

ADVENTISTS HEAR FOREIGN REPORTS

Their Reading Occupied the Greater Part of Day.

ELDER DISCUSSES A MESSAGE

Editor Prescott, of the Review and Herald, Tells of Importance of Work Before the Denomination. Splendid Work Shown in the Report of the British Union.

The reading of foreign reports, which occupied the greater part of the sessions yesterday of the quadrennial conference of the Seventh-day Adventists at Takoma Park, will be continued at the morning session to-day. All reports show pleasing advances in procuring converts in European countries, and in circulating publications of the faith.

The message for this time was the subject of an address last night by Elder W. W. Prescott, editor of the Review and Herald, published at Takoma Park. Mr. Prescott told of the necessity of spreading the message of the cleansing of the sanctuary, as foretold in the fourteenth chapter of Daniel, which he said was now in progress and would soon be completed.

The English Report.

Much discussion was occasioned by the reading of the English report, which told of the progress made in teaching and preaching in the British Isles in the last three years.

The report was in part as follows:

"The British union is among the smallest in area and among the largest in population. Its area of 121,000 square miles is somewhat larger than the combined areas of the States of New York, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The population is about 45,000,000, or nearly half that of all North America, exclusive of old Mexico. At present, the most characteristic nationalities—English, Scotch, Irish, Welsh, and Manx—are manifest to one who visits all divisions of the field. There are three languages besides the English spoken by considerable sections of the population—the Welsh in Wales, the Gaelic in Scotland, and the Erse in Ireland are adhered to by thousands, and it requires no stretch of the imagination to understand that there were many minor, yet striking, distinctions as regards both customs and dialects.

"At the opening of the quadrennial term, January 1, 1905, our work in Great Britain was twenty-six years old. There was at that time two organized conferences, North England and South England, and three mission fields, Wales, Scotland, and the Continent. An aggregate reported membership of 1,384. During the four-year period closing December 31, 1908, two missions, Wales and South Scotland, were organized into conferences; 25 churches were organized and 1,000 were added to the membership 855 by baptism and 123 by vote, or a total of 1,000.

Church Membership.

"On account of a revision of the lists of church membership throughout the field, the reported net gain for the general conference term was reduced to 310, giving the union a membership of 1,574 at the close of the year 1908. It is evident that the real gain in membership for the quadrennial period is much larger than the apparent net gain.

"The union made a net gain of sixty-eight members for the first quarter of 1909, so that on March 31, of the present year, we had a total membership of 1,742. That which has been accomplished during the past four years, as regards membership, gives us assurance for the future.

"There has been an encouraging gain in tithes and offerings during the four years. The tithes for the year 1904, the last year of the preceding general conference term, amounted to \$15,910, or a per capita rate of \$19.32. The tithes for the year 1908, the last year of the term for which we are reporting, amounted to \$25,078, or a per capita rate of \$43.38. Thus the year 1908 as compared with 1904 shows a gain in tithes of \$9,168, and a gain of more than 50 per cent in the per capita rate.

"The total offerings to missions for 1904 amounted to \$1,821, or \$1.33 a member. The total amount of offerings to missions for 1908 amounted to \$3,541, showing a gain of \$1,720. The per capita rate increased from \$1.23 to \$2.11. The total tithes for the four-year period ending December 31 amounted to \$91,708.13, or a yearly average of \$22,927. The yearly average per capita rate was \$13.64. The total offerings to missions for the four years amounted to \$12,233.90, a yearly average of \$3,058.47, and a per capita yearly average of \$1.82.

Aid is Necessary.

In conclusion, the report said: "It is still necessary for our field to receive some aid from the general conference treasury. The amount required for the present year is \$2,200. We are glad, however, to note that we turned over to the general conference more than that amount in offerings last year, not counting the amount of tithes also paid by the union to the general conference. It is our earnest hope and purpose that we shall be required to ask for but one more annual appropriation for the regular work, and that it will be much less than \$2,500. It is the fond desire of all the British believers that our field shall soon become, not only full self-supporting, but also able to help substantially in supporting the great work of carrying this blessed message to the millions of human kind who sit in darkness and the shadow of death."

Departmental Meetings.

