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MOUNT HOLLY MATTERS.

Laymen's Meeting Sunday a Great Success—Mills Running on Short Time—Personal and News Notes. Correspondence of The Gazette.

MOUNT HOLLY, May 9.—The laymen's missionary meeting which was held in the Methodist church at this place last Sunday was an occasion of unusual interest, made so by reason of the many good addresses delivered and splendid music rendered by the best singers in town under the direction of Mrs. John Holland. The forenoon was devoted to addresses delivered by Rev. S. F. Cathey, resident Presbyterian pastor, and Mr. E. A. Cole, of Charlotte, with a chart and map lecture by the Methodist pastor, Rev. J. A. Bowles. In the afternoon great speeches were made by Prof. J. H. Separk and Mr. George W. Wilson, of Gastonia. In spite of the unabated downpour of rain, the attendance was large and very enthusiastic. Miss Bertha Jenkins sang a beautiful solo at the morning hour which was greatly enjoyed by her many friends. The day was a great occasion and much good was accomplished.

The mills located here and under the control of Messrs. A. P. Rhyne and C. E. Hutchinson are operating on short time, much to the regret of some of the operatives, but to the joy of the younger set.

Miss Bess Grice was a visitor to Charlotte Saturday. She was accompanied by Mr. Ham McCorkle, of Paw Creek.—Dr. Tom McCoy has moved in a cottage on Fifth avenue and taken up his practice among us. Electric lights, a telephone and many other modern improvements have been made in his home for his convenience and comfort.

The Baptist congregation at this place re-elected on last Sunday Rev. D. E. Viperman, pastor for another year. We understand that the names of Revs. Newton and Hogan were before the congregation for election, but Rev. Mr. Viperman received practically the majority vote.

Rev. J. A. Bowles, Methodist pastor, is conducting a very successful revival at the Woodlawn and Nimsville chapel. Much interest to date has been manifested. The meeting will go on through the week. Rev. Mr. Bowles contemplates attending General Conference next week now in session at Asheville.

Rev. S. L. Cathey went to Polkton last week to officiate in the marriage of his brother, Mr. L. A. Cathey to Miss Lillian Bricker, a popular young lady of that place.

Mr. Cathey is a prominent railroad employe of the Seaboard Air Line Railway.—Rev. W. J. Boger, pastor of the Lutheran church went up to Newton Saturday to be present on Sunday at the dedication of St. James Lutheran church, two miles out from Newton. Rev. Mr. Boger will preach the dedicatory sermon and also the installation sermon of Rev. W. D. Wise.—Miss Bessie Rozzell, who has been spending some time with her aunt at Huntersville, returned home last Saturday. It was noticeable that another somebody from the same place came over and spent Sunday. He was a welcome visitor.—Mr. J. Clarence Cannon, a traveling man, spent the Sabbath with his family at this place and returned to the road Monday.—Mr. W. O. Gardner, for a number of years chief bookkeeper for the Mountain Island Cotton Mills, has accepted a position with the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, and has entered upon the discharge of the duties assigned him.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LOWELL, May 9.—At the residence of the bride's father Saturday night Miss Gordon McGee and Mr. Worth Armstrong were married by Mr. C. W. Nipper.

Mrs. John R. Reid, who has been confined to the house with a fractured ankle since Christmas, is able to get out some now, to the delight of her many friends. She and her daughter, Helen, were the guests of Mrs. R. P. Rankin in Gastonia Thursday.—Miss Edith Robinson went to Charlotte Saturday to attend commencement at the Presbyterian College this week.—Misses Jessie and Carrie Mitchem were Gastonia shoppers Thursday.—Mr. Linwood Robinson attended the recep-

tion at the Presbyterian College, Charlotte, Friday night.—Messrs. T. P. Rankin and Holland Hand attended the ball game in Charlotte Friday.—Miss Ellie Hudson, of Providence, was the guest of Miss Virginia Robinson Friday night.—Miss Rob May Miller, who has been teaching school at Kings Mountain, spent the week-end here with her aunt, Mrs. M. J. Campbell, and left Monday for her home near Pineville.

