

FIRST SESSION BIBLE CONFERENCE CAME TO CLOSE SUNDAY NIGHT

**Stirring Addresses Thrill Audience Again
and Again. To be an Annual Affair**

Elizabeth City's big bible conference came to its close on last Sunday night with a magnificent address by Dr. W. L. Potat of Wake Forest College. This was the last in a series of stirring speeches that people of Elizabeth City have been enabled to hear during the first annual session of North Eastern North Carolina's Bible Conference.

The crowds which previously had not been so large as might have been wished for, especially during the day sessions, overflowed the First Baptist Church auditorium yesterday and many had to find seats in the annex. At the same time Dr. Bryan was speaking at Blackwell Memorial Church to a crowded house and Dr. Vann had a large congregation at the First Methodist Church. Had it not been for the presence of these distinguished speakers in other pulpits in the city, no doubt the crowd at the First Baptist Church would have been larger.

During the afternoon session Sunday the church was comfortably filled and again Sunday night the annex had to be opened for the overflow of listeners from the auditorium.

Owing to the number of days the conference was in session the ADVANCE was not able to have a reporter on hand throughout the entire Conference; but Bob Peele who was one of the Conference speakers was present most of the session. He writes the following account of the meeting for this paper.

I have been asked to give my impressions of the Bible Conference in your city at the First Baptist Church.

Looking at it as a whole my first impression is inexpressible. It was a veritable Niagara of Inspiration. To change the figure it was a spiritual cyclone. Brain and heart were distinctly in evidence. How could it be otherwise when Johnson, Vann, Bryan, Cree, Broughton, Henderson and Potat were there as chief speakers, and some others of perhaps equal weight.

The Conference started off well in the address of Dr. Perryman. I was not so fortunate as to hear the address; but I heard much of it from those who did hear it. It gave the Conference an appetite for what was to follow.

Pastor-Evangelist Phillips delivered a spirited and spiritual address of evangelism, basing his remarks on Christ's conversation with the woman at the well. Phillips is a bundle of intensity, diligent in the King's business with a fervent heart.

T. J. Henderson spoke on the investment of manhood in church enterprises. He is the embodiment of his theme. He impresses you as a man right and every inch a man. He inspires you before he speaks, and then more than meets your expectations.

Theo. B. Davis made a model address on the Bible plan of church finances.

Foreign missions came in for a large share in the life of the Conference. Dr. C. J. Thompson and R. T. Bryan were the speakers. Next to seeing China is hearing Dr. Bryan speak. He makes the great republic live and throb with life and attractiveness before one's eyes. The hearer is in thorough sympathy and seems

to see this great missionary evangelizing the mighty United States of the East.

Home Missions was ably represented by Dr. Arch Cree. He is the right man in the right place.

State Missions was taken care of by Dr. Livingston Johnson, and it could not have fallen into abler hands.

The Conference reached its highest point of interest to me in the discussion of Education by Doctors Highsmith, Vann and Potat. Highsmith spoke for the same efficiency and system in our Sunday School as in our day schools; and he urged strongly the need of trained teachers, graded pupils, and time sufficient in which to teach the lesson. Dr. Vann spoke of Christian education of women as investment. Dr. Potat thrilled his audience Sunday night with a plea for the Christian of the day to enter the lists in the Master's cause. Time and again he flung his challenge to the young men to forsake selfish pursuit that must end in disappointment and to enlist in the great army for the emancipation of the world, ringing the changes with telling effect on the New Testament phrase: "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand."

I have not given a complete account of the Conference; and there are some great speeches that I have not mentioned because I did not hear them. But I was present during the most of the sessions of the Conference and I have mentioned the things that impressed me.

The Conference was a great success and Dr. Reed and the First Church and all concerned are to be congratulated. Visitors will long remember the hospitality extended them and especially will they not soon forget the good fellowship of the reception tendered them on Saturday, from five to seven o'clock.

ROBERT E. PEELE

WILL BUILD CHURCH IN CHINA

A most interesting service was held last Sunday at Blackwell Memorial Church, when the congregation was addressed by Dr. R. T. Bryan, returned missionary from China.

A motion was made that on next Sunday morning the matter of building a six thousand dollar church at Yangchow, China, be taken up—a motion made in response to a challenge by Dr. Bryan to the church to take up this work.

As Mr. E. F. Aydtlett has already pledged one fourth of the amount to be raised if the project is successful, and as another member will give a tenth of the amount required, it is believed that the plan will go through with no great difficulty.

Easter music was repeated by the choir of this church last Sunday, the rendering gaining rather than losing in effectiveness by the repetition.

