

THE HARDWICK BILL.

An Emphatic Protest Against the Adoption of this Infamous Measure Passed the North Georgia Conference Amid Thrilling Scenes.

After a continuous session for more than a week the North Georgia Annual A. M. E. Church Conference has just adjourned its 27th annual session, held in Aiken Temple. The address from the Episcopal chair by Bishop H. M. Turner was broad and statesmanlike. After the reports of the various districts were heard, the next subject of importance to claim the attention of the conference was the election of the delegates to the next General Conference. The delegation is one of unusual strength in point of intellect and judgment. The delegation was as follows: Rev. J. S. Frazier, D. D., Atlanta; Rev. J. J. Lindsay, D. D., Marietta; Rev. C. L. Bradwell, D. D., presiding elder of the Atlanta district; Rev. R. D. Stinson, D. D., presiding elder of the Griffin district; Rev. J. M. Henderson, D. D., President of Morris Brown College of Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. W. G. Alexander, D. D., pastor of Big Bethel church, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. W. A. Fountain, Marietta; Rev. William D. Johnson, D. D., presiding elder of the Athens district; Rev. D. Strickland of Athens. The division of the North Georgia Conference into two conferences, namely the North Georgia Conference and the Atlanta Georgia Conference are events of much significance and mark an historic epoch in this great division of African methods. Bishop W. J. Gaines was associated with Bishop Turner in a number of the conference sessions. Another event of far reaching importance was the report of the committee on the state of country. In that report the committee recommended that a dignified and emphatic protest be made against the measure known as the Hardwick Bill, now pending before the Legislature of Georgia. The Hardwick Bill seeks the disfranchisement of the Negro, a strong memorial prepared by Negro representatives of Georgia to be presented before the upper and lower house of the legislature was then presented to the conference by Rev. J. A. Brockett, D. D., whose statesmanlike qualities and rousing eloquence immediately secured the attention of the great audience and secured the unanimous adoption of the memorial by more than fifteen hundred people. Not during the history of the Negro in Georgia has any measure touching his civil and political rights of such a grave and solemn character, and so dangerous in its nature, as it relates to the Negro, been brought before the people of the Empire State. At the moment when Dr. Brockett ceased speaking the scene begared description. Cromwell like, that champion of Negro rights, Bishop H. M. Turner stood with uplifted gavel and in trumpet tones called for the adoption of the memorial and the majestic form of Bishop Gaines, like the mighty First Williams of Germany, towered in splendid manhood and with flashing eyes, and majestic dignity indorsed the memorial. The memorial was signed by the individual members of the North Georgia Conference.

NEWS OF THE SCHOOLS.

At last week's meeting of the School Trustees, the following changes were ordered: High School—John P. Quander appointed teacher at \$475. Tenth division, to take effect October 20, Laura A. Terrell promoted, third to fourth grade, from \$550 to \$650; Katherine E. Taylor promoted first to third grade, from \$500 to \$550; Appointed: Daisy A. Wylic and Bertha G. Howard \$450, in effect October 12; Anna L. Connelly vice Katharine Taylor, promoted. Special department—Appointed: Lavinia A. Hayward, teacher of music, at \$300. Tenth division—Appointed: Williana A. Coleman, second grade, \$475, vice Alice Williams promoted second to third \$500. Ninth division: leave granted to Mary L. Brown for three months; promoted Sarah Hall, vice Mary E. Ferguson, resigned from \$475 to \$500; appointed: Marie E. Wright, \$475 vice Sarah Hall, promoted. Kindergarten department, in effect in September, teachers appointed; Miss S. A. Souder, D. A. Prentice, A. N. Ruff, M. E. Crook, P. M. Oberlin, H. R. Quinter, F. M. Halley, L. H. Bowlder, R. Dillard, E. G. Malloy. In effect October 1; Misses J. P. Grady, M. N. Slater, A. Swann, G. Thompson. In effect October 16, Florence M. Williams. Ninth, tenth, and eleventh division, Genevieve Thompson, appointed at \$400, in effect October 17. Assistant kindergarten teachers, in effect October 17, Misses L. E. Thomas E. C. Johnson, O. E. Brooks, L. B. Davis, Annie Lewis, H. B. Cornish, A. A. Snow. Herbert Eugene Wilson is doing nicely as night principal at Lincoln. He has had excellent training for the work, and is a good disciplinarian. His assistants, Misses Mary A. Stewart, Jennie E. Wilkison and Bertha M. Edwards, are capable and painstaking instructors.

