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THE WEATHER.
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CONFERENCE GOES TO STAUNTON

Clifton Forge Was Her Only Competitor.

Plans to Maintain the Wesleyan Female Institute—Two Sessions Yesterday—The Work Will be Rushed to-day and This Afternoon, and To-night May be the Last—Services Last Night.

The annual conference held two sessions yesterday, and will, it is understood, complete its work to-day. It is now believed that the work has sufficiently progressed as to enable the bishop to announce the various appointments at the close of the afternoon session to-day.

The work yesterday was rushed along. The most important business to be disposed of to-day is the action which will be taken this morning immediately after the reading of the minutes regarding the Wesleyan Female Institute.

The conference was called to order promptly at 9 o'clock with Bishop Hargrove in the chair, he having recovered sufficiently to be able to be in his place. The opening exercises were conducted by Rev. Isaac W. Canter, of Washington, by reading the 15th Psalm and singing hymn 194, which was followed by prayer.

The minutes of Saturday were then read and approved.

A certificate was read from Bishop Granbury stating that he had ordained the following traveling ministers to deacon's orders: Chas. W. Moore, Frederick R. Gaines, Daniel M. Brown and Lin wood Hammond; and E. A. Edwards, J. J. Ringer and J. E. McCulloch to deacon's orders as local preachers.

The following were ordained to deacon's orders respectively at night: Traveling preachers, Alfred B. Sites, Wm. S. Hammond, John H. Schooley, Henry L. Hout, John W. McNeil and John L. Grant; local preachers, David L. Blakemore and John A. Brumbaugh.

Owing to the non-action taken by the conference on the question of the Wesleyan Female Institute Rev. P. H. Whisner requested that the suggestion of Rev. H. P. Hamill concerning a plan to perpetuate the school and another from E. S. Conrad be read, which request was granted, after which Mr. Whisner offered the following:

"Resolved, That a committee of five, consisting of Rev. H. P. Hamill, I. W. Canter, E. S. Conrad, Dr. Kern and T. T. Flakburne, be appointed, to whom shall be referred the papers just read with the request that they formulate a plan for the perpetuation of the Wesleyan Female Institute, by means of a joint stock company or otherwise and report to the conference, and that they have leave to sit during the session of the conference."

The committee, as soon as they were appointed retired.

The report of J. L. Shipley, secretary of the board of missions was read, showing that about sixty charges received an appropriation from the board. These charges report 12,744 members, a net increase of 583; 195 Sunday-schools; 1,444 officers and teachers; 171 churches; \$235,495 value of churches; \$21,483 paid on ministerial support; \$1,509 contributed for foreign missions and \$914 contributed to domestic missions; some of these charges will henceforth be self-sustaining.

Dr. Carson then appealed to the conference for aid to assist the members of the conference who receive meagre salaries.

Rev. J. C. Jones at this point asked that this supplementary fund be appropriated only to members who have received less than \$500 during the year.

Dr. Chapman then made a powerful appeal in behalf of the heroes who had received mere pittance, and stated a few cases in which the pastors had received only a little over \$200. A collection was taken up, which amounted to something over \$200 for their benefit.

Rev. W. K. Marshall, of Lewisburg, read his report and asked that his name be withdrawn from the conference and from membership in the M. E. Church, South. His withdrawal was allowed, but Bishop Hargrove announced that he was sorry to see him take this action. He was also requested by a number of the members of the conference not to do this and who expressed their regrets that the step should be taken. It is understood that Mr. Marshall will go to another church, but he is not yet reported.

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ready to announce to what church he will ally himself in the future.

Reports were received from J. T. Williams, John O. Tackett, Thos. Cooper and H. A. Garver.

The report of the Epworth League committee was read by the secretary. The number of leagues last year was seventy-four with 3,128 members against ninety-nine leagues with a membership of 4,806 this year. Washington is the banner district, which leads with fifteen local leagues with a membership of 734.

The following recommendations were reported by the committee and were adopted by the conference:

"1. That the efforts of all the preachers be used to organize Epworth Leagues at each appointment where in their goodly judgment they deem it practicable.