SERMON TO JUNIOR ORDER

Rev. J. H. Buffalo, pastor of City Road Methodist Church, will preach a special sermon to the Junior Order on Sunday night, April 13th, 1913.

A Word In Good Season

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There is absolutely no advantage in sending out a paper to any one who does not want it and who does not expect to pay for it. This paper has got too big a list of bona fide subscribers to need any dead heads to increase its circulation. We take delight in taking off of our list the name of

any who will let us know that they do not care for the paper. Indeed, we have given one or two paid in advance subscribers who claimed themselves dissatisfied their money back rather than send out a paper that would not find its way to friendly hands.

If you have any fault to find with the ADVANCE or with its editor write us about or come to our office and tell us about it. We will receive you courteously and adjust your trouble satisfactorily—even if it costs us two dollars to do it. But this is a matter between you and the ADVANCE. Come to us and settle it like a man! It is not manly to talk about us behind our back.

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If you can not remember to refuse the paper when it comes to your address, write us about it; or stop in this office and see us about it. You will find us ready to adjust the matter to your satisfaction. The editor of this paper believes in a square deal. No one who knows him would accuse him of wanting that which is not his own. Criticism that is harsh comes from those who have not taken the trouble to get acquainted with him, or from one whose dishonesty he has unmasked.

Yours very truly,
HERBERT PEELE

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The program for the North Carolina Sunday School Association to be held in Greensboro April 22-24, is nearing completion, and promises to be one of much interest and helpfulness.

Three speakers of international reputation have been booked for this convention in addition to the splendid array of home talent to be used.

A large, new warehouse with a seating capacity of three thousand and has been secured for the regular sessions and a large platform will be built to seat a chorus choir of three hundred voices.

Messrs. Tullar and Meredith, the well-known music composers and publishers of New York City will have charge of the music, which insures life to this department.

Who are the delegates? The counties can send two delegates for each township in the county, though they do not need to be elected by townships, but can come from any part of the county that seems most convenient.

Each Sunday School of all denominations can send two delegates. They can be pastors and superintendents, or two others volunteering, elected, or appointed, and should more desire to come from larger schools they will be taken care of as long as there is room.

Colleges and High Schools can send two for every fifty students. All who expect to attend should send their names to the North Carolina Sunday School Association, or to C. C. McLean, chairman of Committee on Entertainment, Greensboro, N. C., that homes may be provided as early as possible.

As a specialty is to be made of the secondary Division, there should be a number of delegates sent from classes of teen ages, so send some bright boys and girls.

HERTFORD HAPPENINGS

Hertford, N. C., March 29th—There was a play presented here at the auditorium of the Hertford Graded School, on Monday night "A Spoiled Darling" for the benefit of St. Catherine's Guild. There was a large and appreciative audience present, and the neat sum of seventy-two dollars was collected.

A crowd of young people had a delightful picnic Monday at Mr. Ned Winslow's farm. There were eight couples and two chaperons in the crowd. Misses Adelaide White and Fannie Newbold were the chaperons.

The crowd left early, in the morning and spent the entire day at the river shore on the Winslow farm. Everyone reported a glorious time.

Miss Fushia Marshbanks chaperoned the seventh grade on a picnic Tuesday afternoon. Miss Lina Barber and Mr. Phillips also accompanied the crowd. They went to Mr. Seymour Chapel's farm near here. They hunted eggs and played games. Evelyn Skinner got the prize for finding the painted egg.

The young folks came back with faces smiling and happy.

The young girls club was entertained Friday night by Miss Mildred Edwards.

Court was held here this week, Judge Whidbee presiding.

REVIVAL SERVICES

Revival services began at the First Baptist Church yesterday with services at the church morning and evening and with a special service for men at the Gaiety theatre, held at noon. All are invited to these services.

MEETS TO-NIGHT

The Young Woman's Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church meets to-night at 7:30. A full attendance is urged by the leaders.

MR. NICHOLSON DIED SUNDAY

Mr. Josiah Nicholson of Belvidere died at his home there on Sunday night quite suddenly of heart failure.

Mr. Nicholson was 82 years old a unique Quaker character, and a man held in high esteem.

He is to be buried this afternoon at three o'clock, the service being conducted by the "Friends" at their usual burying ground.

Mr. Nicholson is survived by three children, one son and two daughters. The son is Mr. F. H. Nicholson of Tarboro and the daughters are Mrs. A. F. Riddick of Belvidere and Mrs. Walter Price of High Point.