Departmental meetings of the general conference publishing department, the medical, the missionary volunteer, the religious liberty, and the other foreign departments, were held in the morning. At 9 o'clock Elder E. N. Haskell delivered an address on the "Holy Spirit and some wonderful evidence of His presence." Among the countries represented and reported on were India, Burma, Africa, South America, Mexico, Central America, West Indies, China, and Japan.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Earnest W. Burgess, 21, and Katherine E. Ellis, 22. Rev. John Reid Shannon. John W. Dunn, 29, and Nellie P. Toddwell, 23, both of Richmond, Va. Rev. J. B. McLanahan. S. Guy Weimer, 23, and Katherine E. Stottlemyer, 23, both of Frederick, Md. Rev. Donald C. MacLeod. James F. Norman, 29, and Lucy Miller, 23, both of Harrisburg, Va. Rev. J. B. McLanahan. Robert M. Turner, 29, and Belle B. Woodward, 23, both of Baltimore, Md. Rev. Richard P. Williams.

COLORS.

Charles Grayson, 21, and Louisa Brown, 19. Rev. Charles H. Smith. Albert Carter, 27, and Eva Alexander, 18. Rev. J. B. McLanahan. Henry Stiles, 29, and Georgia Madison, 23. Rev. Allen H. Smith. James Morris, 23, and Irene Green, 21. Rev. Joseph Matthews. Joseph Turner, 23, and Arabela Sweney, 23. Rev. Joseph Matthews. John R. Ford, 23, and Catherine Thomas, 21. Rev. M. W. Clark. Charles H. Parker, 29, and Louisa F. Worthington, 21. Rev. W. J. Howard.

CROSSED THE PACIFIC TO ATTEND CONVENTION.



Delegates from New Zealand, Tasmania, Australia, and the Pacific Islands who are active in the Congress of Seventh-day Adventists at Takoma Park, Md.

PATRIOT HONORED IN BRONZE EFFIGY

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and he was like his countrymen, who do not identify themselves with the country community in which they live—they take possession of it. "To describe a man like this is as difficult as describing Washington. He possessed a quality of greatness that is undefinable. He was imbued with those qualities that marked Lincoln, and he possessed those powers with a solidity that made their impress lasting. It may be said he possessed a symmetry of power that slumbered, and only when the large scale of his career was unfolded was he appreciated. Every part of his being, when touched with fire, became kindled. He was combustible throughout; and do you wonder that this man burst into flame when he was touched with the electrified air of America?"

Recognized the Situation.

"Witherspoon immediately recognized the significance of the situation into which he had stepped almost unwarily just before the war of the Revolution. He not only based his assertions on facts, but on that sometimes disturbing element of the Continental Congress was the attainment of effective legislation insuring actual taxation, hard cash and a solid union of the colonies. It would be true to call him the greatest president of Princeton University or a leader of the American colonists. It was he who was mainly instrumental in imparting those principles which will lift this nation to the realization of its sober and yet manifest supremacy.

"Dr. Witherspoon was one of those Scots who are both troublesome and indispensable. With that keen logical mind he directed his measures in the Continental Congress, and in many instances he must have been a minority of one. We think that men who create revolutions must be emotional orators. This is not the case; much less is it true that emotional orators lead revolutions. Witherspoon was far from emotional; he spoke with quiet deliberation which carried more weight because he dealt only with facts. He was to the Continental Congress what Washington was to the army and they worked together for a common cause.

"It is a matter of humorous history at Princeton that John Witherspoon, ever eager to impress the idea of liberty upon the colonists and especially the Presbyterians of New Jersey, wrote the speeches of the undergraduates. It may be said that under the tutelage the students in their theses spoke only of the philosophy of politics. Needless to say the presbyter later rescinded his order, prohibiting politics to be discussed in the pulpit. Two better examples could be given of this man's versatility in education than that of his student, James Madison and "Light Horse" Harry Lee, demonstrated to the nation the doctrines instilled at Princeton by Witherspoon.

