

DR. HOSS STIRS UP OPPOSITION

Exceptions Taken to His Remarks in Methodist Conference.

GUERRILLA PAPERS AND MOB LAW

Resolutions Endorsing Dr. Hoss Did Not Reach a Cont. and He Declared He Wanted No Voice, and Was Able to Carry His Own Load—Meet Here Next Year.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Nov. 18.—An interesting situation developed in the 48th session of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Church, South, growing out of an address made by Rev. Dr. E. H. Hoss, editor of the Christian Advocate, the paper of the General Conference, published in Nashville.

Dr. Hoss is one of the big men of the church. Four years ago he came within a hair's breadth of being elected bishop, but he put it "by the grace of God and the interference of some of my friends, the catastrophe was avoided."

Large, mentally and physically, Dr. Hoss made an impressive figure as he stood and faced the gathering storm with head bared, but not bent. To some, what followed his introduction was not unexpected. To others, who were unfamiliar with the trend of affairs in connection with the Advocate, the suddenness with which the smiling morning was made to frown was incomprehensible.

FEARLESS AND OUTSPOKEN. Since his editorial connection with the Advocate Dr. Hoss has been fearless and outspoken, and his course has made him many opponents—to use no harsher word. He has lost some of his friends; as made now ones.

Dr. Hoss was introduced while the third ballot for clerical delegates to the General Conference was being counted. He pleaded at once in medias res. He declared that during his term of editorship he had made a mistake in friendship, and would not be for sale if they were. He had also lost friends, he said, by reason of his editorial utterances, but he was ready at all times to defend those utterances. He declared that he was conscious of having made mistakes, but that everything he had written was conscientious. He did not mind criticism, he said, so long as it referred to matters of fact, but he did resent imputations and insinuations against his motives and personal honesty of intent.

A HERETIC. Dr. Hoss said he had been charged even with being a heretic, because he did not, forsooth, talk in the language of Wesley. There is nothing so true, said he, as that the doctrine of the church has crystallized into dead dogmas. For himself, Dr. Hoss said that there was never a day's end when he could not get down on his knees and ask God to forgive the sins of the day.

Continuing, Dr. Hoss said in reference to the decreased circulation of the Advocate, that it was due, among other things, to a class of "guerrilla" papers that were constantly fighting the Advocate. Further along in his address, Dr. Hoss declared that he had been made in him, he declared that he did not believe "in mob law, either in the Church or out of it."

Dr. Hoss was proceeding along this line when he was interrupted by Rev. E. R. Dadman, who asked him, he declared, and et cetera just what he meant by the phrase "guerrilla papers." If he had referred to any paper published in the Virginia Conference.

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A COLLOQUY. Mr. James Cannon, Jr., editor of the Southern Methodist Recorder, questioned Dr. Hoss, and in reply Dr. Hoss declared that when Mr. Cannon said that he, Hoss, was the attorney of Barber & Smith, he charged what was not a fact.

Mr. Cannon said that he had never expressed himself in innuendo, and that if he had failed to tell the truth, as charged by Dr. Hoss, he was subject to discipline.

Dr. Hoss objected to the use of the term "mob law" by Dr. Hoss; he could not see why the phrase should be hung into the face of the conference.

Dr. Hoss said he left it to the conference to say whether he had said anything that could by any implication be construed in this connection as offensive to the Virginia Conference.

"No!" came from all over the house.

"Some of you brethren are too sensitive," said the Bishop.

Rev. H. C. Chatham, as one of the old members of the conference, protested against the tone and tenor of Dr. Hoss' address. There was applause following this.

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Rheumatism

Rheumatic pains are the cries of protest and distress from tortured muscles, aching joints and excited nerves. The blood has been poisoned by the accumulation of waste matter in the system, and can no longer supply the pure and health sustaining food they require. The whole system feels the effect of this acid poison; and until the blood has been purified and brought back to a healthy condition will the aches and pains cease.