THE CURRITUCK AND CAMDEN UNION

South Mills, N. C., March 31—This Union met with the Ebenezer Baptist Church at South Mills last week. The meeting was well attended on the first day but the second day saw a record breaking crowd. The air seemed to be charged with the Spirit of the Lord from the first. Rev. N. P. Stallings preached the sermon, and it was one of power and struck a high tone for all the discussions that followed. In fact, every speech that was pronounced as being of a high order. Saturday, Dr. R. T. Bryan who for twenty-seven years has been in the heart of China, was here, and for an hour or more he held the large audience spell bound with a recital of the wonderful things that are being done in China. That afternoon Mrs. Bryan met with the Ladies in the Methodist Episcopal Church and they had a great meeting. The whole meeting was one which the people all rejoiced in the Lord for the mighty works that He is doing for the Salvation of man unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Sunday was the most spiritual service of all the days, and with the close of the Union it was conceded that the best meeting in its history had just come to a close.

The people of South Mills did themselves proud in entertaining the Union. It was a great meeting and all left it happy.

The next Union goes to Manteo.

BRIDE-GROOM 80 YEARS OLD

Mr. David Hall, aged 80 years and Miss Mollie Holt, aged 50 years, both residents of Perquimans county, were married here last Friday by Rev. E. F. Sawyer in the office of Register of Deeds, J. W. Munden.

PETERSON—TERPENING

Mr. J. C. Peterson and Mrs. Cottie C. Terpening both of Nags Head were married by Rev. J. H. Buffalo in the parlors of the European hotel last Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. Mr. Peterson is known as the "Mayor of Nags Head" among the summer visitors at this popular resort and he is greatly esteemed by them. There were quite a number of prominent people of the town who witnessed the ceremony.

Mr. Peterson was sixty-three years old.

Miss Kate Wood has resigned her position with Fowler & Company and has accepted a position in the office of Attorney J. K. Wilson.

Mrs. L. J. Pritchard and daughter have returned from Hickory, Virginia, where Mrs. Pritchard has spent the past three months nursing her mother, Mrs. Woodard.

SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Morgan delightfully entertained the Whist Club Friday evening from 8 to 11 o'clock at their home on the corner of Main and Road streets. The house was beautifully decorated in ferns and spring flowers. Mrs. Morgan welcomed the guests in the hall and ushered them into the parlors where the small tables were placed ready for the game. A huge punch bowl stood in one corner of the room from which the guests were served with delicious fruit punch during the evening. Refreshments were served after the game. The first ladies prize, a hand painted picture was won by Mrs. Charles Grice.

Dr. A. L. Pendleton won the first gentleman's prize, a sterling silver paper file stamp holder, Mr. J. T. McCabe won the second gentleman's prize.

The consolation was awarded to Mrs. C. E. Thompson, a hand painted bon bon dish. The booty was given to Mrs. Louis Selig. The Club Members present were:

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grice, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Selig, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parks, Lieutenant and Mrs. W. E. W. Hall, Misses Byrd and Goldie Kramer. The visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hollowell, Miss Mattie Reid, Miss Sue Grice, Miss Dora Grice, Miss Maude Grice, Miss Mary Pendleton, Mrs. T. G. Skinner, Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Walker, Mr. J. T. McCabe, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Zoeller, Mr. Edward Hughes, Miss Edna Kramer, Mrs. S. S. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Worth and Mrs. A. S. Neal.

The K. O. S. Club met with Miss Gladys Kramer Friday afternoon at Mrs. Mattie Leary's residence on Church street.

The members were all present with their fancy work and a merry evening was spent. Refreshments served. Those present were Misses Sue Grice, Mattie Reid Dora Grice, Fannie McMullan, Annie Lee Cohoon, Ada Burfoot, Little Mae Bennet and Isabelle Gibbs.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist Church entertained the visiting speakers and workers at the Bible Conference on Saturday afternoon. A most enjoyable evening was spent. On the receiving committee were Mrs. J. H. White, Mrs. J. H. LeRoy, Mrs. J. J. White, Mrs. Walter Cohoon, and Mrs. L. T. Reed.

On the refreshment committee were Mrs. Charles Reid, Mrs. L. J. Pritchard and Mrs. George Twiddy.

Rev. R. E. Peele left yesterday morning for Jackson where he will visit relatives.

Mr. J. E. Cartwright who has for some time been district manager of the National Biscuit Co. here was transferred to Wilmington. He is succeeded by C. M. Sanders.

Rev. J. B. Ferebee of Deep Creek, Virginia, was in the city Saturday, coming here from South Mills, where he was attending the Union meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Allen have gone to Windsor after a visit of several months here at the home of their daughter, Mrs. I. M. Meekins.