"2. That Epworth League conferences be held in each district at least once a year. That in those districts in which such conferences have not already been organized, the time and place be selected by the presiding elders for the coming conference year. In all cases the selection of time and place be subject to the approval of the presiding elders.

"3. That a collection be taken at the District Epworth League Conference, the proceeds of which be sent at once to the secretary of the conference Epworth board, to be used by him in distributing literature of information concerning the league work of the preachers of the conference and otherwise assisting in the organization of new leagues.

"4. That we hold during the coming conference year an Epworth League conference at such time and place as may be decided upon by the conference Epworth League board.

"5. That while each department of the league is important to a complete organization and to the largest results, we urge, in view of the many difficulties to be overcome in most places, that special attention be paid to the department of literature; and we recommend the use of the course of study prescribed by the general Epworth League board as far as may be found expedient.

"6. That one evening during the session of the annual conference be set apart for the consideration of league work, and that the conference Epworth League board provide a programme for the meeting.

"7. That while we may not fully endorse every position taken and every expression used in the Epworth Era, yet we believe the circulation of the paper among us will prove a most valuable help to our young people and aid to our pastors in their work among the young people."

Dr. John P. Hyde moved that the order of the day be taken up and the matter of the selection of a place for the next annual meeting of the conference was disposed of. Clifton Forge and Staunton were the only places asking for the honor.

Presiding Elder Hammond, Rev. C. F. Moore and Rev. L. R. Markwood made speeches favoring the former place and Rev. Dr. Boyd and Layman J. P. Houck represented Staunton, which received the larger number of votes, after which it was moved that the vote favoring Staunton be made unanimous.

This being done a motion was made to hold an afternoon session at 3 o'clock, which was laid on the table.

The report of the joint board of finance was read by Layman John W. Numsen, of Baltimore, and adopted by the conference.

The report covered the funds received this year for bishops, supernuantes, Paine and Lane institutes and Bible cause as follows: Bishops' fund, \$2,054, increase over last year \$64; supernuantes, \$8,573, increase \$615; educational, \$1,458, increase \$69; Bible cause, \$296, increase 66, the amount paid to supernuantes and widows of preachers amounts to \$9,977.

The committee on conference relations reported the following names for supernuanted relations: F. M. Mills, N. Head, W. G. Eggleston, J. H. Waugh, J. H. Tongue, J. M. Grandia, Robert Smith, C. G. Linticum, J. M. Follansbee, E. L. Kregloe, F. A. Mercer, W. Hammond, J. H. Temple, Aaron Boone, W. Hedges, Sylvanus Townsend, C. L. Dameron, Robert Ross, H. D. Kinzer, J. G. Tackett, C. A. Joyce and P. S. E. Sixeas. The latter three were newly elected members of this relation.

The following were reported for supernumerary relations: J. Newman Hawk, J. J. Engle, J. S. Hopkins, A. Q. Fishery and L. H. Graybill.
Rev. B. F. Ball, presiding elder of the Roanoke district, made an appeal for a collection to be made in behalf of one of the supernuanted members of the conference who is worthy and in great need. The collection was made privately and a neat sum raised for the purpose designated.

Report No. 2 of the board of education on the condition of the Randolph-Macon Colleges and schools, was read by the secretary. The report showed these educational institutions to be in first-class condition with the exception of the Academy at Front Royal. It recommended that the conference appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of liquidating the indebtedness of the institution and for supporting and maintaining it. The attendance at the school was increased each year of its existence until this year, which represents a falling off. More students are expected next year so that an increase is more than probable over any year's attendance.

The college at Ashland has been able to maintain the patronage received in the past. The report concerning the academy at Bedford City was also flattering. Speeches were made by Dr. B. W. Bond, president, and Dr. John A. Kern, vice-president, of Randolph-Macon Academy at Front Royal.

The report of the committee on col-

portage, which was read and adopted, showed that of the 600 Sunday-schools in the conference only 100 purchase books from the regularly authorized colporteur. The Sunday-schools were enjoined to purchase their books in the future from the colporteur, Rev. A. A. P. Neal was recommended for the position.

