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G. G. PAGE, Editor and Owner

PRINCIPLE FIRST

\$1. A YEAR in ADVANCE

REV. COLE

EXPLAINS MATTERS

President Page and Secretary Gardner also have a say.

Editor Herald:

In your last issue Elbethel is listed among the choirs taking part in the Singing Convention. Also in a news item you say, "We were delighted to learn that the choir [Elbethel] had virtually decided to sing in the Convention at Patterson Grove next Sunday."

I have made diligent inquiry and find that our choir has taken no action that would warrant the above announcement or news item. If our choir wished to sing in the Convention the matter would be brought before the Church and Sunday School in the regular order. This was not done, neither did the proposition ever come before the choir as a body.

I am reliably informed that Elbethel was listed in the Convention on two other occasions without authority. I therefore desire to make a statement which I trust will prevent future misunderstanding.

There are many things which might be said in favor of Fifth Sunday Singing Conventions. There are also many things to be said to the contrary. I am very anxious to avoid anything bordering on criticism of the judgement of the church which may favor these Conventions. That is their own business and I will not argue the matter unless compelled to do so in defense of my own position.

So far as Elbethel's position is concerned in this matter, I deem it sufficient for the present to say that the Southern Methodist Church in Western North Carolina has an orphan's home at Winston-Salem, and our Conference has decided that the 150 children there be fed, clothed and taught by each Sunday School devoting the fifth Sunday collection for that purpose. For a great many years Elbethel has not only been loyal but has rendered constant service in planning and sustaining the work of sending the Gospel and caring for the poor. So, however good the Singing Convention may be the duty of Elbethel is elsewhere on Fifth Sundays. To enter the Convention would at least cripple the attendance and work of the Sunday School on that day. The Singing Convention is only a few months old and may disband at anytime. We cannot step aside from a work so urgent for the present hour and important for future generations. I will not attempt to argue the advantages and disadvantages of the singing convention. For us at present it is not an open question.

I record with great pleasure that the Methodist Church encourages in every possible way social intercourse and brotherly co-operation among all Christians. To that end our communion table is open to all Christians and membership in all Christian Churches is recognized without question. Our Church joins heartily in a union service each third Sunday evening and I feel sure that our people would join with equal pleasure in the good features of the sing-

AT GROVER

SCHOOL OPENING

Bond election for new building Sept. 11th, \$6,000.

The Grover High School opened Tuesday of last week with the biggest enrollment in its history. The school building was crowded and 106 names were recorded, 80 being the highest first day attendance on record. Miss N. Meldonna Livingstone is a gain at the helm as principal and is ably assisted by Misses Alston, Hall and Grigg.

The people of Grover are in the midst of a campaign for a new school building. On September 11th they will vote on a bond issue of \$6000 which if carried will mean that the Grover High school will have a suitable building. The Grover people need the building as much as any people we know about and we sincerely hope the bond issue will carry.

Singing Convention if the Churches could unite at a time and place which would not interfere with more important duties and services. We rejoice to see Christians brought together on all occasions where the Kingdom of God may thus be better served.

E. O. Cole.

Mr. Page

To Rev. Mr. Cole,—As to my authority for including Elbethel in the list of choirs expecting to participate in the Convention I would say that the choir was returned to me by the secretary of the convention and I had no reason to investigate his authority. It's a prerogative of his to report these choirs to me and it's not a part of my duty to investigate his report.

As to Elbethel having been listed on the program of the convention twice before I am ignorant. So far as I can remember, or find from the file of the Herald, or learn from the Secretary, Elbethel has never been "listed in the convention." Of course if you can cite it in black and white I will gladly agree and make due explanation. In describing the territory and scope of the convention in the constitution drafted by the executive committee, a member of which is also a member of Elbethel church and leader of Elbethel choir and adopted by the Convention on motion of a presbyterian, Elbethel was included in the territory, a thing which could not have been avoided if it had been so desired, but there was no such desire. Then as the convention is strictly "interdenominational" every choir of whatever faith is eligible to membership. Elbethel was therefore listed among the eligibles but not as a member.

