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M. E. CONFERENCE.

A Stormy Scene Follows the Reading of the Prohibition Resolutions--The Opposition Overcome.

Closing Session of the Regular Annual Conference--Ministers Transferred. Action Taken on Prohibitions.

Bishop Galloway's Announcement of the Appointment of Ministers for the ensuing Year.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.
DALLAS, TEX., Nov. 15.—The conference of the M. E. Church South opened promptly at 9 o'clock, Bishop Galloway in the chair. Rev. Mr. Nichols, transferred from Los Angeles, Cal., opened the services by reading from the Bible and prayer.

Secretary De Jarnette read the minutes of Saturday's session. Rev. Mr. Shelton, of the board of extension, continued his report on the appointment of boards, etc., as follows:

CHURCH EXTENSION.
Clerical—J. M. Binkley, C. B. Fladger, E. C. DeJarnette, J. E. Walker, C. L. Ballard, B. S. Hays, F. O. Miller, S. Crutchfield.

Lay Members.—W. A. Clark, W. M. Jones, Wm. Huntwell, W. E. Shackelford, J. W. Fulton, H. M. Burgher, A. J. Woodruff, J. M. Weems, J. W. Campbell.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.
Clerical—W. D. Mountcastle, A. W. Gibson, C. I. McWhirter, J. M. McKee, L. M. Carer, J. F. Sherwood, W. J. Jackson, Lewis White.

Lay Members.—J. E. Cole, W. B. Harrison, S. E. Waskham, L. M. Rogers, W. H. Christian, Dr. B. R. Shaffer, J. M. Crutchfield, J. C. Bradshaw, Jesse Murrell.

The bishop announced the following ministers transferred to this conference: Geo. L. Nichols, from the Los Angeles conference; Rev. Henry E. Smith, North Texas conference; Rev. Adair, Texas conference; Rev. Higgin, St. Louis conference; S. W. Miller, Missouri conference; J. M. McGill, Louisiana conference.

The committee to whom was referred the case of M. T. Rogers for trial upon the charge of immorality reported. The charges of immorality were sustained by the evidence and the young man was suspended from the ministry for one year.

James T. Hill, chairman of the temperance committee, reported, closing the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, that as ministers and members of this conference, we will in every possible way, consistent with honor, prudence and purity favor those and those only aspiring to legislative honors, who shall be in sympathy with the submission of this great question to the people for their settlement, and

Resolved, that we do this independent of party or party affiliation.

Mr. McLain attacked the resolution in great earnest. He thought it wrong for the conference to commit itself to a line of policy that might be considered political. He deprecated the idea of committing this conference to anything that would smack of political affiliations, and he thought we had better not say anything about who we will vote for. Mr. Neely favored the report as it was; that it was sufficiently guarded in that respect; that is, the resolution says "irrespective of party or party affiliation." He favored the resolution.

Mr. Hawkins said there was a saying in the report and he would vote for it.

Mr. Binkley said that he was in favor of the report. Mr. McLain had stood together upon a political question twenty years ago, "but right now," he said, "we part." Mr. McLain again arose and defended his position. He objected that as an annual conference we should commit ourselves as a conference. In church matters they had a right to say what should be done, but politically they had no right to commit any man nor compel him to vote their ticket. He had no right to commit any man—say how he should vote.

Mr. Ashburn said that Mr. McLain misapprehended the tenor of the report. That it did not commit any one to vote for temperance; that it simply "favored" temperance candidates.

Mr. Alderson said the public did not look through our spectacles, no matter how they the resolution was drawn, and that it might be so considered among us as "simply favoring" temperance. It was, nevertheless, committing the conference to a line of politics. In the course of his remarks, he said the "Democratic party was rotten to the core." The bishop's gavel fell and he remarked that he thought the brother had better withdraw that remark, as they were not discussing the Democratic party. Mr. Alderson withdrew the remark.

Mr. Archer favored the report in an earnest speech.

Mr. Hughes did not think it committed the conference to party lines, that it was not a party question no more than the educational question. He was for that document just as it was.

Rev. Miller spoke in favor of the resolution.

Mr. McLain again spoke. He said the brethren insist that we are not committed to vote as the conference dictates, but it was his opinion that it did.

The vote was then taken and the resolutions were adopted with applause.

The statistical report was read showing the condition of the church, increase, etc., which was adopted.

The Sunday school board made a report which was adopted without discussion.

Mr. Hildie read the constitution and by-laws of the North Texas Brotherhood, a society organized for the benefit of ministers.

The report of the committee on district conference records was read by the secretary. Adopted.

The committee on books and periodicals reported, recommending a committee, consisting of nine members, to

inquire into the consistency of a board of colportage.

Mr. Briggs, editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, made a few business remarks in the interest of that paper.

Mr. Hawkins said that he was a representative of the Texas Christian Advocate; that its mechanical condition and editorial ability are A No. 1, and that its circulation was not equal to its merit.

Bishop Galloway said he had been an editor for four years, and that he had something to say upon this subject. He spoke earnestly and eloquently in favor of circulating religious periodicals, and especially the Christian Advocate.