"Several times in the introduction of Ambassador Bryd's address, his wit caused ripples of laughter in the audience. John Witherspoon was a strong, self-reliant, courageous man, filled with the spirit of the Covenanters of Drumclog and of Bothwell Bridge, a man who would have at all times declared his independence of everything, and who both by his learning and his force of character is worthily remembered by one of our greatest universities as the most striking figure in its earlier annals. He was of a strong race, one of the strongest that has gone to the making of this new composite nation, in which it is beginning to be hard to trace the several threads of a civilization woven on the loom of time into the fabric of the present.

"Students of history and ethnology have sometimes been inclined to wish that old character of settlers in North America, Scotch and Irish, and German and Scandinavian, had each taken a religion to itself in which its individuality could have been developed under new conditions into some new form in which the old character would not have been lost. But, perhaps, the mixture of all together into one vast nation gives more flexibility and versatility to the nation and makes it fitter to meet all the various calls of a civilization that grows always more complex.

"Of this Scottish and Scotch-Irish race the distinguished man whose statue you are setting up to-day is a worthy representative. He was an accomplished scholar and teacher, eloquent in the pulpit and wise in the council chamber; fearless and resolute, and able to inspire others with his own resolution, displaying on the soil of this new continent the qualities which had won his greatness and its fame for the country whence he came, a country of which we may say, as in Homer, Ulysses says of his isle, 'Rough is it and small, but it is a nurse of strong men.' "Four men in the early history of this republic stand out as representative Scotsmen. One is Dr. Witherspoon, who had, though by his profession a man of peace, a full measure of the strength of will and the combative spirit as well as the mental grasp that belonged to such persons as Alexander Melville, and to the

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IN GARB OF CLERGYMAN.

The Witherspoon statue was designed by William Couper, of New York, who also designed the Longfellow statue. The effigy represents a tall man of erect pose and striking face, wearing the garb of a clergyman of the Revolutionary period, and holding a book in his hand. The monument was paid for by subscriptions of \$1,000 each from the following:

- Mrs. John Hay, Washington; Mrs. Stanley Matthews, Washington; S. B. Elkins, Washington; West Virginia; William B. McKinley, Champaign, Ill.; Morris K. Jessup, New York City; John S. Kennedy, New York City; John E. Parsons, New York City; Andrew Carnegie, New York City; Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, New York City; John W. Alderson, Philadelphia; John A. Coerver, Philadelphia; John V. Farwell, Chicago; Thomas Morrison, Pittsburg; Alexander R. Pentock, Washington, D. C.; John W. Foster, Washington, D. C., and others.

The statue is mounted on a marble pedestal, upon the front of which is written in bronze letters: "John Witherspoon, 1720-1804; Princeton." On one side is inscribed "Presbyterian minister," and on the other "Signer of the Declaration of Independence."

On the back of the pedestal is a bronze plate bearing the following quotation from the famous speech of Witherspoon: "For my part, of property I have some of reputation more. That reputation is at stake, that property is pledged on the issue of this contest; and although these gray hairs must soon descend into the sepulcher, I would infinitely rather that they descend thither by the hand of the executioner than desert at this crisis the cause of my country."

divines who led the Glasgow assembly of 1858. Another was Patrick Henry, a Scotch Irishman, with a distinctive touch of the Irishman about him in his fiery rhetoric, and with a fighting spirit which was Irish as well as Scotch. The two others were even greater. One was James Wilson, a man of wide knowledge and capacious mind, a penetrating and solid thinker, with a grasp of facts and of principles which placed him in the front rank of the political thinkers and constitutional lawyers of that great epoch.

Eulogizes Alexander Hamilton.

"To no man are the excellences of your Federal Constitution more due than to this recent immigrant from Scotland, who so soon showed his devotion to his new country. And the fourth was Alexander Hamilton, whose name is too great to need any tribute of praise from us to-day. Tanto nomini nullum parvolum. Since that time many eminent men have been given to the service of your country by that same stock. The list is a long one, even if I do not include in it that of one worthy who has been claimed as an ornament of the Scotch-American race, Capt. Kidd, the well-known—or, shall I say, the notorious—privateer.