Mrs. James Keel, of 77 Ninth Street, N. E., writes as follows: "A few months ago I had an attack of Rheumatism in its worst form. The pain was so intense that I could not get up. I became completely prostrated. The attack was an unusual severe one, and my condition was regarded as being very dangerous. It was attended by one of the most able doctors in Washington, who is also a member of the faculty of the leading medical college here. He told me to continue his prescription, and I would get well. After having it filled twelve times without receiving the slightest benefit, I decided to continue his treatment any longer. In a recent issue of S. S. Swift's 'Special' recommended for Rheumatism, I decided, almost in despair however, to give the medicine a trial, and after I had taken a few bottles I was able to get up. I could not get up on crutches, and very soon thereafter had no use for them at all. S. S. Swift's 'Special' has left me in good health, my appetite has returned, and I am happy to be again restored to perfect health."

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direct questions, which he had answered directly.

Bishop Duncan announced that Dr. Hoss should continue his speech, and he would permit no further questions except those relating to Dr. Hoss' work on the Advocate.

DECLINED TO SPEAK FURTHER. Bishop Duncan declared that in view of the protest and the applause that appeared to indicate the endorsement of the conference, he would decline to speak further.

Dr. Hoss took his seat amid numerous assurances that not all thought "that way."

Later on, Rev. J. H. Amis introduced a resolution welcoming Dr. Hoss to the Conference and endorsing the editorial course of the Advocate.

Naturally this evoked further contention. A vote was taken, but the bishop was unable to decide the result and Mr. Amis was finally prevailed upon to withdraw it, after Dr. Hoss had said that as far as he was personally concerned he was ready to accept all his personal responsibilities; that he had not solicited the endorsement of the Conference and was willing and competent to carry his whole load.

Dr. J. J. Lafferty made a witty speech thanking the conference for the support given the Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate. Dr. Lafferty said that he sought peace, pursued it, but did not always overtake it. He referred brightly to the way he had been persecuted by his contemporaries, but he said he liked it and thanked all who had put a curry comb on his career. With Dr. Lafferty's remarks and the withdrawal of Mr. Amis' resolution, the incident was closed.

CLERICAL DELEGATES. All during the session the election of clerical delegates was pending, and when the session closed at 1 o'clock, the seventh ballot had been taken, but was not counted. Its result was made known at the conclusion of the memorial exercises in the afternoon. The final delegates elected were announced as: Rev. R. F. Lipscomb, Rev. Dr. Paul Whitehead, Rev. Dr. A. Coke Smith, Rev. James Cannon, Jr., and Rev. J. C. Reed.

It is understood that Dr. W. J. Young was elected as the sixth clerical delegate, but since the last ballot at the memorial meeting on account of a protest.

MEET IN RICHMOND. The conference will meet next year at Broad-Street Church, Richmond.

THE SESSION. The conference resumed its work at 9 o'clock this morning. After prayer-work at the usual hour, the morning session was devoted to the usual devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. H. E. Johnson.

When conference adjourned Saturday afternoon, two clerical delegates, Rev. Dr. Paul Whitehead and Rev. B. F. Lipscomb, had been elected to the General Conference, and a second ballot had been taken up for the other four. This ballot was taken up and deposited in a sealed envelope, which was opened by the authorized committee Saturday evening and counted. Instead of taking up the unfinished business of the election at the beginning of the session, the bishop announced that he would hold it in abeyance temporarily in order to give opportunity to those members who were out of town Sunday and had not returned.

Considerable time was consumed in changing the wording of the minutes in connection with the incident of setting the table Saturday morning.

A telegram from the Baptist Association was read, as follows: "The Baptist General Association sends brotherly greeting. See Hebrews XIII:20."

"When a Bible was producing the verses 'Now, the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ that great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the everlasting covenant."

"Make you perfect in every good work to which will working in you that which has been promised in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever, Amen!"

The secretary was instructed to make proper response.

A resolution was adopted thanking Dr. H. E. Johnson for the pleasure afforded by the trip to the Hampton Normal and Institute Saturday.

ORDER OF DEACONESSES. Rev. W. A. Christian introduced for reference a memorial asking the General Conference to establish an Order of Deaconesses. The memorial was also signed by Dr. Young and Mr. Cannon.

