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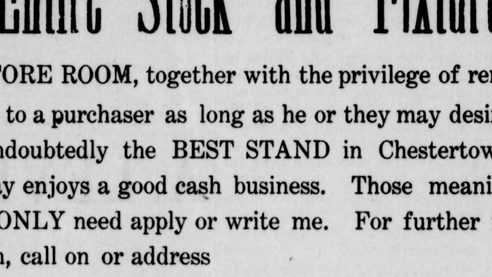
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WILMINGTON CONFERENCE.

Interesting Session to Begin In Grace Church Wilmington, Next Wednesday Morning.

BISHOP GOODSELL WILL PRESIDE.

He Will Confer With the Presiding Elders in Wilmington on Tuesday Afternoon.

Bishop Daniel Ayers Goodsell of Boston, Mass., who is to preside over the 37th session of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which will be held in Grace Church, Wilmington, beginning on Wednesday of next week, will be entertained during his stay in the city at the residence of C. Wesley Weldin, Eigth and Broome streets. He has arranged to go to Wilmington on Tuesday of next week, and has called a preliminary meeting of the presiding elders, to be held at the residence of Mr. Weldin that afternoon, for the purpose of mapping out plans for the session of conference.

The conference examinations will begin on Monday and will be held that evening, also on Tuesday and probably Wednesday.

All the sessions of conference will be held in Grace Church, and the preliminary service each morning will be conducted by Bishop Goodsell. The following anniversary celebrations have been arranged:

Tuesday evening, March 14, Conference Missionary sermon by the Rev. W. C. Bennett, of Sudlersville, Md.

Wednesday evening, Epworth League Missionary, address by the Rev. O. H. Morgan, D. D., of Newark, N. J.

Thursday afternoon, Women's Home Missionary Society anniversary, address by Miss Bertha Sanford.

Thursday evening, Educational Anniversary; address by the Rev. W. F. Anderson, D. D., of New York, the secretary of the Educational Society.

Friday afternoon, Women's Forgein Missionary Society anniversary, address by Mrs. S. L. Baldwin, of New York.

Friday evening, anniversary Church Extension Society, address by the Rev. James M. King, D. D., of Philadelphia, the secretary.

Saturday evening, Temperance anniversary, address by the Rev. E. L. Eaton, D. D. Alleghany, Pa.

Sunday morning at 9. A. M., conference lovefeast. At 10.30 A. M., sermon by Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell, D. D. LL D., of Boston.

Sunday afternoon, 3 P. M., memorial service and ordination service.

Sunday evening, missionary anniversary, address by the Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D., of New York, secretary of the Missionary Society.

Monday evening, American Freedmen's Aid Society, address by the Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., secretary.

One of the most interesting features of the conference session will be the trials of Rev. C. S. Baker, D. D., and Rev. Wilbur F. Corkran, D. D., who are charged with dealing in stocks. It is probably that the matter will be brought up early in the session, when some plan of action will be agreed upon. The testimony taken in the preliminary investigation will be submitted and it is likely that there will be additional evidence on both sides. The question will arise as to whether the trials will be heard before the whole conference, a select number of 15, or a commissioner, either course being possible under the church law. At all events there is little probability of the trial being public, although the findings will be made public.

In the event of an appeal the matter will be submitted to what is known as tryers of appeals. Each conference appoints seven men who are known as tryers of appeals, and in the event of an appeal being taken in this case the matter will be submitted to the tryers of appeals of three adjoining conferences, and the judgement of that body will be final.

In the matter of entertainment of visitors the reports indicate a better result than was anticipated, and it is expected that at least 150 of the 180 visitors will be provided with homes. There will be about 225 members in all, but many are residents of the city and its vicinity, who will provide for themselves.

There is much speculation as to the church pastorates for the ensuing year. With the exception of Asbury, Harrison Street and Madeley churches, it is hardly likely that there will be any changes in Wilmington. In the vicinity of Wilmington it is likely that there will be changes at Marshalton, Hockessin, Deleware City, and Ebenezer, and also in some of the smaller charges. Harrison Street Church has extended an invatation to Rev. E. C. Macnicol.

