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ELOQUENCE OF CONVENTION SPEAKERS GRIPS AUDIENCE

First Day of Laymen's Movement Meeting is of Absorbing Interest

REV. E. C. CRONK SOUNDS CALL TO LEADERSHIP

Trio of Speakers Last Night Profoundly Impresses Congregation

Today's Program.
9:30 A. M. Convention Session.
J. Campbell White, Presiding
"The Spiritual Emphasis in Missions"—Bishop Robert Strange. Address by Dr. L. V. Lankford, of Norfolk.
"How To Get and Keep the Church Intelligent About Missions"—W. E. Doughty.

2:30 P. M. Convention Session.
W. E. Doughty, Presiding.
ADDRESSES:
"Solving the Problem of Church and Missionary Finance"—J. Campbell White, New York, General Secretary Laymen's Missionary Movement.

"What Can We Do in This City and County to Enlist All Churches in a Worthy Missionary Policy?"—L. B. Padgett, S. M. Brinson.
4 P. M. Denominational Conference.

(Led by visiting speakers Places to be announced)
6:45 P. M. The members will meet at the church and proceed in a body to Stanly Hall.

7 P. M. Convention Supper.
Fifteen Minute addresses.
Rev. R. W. Patton, Atlanta, Ga., Secretary of Missions, Diocese of Atlanta.

W. E. Doughty, Closing Address:
"The Decisive Decade of Christian History"—Mr. J. Campbell White

If any were in doubt about the success of the convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, the doubts must have been removed if they attended the services yesterday and last night.

The day services naturally were without the enthusiasm which the greater audience at night engendered, but there was a deep spiritual note running through them and the able addresses by Rev. E. C. Cronk, the principal speaker morning and afternoon, will be remembered by those who heard them.

At eight a service of extraordinary power and interest was held. The trio of speakers the large audience paid the compliment of such absorption in the subjects presented and in the manner of their presentation that during the service lasting two hours and a half was not the slightest audible token of weariness. People went away from the service tremendously impressed with the effectiveness of the speakers and in no small degree, it may well be supposed, with the truths presented.

S. M. Brinson, general chairman, presided over the meeting and the

singing was by a choir of men representing the several churches of the city. A hymn was sung in opening after which Mr. Brinson called on Rev. E. F. Huske to lead in prayer. A second hymn was followed with a prayer offered by Rev. J. B. Hurley. Mr. Brinson then urged a large attendance upon the meetings today and upon the convention supper which he said would be the greatest affair of the sort ever attempted in New Bern. It will be held, he announced in Stanly Hall and about four hundred will attend it.

Rev. E. K. McLarty, pastor of Tryon Street Methodist church of Charlotte, was the first speaker. Mr. McLarty is not a stranger here, having conducted a revival in Centenary Methodist church, where the sessions of the convention are being held, a year or so ago. Using words quoted from St. Paul—"We have the mind of Christ", he made an able and convincing missionary address. "If we had really the mind of Christ", he said, "the job of missions would be already well nigh completed." "In the mind of Jesus", Mr. McLarty pointed out,

"we discover that God is the Father, that he knows and pities us, that he knows the sparrow's fall, that he sends the rain on the just and on the unjust. There too, we discover the brotherhood of men, not as a doctrine or as a theory, but as a fact, an experience. The kingdom of God is the federation of man, the one far off divine event toward which the whole creation tends. "Jesus put himself in sympathetic identity with men. That is the spirit of missions. Paul was the great missionary because he had the mind of Christ. To have the mind of Christ is more important than methods for when we have that the methods will follow."

Bishop Strange Speaks.
Bishop Robert Strange of Wilmington spoke on "The Duty, Opportunity and Privilege of Missions". His address was characterized by a degree of eloquence and dramatic force that evidently made it very enjoyable to the audience. The duty of obedience was the first division treated. The Bishop made it very plain that in his view every church communicant has a very positive duty in connection with missions, and that it was either to go or send. Each of us he declared ought to have a representative on the foreign field if we can't go.

He showed the aim that Jesus Christ has on the world as the founder of a religion that met the needs of man—a none of the other religions had done. Very graphic was his description of the progress of missions in the various foreign fields and of how the doctrine of missions had vindicated itself. He referred to a Wilmington man who said on the occasion of the Boxer Rebellion in China that that was the end of the missionary business in China. From there were 5,000 Christians in China. Now there are a quarter of a million. The growth of Christianity in Japan and other foreign countries was also dwelt upon and the opportunity in connection with the home mission fields was described.

The privilege of the work in the



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mission case, the Bishop showed, is that he is a fellow worker with God. God is working out his mighty plan for the salvation of his universe. Man can hinder or help God in his progress.

