Starling, Clayton; J. H. Shore, Smithfield; F. A. Bishop, Selma; A. L. Ormond, Kenly; A. D. Wilcox, Wakefield Mission; G. T. Simmons, Millbrook; D. B. Parker, Youngsville; N. E. Coltrane, Franklinton; L. S. Massey, Louisburg; H. G. Stamy, Tar River; J. N. Cole, Superintendent Methodist Orphanage; L. L. Nash, Missionary Evangelist, and J. O. Guthrie, Supernumerary. The preachers absent were, Revs. R. F. Bumpass, of Edenton street, Raleigh; C. W. Robinson, Granville; F. M. Shamburger, Oxford Station; W. H. Pucket, Oxford Circuit, and Dr. T. N. Ivey, Editor Raleigh Christian Advocate.

There were thirty-nine lay delegates present which proved to be the largest representation of the laity that has attended this conference in several years.

Rev. G. W. Starling made a statement in regard to the Jenkins Memorial Church. He said that the church was nearly completed and that Mr. Ashley Horne, of Clayton, had lighted the church; yet there were needed fourteen dozen chairs to seat the Sunday School room. These chairs he said would cost something over one hundred dollars. Mr. B. B. Adams, of Four Oaks, responded to this plea by stating that he would assume the obligation to supply these chairs and would "bushwhack" to get the funds. At 11:30 Rev. A. L. Ormond preached the sermon which was highly instructive and well received.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

After the preachers had finished their reports Rev. W. M. Curtis, of Greensboro Female College, addressed the Conference. In the course of his remarks he stated that at present there were applications filed sufficient to fill the college with the exception of about twenty-five and doubtless there would be a larger number than this received before the opening of its Fall term. He made an earnest appeal to the Methodists to help in establishing the so much needed endowment fund. He said that Andrew Carnegie has promised to give to this fund the last \$25,000 of the \$100,000 and that it was necessary now to raise \$41,000 to complete the sum. He said that since the opening of the College under its present management there has been a marked increase each year in attendance until the Fall term would show the institution full and overflowing. He also urged the Methodists to send their daughters to the Greensboro Female College, that it was a most excellent school for their moral and religious training, that its influence is felt all over the State.

Mrs. Mary Davis Allen, president of the Louisburg Female College, was present also and requested Rev. L. S. Massey to present her cause to the Conference. Mr. Massey stated that the Institution had its many advantages and that it was a safe

place to send the girls, that Mrs. Allen was one of the best women living and that they would have the proper care and attention. He also stated that this College, valued at about \$75,000, had been donated to the Methodist Conference by the Dukes.

Mr. J. F. Parker, layman from Selma, made the closing address for the afternoon. His subject was "Preparation for Revival, by Church." He made a fine talk showing the duty of the laity in revivals.

THURSDAY MORNING.

After the devotional exercises and reading of the minutes, the subject "Preparation for Revival" was resumed by Rev. J. H. Shore, who made an able address that was received by both preachers and laymen on its real merit; many expressions of favor were uttered in response to this talk.

"Are we as a District keeping step with the Missionary movement?" This subject was ably discussed by Rev. L. B. Jones who frequently made reference to the chart which exhibited the financial condition of the reports on missions of each district as well as each charge in the district as they appeared the last conference year. He said that the Raleigh District stood head on the sheet but stood at the foot in paying up the assessment last year. He urged that this District should not appear in this manner this year, that the trouble might be eliminated by the stronger charges helping the weaker ones. He was then appointed a committee to keep in touch with the various charges in the Raleigh District and to effect such measures as will ultimately bring the District to the front and cause not only the assessment for missions but all claims ordered by the annual conference to be paid in full.

"How to Educate our people on Missions—Through the Pulpit," by Rev. L. S. Massey. Mr. Massey did not lose any reputation as a speaker when he made this talk. His audience comprised a full house, who were very attentive and appreciative, showing the value of his discourse.

Rev. Harry North, Headmaster of Trinity Park School, presented his school to the conference also in the absence of Dr. Kilgo, represented Trinity College. He exhibited the value of both of these institutions. He said that your boy will be safe at the High School, that he lives with the boys, rooms with them, and eats at the table with them, that their conduct is continually guarded and if their demeanor did not merit their position they would be sent home. The hour arrived for public worship. Rev. Jno. N. Cole preached an unusually fine sermon, his subject being "Child Life."