GENERAL CONFERENCE BUSY.

Women Pushing Their Claims for Equal Rights With the Laity—Other Matters of Importance Up.

At the roll call of the annual conference for the presentation of memorials and petitions, almost each annual conference presents a memorial asking for equal rights of laity with the men for the women. It seems that the most delicate matters before the committee on revisions is the question in regard to granting the women laity rights and the removal of the four-year time limit in the itinerancy system now in use in the Church. Two memorial which are of peculiar interest are to change the Apostles' Creed and the name of the Church.

Saturday's session of the General Conference saw almost a repetition of Friday's session with petitions asking for women's rights. At the opening of Saturday morning's session the sympathies of the conference were extended to the Queen of England, the Royal family, the Methodist Church of England, the Methodists of England, Ireland and Canada and to the representatives of the conference of England and Canada who are present at this conference, on account of the death of King Edward.

One of the most important matters that came before the Saturday session was the report of a special commission appointed at the last general conference looking to the consolidation of the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies and all the woman's mission societies in connection with the Church into one general board. The report of the committee on boundaries looking to a division of the West Texas Conference into two conferences came up and was adopted, thereby adding another conference to the Church, which will be known as the Central Texas Conference.

Many memorials are being received as to the settlement of Vanderbilt University, whether it shall be controlled by a board of trustees or come directly under the control of the Church.

Practically all the Protestant churches in Asheville gave over their pulpits Sunday to the visiting clergymen. All the bishops filled the pulpits during the morning and evening services.

Sunday afternoon a Sunday school rally was held led by Dr. E. B. Chappell, secretary of the Sunday school board of the Church, and Mrs. H. M. Hamill, one of the leading Sunday school workers in the Church.

Sunday night a memorial service was held in memory of the deceased King of England and a memorial to the Queen mother of England. Short addresses were made by Dr. Simon, of the Wesleyan Conference of England, Dr. W. R. Young, of the Canadian Methodist Church and Bishop Hendrix.

The claims of the women seem to be gaining grounds. Taxation without representation is their cry in this movement.

Monday found the conference much interested and down to real work. A resolution to allow the boards of stewards of the local churches to be elected by the members of the Church instead of by the quarterly conference as has been the rule was voted down by a vote of 162 against 108. The election of stewards, therefore, stands as was the original rule.

Mrs. Johnson was the first speaker before the committee on revisions to present the claims of the women, and was followed by Miss Belle Bennett, president of the woman's board of home missions. While the committee on revisions were hearing the women, the committee on education were listening to the disputed points in the Vanderbilt University case.

A resolution was introduced to change the formal announcement after the marriage ceremony: "I hereby pronounce you man and wife,"

NINETEEN GRADUATES.

Gastonia High School Has Large Class This Year.—Mr. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, to Deliver Literary Address.—Sermon by W. H. Reddish.—The Program.

Commencement days are near at hand and the students of the Gastonia High School, more especially the nineteen members of the graduating class, are making preparations for this annual event of interest. Handsomely engraved invitations are being issued reading as follows:

The Class of Nineteen Hundred and Ten requests the pleasure of your presence

at the commencement on Monday evening, May the sixteenth

nineteen hundred and ten in the School Auditorium Gastonia, North Carolina.

The invitation carried with it the class organization and roll which is as follows: Madge Twitty Wilkins, president; Julietta Maud Rankin, vice-president; TOLLIE LEE LITTLE, treasurer; Lavinia Isabelle Hunter, secretary.

Class roll: Clara Idelle Armstrong, Mary Lo-Retta Culp, Cora Leona Dixon, John Irvine Fayssoux, Lavinia Isabelle Hunter, Henry Otis Lineberger, TOLLIE LEE LITTLE, Ella May McFadden, Katherine Belle McLean, Harriett Nell McLean, Margaret Josephine Morris, Sarah Mabel Padgett, Zada Gwen Ragan, Julietta Maud Rankin, Sarah Violet Rankin, William Kirkpatrick Reid, Mamie Leonora Spencer, Francis Alexander Whitesides, Madge Twitty Wilkins.