The report was then read in sections consisting of four parts:

1. Committee on colportage. Adopted.

2. Inquiring into the consistency of a board of colportage. Adopted.

3. Indorsing the Texas Christian Advocate. Adopted.

4. Indorsing the Southern Review. Adopted.

Mr. Hawkins took Mr. Briggs, the religious editor of the Advocate, to task for stating that the Advocate had 10,000 subscribers. Mr. Hawkins is a member of the joint board connected with the Advocate, and he said that the managers of the Advocate had reported to the board only \$500. Mr. Briggs, in reply, said that the report to the joint board was the bona fide subscription, and did not include the exchanges and complimentary pages which went to make up the circulation. Mr. Archer read the report of the board of education No. 2. A paper which related to the Central university, asking it to be reorganized as a church institution, by this conference, and to be correlated with the Southwestern college. Dr. McLain of the Southwestern objected to the phraseology of the paper regarding correlation. Mr. Archer changed the reading satisfactory to Mr. McLain, but which did not suit the friends of the Central university, and a discussion arose.

Mr. McLain read from proceedings had some seventeen years ago upon the establishment of one of the colleges, proper, and the right of correlation. The time having arrived to adjourn, the conference adjourned till 8 o'clock.

The bishop announced that memorial services would be held at 7 o'clock, and that he would call the question: "What preachers have died the past year?"

Nearly all the afternoon was consumed in a lively debate over colleges. A new board of curators and trustees was appointed for the North Texas college at Sherman. The conference ordered that the action recommending the sale of this college be revoked.

At eight Bishop Galloway preached a most impressive sermon to the members of the conference and then announced the following appointments:

DALLAS DISTRICT.
R. M. Powers, presiding elder; Dallas First church, T. B. Pierce; Floyd street, O. P. Thomas; City Mission, S. A. Ashburn; Cochran and Caruth, J. B. Adair; Plano, D. J. Martin; McKinney, W. D. Mountcastle; Honey Creek, J. N. Lively; Bethel, W. H. Mose; Lebanon, to be supplied by L. H. Nangle; Grapevine, B. H. Bolinda; Keller, J. B. Minnie; Merritt, to be supplied by A. G. Benson; Lewisville, W. H. Stephens; Southwestern University, J. H. McLain, vice-regent.

TERRELL DISTRICT.
W. B. Hughes, presiding elder; Terrell, W. H. Neely; Willis Point, J. M. Chalk; Kaufman, C. B. Fladger; Farmersville, F. J. Milson; Forney, C. J. McWhirter; Foster, James McDougall; Allen, H. E. Smith; Mesquite, George T. Nichols; Duck Creek, W. F. Clark; Roberts' Mission, J. L. Angel; Kemp Mission, to be supplied by E. R. Thompson; Rockwall, J. F. Alderson; Elm, J. J. Woodson; Crandall, to be supplied by E. M. Jones.

WILSON DISTRICT.
W. L. Clifton, presiding elder; Sulphur Springs station, P. C. Archer; Sulphur Springs circuit, A. H. Brewer; Cooper, J. T. Bloodworth; Greenville, J. W. Hill; Kingston, B. S. Gostine; Leonard, A. W. Gibson; Lone Oak, L. E. Palmer; Campbell, William Hay; Black Jack Grove, J. H. Reynolds; Pittsburg, C. E. De Jarnette; Leesburg, S. W. Jones; Quinlan, W. H. Weatherly; Winnesboro, T. Parker; Hilly Springs mission, W. T. Agnes; W. A. Wilson, president Central college; W. H. Wilson, agent Central college.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT.
J. C. Weaver, presiding elder; Parla, E. W. Alderson; Emberson, I. M. Carter; Blossom Prairie, P. T. Fuller; Woodland, P. R. Eagleshart; Rosalia, I. M. Woodward; Clarksville, L. S. Ashburn; Anson, W. B. Manning; Daily Springs, to be supplied by J. B. Gaher; Boston, S. L. Ball; Bennett, to be supplied by C. H. Parsons; Deary Mission, to be supplied by NOKHAM DISTRICT.

J. E. Allen, presiding elder; Bonham station, H. B. Brower; Bonham circuit, E. F. Nelson; Fennell, I. N. Crutchfield; Golter, R. T. Hayes; Dodd City, J. A. Wynn; Honey Grove station, J. R. Wages; Honey Grove circuit, W. M. Crowson; Ladonia and Mount Carmel, J. F. Sherwood; Commerce, E. G. Roberts; Ben Franklin, W. R. Davis; Brookston, W. N. Homer; T. C. Pearson, superintendency; Maxey mission, C. C. Davis.

ROVEMAR DISTRICT.
W. M. Shelton, presiding elder; Sherman station, H. B. Brower; Dallas station, T. E. Sherwood; Denton circuit, T. M. Lane; Pottsboro, W. S. May; Gordonsville, W. J. Bidwell; Whitesboro, T. W. Morton; Collinsville, W. A. Edwards; Pilot Point, W. M. Leatherwood; Pilot Grove, S. W. Miller; Waterlight, C. N. Higgins.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.
M. C. Haskin, presiding elder; Gainesville station, J. J. Worley; Gainesville circuit, S. Crutchfield; Mount Springs, supplied by J. W. Murphy; Denton, L. M. Whitby; Marysville, F. M. Hunter; Houston, H. C. Rogers; Decatur station, E. B. Evans; Decatur circuit, H. K. Agnes; Butler, M. M. Duree; Denton station, S. C. Hildie; Denton circuit, H. C. McDougall; Aubrey, W. A. Coppage;

Aurora, F. V. Evans; Denton creek mission to be supplied by E. A. Goodwin.