W. E. Doughty of New York.
Seated in the pulpit with the other speakers was an unobtrusive looking man, appearing a little weary and travel worn. He was W. E. Doughty, the educational secretary of the Laymen's Movement. He had fallen a victim to the Norfolk Southern's well known habit of leaving folks all day in Goldsboro and had got here a day late and he might not have been supposed to be in very good trim for platform work. Anyhow the audience was hardly prepared for the pent-up energy which poured forth from his lips and his whole personality as he got up to speak "The Challenge of a Great Task".

The subject assigned to him thrilled his audience with his conception of the forcefulness of the challenge and the tremendousness of the task. Picturing the work of missions as a battle, he set battle terms throughout, appealing strongly to the militant side of the Christian religion and reaping the full advantage of the picturesque of style and illustration which such an analogy made possible.

He went right to the heart of a Southern audience by paying a tribute to Stonewall Jackson, a suggestion by the circumstances that a party of British officers had been in Virginia studying the battle fields where Jackson had won his great victories. Jackson had "the monarch mind", he said, "the mystery of command."

"The battle line of missions is the longest in the world", he said. "The call of missions is the call of world forces that are struggling for the mastery. Men of monarchic mind are needed. Our battle is one for the control of the world." He paused to show how much of the world had been conquered. "We are summing up the manhood of the American continent. This is planet business in which we are engaged."

"Again, it is a battle in which the news of victory is waited for us on every breeze. There is an awakening church. To show this he gave figures indicating the wonderful increases in recent years of contributions to missions. Then he told of the dark side and if possible he was more dramatic and thrilling in telling of the hopeful side of the future world conflict which he is describing. "Ours is a battle", he said in which there are lost frontiers and unconquered citadels. Then in wonderfully picturesque and vivid style he went on to tell of these lost frontiers and unconquered citadels.

"The bat is a battle at the crisis", he showed later on in his remarkable address. "The next ten years are all important. That means we must fling in the reserves, the battalions that have not been in action. Christ on the rough-hewn Roman cross is calling across the centuries to us—to you to me—today." He closed with a prayer that was as eloquent and touching as his address.

After announcement of today's program by Secretary Padgett, Dr. J. H. N. Sumner pronounced the benediction.

The morning session of the convention was given over to the ministers of the

district who held a very helpful and stimulating conference. State Secretary Padgett presided over this meeting and stated its object. He stated that on account of the fact that W. E. Doughty, New York, Educational Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the United States and Canada, had failed to make connections at Goldsboro, it was impossible for him to be present at the morning session to deliver an address on the "Challenge of Missions to Character, Stewardship and Service." The meeting was then called to order and after the singing of "Come Thou Almighty King," Rev. J. B. Hurley, pastor of Centenary Methodist church, read a chapter from the Bible and Dr. E. T. Carter, led in prayer.

Secretary Padgett then introduced Rev. E. C. Cronk, of Columbia, S. C., General Secretary of the Laymen's Movement of the Lutheran Synod South. Mr. Cronk being on the program for an address on "The Pastor's Opportunity of Leadership in Solving the Missionary Problem." For more than an hour Mr. Cronk entertained his audience with a vigorous address on this subject. He said that the pastor should be a leader, and that the time for real leadership in the Kingdom of God was never better than at present, that the day or opportunities for work in the field was at hand and the doors of the world open and inviting. The keynote of his address was the urgent request for better support of the pastors in order that they might go forward and help push the work of God to the front. "Laymen", he said, "are expecting the pastors to be leaders in mission work and wherever the laymen show a willingness the pastors should get busy and get them to work in order that something may be accomplished."

The speaker urged the pastors to be leaders in their communities, put their congregations to work and exhibit a spirit of progressiveness in the Lord's work. "A preacher, to be a leader", he said, "must be a man of real ability, a man who can take hold of the forces of the church and use them to advantage."

In speaking of the lack of support for the ministry Rev. Cronk said that there were many good men who should be doing the Lord's work who are deterred from entering the field on account of the poor remuneration which ministers get. "Every minister", he said, "should be well read on the current topics, should be in attendance at all meetings of his denominations and in order to do this he must have time and therefore has not the time to do a little farming and a little of this and that in order to increase his salary."

"The solving of this problem is in the hands of the laymen and the time is ripe for their work to begin. The pastors should co-operate with their congregation and by doing this all matters pertaining to the church and the field work can be satisfactorily arranged."

Prayer in the home, and constant activity was strongly advocated by the speaker. He said that in the homes of some ministers both these were neglected.

The chief aim of the address was to impress upon the pastors the fact that they must exert every energy to ac-

complish the evangelization of the world and that the laymen must see that the ministers receive the proper support, in order that their work may be successfully carried on.

Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2:30 o'clock by S. M. Brinson, who presided, Rev. L. B. Padgett led in prayer. Following this Mr. Brinson presented Rev. E. C. Cronk, of Columbia, S. C., who delivered an address on "The Call for Real Leadership."

The speaker dwelt in the main upon the subject of missions and the need of the spreading of the word of God in foreign fields. "Christ", he said, "commands us to take the gospel all over the world. Some people don't believe in foreign missions, yet it is the thing which the Lord instructed his disciples to do."