The board of education also submitted a report of the condition of Payne and Lane Institutes for the education of the colored youth, located, respectively, at Nashville and Atlanta. They also recommended the assessment of \$500 each for the maintenance of these institutes.

The conference perpetuated the committee on entertainment, which is composed of J. P. Hyde, C. H. Buchanan, J. T. Wightman and E. B. Prentyman.

In regard to the reconsideration of the matter of the Wesleyan Female Institute at Staunton the committee appointed reported the following:

"It is the desire of the conference that all the indebtedness of the institute shall be paid, and it being apparent that the assets, if sold at public auction, will not pay one-half of the liabilities, and by reason of prior liens a large part of the indebtedness would receive nothing from the proceeds of sale and be left with no provision for its payment. With a view of ultimately paying the debt and continuing the institute as the conference school, the following plan is proposed:

"That a committee of three be appointed by this conference to ascertain as soon as practicable whether all the creditors of the institute will unite in an agreement to accept from the board of trustees of Wesleyan Female Institute a settlement whereby the time of payment may be extended through a period of years in such amounts as can be taken from the net annual income of the institute. For these amounts the notes of the institute are to be executed, secured by a deed of trust, creating a lien on all the property of the institute, preserving therein priorities among creditors as now exist by law unless waived by the creditors."

"If within sixty days from the close of this session of the conference, a satisfactory settlement be effected with the creditors of the institute, then the appeal now pending in the supreme court of appeals of Virginia in the name of Reeves Catt, trustee, vs. Knabe & Co. et al., be dismissed and the trustees of the institute take such legal steps as may be necessary to consummate the agreement with creditors and effectuate the purposes thereof.

"But if this provision for the debt prevail it is still necessary to provide for the operation of the school for the session of 1896-7, and for that the following plan is recommended: To organize a company with a capital stock of \$10,000, divided into 200 shares \$50 each, subscriptions to said stock to be taken and secured on the following terms and conditions, viz:

"1. That 10 per cent. of said stock be paid on notice of the secretary of the board of directors hereinafter provided for, not later than the 15th of June, the funds thereby secured to be used under the direction of said board of directors in advertising and canvassing for such repairs as may be necessary to fit the premises for school purposes.

"2. That said board of directors proceed to effect a rental of the real estate not later than the close of present session for the term of one or more years, the rental for said realty not to exceed \$1,000 for each year.

"3. That the personally be purchased by said company when the same shall be offered for sale, (probably not before October, '96), and that the stock of said company be assessed for such an amount as may be necessary to pay for such purpose. It is probable that the sum needed for that purpose will not exceed \$3,000.

"4. That no other assessment than those heretofore mentioned shall be made on said stock within the next twelve months after the organization of said company, except such as may be necessary to pay in full the current expenses of the sessions of '96 and '97, which may not be provided for by the current income from patronage and other sources.

"5. If the realty shall be offered for sale and the board of directors shall decree it wise to purchase said realty, then the capital stock may be increased to \$25,000 and assessments made thereon as may be necessary to meet the terms upon which said property is bought.

"6. At the same time it is understood that said board of directors shall have the privilege, should they deem it to be the best interest of the company, to provide for the deferred payments by liens on the realty rather than by assessments on the stock.

"7. That in the event of the subscription reaching the required \$10,000 then the subscribers shall be called together before the expiration of this conference session for the purpose of electing a board of five directors who shall immediately organize for the ends for which they are chosen, and at each annual session of the conference succeeding there shall be such an election of directors.

"8. Provided also that preachers' daughters shall be educated free of tuition in every branch taught in the institute except instrumental and vocal music from director in which case the charge shall be no more than what is paid him by the institute, and medical fee at half price.

"9. Provided also that the president of the school as under the management of said board of directors and shall be nominated by them and confirmed by the Baltimore Annual Conference in session assembled.