MONTAIGU DISTRICT.
W. L. Easterling, presiding elder; Montague station, J. L. Pierce; W. J. Jackson, superintendency; Henrietta and Wichita Falls, L. P. Smith; Bowler and Alvord, J. W. Blackburn; Red River mission, to be supplied by J. L. Yelton; Post Oak, F. O. Miller; Crafton, C. C. Williams; Chico, M. N. Shearer; Sunset, to be supplied by Ell Ray; St. Jo, H. P. Schroder; Burlington, T. A. C. Darr.

TRANSFERS.
Silas M. Thompson, to the East Texas conference; Weems Woodson, to the Texas conference; H. I. Stevens, to the Memphis conference; J. S. Smith, to the Missouri conference; and appointed to the Weston circuit. The transfer of Rev. W. P. Wilson, formerly of Fort Worth but for five months pastor of the First M. E. church at Dallas, to the nominal and inferior position of special agent for Central college was one of the surprising and unexpected episodes of the conference. Probably no minister ever had warmer friendship or stronger endorsement for friendship among his congregation than did Rev. Wilson. He had built up the interests of the church by untiring zeal, had harmonized all conflicting elements and won the confidence and good wishes of his entire flock, and leading pillars in his congregation will endorse the statement that he is the only minister they have ever had who departed without a word of complaint from any member. The only apparent explanation of his transfer is found in the fact that if any favoritism exists in the management of conference matters, it is for the traveling element of ministers instead of for the local work.

WORKINGMEN ORGANIZING.
An Important Address from the Central Labor Union of New York.

New York, Nov. 15.—The campaign executive committee of the Central Labor union has just issued an address to organized labor throughout the United States. After referring to "the great moral victory" achieved in securing 68,000 votes for Henry George for mayor, and expressing the belief that a successful national movement may be organized, the address says: "This campaign has shown us that in spite of all differences and divisions, it is possible to unite the political power of labor upon a platform confined to fundamental principles, and what we have done in New York has been accomplished in the face of greater obstacles than exist anywhere else throughout the country. We see that it is only necessary to improve our organization here to carry this city, and we believe that a general organization of a national party that will sweep the country. We call upon organized labor throughout the country to form political associations in each locality upon those principles, and having in view political action, local and general, when the time for it shall come. It is proper that organized labor, wherever it exists, should take the initiative in this movement, but it is our opinion, confirmed by our recent experience, that the most effective organizations for political actions are to be formed outside of labor associations, though as far as possible animated and controlled by their members. In this way we may avoid any conflict with the rules and regulations that forbid political action on the part of associations primarily designed for industrial purposes, and may bring into our ranks a large class of workingmen now outside of the labor associations, but whose sympathies are thoroughly with us; and may secure that organization by election districts which is necessary to efficient political work. This is the course we have resolved to adopt in this city, and we commend a similar course to our brethren throughout the land. It is not our desire to interfere in any way with existing labor organizations or to divert any energy from their extension, but we believe the time has come when, for the accomplishment of its progress, labor must step into the political arena, and rallying all the forces that are upon its side, make an open fight for the assertion of those equal rights which the great charter of American liberty guarantees to us all, but which have heretofore been ignored. The difficulty which everywhere confronts us in our efforts to raise wages and secure leisure, is the experience of an impoverished mass forced by their necessities to accept work on any terms. Until we can lessen the intensity of that struggle for existence which makes so many men and women ready to do anything to provide for the more necessities of life, the work of our labor associations must be conducted under tremendous disadvantages. Men who cannot find employment are everywhere the force which those who oppose us utilize to retard our just demands. It is therefore necessary that we should make war upon the great wrong which endures our posterity. The primary injustice which makes the land on which and from which we must all live the exclusive property of individuals, and denies to the rest of us the right to live and to work unless we pay blackmail for the privilege. We therefore ask you everywhere to form political associations based upon the principles set forth in our platform, and through the central committee which has been appointed for that purpose to put yourselves in communication with other similar associations throughout the land. The work which we ask you to undertake is in its preliminary stages mainly educational. We wish to see formed all over the country open associations of clubs, which, by means of resolutions, lectures, debates, the dissemination of literature, and the comparison of opinions, shall prepare the way for such a political union as will result in the formation of a national party, powerful enough to rewrite the laws and carry into execution the popular will. By order of the executive committee. JOHN McMAKENS, Chairman.

HOUSTON & TEXAS CENTRAL REORGANIZATION.
New York, Nov. 15.—The Houston & Texas Central bond holders are now at work upon a plan of reorganization of the road. Only an outline of the plan has been completed, but it is known to include the assessment of stock.