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. S. E. Mercer, of the Carolina Methodist College, Maxton, exhibited a drawing of the proposed college and stated that the work had begun and funds were needed to complete it; he also said that he would be around for money for this cause and the only way to get rid of him was to pay him or subscribe.

"Our Greatest Need—Teachers" "Training Teachers." This subject was reviewed by Mr. F. L. Eldridge, Organizer and Teacher of the Baraca Class of Edenton Street Sunday School at Raleigh. Mr. Eldridge gave as a remedy the "Teachers Study Circle." He held the three books in his hand which contained the full course and said that these could be obtained from the Methodist Publishing House for one dollar. He urged every Sunday School to establish a class to take up this cause. The Presiding Elder was informed that Miss Flossie Abell, of Smithfield, was present who had taken this course. He asked her as to the length of time required to complete the course; she said ordinarily about nine months. He asked her to stand, that he wished to ask her some questions. She arose and was asked if she did not feel much more competent to teach since completing the course; she said that she certainly did.

Rev. N. E. Coltrane, continuing the topic said that this reminded him of the man that would eat his desert last and if he felt like eating more would do so. He said that Brother Eldridge had fed them on the desert while now they might not be prepared to eat their dinner. When Brother Coltrane had finished it was evident that we had not had all the desert but had feasted heartily on the wholesome repast.

Rev. L. L. Nash made several short talks during the day in the interest of Home Mission Work.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Rev. G. T. Simmons after the devotional exercises made a strong appropriate address on "How to Educate our People on Missions" "Through Literature," who was followed by Mr. W. S. Stevens, teacher of the Bible class, Smithfield Sunday School, using the same subject "Through the Sunday School." We will not comment on this speech but it was so well taken however that on motion it was ordered to be published in the Raleigh Christian Advocate. See the Advocate and read it for yourself.

"Our Home Mission Work," by Rev. A. D. Wilcox. Mr. Wilcox tells us that strong able men should be sent to our Home Mission fields, that there the foundations are laid for the great work that lies before, that more attention should be given to the Home Mission fields, that the strong should help the weak, that the able preachers from the well supported charges should assist the mission preachers in their work, (we will here state that Mr. Wilcox, in this, his first year with the Methodist Conference, was sent to Wakefield Mission, a comparatively new field and his report shows more progress made than on any other work of the District. This is evidence in the support of his theory as to the sending of able men to the Home Mission fields.)

Rev. J. D. Pegram made a logical address on "The Relation of Scriptural Giving to Spiritual Life." It is needless to state the kind of a speech we heard. When Bro. Pegram makes it we know that it is good and from the heart.

Resolutions were offered extending hearty appreciation to the people of Elizabeth for their generous entertainment. Everybody voted by standing and the way they rose and stood showed that they meant it and wanted to make it stronger.

The next place of meeting will be Franklinton.

The delegates to the Annual Conference are: W. D. Avera, L. B. Turner, F. B. McKinnis and W. J. Young. Alternates, B. B. Adams and J. P. Hunt. Those who failed to attend this Conference missed a treat. Nothing but the kindest words were spoken by all who attended. The courtesies shown by the members of Elizabeth and the friends who are not members will long be remembered by those in attendance.

Farmers Convention Next Week.

The North Carolina State Farmers Convention will meet in Raleigh next Wednesday for a three days' session. Many prominent speakers will be present and every farmer who can attend should do so.

Early Friday at Chicago a two story boarding house collapsed, killing five people and injuring eleven.

The Charming Woman

is not necessarily one of perfect form and features. Many a plain woman who could never serve as an artist's model, possesses those rare qualities that all the world admires: neatness, clear eyes, clean smooth skin and that sprightliness of step and action that accompany good health. A physically weak woman is never attractive, not even to herself. Electric Bitters restore weak women, give strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, beautiful complexion. Guaranteed at Hood Bros., Druggists 50 cents.

Benson News.

Business took C. A. Daniels to Raleigh, Monday.

Hebrew Creech, of Rocky Mount is visiting his mother.

J. T. Holmes' horse died almost suddenly a few days ago.

Miss Pauline Wade, of Dunn, is the guest of Mrs. Dr. Moore.

Miss Rena Bingham, of Smithfield is visiting at the home of C. L. Johnson.

F. H. Brooks, Attorney, of Smithfield read business signs in this burg Tuesday.

Pat Moore, of Wilson, has returned home after a few days here with friends.

Monday was a busy day in town—three trials, and court in session till after dark.