G. G. Page, Pres.

Union Sunday School Singing Convention, and Editor of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Mr. Gardner

Editor Herald:—I consider the statement in the above article signed by Rev. E. O. Cole that "Elbethel had been listed on two

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THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., THE PANAMA-CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION AT SAN DIEGO, CALIF., AND THE GREAT GOLDEN WEST.

as seen by

Mr. E. S. McSwain and wife Mrs. Ava Herndon McSwain and their little daughter Velda Irene, of Montgomery, Ala., on their recent ten thousand miles tour.

BY E. S. McSWAIN

(Cont'd from last week)

Saturday, June 19th. Although we spent eighteen hours enjoying the scenery yesterday, five this morning found us up another day of enjoyment, none the worse for having dragged our eyes over the rugged mountains of rocks, snow and ice, from lofty peaks more than twelve thousand feet high to the depth of numerous gorges several thousand feet below. Before retiring for the night we had passed out of the most mountainous part and by five this morning were down the foot hills in the fertile valley of the Thompson and Fraser Rivers. In this valley are raised the largest and best Irish Potatoes grown in the world; they are not only known and served on the table as you view them growing but are shipped far and near commanding fancy prices. The soil is extremely fertile and in the places not under cultivation huge ferns of such magnitude and splendor as to cause the ladies to ejaculate numerous expressions of pleasure and wonderment. Potatoes are not the only thing produced here, but the principal crop. A great deal of fruit is also grown here and numerous large canneries are supported. Salmon and other fish are also caught in abundance. The climate is also very delightful, which added to other numerous advantages makes this a very desirable section.

At eight o'clock we reached Vancouver a beautiful and thriving city of 140,000, the first to greet us on our arrival at this Pacific Coast. Our stay of two hours is very desirably spent but on account of rain we were not permitted to take in as much as we would had we been more lucky in reaching on a fair day. The city is well laid off, good streets, well kept, fine business buildings and beautiful residences with ample magnificent parks, resorts and other points of interest.

At ten o'clock we leave on the steamer Princess Charlotte, a beautiful three deck steamer with accommodations for 1,200 people. We steam out across strait of Georgia, through Admiralty Inlet and into Puget Sound, a distance of eighty-two miles which is made in four and a half putting us at our next stop, Victoria, at two thirty. During the morning the fog lifts which gives us a beautiful view of the country, the mainland, as we leave Vancouver, and later the Island of Vancouver as we near the oth-

er side. Although called the strait of Georgia, we are in reality traveling on the Pacific Ocean being as it were only behind the island.

Victoria, a beautiful city of about 70,000, is noted for its English-like appearance and nature in fact we are told that in many respects it cannot be discerned from some points in England. It is the capitol of British Columbia and contains the Parliament Buildings. The climate is very much the same as that of southern England. A few facts may be of interest. With a population of a little less than seventy thousand, Victoria boasts the home of 48 millionaires, and the beautiful appearance of the city the way it is kept etc. will back it up. The tallest building in the city is ten stories high, the allowed limit as to height. Forty-five hotels do a profitable business while fifteen churches are well supported as well as two hundred and fifty jitney busses in addition to an excellent street car service. The streets are all paved with asphalt and are excellent. Also many drives in the vicinity of the city are notable, among these is the one and one half mile drive on the water front that was built at the cost of one and one-half millions of dollars over which we passed in our tour of the city. 325 acres are given over to the city parks and childrens play grounds. Splendid school systems are well maintained, the girls and boys being kept separate in different buildings. A right good size China town is located in one side of the city. One of these we were told, whose name slips my memory but a Chinaman, had accumulated a fortune of eleven million and raised a family of ten children. To each child he gave a million and for the last million lots were cast, not knowing how to better divide or dispose of it. The eleventh million included the old home place, which we visited, or passed, and was very nice.

Farther on in our journey we passed the beautiful residence of one Mr. Penderly, a several times millionaire, who to suit his fancy has had grown in his yard animals of almost all kinds of a kind of box-wood plant or tree. These are grown in the shape of the various animals and trimmed daily. To care for these he has had grown a Merry Widow of the same kind of evergreen whose keeper sees that her hat is kept trimmed fresh daily with different kinds and of roses. Some gay widow that can wear a new hat every day!!

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WRONG NAME

IS ROBT. BARBER

Kings Mountain man pays old debts in Yorkville.