Many churches have extended invitations to their pastors to return, including the following: St. Paul's Rev. W. L. S. Murray, D. D., Brandywine, Rev. H. C. Turner; Silverbrook, Rev. H. S. Thompson; Mt. Salem, Rev. F. F. Carpenter; Epworth, Rev. A. W. Lightbourne; Grace, Rev. W. W. King, D. D.; Scott, Rev. R. K. Stephenson; Kingswood, Rev. J. L. McDougle; Union, Rev. R. H. Adams; D. D.; Wesley, Rev. Asbury Burke; Cookman, Rev. C. N. Jones; Newport, Rev. W. O. Hurst; Tome Memorial, Port Deposit. Rev. Vaughan S. Collins; Smyrna, Rev. Robert Watt, D. D.; Northeast, Rev. H. A. G. Westerfield; Newark, Rev. E. C. Atkins; Middletown, Rev. C. T. Wyatt; Asbury, near Crisfield, Rev. H. S. Dulany; Wesley, Georgetown, Rev. H. T. Quigg; St. Paul's, Odessa, Rev J. M. Arters; Lewes, Rev. S. H. O'Brien; Cecilton, Rev. W. F. Dawson; Chestertown, Rev. W. L. White; Galena, Rev. T. C. Smoot, Marydel, Rev. E. H. Collins.

A conference secretary is to be elected at this session to succeed Rev. A. S. Mowbray, D. D., presiding elder of Wilmington district, who retires from the office of secretary. Two names have been mentioned in connection with the appointment, that of Rev. W. R. Mowbray of Bridgeville, brother of Rev. A. S. Mowbray, and Rev. H. A. G. Westerfield of Northeast. Mr. Westerfield was elected statistical secretary at the last session of conference.

Some definite action may be taken at this session of conference in the matter of entertainment of conference and its members, as a result of the complication which preceded this session. At the last session no invitation was received for this session and the matter was left with the presiding elders, who decided to hold the session in Wilmington, after which Grace Church offered the use of its building for the sessions, which was accepted. Then came the matter of entertainment of visitors, and the presiding elders adopted the only feasible course, deciding that each should entertain himself except where entertainment was volunteered. Fortunately nearly enough homes have been secured and the expense in this direction will not be heavy, but this settles the matter only for the present.

Mt. Salem Church has inaugurated a movement in the matter by deciding to provide in the future for the entertainment of its pastor, and it would not be surprising if the conference should take this suggestion and use it as a basis for action that will settle the matter permanently.

As to the matter of future sessions it is said that eight towns desire to entertain the conference, and it is likely that they will be the conference seat as follows: Pocomoke City, Md., 1906; Milford, 1907; Smyrna, 1908; Salisbury, Md., 1909; Seaford, 1910; Snow Hill, Md., 1911; Dover, 1912; Chestertown, Md., 1913.

ENTERTAINMENT OF PREACHERS.

The Kent county ministers will be provided with entertainment as follows: Warren Burr, Mrs. A. V. Guthrie, 917 Vandever avenue. T. F. Beauchamp, W. T. Rohinson, 1301 Adams. G. S. Conaway, Miss Sallie Conaway, 1035 W. Seventh. A. H. Covey, Mt. Pleasant Parsonage. Edwin Gardner; T. H. Harding, 1010 W. Seventh. W. E. Habbart, Dr. Smith Cooper, 909 Jefferson. J. W. Jones, J. F. McLaughlin, 1510 W. 14th. Milton McCann, Mrs. Kenworthy, 1125 West street. W. C. Poole, Mrs. H. F. Pickles, 1004 West street. A. P. Prettyman, private arrangement. T. C. Smoot, Miss Ella House. 909 Washington. W. L. White, J. T. Cannon, 831 Clayton. C. K. Morris, Mrs. Kate Whitecraft, 1820 King.

MILLINGTON MATTERS.

Asbury M. E. Sunday School held its Missionary Anniversary last Sunday evening. A very interesting program was rendered by the scholars. Music was furnished by the orchestra, which consisted of Messrs. F. C. Numbers and G. B. Taylor, violins; R. C. Stafford, cornet, Rev. Edwin Gardner, trombone, B. F. Vansant, bass violin and F. C. Numbers, Jr., organist. The church was trimmed with ferns. The pastor's address was very interesting, as he illustrated it by showing maps of every country where missionaires sent by the church are at work. He also spoke of the collections which were very good during the year, as Asbury was not able to hold Sunday School for several weeks last Summer on account of the fire which visited our town last July. The banner class was "Temperance band," which is taught by the pastor. The following program was rendered by the school. Part first: Overture "Resource," by the orchestra; congregational singing, "The Morning Light is Breaking;" prayer by the pastor, singing by the school, "The World for Jesus;" Recitation, "Fling out the Banner," by Henry Tonkin, Jr.; singing, "Little Tots," by the Infant class; Bible exercise and song by the Junior League; singing, "Let the Light Shine Out," by the school; Pastor's address; collection from school and congregation.