Elder is no object in Benson. No, it is not here, nor nearer than Lucas, Brooklyn.

A new well has been sunk and pump put down at corner of C. T. Johnson's store on Main street.

Mrs. Margaret Pool, of Smithfield returned to her home Saturday, after spending a few days with relatives here and in the community.

Dogs are killing geese as well as sheep in parts of Banner Township, but not a dog has been killed since Daniel Hill quit the business.

Three men were seen having a good time with a quart bottle just after leaving town Wednesday. There must be a "tiger" here somewhere.

Revival services, conducted by Rev. Mr. Daniel, the pastor, assisted by Rev. J. H. Shore, of Smithfield, are in progress at the Methodist church this week.

Benson Graded school will open September 2nd, with Prof. L. T. Royal, of Fayetteville, principal. He will be assisted by Miss Jennie Baucum, of Red Springs, Miss Meta F. Williams, of Beasley, and Miss Lillian Markham, of Willow Springs. This will be Miss Baucum's third year with the school.

The man has not yet been born nor is there time for him to be, who can guess what will be the next thing coming through our country in the name of religion. The latest to pay us a visit was a trio of colored people, who had found out the truth at last, and were hastening to enlighten the world. Evidently they had not sent on any John to prepare the way—they drew no multitude.

What might have been a bloody affray near here Saturday was prevented "just in time," by Kelly Terry, colored, putting his long legs in such rapid action toward home that his pursuers, a bunch also of Ham's tribe, gave up the chase. Terry was accosted by Clarence Lee and Addison Ingram for running his lip more than the law and their righteous indignation would any longer submit to. However he made his denial positive and emphatic and his head and hide safe as above.

Benson is proud of its fire company and equipments for subduing flame. Monday morning it was called into real business-like service and more than fully met our most sanguine expectations. When the alarm was sent in from the turpentine distillery black smoke was fast obscuring the sky, but so rapid were the boys in their movements that soon the fire was under control. A large lot of turpentine, considerable resin, several barrels of spirits and a gasoline tank were saved—more than enough perhaps to pay for the fire engine. No insurance.

"When tomorrow's sun shall sink below the western horizon, gilding the clouds in colors of gold—then and not until then, shall we, nor any one of us, the loyal, the stalwart and the faithful, falter or hesitate till we stop to take one long breath of relief and hear the result of our good work proclaimed by our eminent chief at the box—'wet, wet once more.'" This is the supposed concluding sentence of a speech made over the sample packages of dispensary sent on in advance, the night before election. But it lacked several votes of being as wet as he wanted.

Benson, August 21.

Clayton News.

Misses Vallie and Mina, and Mr. Arthur Blanchard are visitors here.

Mrs. Ashley Horne and Miss Swannanoa have returned from a trip to the Jamestown exposition.

Mr. Wayne Cole, of Maxton, and Mr. Hubert Breeze, of Nelson, spent Sunday here, guests at the home of Mr. M. G. Gulley.

The brick work at the Liberty Cotton Mill is going on now nicely. We shall be mighty glad to see it completed and at work.

Mr. L. H. Yarborough and Mrs. J. E. Page left Wednesday afternoon for Baltimore to visit Mr. Page who is in the hospital there.

Messrs. Rufin Richardson and Mallie Todd of Wendell came today to attend the Creech-Gulley marriage which is to be celebrated in the Baptist church tonight.

There's still some old cotton being marketed on the streets here. Last week there were several bales here and one man brought three this week in one day.

Clayton is still getting the right amount of water-melons. Our farmers are certainly up with the times. Diversified crops is the secret of the success of the farmers of Clayton township.

Mr. R. H. Gower brought us some samples from his first kiln of brick, and we are of the opinion that they are mighty fine brick. Samples can be seen at Gulley & Gulley's store.

Clayton continues to spread. The latest and furthest from the regular business portion of town, is a new store on Mr. E. B. McCullers' Liberty place, owned and run by Mr. John R. Jones.

Capt. J. D. Taylor, a powerful evangelist is holding services at the Baptist church. Capt. Taylor is a strong preacher and is thoroughly familiar with the Scriptures. Large crowds have attended each meeting many coming from Raleigh and other points to hear him.

We are glad to announce that the Primitive Baptist Association will be held with the Clayton church this time. We are informed that the meeting begins on Friday, September 27, and lasts through Sunday. Large crowds are expected and our people are prepared to take thorough care of all who attend.

