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METHODISM AND HOW IT STARTED

NOW HAS NINE MILLION COMMUNICANTS

No Protestant Denomination has Shown more Wonderful Growth than the Methodists—There are Thirty Million Communicants—May Unite in one great body.

In the great Ecumenical Conference, now in session in Toronto, Bishop Kilgo, of North Carolina, has taken quite an active and conspicuous part and home people have followed his remarks with much interest. The Baltimore Sun has made a summary of facts in regard to this conference which we find of absorbing interest. Prefacing its editorial with—"Methodism was born in a great Missionary movement, and for more than a century has gone marching on its way around the globe. From the days of Wesley it has observed the call to go into all the world and has done its part in bringing nearer the time when the gospel shall be preached to every living creature. Its enlistment of men of every land and tongue is exemplified in the Ecumenical Conference now in session in Toronto. Seventeen countries are represented by the 500 delegates, and the statisticians assert that the various bodies of Methodists now embrace 9,000,000 communicants, with 30,000,000 adherents under Methodist influence."—The Sun says no Protestant denomination has shown more remarkable growth than the Methodists, and there appears to be little ground for pessimism in regard to the future. Dr. H. K. Carroll pointed out in an address at Toronto that in the past decade there has been an increase of but 47,562, or 15 per cent, compared with 1,261,209, or 33 per cent, in the decade ending in 1891. But this is only relative, and a denomination that can show a net increase of over 400,000, in ten years is certainly moving forward.

Rev. William Williams declares that "every tenth person in Australia is a Methodist," while the conferences in China, Japan, India, Africa, and other mission fields have a membership of 708,105, 1,444,592 adherents and 458,165 in the Sunday schools. There are 2,528 missionaries in active service, while there are 52,178 ordained ministers in the home conferences, the consecrated captains who lead a vast army of worshippers. The address of president Lewis, of the Methodist Protestant General Conference for a union of all American Methodists into one body was an eloquent plea for a closer co-operation of the 17 separate bodies, which now bear the Methodist name.

Referee Case

A referee case of interest was being heard yesterday before Messrs. S. A. Hoey, J. F. Tiddy and L. D. Webb in the court house. Mr. R. B. Camp is asking for \$1.50 a day, or a total of \$62 against the estate of his father, J. A. Camp, deceased, for caring for him during his illness. The case had not been decided when we went to press.

Miss Mary Henkel, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Henkel, of Lenoir and niece of Mrs. Ernest Hoey of Shelby is to marry Mr. Joe Wadsworth of Charlotte Wednesday Oct. 18th. Genius is largely energy well directed.

WANTS TO KNOW WHAT HE KNOWS

PRESIDENT TAFT A FRIEND TO TRUSTS

Not a Single Trust Magnate Has Been Put in Jail by Republicans—They Give to Campaign Funds—Wickersham Was Trust Lawyer Before Cabinet Member.

Washington, Oct. 16—President Taft is demanding to know with great bravado, what single case of combination in restraint of trade which ought to be condemned could not be reached under the Supreme court's interpretation of the Anti-trust law in the Standard Oil and Tobacco trust cases.

There are few who care to take issue with the President. The average man believes that the trusts "could be reached" if the government would set out in good faith to reach them.

The vital issue is not whether the trusts "could" be reached. The real important question is: Why is it that not a single guilty trust magnate has been sent to jail, or even called to the bar of justice? The answer is that the government does not send trust magnates to jail nor control the trusts because the trusts control the Standpat republican machine, and for fourteen years the standpat republican machine, in recognition of campaign fund donations and other favors, has permitted special privilege to name the man to be in charge of the prosecuting machinery of the government.

WICKERSHAM TRUST LAWYER.