"In the list there are four Presidents, whose names and lineage are undeniably Scotch, without counting other Presidents Scotch on the mother's side. There is the greatest of your Chief Justices, John Marshall, in whose intellect it does not seem fanciful to discover that Scottish origin which appears also in his name. But perhaps the most typical Scot in character and gifts among your statesmen is John Caldwell Calhoun. He applied to politics a thoroughly Calvinistic theology that formed the logical precision and stringent symmetry of Scottish ecclesiastics, or whether they took to the service of the state because it so exactly suited their natural bent and taste, might be a curious subject of inquiry. He was a close reasoner, an inflexible logician, who carried out his principles with a consistency which shrank from no consequences, and he had a stern dignity which well befitted his intellectual parentage.

"Calhoun and Jackson are almost the last of the men characteristically Scotch and Scotch-Irish, who figured prominently in your political life. There have continued to be eminent men of letters, though no conspicuous poet, for Edgar Allan Poe, though of Irish extraction, was not a Scotch-Irishman. There have been famous inventors, like Robert Fulton. Declaring that Washington has more statues and more fountains than any other American city, Commissioner Macfarland began his address. He said, in part: "Most of our statues represent heroes of war. We delight to honor them; but we delight to honor also the victors of peace. Washington must rejoice that this latest statue adds to our small number of memorials of civic heroes. Ambition,

especially in the young, needs not the lesson of military glory, for it knows that by heart. But it does need the lesson of civic glory, less visible, less dramatic.

"Witherspoon, representing the spirit of patriotism, the spirit of learning, the spirit of religion, now stands in the heart of the National Capital, in the century and the country so often regarded as materialistic. He will remind the nation of the ideals which made possible whatever it has of true greatness, and which will save it, if they are followed, from the fate of the lost nations of the past. Representing that doctrine which has meant civil and religious liberty, that policy which furnished the model for the American government, he will be our remembrance of the absolute necessity that the spirit as well as the body of the nation shall be fed.

"Bucken of Jena, the great German philosopher to whom the Nobel literary prize was given last year, in reviewing history, said: 'Christianity has had to protect the deeper content of life from the secular and self-conscious civilization of the modern world; latterly this civilization has itself reached a crisis from which only a radical deepening of life and an inner renovation of man can rescue it. Ever more irresistibly we are driven back from the causeless activities of civilization to the problems of the souls, to the struggle to make life significant, and to preserve a spiritual existence.'"

"This high philosophy, this imperative word of truth, Witherspoon, Bible in hand, will speak from this city, set upon a hill, to all the future. He will speak to the deeper content of life from the man, with high courage and full confidence. It will inspire every true American to the new patriotism of noblest living."

Rev. Jere Witherspoon, D. D., of Richmond, Va., offered the invocation, and Rev. David Walter Woods, of Gettysburg, Pa., said the benediction formally concluding the exercises. Both clergymen are descendants of the noted divines.

Officers of the Association. The officers of the Witherspoon Memorial Association are: Trustees, John W. Foster, chairman; E. Southard Parker, treasurer; Henry B. F. Macfarland, secretary; Andrew Carnegie, New York; Morris K. Jessup, New York; Senator Stephen B. Elkins, West Virginia; William B. McKinley, M. C., Illinois; Mrs. Stanley Matthews, Washington; John W. Wamaker, Philadelphia.

The reception committee for the unveiling ceremonies was composed of members largely from the District of Columbia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Princeton Alumni Association and Sons of the Revolution, Frederick D. Owen, chairman; Frank L. Biscoe, M. D., Frederick C. Bryan, John D. Carmody, Chester A. Clark, Andrew B. Rellly.

GEORGE F. POLLOCK IS ILL.

Former Assistant Land Commissioner Operated On. George F. Pollock, formerly assistant land commissioner in this city, and now with the law firm of Consul & Pollock, is critically ill at Providence Hospital, where he was operated on yesterday for a growth in the stomach.

Mr. Pollock is well known in Washington, and also has many friends through the West, where he was detailed while in the Land Office. For many years he had charge of the inspectors of the Land Office, and later entered the Forest Service. He was sent to Oregon and California by Mr. Pinchot. Mr. Pollock has been in falling health for six months. He is the son-in-law of James E. Williams, a prominent citizen of Boyd, Md.

ARRESTS FOLLOW FIRE.

