

WILL GO NEXT YEAR TO ELIZABETH CITY

Firm Stand of Methodist on Vital Questions

FOR A WOMAN'S COLLEGE

Will Take Definite Action at Next Conference—Clerical Delegates to General Conference J. C. Kilgo, T. N. Ivey, W. L. Cunningham, J. N. Cole and R. C. Beaman—Appointments to Be Read Monday.

The rapidity with which the business of the North Carolina Conference has been carried on, the rapidity without that untimely rush which sometimes marks the business of such bodies, is a subject that is much commented on by preachers, laymen and visitors.

There has been much cause gratification to the Conference in every report submitted from the charges in the Conference, for these reports have showed advance along material and financial lines and tell to the church universal that Methodism in the North Carolina Conference is steadily going forward, in every phase of her great work of evangelization.

When the Conference adjourned yesterday morning but little of the business to be transacted at this meeting remained to be considered and acted upon by the body.

Bishop Wilson announced that, unless some discussion that is now unlooked for should come up in connection with the remaining reports to be presented on Monday morning, to delay the concluding business, he would be ready to read the appointments in time for the final adjournment of conference to be reached on that day.

The appointments constitute the all important topics of conversation, and the all important theme of quiet thought in the minds of the preachers now, and this will be true until Bishop Wilson relieves the tension when he reads them.

It is not to be expected that all of the appointments will give satisfaction, a conference is rarely held where the "marching orders" do not cause in some instances heaviness of heart, and often sobs and tears, but the history of the church shows that notwithstanding these disappointments, from the beginning of the itinerant system, Methodist preachers in the large majority of cases have accepted their sorrows with their joys and with faces fixed toward the great leader of the church have pressed forward to the mark of their high calling in Christ Jesus.

Conference was called to order at 9:30 o'clock, Bishop Wilson in the chair. Rev. J. M. Ashby conducted the devotional services.

The secretary, Rev. W. L. Cunningham, read the minutes of the session of Friday morning and they were approved.

The ballot for clerical delegates to the General Conference, which was taken at the session of Friday morning, was announced and showed that on this ballot two delegates were elected—Rev. J. C. Kilgo, D. D., and Rev. T. N. Ivey, D. D., Dr. Kilgo having received 136 votes and Dr. Ivey having received 99 votes.

The second ballot was not taken at once, but was deferred until more of the members of the Conference should be in the house.

On motion of J. T. Gibbs, Bishop Wilson was requested to draw his draft on the treasurer, J. N. Cole, of the Board of Trustees of the Conference, for \$492.20 in favor of the Joint Board of Finance.

A. D. Betts offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

"Whereas, the game of football is destroying the lives of our young men,

"Resolved, That we earnestly beg that the game be reformed or discontinued in all the schools of our country. 'Ended or Canceled.'

- "J. N. COLE,
- "R. F. BUMPAS,
- "E. R. WELCH,
- "J. M. LOWDER,
- "A. D. BETTS."

T. A. Sykes offered the following resolution, which came at the suggestion of the Elizabeth City District Conference:

"Your Committee on Homes for Superannuate Preachers have met, considered and concluded to recommend that this District Conference ask our next annual conference to advise that each district build a home for the superannuate preachers of our confer-

ence."
This resolution was adopted unanimously and the following named ministers and laymen were appointed to constitute a committee for the further consideration of the important subject: Rev. J. H. Hall, Rev. W. W. Rose, Rev. H. A. Humble, and Messrs. T. J. Jarvis, J. H. Southgate and D. M. Jones.

R. B. John read a paper to the Conference on a female college, and it was referred to the Board of Education.

N. H. D. Wilson read a resolution recommending that a committee from this Conference be appointed to confer with similar committees from the Western North Carolina the South Carolina and the Holston Conference, with reference to the establishment of a Summer Assembly Ground at Weaverville, N. C., to be carried on under the direction of these four conferences. This resolution was adopted and the following named preachers were appointed to constitute the committee from this Conference: Rev. J. C. Wooten, Rev. M. T. Plyler, Rev. J. L. Cunningham, Rev. L. P. Howard and Rev. G. T. Adams.

The report from the trustees of the Methodist Orphanage was read and adopted, including the recommendation that Rev. J. N. Cole D. D., be appointed superintendent of the Orphanage, in which position he has given such universal satisfaction.

N. H. D. Wilson announced that a greeting to this Conference had been received from Fanny J. Crosby, the world renowned blind hymn writer. He then read the verses which constitute the greeting.

Rev. H. M. Hamill, D. D., of the Sunday School Board of the M. E. Church, South, was introduced and addressed the Conference on the subject of the importance of the Sunday school in the work of the church at home and abroad. Dr. Hamill only recently returned from an extended tour of the foreign mission fields of the church, and he brought greetings from each of those Conferences to this Conference. Dr. Hamill emphasized the importance of the different departments of the Sunday school, speaking especially of the Home Department and the Baby Roll, upon which departments the Sunday School Board is laying such emphasis at this time, and both of which are growing rapidly. He stated that he would have more to say of the Sunday school and its work at the anniversary of the Conference Sunday School Board at which time he will be the speaker.

