

N. C. CONFERENCE.

THE RECORD OF THE CONFERENCE

Conference Convened at St. Paul in this City, Wednesday Morning Last, Preceded by the First Day's Proceedings.

The 67th annual North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, convened in St. Paul church this morning at 9:30 o'clock with Bishop A. Candier, of Georgia presiding.

The bishop called the Conference to order with two raps of the gavel and read hymn No. 221. He led the hymn and was joined in singing by the whole Conference without instrumental accompaniment. He then led the conference in fervent prayer. After which he read the Scriptural lesson from the 1st and 2nd chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. In his remarks to the Conference the bishop said that there was no earthly organization that was worthy to sit down with the bride of the Lamb (meaning the church). For some time he spoke at length on faith and rebirth and said that a good funeral on a conversion would change the name of a great many theologians.

After completing the list of presiding elders, all of whom passed and gave verbal accounts of the work done in their districts, all being very gratifying, the Bishop addressed a few remarks of a practical nature. He is a very practical man and illustrates most points from every day life.

The committee on the Orphanage was announced. Continuing the 20th question the Bishop called the name of C. W. Smith, who was passed and referred. C. W. Townsend was called and passed. C. R. Taylor was called and passed and referred. Samuel Lepers was called and passed. M. C. Thomas, one of the oldest members of the Conference, was called and passed and asked for a continuance of the Conference relations, which was granted. W. S. Davis was called and passed. J. H. Page and J. C. Crisp were called and passed. J. M. Rice was called and passed and referred. T. J. Gattis was called and as he was not present his case was passed over. A. R. Goodchild was referred to the committee on memoirs, as he had died since the last session. W. A. Forbes was called and passed.

The Bishop then called the districts so that the Elders could report any preacher whose health had failed or any who had died. In the Fayetteville district two preachers

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On Bible Cause—The same as last year. A motion prevailed that a collection be taken up at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning for the Methodist Orphanage and that the Bishop preach a Thanksgiving sermon.

Several communications and reports from different Methodist institutions were referred to their respective committees without reading.

Rev. N. H. D. Wilson read the report of the Methodist publishing houses at Memphis, Tenn., and Dallas, Texas.

The report of the Sunday School board was also read by Mr. Wilson. The Epworth League report was read to the Conference and was listened to with much interest.

The secretary announced the names of his assistants as follows: N. H. D. Wilson, R. H. Brown, C. L. Beid,

H. G. Stoney, E. R. Welch, E. E. Mercer, W. C. Merritt, G. T. Simmons.

A communication from the Anti-Saloon League was referred to the temperance committee.

Dr. J. C. Kilgo presented a report of the trustees of Trinity College, which was read by the secretary.

The report of Louisburg Female College was presented with the request that it be referred to the proper committee without reading.

Rev. J. M. Rhodes presented a report of Littleton Female College, which he read himself, and which was very gratifying.

A report of the Greensboro Female College was referred to the committee on education.

Question 20 was called, viz: "Are all the preachers blameless in their lives and official administration?" and the following passed the examination of character: W. H. Moore, J. T. Gibbs, J. B. Hurly (who succeeded Rev. B. B. Hall as presiding elder, Mr. Hall having died during the year), W. S. Robe, R. B. John, F. D. Swindell, F. A. Bishop, R. A. Willis, J. E. Underwood.

As the names of each presiding elder was called some member of the district would tell of the work done by the presiding elder and he in turn would tell of the condition of the district.

Several new church buildings have been erected on the Newbern district this year. This district will pay out in full on missions with an advance in all collections. There have been about 400 conversions. Dr. Swindell stated that he felt that with twenty preachers on this district there should be more than 400 conversions. He feels that more people should observe the custom of fasting and more families conduct prayers.

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have died and also the presiding elder, Rev. B. R. Hall.

Dr. James Atkins, Sunday school editor, Rev. Dr. Seth Ward, assistant secretary to the Board of Missions, were introduced to the Conference.

The meetings of committees were then announced and Conference adjourned until 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The second day's session of the sixty-seventh annual North Carolina Conference was called to order yesterday morning promptly at 9:30 o'clock by Bishop Warren A. Candier.

Rev. B. A. Willis, presiding elder of the Elizabeth City district, conducted the opening religious ceremonies. Hymn No. 441 was sung and after prayer by Mr. Willis the Bishop led the hymn, "Come Ye that Love the Lord."

Dr. J. T. Gibbs put in nomination Rev. N. M. Watson as a member of the board of trustees of the conference to succeed Rev. B. R. Hall, deceased. Mr. Watson was elected. The report of the Board of Church

Extension was presented and read by Assistant Secretary N. B. D. Wilson, and was referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

On reading the roll of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth of T. J. Gattis was called and Dr. Moore, the presiding elder of the district in which Mr. Gattis resides, arose and said that he would have to return the same answer that had been returned in the past few years, to-wit: "That there was nothing against Brother Gattis' character except that he has a law suit against Dr. J. C. Kilgo and other members of the Conference."

Question 3: "What travelling preachers are elected deacons?" was called by the Bishop and the following names were called and reports made: James Marvin Culbreth, Eugene Malcolm Snipes, William A. Jenkins, William Edward Brown, William Palmer Constable, Wm. Towne, W. E. Nicholson, Lafayette Johnson (died during the year).

Question 5: "Who are re-admitted?" Dr. F. D. Swindell presented the name of Thomas W. Mansfield. His name had not gone before the committee and was not considered.

Dr. Atkins, of the Western North Carolina Conference, was introduced, and said that he had been requested by Miss Bell Bennett and other ladies of his conference, to make an appeal to the conference in behalf of the Brevard Epworth School. He made an earnest appeal and the liberal response he met with (\$500 was contributed) was very gratifying.

After the announcement of committee meetings by the secretary the Bishop announced that the hour for a Thanksgiving sermon had arrived, which was put down at 11 o'clock in

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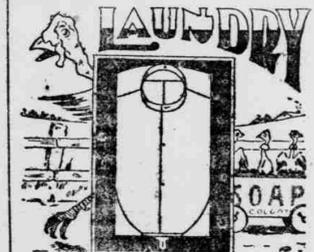
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