Marshals: John Edgar McLean, chief; Lucy Boyce, Henry Rankin, William Thomas McArver, Robert Lingie Lewis, Annie Torrence Glenn, Lettie Lee Starnes, Mabel Brooks Herman, Mary Katherine Jackson.

The program is as follows: Sunday, May 15, 8 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. W. H. Reddish, pastor First Baptist church.

Monday, May 16, 5 p. m.—Class day exercises.

Monday, May 16, 8:30 p. m.—Literary address by Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby; presentation of certificates and awarding of prizes.

The May number of the High School Magazine, which is to make its appearance in a few days will contain cuts of all the members of the class together with short sketches and other matter of peculiar interest at this time.

The corporation commission has issued an order to the Seaboard Air Line Railway for a depot at Rosindale, which is located between Wilmington and Lumberton.

The town of Maiden has acquired a new site for a school building. Two school districts were consolidated to make one good school.

Mr. Clarence Seaboch, aged 20 years, was burned to death Wednesday night in a room in his father's house in Hickory. It is supposed that some inflammable article caught from a lamp or perhaps a spark from his smoking caught something on fire.

Nord Alexis, formerly president of Haiti, died at Kingston, Jamaica, Sunday morning of senile decay. He is said to have been over one hundred years old. He was exiled to Jamaica in 1908, but was pardoned by President Simon a few months ago, and was preparing to return to Haiti.

Mr. H. C. Brown, who for a number of years has been clerk to the State corporation commission, has been appointed to succeed the late B. F. Aycock as a member of the corporation commission and took the oath of office Saturday.

Connelly and Teague's veneer mill located at Taylorsville, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. All the main buildings and machinery were completely destroyed, the out buildings being saved. The loss was \$12,000 with \$6,000 insurance.

"I hereby pronounce you husband and wife." Amid laughter it was referred to the proper committee.

A resolution from the American Federation of Labor, now in session in Toronto, Canada, asking the conference to set apart Sunday following Labor Day as Labor Sunday. Bishop Honda, of the Methodist Church of Japan, was introduced as the representative of the Japanese Church.

LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

Annual Session to be Held at Asheville May Tenth to Thirteenth—Excellent Program Arranged.

The annual conference of the Epworth League of the Western North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, will be held this year in Central church beginning today, May 10th, and continuing through Friday, the 13th. A splendid program has been arranged but lack of space forbids its reproduction here. Among the speakers is Rev. J. F. Armstrong, pastor of the Methodist church at Bessemer City, whose subject is "The Pastor and His Young People." Other speakers on the program are Rev. Dr. W. B. Palmer, Rev. E. H. Rawlings, Prince T. H. Yun, Rev. H. M. Dubose, Rev. E. L. Bain, Bishop Candler and others.

The Epworth League of the M. E. Church, South, was organized in Trinity Church, Los Angeles, Cal., in 1889 under the pastorate of Rev. H. M. Dubose, D. D. This church as a denomination enjoys the honored distinction of being the first Church in Christendom to incorporate its young people's society into the organic ecclesiastical body. It holds this precedent by two years. In 1894 the league was erected into a separate connectional department and Rev. S. A. Steel, D. D., was elected the first general secretary.

Rev. Horace M. Dubose, D. D., has been secretary and editor of the Epworth Era for the past twelve years. The league's contributions amount to \$75,000 annually, and the whole membership is more than 145,000, nearly 7,000 members having been added the past year.

DRUG FIENDS ABOUND.

Statistics Are Alarming—From One to Four Million Persons Addicted to the Use of Drugs.

Washington, May 2.—From 1,000,000 to 4,000,000 persons in the United States are addicted to drugs.

So states an interesting and valuable pamphlet just issued by the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture. The pamphlet is entitled "Habit-forming Agents; Their Indiscriminate Sale and Use a Menace to the Public Welfare." It is written by L. F. Kohler, chief of division of drugs of the bureau. He contends strongly that many babies in their cradles contract drug habits through the administration to them or certain so-called "baby syrups," "soothing syrups," "colic cures" and "infants' friends."