Continuing he told of the great opportunities which are now open for missions and urged the churches and individuals to awaken and do their part. "The Laymen's Missionary Movement" he said, "is one of the greatest church movements in the world and it is looking forward to evangelizing the whole world."

More Missionaries Needed.

The speaker urged that more missionaries be sent out to foreign countries where the natives were living in utter ignorance of the wonderful love of God. He urged that the work be taken up right here at home and that if some one would not go to foreign lands from this section, that the community as a whole donate more largely to the support of the cause and thus assist in this great work of evangelization.

At the conclusion of Rev. Cronk's address there was a series of prayers led by G. V. Richardson, L. L. Leary and Dr. H. M. Bonner. Following this the laymen were given an opportunity of telling why they believed in missions. T. C. Etheridge said that one reason for his belief in missions was that it taught him to be his brother's keeper. That he was responsible for the acts of his brother and it was impossible for a Christian not to be interested in saving his brother. W. F. Aberly said that he believed in missions because God commanded them. Mr. Nye said he believed in them because they aimed at the salvation of men in the uttermost parts of the earth.

At the conclusion of the discussion Rev. L. B. Padgett, State Secretary of the Laymen's Movement, made a short address on the subject of "Why I Believe in Missions and in the Laymen's Missionary Movement." He is a gifted speaker and his talk was filled with much food for thought.

He said that he believed in missions mainly for the reason that he believed in God and that He commanded it. "Men", he said, "are awakening more and more to the fact that Christ came into the world to save mankind and to give the gospel to all nations. Christ is for the whole world and the people out yonder who have never heard of him are just as deserving of the gospel as those right in the United States. The world is one great brotherhood and if we fail to help our brothers we are not sincere Christians. I wish we had more men to go to China and Korea to spread the gospel. I believe in missions because men and women have given their lives to and for it. I believe in the Laymen's Movement because it has and is giving a new vision to the men of the world in things that are of great interest to every Christian. The work of the church is vast and the Laymen's Movement is seeking to aid the great task."

At the conclusion of this address Rev. A. D. Batta pronounced the benediction.

ORDERS FIGHT TUBERCULOSIS

Over Three Millions Spent Last Year by Fraternal and Other Organizations.

SANATORIA ARE ESTABLISHED

Insurance Companies Also Engaged in Strenuous War Against Disease.

New York, Feb. 6.—About \$6,000,000 was spent last year by fraternal organizations, labor unions and insurance companies in special funds for the treatment of their tuberculous members and policyholders, according to a statement issued today by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Sanatoria for the care of tuberculous members of such organizations have been established by four fraternal orders, The Royal League at Black Mountain, N. C., the Modern Woodmen of America at Colorado Springs, the Independent Order of Foresters at Rainbow Lake N. Y., and the Workmen's Circle at Liberty, N. Y. The Royal Order of Moose have voted to erect a sanatorium and the Order of Owls is considering the project. The Odd Fellows, Elks, Knights of Pythias and Knights of Columbus have all voted unfavorably against national sanatoria but have in each case made some provision for the care of tuberculous members in already existing institutions near their homes.

Among the labor unions, the Printers and the Printing Pressmen are the only two national bodies having tuberculosis sanatoria, the former at Colorado Springs, and the latter at Rogersville, Tennessee. Active propaganda against tuberculosis among their members are carried on also among the Cigarmakers Union, the National Brotherhood of Operative Pottery, the Photo-Engravers and several other similar groups. In some of the unions funds are set aside for the care of sick members.

Insurance companies are also engaged in a tuberculosis campaign. The Metropolitan Insurance Company is building a sanatorium at Mt. McGregor, N. Y., and is spending large sums every year in caring for its sick policyholders. The Equitable, Prudential, Postal and several others of the large companies are carrying on active educational campaigns among their policyholders.

TWELVE YEAR OLD GIRL IS DROWNED

LIFELESS BODY OF ANNIE MOORE FOUND IN SOUND NEAR SWANBORO.

News has reached this city of the drowning last Sunday afternoon near Swanboro of Annie, the twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burns Moore of that place. From the few facts that could be learned in regard to the deplorable accident it seems that the little girl had left home to spend the afternoon with some friends about a mile distant. Failing to return home when darkness began to fall, a search was made for her and late Sunday night her lifeless body was found floating on the surface of the water near an old wharf in Bogue Sound.

How she met her death will probably never be known but it is supposed that she sat down on the edge of the wharf for a few minutes rest and in some way fell into the water. Being unable to swim and no help being at hand she was drowned. The victim of the accident and her parents were well known and the affair has caused a pall of gloom to fall over the entire community.

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PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS TODAY.

Vaudeville
Florence (Lemuel & Lemuel) Join
A comedy black and tan face, singing, talking and dancing act—a splendid one too.

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"The Mother of the Ranch"
A stirring tale of the Mexican border, abounding in thrills and excitement galore.

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