The York News carried an item last week to the effect that one Frank Barber of Kings Mountain had been to the city of Yorkville after an absence of 38 years had gone around and paid several old debts one of which amounted to \$20. We lost the clipping or would here reproduce it, but the name was in error. It should have read Robert Barber instead of Frank Barber. The man in question is our very much esteemed citizen Robert Barber who runs the beef market at the Dilling Mill. We know of no man whose integrity is farther above reproach than Mr. Barber and he asks us to state that there are some Barbers yet alive who will pay an honest debt no matter how old it grows.

Caring For The Friendless

Mrs. L. H. Barker was here Saturday soliciting funds for the maintenance of a "home for the friendless" which she is conducting in Gastonia. She is renting the Bradley house near the Loray mill and is caring for such persons as she has found without homes or means of sustenance. She wears a metal badge bearing the inscription: "W. W. Prison Missionary" the "W. W." meaning "World Wide". She has visited all the state prisons in the United States holding religious services. She spent much time with Leo M. Frank and says she is perfectly satisfied of his innocence.

Mr. Gardner

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other occasions without authority" as a direct reflection on me as I am supposed to send in lists of those taking part. Now I wish to say that Elbethel has never been on the list as one of the choirs taking part in the convention. Where Mr. Cole gets his authority I am unable to say but I do know that it isn't true. Mr. Cole also says that he has made diligent inquiry and had found that Elbethel was listed this time without authority. This is the whole substance of what was said and done: At the noon hour on Thursday during the week I thought there some of the members of the choir asked me could they come in and sing in the convention in the afternoon and I told them they could if they wished and they agreed that they would like to but I suppose they were not aware of the fact that they had to ask the men higher up. Would like for Mr. Cole to know that neither I nor Mr. Page does such things as he suggests "without authority". We also believe that if Bro. Cole would attend one or two sessions of the convention and hear the singing and see the interest and enthusiasm he would feel more kindly toward us and our work.

C. P. Gardner, Sect. Union Sunday Singing Convention.

AT LINWOOD

LAYMEN'S CONF'R NCE

Decided Success—America's Best Talent on the program.

The great Layman's Conference held at Linwood College last week closed Sabbath evening with a final masterful address by Mr. Gordon. This has been by far the most successful meeting of its nature ever held by the Associated Reformed Presbyterians. The whole church is edified and strengthened. The delegates have gone away with newer and broader visions of life and duty.

This Conference was featured by several address daily from some of America's ablest speakers. The leading speaker of the whole conference was Mr. S. D. Gordon of New York. He made ten set speeches during the conference and every one was heard with increasing interest. Mr. Gordon speaks in the simplest manner, using the plainest English and speaking in a conversational tone. But his messages savor of the Holy Spirit and go home to his hearers.

We would like to make personal mention of all the speakers but space will not permit. Others prominent on the program however, were Dr. Joseph Kyle of New York; Dr. Clay Lilly, field secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement; Dr. Orr; Dr. J. S. Moffatt, president Erskine College, Due West, S. C.; Dr. Anderson; Mr. Cates; Mrs. Bryson; Rev. Carson; Dr. Miller; Dr. Pressly, president of the A. R. P. Theological Seminary, Due West, S. C.; Rev. J. R. Edwards; Mr. J. H. Ross; and Dr. Parkinson.

The reader will by glancing over this list of talent readily understand why the conference was such a great success. Many of the speakers spoke several times. Besides Mr. Gordon's ten addresses, Dr. Kyle spoke seven times, Dr. Lilly, three times, and so on.

Besides the hundreds of delegates going back home to be more useful in church life they have a new and better conception of our fair section and of Linwood in particular. Many have been the good words coming from delegates to the Herald about our town, Kings Mountain.

In the entertainment of the conference Pres. A. T. Lindsay of Linwood College arose eminently to the situation and converted his spacious dormitory into a hotel and took the very best of care of his numerous guests.

The conference was in charge of Rev. J. G. Dale of Chester, S. C. Secretary of the Laymen's Movement and a returned missionary from Mexico.

LOCALS

Dixie Ware returned last Friday from a visit to his sister, Mrs. Hugh Rodwell, at Macon, N. C.

G. H. McDaniel, one of Kings Mountain's most enterprising dry goods merchants, returned last week from the Northern markets where he bought an elegant line of fall and winter goods.

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