These immensely harmful soothers contain opium, morphine, heroin, a derivative of morphine, chloroform or chloral in some combination. Mr. Kohler writes:

"Mothers believe that these soothing remedies are neither harmful nor habit-forming, and therefore give them with a certain feeling of security, with the result that in some instances the baby is put to sleep never to awake again. Numerous cases of this character are on record.

"In some instances, in which the remedy is freely used and the child does not succumb, there is developed a case of infant drug addiction. As soon as the effects of one dose pass away the child becomes irritable and fretful, with the result that another dose is administered, the craving is met and the child is quieted, a condition which is analogous in every respect to drug addiction among adults. Sometimes these children look plump and healthy, but as a matter of fact their flesh is soft and flabby and they withstand attacks of illness very poorly."

The writer devotes much attention to "soft drinks" and to alleged remedies for asthma and catarrh which contain cocaine and such drugs. He adds:

"With the exploiting and advertising of medicines containing habit-forming agents it is but natural to expect that drug addiction would result. It is only surprising that the number of cases is not greater. The reasons for this probably are, first, that the average individual is horrified to think of becoming a drug addict; second, the secret of many of the habitues dies with them; and third, the most common cases, i. e., those using cocaine, morphine, and opium, are short-lived, most of them dying within ten years after contracting the habit. The craving for

MRS. ANN WILLIAMS DEAD.

Mother of Policeman T. N. Williams Passes Away at Yorkville at Advanced Age of Eighty-Four Years—Born and Reared in Cleveland County—Was Member of Methodist Church for Sixty-Eight Years.

Policeman T. N. Williams was called to Yorkville Sunday morning on account of the death of his mother, Mrs. Ann Eliza Williams, who passed away at 7 o'clock that morning after an illness of some weeks. Six weeks ago she was stricken with paralysis since which time she had been confined to her bed. This, together with the infirmities incident to advanced age, was more than her enfeebled constitution could stand.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Tom D. Turner, with whom she had made her home for the past several years, at noon yesterday, the pastor of the Methodist church conducting the services. Interment was at Yorkville.

Deceased was a daughter of the late Thomas Ware, during his life time a prominent citizen of the El Bethel section of Cleveland county. She was born December 29, 1826, and was hence in her 85th year. Mrs. Williams was the last member of the family, her only sister, Mrs. Emeline Goforth, having died in Rutherford county about a year ago at the age of 86. Mrs. Williams' husband, Mr. John W. Williams, died nineteen years ago. She is survived by two sons, Policeman T. N. Williams, of Gastonia, and Mr. John W. Williams, of Birmingham, Ala. She had four daughters and two sons dead.

Mrs. Williams had spent most of the time for the past thirty years in Yorkville with her son-in-law, Mr. Tom D. Turner. Several years ago she lived in Gaston county for two or three years with her son, Mr. John W. Williams, now living in Alabama.

Deceased was a woman of the highest Christian character and was greatly esteemed by all who knew her. Early in life she joined the Methodist church, connecting herself with the church at El Bethel, and for sixty-eight years she had been a faithful and loyal adherent of the faith. She was a devoted mother, a loyal friend, a kind and charitable neighbor and her passing brings a pang of keen sorrow to many hearts.

J. LABAN QUINN DEAD.

Aged Citizen of County Passed Away This Morning—Funeral To-Morrow Afternoon.

After a critical illness of only two days Mr. J. Laban Quinn, aged 67 years, died this morning at 5 o'clock at his home a short distance south of the Clara Mill on the Union road. Mr. Quinn had been in ordinarily good health until Sunday, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he never recovered, remaining unconscious until the end came at 5 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Quinn was a native of Gaston county, being a son of John R. and May E. Quinn, and was born April 2, 1843. He served the cause of the Confederacy valiantly in the civil war as a member of Company B, Mallett's Battalion, having been severely wounded in the battle of Kingston. He is survived by his third wife, who was Miss Elizabeth Clemmer before her first marriage to a Mr. Dixon, and the following children: Mrs. George W. Dickson, Mrs. Eli Huffstetler, Mrs. John E. Sarvice, Mrs. Beulah Thomas, Misses May, Eulalia and Lena Quinn, Messrs. Charles and Robert Quinn.