Prof. Weatherless Wins. Prof. Neison E. Weatherless, instructor in physics at the High School, one of our worthiest citizens took a notion to visit the New Grand last Saturday, and with wife and child, enjoy the Williams and Walker performance. He didn't get to enjoy it, however, as he succeeded in getting into a seat in the orchestra where the "jim crow" management insists colored ladies and gentlemen shall not occupy. Mr. Weatherless was outraged and insulted, and finally forced from the theater by the manager, two over-zealous policemen and several ushers. Because he dared to stand up for his rights under the law, Mr. Weatherless was taken into custody, charged with disorderly conduct. The case came up in the police court Monday, and so thoroughly had the sympathy of the public been aroused in Mr. Weatherless' behalf that the court-room was crowded all day with perhaps the most noted audience that has gathered there for many a day. The reliable evidence was all one way—in support of Weatherless, and dozens of additional witnesses could have been placed on the stand to testify as to the discriminatory policy of the theater and describe the events leading up to the arrest of Weatherless, but Judge Kimball refused to admit this testimony. The story offered by the prosecution was a tissue of misrepresentations, the inconsistency of which was clearly shown. After an all day's desperately contested case, in which the prosecution was shown every advantage, with much hesitation and shuffling, Judge Kimball finally dismissed the case. So Mr. Weatherless succeeded in proving himself not guilty of the disorder provoked by the management, and stands vindicated before the people. He was warmly congratulated by the great crowd present, hundreds gathering around him to shake his hand. He will probably file suit against Burke and Chase, either under civil or criminal statute. Mr. Weatherless was ably represented by Judge S. C. Mills and W. Calvin Chase.

BOOKMAKERS AND PARAGRAPHER

The Topeka (Kansas) Pisindealer, with its characteristic enterprise, offers a Woman's Edition as their Thanksgiving feature. Correspondent Paul H. Bray is managing the Washington end of the write up.

The Cincinnati Rostrum's emancipation edition was a highly creditable piece of journalism. Editor W. L. Anderson has our congratulations.

Booker T. Washington's new book is out. It is called "The Future of the Negro."

Several of the leading journals will spread themselves on special Christmas numbers.

That trenchant pen pusher, Rev. John M. Henderson, has again dipped his pen in boiling ink, and is handling the B. Shorrie question without "mitis" they say Bro. Henderson is booked for the editorship of the Christian Recorder—in case Dr. Johnson is called to the episcopacy bench.

The Indianapolis Freeman is considerably worried in trying to make a choice between Mrs. Henderson and Townsend as Indiana's candidate for bi-hop. "It could be happy with either, were 'otter dear charmer away."

Mrs. Terrell at Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Special.—Mrs. Mary Charen Terrell delivered an able and scholarly address October 20th at True Reformers' Hall, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., of that city. Mrs. Terrell was at her best, and completely captivated the large and representative audience which gathered to hear her. As a platform orator and champion of the rights and privileges of the race, she has no superior among her sex in all the land. Her subject on this occasion was "The High Side," and it breathed in every line a spirit of hopefulness and cheer to the manhood and womanhood of our people. Her argument was sound, and was presented with a force that carried conviction, and yet with a grace and charm of manner that in themselves would have won the hearts of any audience, and impressed her worth and character as a true woman. A delightful reception followed the address. The organization realized a handsome sum from the entertainment.

The Bradford, (Pa.) News.

Bradford, Pa., Special.—Mr. F. E. Bowser, the new minister of Olean in the city guest of Rev. H. Nesty Miss Mabel Owens, of Olean daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Owens, was united in marriage last Sunday afternoon to Mr. J. C. Crawford, one of Olean's most popular young men. Mr. Crawford is in business in Olean. Messrs. Frank and Duke Price and Samuel Meggins have been busy giving musicals at upper ten residences. The trio are members of the East End mandolin club.

Editor Benjamin on "Boers."

In Dutch the word "boer" means farmer. In England a word pronounced similarly means "nuisance," and applies to the fellow who is always calling your attention to the weather or some hobby of his.—Lexington Standard.

A WORTHY INSTITUTION.

A Gratifying Report of the Work of Our Noble-Purposed Women—Officers in Charge.

The thirty-sixth annual report of the National Association for the Relief of Destitute Colored Women and Children, reciting the work accomplished during the current year, is in circulation, and contains some very interesting statistics. The home is located on Eighth street extended, and is being well taken care of by the committee in charge. Under the able superintendence of Dr. Rebecca J. Cole, many notable improvements have been made, and the affairs of the institution are in a most healthful condition. One hundred and three boys and girls are now being cared for at the home, and the service is declared by all to be ample and satisfactory. The Association is an incorporated body, and its officers for the year 1899 are as follows: President Mrs. H. M. Hatch, 1316 S street; vice-president Mrs. A. M. Edgar, 1325 Q street; treasurer Mrs. A. J. Murray, 934 S street; secretary Mrs. Helen A. Cook, 1118 Sixteenth street; board of managers, Madames A. P. Shadd, M. V. Datcher, J. F. Brackett, C. F. Grimke, M. L. Meriwether, M. L. Bennett, H. R. Tindall, H. A. Douglass, Ida D. Bailey; trustees, John F. Cook, Dr. Chas. B. Purvis, Rev. F. J. Grimke; matron, Miss Louise M. Jacobs; physician, Dr. E. D. Williston.