The present attorney general is George Wickersham, whose last act before taking charge of the government prosecuting machinery was to draw down his share of a handsome fee paid his law firm by the sugar trust. When a movement was started to bring about a Congressional investigation of the sugar trust, Mr. Wickersham headed it off by having President Taft send a message to Congress advising against the investigation on the ground that it might give immunity to the men higher up and otherwise embarrass the administration. Although the trust practically admitted having stolen over \$2,000,000 from the government by returning it after the crime was discovered, not a single one of the trusts magnates into whose pockets the \$2,000,000 would have gone had not the theft been discovered, was not called to the bar of justice, much less punished. Mr. Wickersham permitted an underling secretary and a few dock hands to alone stand the vengeance of the law. When American sugar interests purchased vast tracts of rich sugar lands in the Philippines in violation of the law, Mr. Wickersham again came to the rescue with an opinion upholding the sale.

Mr. Wickersham is now posing as the great trust buster. He pretends that he will drive the trusts out of business, and some of the trusts pretend that they take his threats seriously. But the record of the attorney general is not one that gives the people any reason to hope for enforcement of the law against criminal trusts or guilty trust magnates. The first thing Mr. Wickersham did upon taking office was to drop important suits against members of the beef trust. His explanation was that he didn't believe the trust officials "meant" to do wrong.

Miss Maggie Black was in Charlotte last week on business.

RECEIVE FRIENDS

Miss Ellen Corbett, Grand daughter of Mrs. Zulia Green Receives—Hospital Southern Home Thrown Open—About 100 Present.

Friday evening the hospitable home of Mrs. Zulia Green was thrown open to the many young friends of her grand daughter Miss Ellen Corbett.

Mrs. Green, dressed in a handsome black lace gown, received the guests in that queenly Southern mansion that at all times lends to her such charm. Miss Ellen is justly popular in Shelby, and the children of her father's old friends missed not this opportunity to gather in the home that is so well known for their charm of its hospitality.

About a hundred participated in all the pleasures that such a gathering make possible. During the entire evening most delicious punch was served in the beautifully decorated dining room. Roses and ferns and cosmos on mantles, tables and buffet did not cover, but lent charm to the beautiful old mahogany.

At ten o'clock an ice course was served, the young guests leaving about eleven o'clock, voting this a most delightful evening and wishing Miss Ellen many returns of this most happy birthday.

The young hostess had many beautiful gifts and in every way has cause to long remember the sweet thoughtfulness of her grand mother and the fondness of her Shelby friends.

BEAM REUNION

Descendants of John Teter Beam at New Prospect, Nov. 4th.

There will be a reunion of the descendants of John Teter Beam at New Prospect church, Saturday, November 4 when all the relatives are asked to gather for a day. A big dinner will be served and a prominent speaker will make a talk. Everybody is asked to bring baskets. This is the first time the Beam family has had an opportunity to reunite and all are urged to be there. The following committee will furnish particulars for those who wish to see or write them: Messrs. E. M. Beam, Dr. J. F. Beam, J. C. Beam, J. A. Anthony and Lee Weathers.

No Scoring

Shelby graded school football team played the Newton graded school there last Saturday and the score stands nothing to nothing, unless an undecided point makes it a victory for Newton. The local players went over in automobiles Saturday morning and played a fast and snappy game. They outweighed the Newton players, but their opponents were quick as lightning. A safety was made by the Newton boys, but under the new rules the referee did not know how to count it. The point remains undecided until he can hear from an authority on the matter. The Shelby boys played well, but the long ride through the country tended to weary them.

Mrs. Smith Dead

Mrs. J. F. Smith, mother of Mrs. W. A. Hayes of this county passed away Thursday at her home near Spartanburg, S. C. She had been sick for several months and was 79 years old. She was a Miss Keeter before her marriage and was raised in Cleveland. Mrs. Smith was a noble Christian woman and all who know her will learn of her death with deep sorrow. Surviving are three daughters and three sons, Mrs. Hayes being the only child living in this county.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

At Fallston Baptist Church Oct. 28 29. All Sunday Schools in The Association Requested to Send Delegates.

In order to make the convention worth while all the churches should be represented and every one should feel free to give his ideas on all questions that may come before the body. The following is the program prepared by the committee:—

10 A. M. Sat. Oct. 28—Religious Exercises, by Rev. G. W. Rollins.

10:15 Organization.