Mr. Quinn was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church. Funeral services will be conducted at the home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Dr. J. C. Galloway. The body will be interred at Olney cemetery.

A 500-pound blast of stone from an overcharge of dynamite used in blasting at the Evans quarry near Murphy landed on the roof of Chas. Guthrie dwelling Friday and killed Mrs. Guthrie and her 8-year-old child.

the drug, with rare exception, cannot be controlled or overcome as long as the drug is obtainable."

Personals and Locals.

—Mr. Will Adams, of Charlotte, spent Sunday here with homefolks.

—Mr. L. B. Rogers, of Mayesworth, was in the city on business yesterday.

—Messrs. C. D. Welch and C. C. Dawson, of Mayesworth, spent Saturday night and Sunday in the city.

—Dr. Ed. Anthony returned home Thursday from Nashville, Tenn., where he is studying medicine.

—Mr. W. E. Gardner, of Cherryville, was a business visitor in the city Monday.

—Good rains fell in this section Saturday and Sunday. They were badly needed.

—Mr. Bismark Capps, of Salisbury, was a Gastonia visitor Sunday.

—Messrs. James Wilson and Ed Allen, of Lenoir, were in Gastonia Sunday.

—Mr. R. A. Love returned Saturday from a business trip to Mount Airy.

—Misses Bryte Crawford, Lucy Bryte and Mary Etta Paysour visited Mr. J. B. Carson's home and a party was given in their honor.

—Mrs. J. T. Bigham, of Chester, S. C., is visiting Mrs. J. Y. Miller.

—Miss Mildred McLean spent Sunday at Lincolnton.

—Miss Lowry Shuford left yesterday morning for Asheville to attend General Conference. She will be absent a week or more.

—Four and a half inches of rain fell Saturday and Sunday, writes The Gazette's correspondent on route three.

—Mr. George Rhyne, who lives on route three, sold seven six-week-old pigs Saturday receiving for the lot \$42.

—We are publishing an advertisement today giving notice of the dissolution of the J. M. Shuford Co., of Dallas.

—Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, May 17th and 18th, are the commencement days at Linwood College. We hope to have the program to publish in Friday's issue.

—Rev. H. C. Smith, pastor of the Ozark Methodist church was summoned to Greenville, S. C., Sunday by a telegram announcing the illness of his brother.

—Miss Mary Hildebrand and Mrs. J. D. Moore, Jr., spent Friday in Charlotte. Miss Mattie Moore, who had been visiting there, accompanied them home.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Witherspoon, of Bessemer City, route one, spent Saturday and Sunday in Gastonia as the guests of Mr. M. L. Mauney, Mrs. Witherspoon's uncle.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ford and little daughter, of Cherryville, spent Saturday and Sunday in Gastonia as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Harrelson.

—Miss Bessie Robinson, accompanied by her friend, Miss Gibbons, came out from Charlotte Saturday evening and spent Sunday with homefolks.

—Mr. Neal Hawkins is confined at his home on route three as the result of injuries sustained by receiving a lick on the head from a heavy well-auger crank.

—Mr. E. R. Cunningham, of Rock Hill, S. C., spent a part of Saturday and Sunday here with his brother-in-law, Mr. I. R. McFadden. He also visited his sister, Mrs. R. S. Howie, at McAdenville.

—Miss Euphemia Robinson, who successfully taught the Tanyard school during the term just closed, began teaching yesterday at Lowell, where she has charge of a school at the Lowell and Peerless mills.

—Mr. E. G. Mullen, of Charlotte, proprietor of Mullen's Hornet Nest Liniment, an advertisement of which now appears regularly in every Friday's Gazette, arrived in Gastonia this morning and is canvassing for business in this vicinity.

—Rev. R. C. Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, preached the annual commencement sermon before the students of the Kings Mountain graded school Sunday afternoon. The exercises were held in the handsome and commodious auditorium of the new school building which was only recently completed. Mr. Anderson says that Kings Mountain now has one of the prettiest and most convenient graded school buildings in this section of the State.