At 10:10 o'clock the second clerical ballot for delegate to the General Conference was announced. Rev. James Cannon, Jr., was the only delegate elected, receiving 104 out of the 192 votes cast.

Others receiving high votes were: J. P. Garland, 94; W. G. Starr, 79; H. M. Hops, 63; J. C. Reed, 52; W. J. Young, 61; A. Coke Smith, 52; R. T. Wilson, 45; W. E. Edwards, 42. There were many other scattering votes.

In the announcement of the second ballot, the class of the third year was called, as follows:

Frank Burrows, Ridesway Circuit—Did not stand examination; continued in class of third year; good year; collections advanced.

R. L. Busby, West New Kent—Successful year, though many people moved to Newport News and Richmond. He was advanced to the class of the fourth year.

W. L. Murphy, South Hill—Advanced to

class of fourth year; 23 additions; salaries of pastor and presiding elder paid; 51 per cent. of collections.

FIND REPORT. Church, Newport News—Advanced to fourth year; fine report; net increase, 20 per cent.; increase in Epworth League, 400 per cent.; increase in Sunday-school, 100 per cent.; all collections and assessments paid.

W. G. Burr, West—Advanced to fourth year; 40 conversions; net increase, 15; finances fair.

J. C. Harry, Franklin Circuit—Did not stand examination; continued in class of third year; net increase and finances better than last year.

H. Hunter, East—Advanced to fourth year; 23 conversions; new church completed and dedicated.

Daniel T. Merritt, Port Norfolk—Advanced to fourth year; 69 net increase; collections on assessments all paid.

John T. Smith, Central Church, Portsmouth—Not before committee on account of sickness; 65 conversions; continued in class of third year.

F. B. McSparran, Surry Circuit—Advanced to fourth year; 28 per cent. net increase; 28 per cent. net increase; 28 per cent. net increase.

J. B. Lavender, East Halifax—Advanced to fourth year; net increase reported and advance along all lines.

J. E. Oiler, Hyco Circuit—Did not stand examination; continued in class of third year; was called to bedside of his sick wife; reported decrease along all lines.

E. P. Peerman, student at Vanderbilt—Did not stand examination.

L. C. Shearer, West Point—Not before committee.

The conference accepted with thanks an invitation from the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electrical Company to go to Fort Monroe Tuesday afternoon. The cars will leave at 2 o'clock and will put the party back in Newport News at 5 o'clock.

Pending the announcement of the result of the third ballot, Dr. Hoss was introduced and the incident described in the beginning of this report, occurred.

THIRD BALLOT. The third ballot was announced at the close of Dr. Lafferty's remarks. It developed that 285 votes had been cast. Rev. Dr. A. Coke Smith receiving 104 and Rev. J. C. Reed, 111 votes, thus being elected. Other votes received were: Dr. W. G. Starr, 81; Dr. J. Powell Garland, 95; Dr. J. W. Young, 62; Rev. H. M. Hope, 48; Rev. R. T. Wilson, 57; Dr. John Hannon, 1. When the list was announced, Dr. Hoss said "Amen."

The ballot left one delegate to be elected. There was no election on the fourth ballot; 211 votes were cast. Dr. Garland receiving 89; Dr. Young, 64; Dr. Starr, 45.

The fifth ballot was likewise futile; 214 votes were cast. Dr. Garland received 104; Dr. Young, 62; Dr. Starr, 45.

The sixth ballot was close, but there was no election. It resulted as follows: J. P. Garland, 102; W. J. Young, 95; W. G. Starr, 7; H. M. Hops, W. A. Christian, 1.

The seventh ballot was taken and collected and placed in a sealed envelope to be announced after the memorial exercises in the afternoon, but which was not done for the reason before stated.

RADICAL RESOLUTION. Considerable business was transacted during the balloting. A radical resolution was introduced by Rev. Dr. J. J. Lafferty and C. D. Cravely memorializing the General Conference to legislate in favor of creating districts that shall embrace not more than twelve pastoral charges, the presiding elder to be pastor of one of said charges; the number of churches to be increased to thirty; no Episcopal district to embrace more than two conferences. This memorial was referred.