10:30 "Method of teaching Sunday school lesson," J. B. Smith, Prof. W. D. Burns and B. T. Falls, Esq.

11. "Duty of Parents in urging children to attend Sunday school," Messrs. T. P. Gold, W. W. Washburn, and Rev. Wm. Elam.

11:30 "Home Department," Mr. A. P. Spake, Rev. W. T. Tate.

1—P. M. "Teachers Training Course," Messrs. Geo. L. English, Lee B. Weathers, and Joe Blanton.

2—P. M. "The management of a Sunday school," Messrs. J. H. Quinn and D. G. Washburn.

SUNDAY OCT. 29.

9:30 A. M. "Religious Exercises," by Rev. A. C. Irvin.

9:45—"Primary Lesson Tonight," by Mr. A. P. Spake.

10:15—Advanced Lesson Tonight," by Mr. Jno. R. Dover.

10:45—"Criticisms on the Teaching of the Lessons," by the Convention.

11—"Sermon," Rev. J. W. Suttle.

1—P. M. "Should the Association have a Sunday school secretary or missionary?" Profs. Geo. P. Webb, Joe Francis, and Rev. Mr. Wall.

CIRCUS TOMORROW

Downie and Wheeler's Circus comes to Shelby Tomorrow for two Exhibitions.

Downie and Wheeler's World's Best Shows Combined will exhibit in Shelby Oct. 18, one day only. A gigantic amusement enterprises. A whole city of people employed. The strange colony of people, handsome horses, rare wild animals and golden caravans are scheduled to arrive in the early hours of morning, transported upon Downie & Wheeler's own new special train of cars. Circus day will begin with a grand glittering free street parade, in the morning at 10.30 o'clock—a vision of beauty and splendor, defying all competition or comparison. The show has \$50,000.00 invested in chariots, tableau floats, musical vehicles, fanciful and historic costumes and expensive odd things of distinctive parade use. It is now well understood that Downie & Wheeler's Circus Combined carry as many people, horses, wild animals and show properties as any other show traveling. The agent of Downie & Wheeler's Shows was in town, contracting with grocers, bakers, creameries, etc., for the immense quantity of food to be delivered to the show ground in the early morning. There is no question but that a tremendous crowd of people will be in the city, as everybody will want to see the new Combined Double Circus. Its hundreds of special and extraordinary features will afford a day of rare enjoyment and valuable instruction to everybody.

Mr. Will Grigg left for St. Louis, Mo. last Saturday on a business trip.

BETTER TIMES FOR FARMERS

NOT SO MANY CROP LIENS AS FORMERLY

Farmers Are Coming Unto Their Own—They are Gaining Confidence of Business Men—They Have Right to Fix Price of Cotton—Union Grows.

(By Joe E. Blanton.)

Well, Mr. Editor, I just feel impressed to say a few words through your columns if you will permit it. It has been said and is still said by some classes, that the farmers should not fix the price of cotton as they are a class that would not stop in reason; they would put the price too high and ruin the country. Well, let us investigate the matter just a little. Would he put the price above normal price any more than the other class would put it below normal? If the farmer would just step down and out of the way, how long would it be until our Southern farmers would be roped in with mortgages again? You remember how it was a few years ago, crop liens by the sack full. But we hope this will never be the case any more. We don't want to go back to the time when cotton sells for 5 cents and have our crop roped in mortgages for it don't look good nor feel pleasant.

Some gentlemen were talking as we passed them a few days ago. We heard one say to the other, is it not a great thing that the farmers do not know their strength and there reply was, Yes, if they knew their strength the rest of us poor devils might try to buy a farm and go to it. In reply to this the other one said, Yes, but as long as they stay one in a hill they can be very easily managed. As for organizing them it is all bosh; that can never be done.