Mr. T. Plyler announced that the directors of the Raleigh Christian Advocate held a meeting Friday night and that it was found that the Advocate stock had declared a dividend of 5 per cent for the year, this amount to be applied to the superannuate endowment fund.

The following named ministers of the Western North Carolina Conference were introduced to the Conference: Revs. H. K. Bayer, J. H. West, J. C. Troy, E. K. McLarty and R. G. Tuttle.

The second ballot for lay delegates was announced, showing that T. J. Jarvis had been elected delegate. The delegation of laymen stands: J. G. Brown, J. H. Southgate, H. A. Page, J. F. Bruton and T. J. Jarvis. On motion D. B. Zollicoffer and W. B. Cooper were declared alternate lay delegates.

The second ballot for clerical delegates was taken at 11 o'clock and the tellers retired to count the votes.

The call of the 20th question was called again, and the characters of the preachers in the Rockingham, Wilmington, New Bern, Washington, Warrenton, and Elizabeth City districts were passed, and they submitted their reports, thus concluding the call of that question, and showing that the answer to that question in the case of every preacher is for the year just closed "Nothing against him."

On motion of J. T. Gibbs, the name of J. B. Atwater was substituted for that of the late D. W. Bynum, on the Sunday School Board.

On motion of R. B. John, Conference voted that when it adjourned at the close of the morning session, it do so to meet again at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, at which time the memorial service will be held, honoring the memory of the preachers of the Conference who have died during the past year.

The second ballot for clerical delegates to the General Conference was announced, showing that W. L. Cunningham was elected. The third ballot was cast for one delegate, and the tellers retired from the Conference room to count the votes.

A. H. D. Wilson announced that he had been requested to read the report of the committee on temperance which report was adopted.

On motion of R. B. John, in place of the recommendation in the report that a collection be taken, the report was amended so as to read that this collection be taken when advisable or practicable. The report as amended was adopted.

The report of the committee on Sabbath Observance was read and adopted.

On motion of W. H. Moore, the name of John W. Moore was substituted on the Sunday School Board, instead of that of the late Frank Bundy.

J. H. Hall, presiding elder of the Elizabeth City district stated that he had some brief remarks to make to the Conference.

He then said that in a recent issue of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, there had appeared an article bearing

the name of the writer, in which article there were insinuations against presiding elders, and intimations that presiding elders take advantage of their position in the cabinet to vent their private spite against other members of the Conference, in the making of the appointments.

"We, as presiding elders," said Mr. Hall, "honor your preachers, and we expect you to honor us. I have no objection to innocent fun being indulged among preachers, even at the expense of presiding elders. I have indulged in the same myself, but I do protest against such insinuations as those contained in that article in the Advocate."

N. H. D. Wilson spoke along the same line as Mr. Hall, and said that he believed there was not a case in the Conference, where any presiding elder had visited his private spite upon any preacher. "Nor do I believe any presiding elder in the Conference would do such a thing," he said. "They may not always act wisely, but they act in the best way they can and without indulging personal prejudice."

The third ballot for clerical delegates to the General Conference resulted in the election of Rev. J. N. Cole, D. D. The fourth ballot was cast for one delegate and resulted in the election of Rev. R. C. Beaman, D. D. The clerical delegation now stands: J. C. Kilgo, T. N. Ivey, W. L. Cunningham, the two preachers receiving the next highest number of votes were declared alternate delegates, R. M. Bradshaw and R. B. John were thus elected alternates.

Question 45 was called, "Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?"

J. D. Bundy nominated Elizabeth City and urged the Conference to select that town as the place of meeting next year. T. A. Sykes and J. H. Hall supported the nomination of Elizabeth City.

M. T. Plyler nominated Washington, and urged the claim of that town, emphasizing the points that Washington is much more accessible than Elizabeth City, and that in going there the financial cost to most of the preachers and laymen is not so great. A. McCullen also spoke in favor of Washington. The fact was brought out by those favoring Elizabeth City that the railroad facilities are better now in reaching that place than was the case in 1898. When the Conference was last held there.

When the vote was taken, Elizabeth City was selected, and on motion the choice was made unanimous.

Questions 21 to 44 were called and answered in open conference, the answers showing that the Conference has increased in church membership and the value of property owned, since the last session, also that the salaries paid to presiding elders and preachers have increased.

Rev. J. C. Kilgo, D. D., spoke to the Conference of improvements that are being made at Trinity College, and said that when the dormitory rooms now being built are completed, 50 more students can be given rooms at the college than at present. He showed also that the present enrollment of the college lacks only 7 of numbering 400 more students than were enrolled during the entire school year 14 years ago. Speaking of the library building, he said this was the largest library building in the United States. He said in conclusion that he felt the time had come for students of the college to show their love for their alma mater in some material way.