Negro Boys Charged with Arson in Fourth Precinct. Fire in a stable at 329 Broad alley southwest yesterday afternoon caused more than \$100 damage. The loss is covered by insurance. The first floor of the building is owned by Moses Kahn, in business at 611 Four-and-a-half street southwest. A negro family occupies the second floor. About 1:30 o'clock p. m. Robert Lewis, 20 years old, and Richard Queen, eleven years old, negroes, were playing with matches in the stable. The police say fire from a lighted match ignited a lot of hay. Firemen extinguished the blaze with little difficulty.

Before the arrival of the firemen Martha Washington, negro, fifty years old, who lives over the stable, became frightened and jumped from a second-story window to the ground. She was injured about the left arm and was removed to Emergency Hospital.

Robert Lewis and Richard Queen were arrested. The boys are held at the Fourth precinct station, charged with arson.

Mrs. Davis Granted a Divorce.

Ann R. Davis was given a divorce from William F. Davis yesterday by decree of Justice Barnard, of the District Supreme Court. Davis is ordered to pay his former wife \$20 a month as permanent alimony, and the costs of the suit. Mrs. Davis was represented by Attorney W. B. Rellly.

WIFE OF DRUGGIST COMMITS SUICIDE

Mrs. John A. Nelson Takes Cyanide of Potassium.

MYSTERY AS TO THE REASON

Husband Refuses to Talk of the Case and Police Unable to Ascertain Cause of the Act—Had Seemed in Good Spirits, but Complained of Feeling Ill—Visited the Store.

Mrs. Violet Nelson, wife of John A. Nelson, druggist, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by swallowing half the contents of a four-ounce bottle of cyanide of potassium.

The woman ended her life in her room at her home, 68 C street northwest, some time after 1:30 o'clock. She was last seen alive by her husband, who also discovered her body.

Mystery surrounds the cause of the suicide. If relatives of the despondent woman know why she wished to die, they refuse to tell. The police made an investigation, but were unable to learn the cause of Mrs. Nelson's despondency. Coroner J. Ramsey Nevitt investigated and issued a certificate of death by suicide. The coroner says he was unable to ascertain the cause of the suicide.

Married a Month Ago.

Friends say the woman was married to Nelson about a month ago. She was about thirty years old, while her husband is said to be about twenty-five. The young druggist, who is in business at First and C streets northwest, was apparently happy with his wife, and so far as has been learned there were no marital troubles.

Nelson is the son of one of the most prominent druggists in Washington. He is a large owner in the Nelson Drug Company at Sixth and D streets northwest. Father and son are well known in this city.

Mrs. Nelson lived at 68 C street northwest, so she could be near her husband, who spent most of his time in the store at First and C streets. The wife frequently visited the drug store, and would stay there for hours chatting with her husband. She showed interest in the business, and aided her husband with valuable suggestions. It is believed Mrs. Nelson obtained the poison while on one of these visits.

She left the store shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, saying she felt ill. Nelson asked her what seemed to be the ailment, but she said she would be all right in a short time, and asked him to walk to the house with her. Nelson noticed his wife acted strangely and smiled, but thought her peculiar actions were caused by illness, and the smiles he attributed to an effort to conceal her suffering. Nelson walked the short distance to the house and left her at the front door.

Found His Wife Dead.

Mrs. Nelson went to her room on the second floor, while the husband returned to the store. He remained in the store until 4 o'clock, when he returned to the house. Opening a door to her room, he found her lying on the bed. A strange odor pervaded the atmosphere, and Nelson saw on a bureau a bottle half filled with poison. Near the bottle was a glass which contained some of the poison.

The druggist tried to revive his wife, but found life extinct. She had been dead probably more than an hour. Nelson was seen last night by a reporter for The Washington Herald. He declined to discuss the case and took offense when asked his name. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Sues Richard T. Mazinger.

Richard T. Mazinger, a bottle of beer, ale, and soft drinks, was made defendant in a suit for \$20,000 damages and costs, brought in the District Supreme Court yesterday by Luigi Pucci, five years old, through his father, Francesco Antonio Pucci. The complaint says that on April 12 last, while in the care of his mother, he was run over by a heavy wagon driven by an agent of Mazinger, at Second and G streets, and sustained serious and permanent injuries to his right leg.

AMUSEMENTS.

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