Let me say that the Farmer's Union is growing by leaps and bounds. Never has it grow as fast as it has far the for the past year. Men are coming in and coming in to stay. It will build up our country and will never bring shame to the farmer's name. We think it is best for our country for the wealth to be scattered from east to west.

The farmer as a class has never grown rich from his labors and he does not expect to grow rich, but he is looking and expecting a better future and he sure deserves it. It has been said that it is a long lane that has no turn in it. I think it is true and feel that the turn will be far better.

AT BETHEL

Sunday School Convention Will Meet There October 28-29

The Star is in receipt of a program of Sandy Run Sunday School convention which meets at Bethel church, Oct. 28 and 29. The introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. W. M. Gold. Scripture, John. 3. chap. 21st. By J. M. Hamrick, H. D. Harrill, Scripture, Jude 3rd. verse By C. M. Teal, T. J. Moss.

Queries, Religion in the Home, By B. P. Green, Z. D. Harrill, How to increase attendance by J. M. Lewis, How to hold the scholars, J. R. Mathney. The duty of the pastor to the Sunday School, F. B. Raymon, Teachers' Training, C. T. Tew, The model Superintendent, A. L. Smart.

Sunday sermon by Rev. C. T. Tew, at 11 a. m.

Mr. J. C. Smith has returned from New York where he went on a business trip.

CATAWBA RIVER ASSOCIATION

TO FORM NEW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

St. Paul Church is only Cleveland Church—Membership is 4,000—Meets in Burke County near Morganton—Proceedings in detail by our Correspondent.

Special by N. A. S.

I will give you a few words in regard to our Association as perhaps it will be of interest to a lot of our Cleveland folks although after this session there will be but one Church in Cleveland County, that will be a member and that is St. Paul. The rest of the churches are principally in Burke, Rutherford, McDowell, Calwell, Catawba and Lincoln Counties.

The Association is composed of about 30 churches up to this sessions. At this session 9 churches withdrew to help organize a new Association. The churches that withdrew are in lower Burke and upper Cleveland, leaving our Association more together than before.

PROCEEDINGS

Now I will give the proceedings, met Thursday Oct. 5 at Enon Baptist Church, 6 miles South of Morganton at 10 o'clock and I want you to know that your humble scribe was the first on the hill. Introductory sermon preached by Rev. J. P. Hagaman of Morganton, after which the good people of Enon spread a bountiful dinner on the ground. After dinner Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Gwaltney. The moderator Bro. T. J. Sigmon of last session called the body to order and organized by electing Bro. J. E. Wilson of Rutherford College moderator and Bro. F. E. Cook, Clerk. Then the moderator appointed the various Committees. Report on Ministerial Education read by Rev. James Long and discussed by Rev. James Long and Prof. J. V. Hunneycutt, Adjourned to meet Friday.

Devotional exercises by Rev. Hart of Gastonia. They granted letters of discussion to the following churches; Mountain View, Corinth, Pisgah, Olive Grove, Mt. Ghilead, Zion Hill, Halls, Grove, Mull's Chapel, Wilke's Grove..

At this point Rev. Mr. Long asked Association to offer prayer in behalf of Rev. P. A. Whitner an old Minister who is 83 years old and lying it seems at death's door.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. W. P. Patton, the live wire Sunday School Worker of the Association, and discussed by Bro. Patton and Rev. Ballard of South Fork Association. Rev. W. Mull and James Long.

Adjourned for dinner. Afternoon session. Devotional exercises by Rev. John Rector. Then the report on time and place for next session was read by Rev. James Long. Time, Thursday before the second Sunday in Oct. 1912. Place Pleasant Hill, 6 miles Southeast of Morganton; introductory sermon by Rev. C. E. Beaver of Maiden N. C.

The report on Education was read by T. J. Sigmon and discussed by Prof. Honeycutt of the South Fork Institute and Dr. R. T. Vam of Meredith College.

The report on the condition of Churches was read by Bro. Forrest Berry; 288 Baptisms in Association present Membership 3,399. One year ago it was 3,182,—again of 217.