Two Educators Pass Through.

Tuesday evening of last week Prof. Booker T. Washington passed through the city, en route from Tuskegee to New York, in the vicinity of which city he will spend a few weeks on business connected with his school. Mr. Washington is a frequent, but always welcome visitor to this City of Magnificent Distances, and is too well known to require comment. He was accompanied by Prof. R. L. Smith, principal of the Normal School at Oakland, Texas, and is a potential factor in the politics of the "Lone Star State." Mr. Smith was a devoted ally of the late N. Wright Cuney, and now that the masses of the state are casting about for a leader to succeed to his mantle, one of the names that most readily appeal to their affection and confidence is that of R. L. Smith. He is a man of many parts, has served in the legislature, and was largely instrumental in securing a big slice of the Texan delegation for McKinley at the republican national convention at St. Louis. Mr. Smith is also editor of a monthly journal known as The Helping Hand, and is a strong advocate of practical systems of education for the youthful Afro-American. Mr. Washington stated to the Colored American that his new book, "The Future of the Negro" would appear upon the market this week. It is issued by a Boston firm, and is said to retail at \$1.50 per copy. A heavy sale is expected for it by the publishers.

Woman's League Reception.

The Woman's League of the District of Columbia will give another of their delightful receptions, Friday evening December 1st, (night after Thanksgiving) at Oud Fellow's Hall. The proceeds of the entertainment will be applied to the maintenance of the Day Nursery, now growing to be one of the most popular and useful charities in the city. It is of especial interest to mothers who are compelled to work away from home for a livelihood, and who need some one to care for small children during their absence. It is from these entertainments and donations that the rent of building, salary of matron, etc. are raised and the ladies therefore, ask that the public respond liberally to this effort. Their receptions are always events in social circles and this one promises to be equal to any of those preceding. The affair will be under the personal direction of Mrs. Emily Lee, assisted by Misses Florence M. Williams and Musette Brooks and Madames C. R. Douglas, W. H. Oonner, R. E. Gobert and others. Music for the dancing will be furnished by Hoffman's superb orchestra. The admission fee has been placed at twenty-five cents.

Why Not an Investigation.

They say that the wives of the soldiers of the 24th Infantry, who are living in the post where their husbands are stationed, are com elled to work for the commissioned officers' families. We have been informed from a reliable source that a certain sergeant in company B, stationed at Vancouver, was reduced to a private and placed in the guard house for six days on account of his wife refusing to cook for one of the officers of said company. The sergeant, it is said, had not broken any of the rules of the company, but was punished because of the refusal of his wife to an officer.—Portland, (Oreg.) New Age.

At Union Wesley.

The celebration of the Fifty first anniversary Union Wesley A. M. E. Zion church, 23rd St., between L and M streets, northwest, began Monday evening and continues until December 1, and each evening this anniversary is proving a literary treat. Papers, speech-making and good singing are the order of the hour.

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CLASS B. TABLE. Table with columns: Age, Joining Fee, Value of certificate, Annual Dues, Paid Quarterly. Rows for age groups 4 to 25 years, 25 to 35 years, 35 to 45 years, 45 to 50 years, 50 to 55 years, 55 to 60 years, 60 to 65 years.

E Class Policies are as follows:

CLASS E. TABLE. Table with columns: Age, Joining Fee, Value of certificate, Annual Dues, Paid Quarterly. Rows for age groups 25 to 35 years, 35 to 45 years, 45 to 50 years, 50 to 55 years, 55 to 60 years, 60 to 65 years, 65 years (Complete).

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Members of Class E can purchase 25 shares of bank stock, and two shares for each year of their membership, likewise they may take their policies and certificates of bank stock, and secure a loan after a given period of time. You will readily see that the membership in either one of these Classes, like the Fountains and the Rosebuds, benefits the member in health, as well as his family in death.

5. The True Reformers' Bank.

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6. Real Estate of the U. O. T. R.

THIS DEPARTMENT manages and controls the property of the organization, beyond out of the necessity of having offices and buildings in which to carry on the business of the organization, and to furnish halls for the Subordinate Lodges. Buildings now owned, 12, farms, 3, dwellings, 2, hotels, 1, with a total value of \$104,000.00. Buildings leased, 13.

7. THE REFORMER, the Organ of the Order.

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