Dr. J. C. C. Newton, G. W. Jones and Dr. J. J. Lafferty introduced a resolution to change the law in regard to missions so as to amend paragraph 249, so as to insert the word "general" instead of "foreign," also to authorize the general board to organize their work within the bounds of any conference.

Rev. J. E. DeShazo introduced a memorial having for its purpose the lengthening of the pastorate in home mission fields and providing a method for collections from mission charges.

The conference invited Prof. H. H. Hamill to deliver an address at Trinity Church at 7:30 o'clock to-night.

SUPERANNATED. The following names were referred for the superannuated relation: W. Proctor, James O. Moss and W. C. Cain. In connection with Mr. Proctor, who is seriously ill, a collection was taken up memorializing the church to engage in active work ever since.

Dr. J. P. Lafferty was called to the chair during the consideration of the report of the Trustees of the Virginia Methodist Orphanage, reported by Mr. W. H. Hays, president of that organization. He stated that though the work on the buildings had been retarded by difficulty in getting lumber and other material, contracts had been let for two cottages and an administrative building.

Rev. J. P. Martin, financial agent, has secured during the year \$22,000 in cash and subscriptions. The report was adopted; amended so as to ask for the reappointment of Dr. Blodson to be superintendent and Mr. Martin to be financial agent.

INTERESTING REPORTS. A number of pastors were called and their characters passed. The following reports will be interesting:

J. T. Boston, Piedmont Street, Richmond—Splendid year; Sunday-school membership outnumbers church membership; 43 conversions to church.

W. W. Royal, Martinsville—Advance along all lines.

George E. Booker, Wright-Memorial—Good year; 36 conversions and reclamations.

J. C. C. Newton, Owens-Memorial, Portsmouth—Good year; 26 conversions; church handicapped by large debt.

S. S. Lambuth, Liberty Street, Berkeley—Good year's work and harmony promoted.

H. V. Cleatham, Haywood and Lynchaven—Decrease of 15 owing to flow of population to Norfolk.

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SEGAR—BARRON. A Brilliant Full-Dress Wedding in St. John's Church, Warsaw.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) WARSAW, VA., Nov. 15.—Dr. H. L. Laurelot Segar and Miss Agnes Newton Barron were married at 8:30 o'clock this evening in St. John's Episcopal Church here. It was a brilliant full-dress wedding. The church was elaborately decorated with garlands and festoons of plants. The bride, who is a daughter of the late Capt. Samuel Barron, Confederate States navy, and one of the noted beauties of the Northern Neck, was elaborately gowned in white organdy lavishly trimmed with satin and machine lace and carried a magnificent bouquet of bride's roses tied with white satin ribbon.

The bride entered the church with her brother, Mr. Armistead Barron, and was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. W. Denbar Evans, of Middlesex.

The maid of honor, Miss Sallie Hagner Barron, sister of the bride and a declared brunette, wore a creation in pink and carried a bouquet of roses. The bridesmaids, Misses Carroll, Wellford, Alice Hall, Elizabeth Taylor, Sally Segar, Agnes Brockbrough, and Elizabeth Baird, were becomingly attired in white organdy and pink with bouquets of ferns. The bride was preceded by her little flower girl, Miss Seymour Jones, in silk and garter, and followed by a ring bearer, a young girl, carrying a basket of chrysanthemums.

The ushers were Messrs. A. N. Wellford, Leslie O. Barnett, Otis Barron, W. T. Tyler, and Mrs. W. N. Chinn and L. G. Mitchell.

Master John Wellford and Walter Douglas held the ribbons. The pastor, Rev. R. Meredith, performed the ceremony.

Daughters of the American Revolution Meet in Charlottesville. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Nov. 18.—The fifth annual State Conference of the Virginia Chapter, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet in this city to-morrow and Wednesday.

Following is a partial list of the delegates and visiting D. A. R.'s who are being entertained at different homes in this city and the University:

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