We notice that some of the strongest papers in Wilmington speak in the highest terms of the speech of Hon. Ashley Horne, (our next Governor) made before the furniture dealers association in that town recently. If the entire state knew Mr. Horne as we people in Clayton do, his nomination would already be assured.

Mr. Hal O. Ellis has opened a beef market in the store formerly occupied by Mr. Beckwith Parish. Mr. Ellis now has two beef markets and is always on the market for nice cattle. Mr. Parish has moved to the Tomlinson store on his beef market, is carrying a good stock of staple and fancy groceries.

We should be glad if some one would write up the business enterprises of Clayton and get it published in THE HERALD. There's more copies of THE HERALD read by people who trade in Clayton than any paper in our knowledge. If THE HERALD will kindly consent to print a write-up, we think some of our people will gladly give it to you straight.

August 21st. YELIR.

Long Live The King!

is the popular cry throughout European countries; while in America, the cry of the present day is "Long live Dr. King's New Discovery, King of Throat and Lung Remedies!" of which Mrs. Julia Ryder Paine, Truro, Mass., says: "It never fails to give immediate relief and to quickly cure a cough or cold." Mrs. Paine's opinion is shared by a majority of the inhabitants of this country. New Discovery cures weak lungs and sore throats after all other remedies have failed; and for coughs and colds it's the only sure cure. Guaranteed by Hood Bros. Druggists. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Polenta News.

We hear that a series of meetings will begin at Elizabeth next Monday.

Mr. J. H. Yelvington's little child, we are sorry to chronicle, is quite sick.

Miss Mary Sanders, of Smithfield, was visiting friends in this section last week.

Miss Mina Johnson will return to the Normal in Greensboro the 1st of September.

Preaching at Oakland Sunday morning and afternoon by the pastor Rev. Mr. Souders.

We had the hardest rain ever known in this section Sunday evening. It did considerable damage to crops.

Miss Eva Yelvington and Miss Mina Johnson both returned from a delightful visit to Smithfield last Saturday.

Miss Maud Stallings, a charming young lady from the Mt. Moriah section, Wake county, is a visit to Miss Annie Myatt.

Mr. J. W. Myatt, and sons James, John and Walter attended the Exposition at Jamestown last week. They report a delightful trip.

Dr. E. N. Booker and daughter Lena, Miss Lillie Young and Mr. Jno. Sanders are at Jamestown this week taking in the sights at the Exposition.

The little niece of Mr. H. Woodall, on a visit to him from Durham, who has been quite sick with sore throat, is, we are glad to report much better.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Mr. Louis Martin which sad event occurred at Wilson Thursday of last week. He was born and raised in this section and was highly respected by our people. He left us several years ago and made Wilson his permanent home. Two years ago he contracted consumption and gradually grew worse until death claimed him as a victim, as above indicated. We mourn with the bereaved.

The District Conference at Elizabeth last week was largely attended both by visiting delegates and the people for many miles around the church. Reports from the different churches of the conference were of an encouraging nature, going to show that the cause is on the up grade. The speeches made were of a high order and in excellent taste. The visiting brethren expressed themselves as delighted with the manner in which they were entertained by the good people of the Elizabeth section. They certainly were royally treated.

The revival at Shiloh closed Sunday. Rev. Mr. Pierce, of Southampton county, Va., did the preaching, and it is not too much to say his sermons were the best we ever heard. Spiritually minded, eloquent, persuasive, he appealed to the Christians to live purer lives and urged sinners to repent of their sins and enlist in God's service. His knowledge of the teaching of the Bible, his earnestness in the presentation of its teachings, make him a great power in the pulpit, indeed he is one of the most gifted preachers we ever listened to. As a result of the meeting seven souls made a profession of religion, four of whom were baptized into Shiloh church at Banks Bridge Sunday morning.

August 21. TYP.

The conflagration of Old Orchard Beach, Me., on Thursday night resulted in the death of two persons, five were injured, 17 hotels were burned, and 60 cottages and 20 other buildings destroyed; loss \$800,000, with only \$150,000 insurance.

The plant of the Cumberland (Md.) Steel Company was burned Sunday, causing \$350,000 loss.

A Wonderful Happening.

Port Byron, N. Y., has witnessed one of the most remarkable cures of healing ever recorded. Amos F. King, of that place says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured a sore on my leg with which I had suffered over 80 years. I am now eighty-five." Guaranteed to cure all sores by Hood Bros., Druggists 25c.