Miss Mary Pescud, of the Brazil Mission, was introduced and spoke to the Conference of her work in that South American empire.

Conference adjourned at 1 o'clock with the benediction.

How the Waitress Paralyzed the Drummer.

A good story is going the rounds about a drummer and a pretty waitress. Here is what happened according to the report. The dapper little traveling man glanced at the pretty waitress:

"Nice day, little one," he began.

"Yes, it is," she answered, "and so was yesterday, and my name is Ella, and I know I'm a little peach, and have pretty blue eyes, and I've been here quite a while and I like the place, and I don't think I'm too nice a girl to be working in a hotel; if I did I'd quit my job; and my wages are satisfactory; and I don't know if there is a show or dance in town to-night, and if there was I shall not go with you, and I'm from the country, and I'm a respectable girl, and my brother is cook in this hotel and he weighs 200 pounds, and last week he wiped up this dining room floor with a fresh \$50-a-month traveling man who tried to make a date with me. Now what will you have?"

The dapper little traveling man said he was not hungry, and a cup of coffee and some hot cakes would do.

BIRDS ARE SCARCE

The Supply of Rabbits is Larger Than Ever.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Winston-Salem, N. C., Nov. 27.—The crop of birds this fall is short contrary to the expectation of the hunters. The reason assigned is that there were heavy rains just at the time the mother birds were nesting.

The crop of rabbits however is plentiful, larger than ever

PRAYER FOR THE DOGS

How an Embryo Methodist Preacher Weds Girl

Bob Penland Was a Wonderful Singer and Exhorter and a Power in Prayer—Story of His Method of Holding a Revival.

(Rev. J. C. Troy in Durham Herald.)

Bob Penland was a ruddy, rugged, straight limbed, good natured boy living in the mountains of North Carolina. He was a hard worker but had time to occasionally go hunting and enjoy other sports characteristic of the section in which he lived. He, with a party of boys, one night went possum hunting and rambled all night without luck. The opossums were either not out or the noses of the dogs were no good. Near day light the party halted and made a log fire in the warmth and glow of which they sat down to rest and mourn over the ill success. The dogs were in the circle sitting on their haunches and blinking their eyes in the light of the fire. The entire bunch, young men and dogs, sat very quietly nodding and warming themselves, when suddenly Bob opened his eyes and said: "Let us pray!" "For what?" answered one of the party. "Why for these durn dogs, of course," replied the jolly Bob and embryo preacher.

In after years at a protracted meeting he was converted and joined the Methodist church, becoming a very active worker and subsequently entering the ranks of the local ministry. He never asked the conference to give him admission into the regular ranks but was used every year as a supply and in that relation became a useful man and successful as a preacher among the rugged people with whom he had lived all his life. They had absolute confidence in his religion and personal integrity.

Penland was a wonderful singer and exhorter and as the people whom he served said: "A Power in Prayer." At the season of revival meetings he was at his best and mightily did he shell the sinners and sin; but his heart was in the right spot, and tears rolled down the cheeks as he pointed the unsaved to the cross where the burden of sin could be rolled away. It wasn't "dified preaching," as the folks used to say; but the simple, plain gospel. Things were not going smoothly enough to suit the preacher on one occasion and from the pulpit declared that Eben Jones was standing in the way of the sinners and sitting in the seat of the scornful. There could be no successful meeting until he was moved in some manner, and to that end, he wanted all the Christians present to join with him in a prayer to Almighty God to get Eben away from the meeting or convert him. The Christians all over the log meeting house knelt at their seats in great humility. Then he gave all sinners present an opportunity to be specially remembered in that prayer to a throne of grace. All over the house they tumbled until none remained except Eben. Then brother Bob gave it to him with such center shots that, he, too, went down, crying for mercy.

That was Bob's style and he gathered them in and always at conference reported many conversions. Eben continued a penitent for many days down at the mourner's bench. But finally he "came through," an expression for conversion in that section, after days of agony at the mourner's bench. He was saved and was the leader who brought others into the fold, and Bob was happy.

He preached many years in that style and had souls for his hire. Never did his salary amount to \$300 in any one year but money was nothing to him. Not long since the chariot swun low and Bob went home; to that place he had so often spoken of in sermon and song, the city of God, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest. He was of the type still living in that section. Honest, faithful, true men who believe in an actual heaven and ditto hell; and do not fear to preach either side. Although he was but sporting when the night of the hunt he advised a prayer for the dogs that had failed to tree the possum, yet it was but a forecast of the life he was finally to lead, praying for those who had not done well. When Bob had been called to pass on to his fathers it could be truly said of him, he had served his generation well and delivered the goods at every station on the road he traveled.

Considerate.

(Chicago Daily News.)
New Husband—"Did you make those biscuits, my dear?"
His Wife—"Yes, darling."
Her Husband—"Well, I'd rather you would not make any more, sweetheart."
His Wife—"Why not, love?"
Her Husband—"Because, angel mine, you are too light for such heavy work."