"10. Provided also that nothing shall

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be done by said board of directors to in any way compromise or destroy the distinct Christian character of the school and as such serving the Church in its mission of Christian education."

Rev. Mr. Naft, of the Holstein conference, and Rev. Mr. Wright, of the Virginia conference, were then introduced to the ministers by Bishop Hargrove.

A resolution was then passed that conference meet again at 3:30 p. m. for the transaction of business.

Afternoon Session.

At the afternoon session, which convened at 3:30 o'clock, a report was read from the board of education and approved. It recommended the appropriation of \$2,000 to Randolph-Macon College, and the appropriation of \$360 for general purposes. The following appointments were recommended:

J. A. Kern, professor at Randolph-Macon College.

Colling Denny, professor at Vanderbilt University.

H. P. Hamill, of the Wesleyan Female Institute.

B. W. Bond, principal of Randolph-Macon Academy at Front Royal.

J. P. Hyde, president of the Valley Female College at Winchester.

Resolutions of sympathy on the illness of J. W. Boteler, a supernumerary, was offered and adopted by the conference.

Rev. Hunter O. Brubaker, an ordained local preacher of Luray, surrendered his credentials as a deacon.

The remainder of the afternoon session was taken up under the head of question 20 of the general minutes. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were all called and each reported the work of his church during the year and their characters were examined and passed.

The following paper was read by Dr. Jno. P. Hyde and adopted by the conference just prior to adjournment:

"Wishing to give expression to the great pleasure we have derived in having as its presiding officer at this one hundred and twelfth session of the Baltimore Annual Conference Bishop R. K. Hargrove, D. D., therefore, resolved, that we but express the sentiment of the entire conference when all say that this first visit of our honored bishop has been not only a source of pleasure but of profit, that we will hold him in grateful remembrance and pray that the blessing of Heaven may rest upon him and his excellent wife in their united efforts to advance the interests of our beloved church, and further resolve that we will always hail with pleasure the presence of our beloved Bishop Hargrove and continue to pray that his valued services may be long preserved to the church."

The paper was signed by Dr. Hyde and others.

Conference then adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. to-day.

First Presbyterian Church.

The pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church was occupied Sunday morning by Rev. J. W. Duffy, of the Central Church, Baltimore. Mr. Duffy was once pastor of the Trinity Church in this city. His subject was "The Joy of Salvation." It was a most helpful and interesting sermon and was listened to with the deepest interest by the congregation. At night the Rev. J. P. Stump, of Charlestown, filled the pulpit. Mr. Stump was the school-mate and friend of the pastor, as both were raised in the same town. He is one of the best preachers in the conference and fully sustained his reputation on Sunday night. In the afternoon a children's meeting was held and several of the ministers of the conference made addresses, which were greatly enjoyed by all present. At 3:30 o'clock the Rev. W. C. Campbell preached at the Fifth Avenue Colored Presbyterian Church and ordained two elders and three deacons. The session of that church was assisted by C. W. Thomas, N. P. Foard and George Glass, of the First Church. The pastor of the church is the Rev. L. L. Downing. He now has one of the prattiest churches in the city and his membership is composed of some of the best and leading colored men and women of the place.

Greene-Memorial Church.

At Greene-Memorial Rev. H. M. Whaling, of St. Paul's M. E. Church, Baltimore, preached to a densely crowded house last night on the subject of prayer.

Rev. Collins Denny preached an able and eloquent sermon at Greene-Memorial Sunday night to an immense congregation. His text was "Bear Ye One Another's Burdens," and he most forcibly and beautifully demonstrated man's duty to his fellowman in this regard. At the conclusion of the sermon the following elders were ordained by Bishop Granbery: A. B. Sites, W. S. Hammond, J. H. Shooley, H. L. Hout, John L. Grant, J. W. McNeil, J. A. Brumbaugh and D. L. Blakemore.

Belmont Church Dedicated.

