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MANY CHANGES EXPECTED AT THE M. P. CONFERENCE

Dr. Lewis' Historical Address to be a Feature—Rumors Concerning Appointments.

Interest among Methodist Protestants in the approaching session of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant church, to open at Pocomoke City April 1, increases as the time draws near.

As this session marks the diamond jubilee of the conference, Rev. Thomas H. Lewis, D. D., president of Western Maryland College, has been appointed by President Little to preach a historical sermon at the opening meeting of the session. He will review the entire history of the church from its organization seventy-five years ago, to the present time. The sermon is looked forward to with a great deal of interest.

Pocomoke City where the conference is to convene, is a thriving town of about 4000 inhabitants. It is noted for its hospitality. Twice before the Maryland conference has met in this town, in the spring of 1884, and again in 1893, but so great has been the growth of the conference since it last met there that it is said the town will be taxed to its full capacity to entertain it.

One of the interesting features of the conference will be the dedication of Bates' Memorial M. P. Church in Snow Hill, on Sunday, April 5. This church is built in memory of the Rev. Lawrence W. Bates, D. D., a distinguished member of the Methodist Protestant conference, whose body is to be interred in a vault under the church at the conclusion of the dedication ceremonies. Snow Hill is only sixteen miles distant from Pocomoke City, and it is expected many members of the conference will attend the dedication services. Rev. John J. Murray, D. D., of Pittsburg, Pa., is to preach the dedication sermon in the morning, Rev. D. L. Greenfield, D. D., will preside in the afternoon, and Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., at night.

Rumor has it that there will be a great many changes among the preachers this conference. Rev. J. D. Kinzer, it is thought, will leave West Washington, and he may be transferred to a church in Baltimore, Rev. F. H. Lewis may leave North Baltimore and go to the First M. P. Church of Elizabeth City, N. J., as it is known that church has been trying to secure his services for some time. Just where Rev. J. M. Sheridan will go, who has already announced that he will not return to Pocomoke City, is a matter of much speculation.

Along the line of the Delaware railroad a great many changes are expected. Rev. C. M. Cullman will not return to Greenwood, Del.; Rev. J. H. Bryan will leave Georgetown, and Rev. G. R. McCreary will change from Sussex. As the time draws nearer both pastors and people become more and more interested in the situation, and every new development is watched with renewed interest.

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Whatever doubt may have existed in the past, as to the realization by this community and county, of the local benefits of a Trolley Line, seems to be set at rest by events in Elkton this week, and the compliance, by The Kent and Cecil Light, Power and Railway Company with the business conditions heretofore imposed on it, by our local municipal authorities.

On Wednesday evening, the Hon. Henry M. McCullough, Treasurer and Attorney of the Trolley Company, appeared before the Town Council, and presented a bond for $2,000.00, to protect the town from any loss or damage sustained by it, in the construction of the proposed road.

The Council accepted the bond, and their Attorney, Robert C. Thackery, Esq., has since approved it, the Town Ordinance No. 69, which appears in our columns to-day, upon which the bond was filed, having been accepted by the Trolley Company.

Judge E. R. Cochran, Jr., of Wilmington, Del., the President of the road, who was in Elkton on Wednesday, was interviewed by a reporter of the Whig, and assured him, that the road would very soon materialize. Mr. E. A. Tennis, the President of the Tennis Construction Company, who is largely interested in the proposed road, will be in Elkton early next week, when preliminary steps for an early survey of the route of the proposed line will be made. The purpose at present is to construct first, the line from Chesapeake City to Elkton, with a power house to be erected here. As required by the Town Ordinance, the Company expects the line to be in operation by the first of October, 1903. The Trolley Company has already deposited with the County Commissioners the sum of $1,500.00 in cash as a guarantee of good faith, and the prospects seem promising for the early construction of the road. The charter franchise granted by the Company, allows them to furnish electric light and power, as well as operate a Trolley Line.—Cecil Whig.

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