Belmont Methodist Church on Edge-wood street and Jamison avenue, having lately been refitted with new pews and carpets, was dedicated on Sunday morning last. Rev. W. H. D. Harper preached the dedicatory sermon, and Rev. B. F. Ball, Rev. J. C. Jones, Rev. W. H. Saunders and Rev. Mr. Engle, a former pastor, was in attendance. Friends in the city and the conference paid all the debts of the church except \$150, one hundred dollars of which last amount was raised by subscription on Sunday, leaving the balance of the debt only fifty dollars, which the Belmont Epworth League volunteered to raise.

Grace Church.

Rev. Isaac W. Canter, pastor of Mt. Vernon Place, Washington, D. C., preached at this place of worship Sunday morning. In the evening Rev. J. T. Wightman, D. D., pastor of the Emanuel M. E. Church, South, of Baltimore, preached an able sermon.

United Brethren Church

Rev. A. O. Armstrong, of the Baltimore Conference, preached at this place of worship on Sunday at 11 a. m. from Rom. 8-16. The speaker dwelt forcibly upon the judge, the judgment and the standard of judgment. The sermon was strong and was enjoyed by all. At 7:30

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BOND QUESTION IN THE SENATE

Mr. Pfeffer Wants His Resolution to Investigate Considered.

He Gave Notice Yesterday That he Would Proceed With His Inquiry as to Recent Bond Issues—Appropriation for a Public Building at Indianapolis—Sunday Civil Appropriation Bill in the House.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The Senate had a revival of financial and bond discussion as a result of an animated debate shortly before the session closed to-day.

Mr. Pfeffer's resolution to investigate the recent bond issues was reached in the regular order to-day and Mr. Hill again sought to have it go over, but energetic protests were made by Messrs. Pfeffer, Welcott and Teller, the first named giving notice that he would tomorrow proceed with this bond inquiry resolution. Unless dilatory tactics prevail this promises to bring a test vote.

Among the bills passed to-day were those appropriating \$2,000,000 for a public building at Indianapolis, Ind., and settling the long pending accounts between the United States and Arkansas.

Theo. F. Shuey and Edward V. Murphy were unanimously chosen to succeed the late Denis F. Murphy in charge of the stenographic staff of the Senate.

A bill was passed directing the Secretary of War to prepare a roll of telegraph operators who served not less than ninety days in the military telegraphic service during the war of the rebellion and to issue to each a certificate of honorable service. The bill has a proviso that it is not to be construed toward carrying a pension, bounty or like emolument.

House Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The House to-day took up the consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill and disposed of fifteen of the 100 pages before adjournment. During the general debate Mr. Cannon, the present head of the appropriations committee, and his predecessor, Mr. Sayers, of Texas, interchanged opinions as to present and past appropriations.

Mr. Cannon in the course of his remarks expressed the opinion that the appropriations for this session could not fall below \$508,000,000. The action of the committee in appropriating for contract work only until March, 1897, was attacked; but Mr. Cannon justified it on the ground that the same thing had been done last year in the case of the fortifications bill.

But few amendments were added to the bill to-day. An appropriation of \$150,000 for the public building at Newark, N. J., was adopted and eight amendments to increase the salaries of lighthouse superintendents from \$1,600 to \$1,800.

McKinley Carries Virginia.

PETERSBURG, Va., March 30.—A special from Richmond to the Index-Appeal says: "The election of delegates to the State Republican convention to-day practically settled the question that McKinley will have the solid delegation from Virginia; all the counties heard from went for the Ohioan. McKinley already has a majority and seven of the ten districts are absolutely certain for him."

Ex-Governor Seay Dead.

GREENSBORO, Ala., March 30.—Ex-Governor Seay, who has been ill at his home here for two weeks with lamppleg, died at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. Few men in Alabama were more highly esteemed than ex-Governor Seay. He was prominent in public life for a quarter of a century and was always foremost in everything looking to the welfare and advancement of his State or country.

Man and Woman Beaten.

PETERSBURG, March 30.—A special to the Index-Appeal from Richmond says: "Information has been received here that James Grimes, of this city, and a young lady while returning from church in West Virginia a few nights ago, were assaulted and beaten into insensibility. They are now both out of danger. Two men have been arrested."

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