Part second: music, "Sacred Medley," by the orchestra; dialogue, "Our Glorious Outlook," by five young ladies; singing, "The World for Christ," by the school; singing, "Better Days are Coming," by a class of young ladies; singing, "From Greenlands Icy Mountains," by the congregation; benediction by the pastor; Recessional "Volunteer March," by the orchestra.

Mr. W. H. Ford, of Chestertown, spent last Thursday with friends in town.

F. C. Numbers and son, F. C., Jr., spent a couple of days last week with friends at Kennedyville.

Mr. I. D. Benneman is visiting friends in Baltimore. He visited Washington, D. C., also last week, and was a witness to the inauguration of President Roosevelt last Saturday. Mr. Benneman contemplates going into business in Virginia in the near future. We are very soory to loose him as he was liked by every one while he was a resident of our town, having been a clerk in his brother's, H. H. Benneman's store for several years.

Misses Vic and Helen Power were the guests of their sister Mrs. Gillespie, of Sudlersville, last Saturday.

Miss Georgia Dudley, of Church Hill, is visiting her brother, Mr. C. B. Dudley near town.

Miss Addie Vansant has returned home from a lengthy visit with friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Annie Baylis, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Wm. Stevens, of Smyrna, Del., spent several days this week with friends in town.

Messrs. Charles E. Jeter, of Birmingham, Alabama, and J. B. Jeter, of Bonsack, Virginia, were the guests of their brother Dr. N. M. Jeter.

KENNEDYVILLE ITEMS.

Mr. C. C. Ball spent Thursday in Baltimore.

The baseball team has been organized appointing A. D. Melvin secretary. They would like to hear from strong teams in or out of the county, and would like to arrange a game for the first Saturday in April on home grounds.

Miss Katie Hessner is studying for a trained nurse in a Philadelphia hospital.

The M. P. congregation have asked for the return of Rev. R. S. Rowe for another year.

Mrs. Bryan spent part of this week in Washington, D. C.

Mr. D. W. Hill spent last Friday in Elkton, Md.

Mrs. Dr. Barwick is visiting in Baltimore.

Mrs. F. C. Miller is visiting relatives in Thurmont, Md.

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ROCK HALL ITEMS.

Although walking was bad, quite a number assembled at the M. E. Church rally day for paying up arrearage. Rev. W. Burr took the character of Moses as his discourse. Why he made the choice. Choosing rather to bear the suffering with his people than to occupy the Egyptian throne. He looked forward to a just recompense, and through faith he successfully accomplished the work of leading the Israelites out from Egyptian bondage. After the sermon the stewards asked for a liberal contribution to meet the expenses of the church. Quite a number responded and brought up most of the deficiency. Another effort will be made tomorrow.

Oystermen succeeded in reaching the bar on Monday. They report oysters in splendid order, but prices were low, bringing 40 cents. Owing to quotations they expect better prices.

The Gratitude came in on Monday, but brought neither passengers or freight, but the little gasoline packet came over laden with necessaries, much to the relief of the citizens.

Fishing has not been so profitable this week as last, yet some have made good catches. Gill nets are not in operation yet. Messrs. Middleton, Warmsley, Tremble and Jones have gone to their shanties preparatory to beginning next week.

Capt. Chas. Davis has gone to the city for coal. But little coal here. Mr. Alexander is doing his best to help every one tide over by selling a bushel at a time to individuals.

Simon Smith, who has been supplying the town with wood for many years, is badly missed. A wood yard would pay here.

We are glad to report Mr. Willson improving. Mr. Parks is hobbling around on crutches.

Capt. Med. Taylor, who has been from home all this year, came home, much better for his visit.

One of our citizens who was among the fortunate fishermen of last week after delivering his fish at the wharf, retired at 10.30; at 11, he got up, supposing it was morning, and prepared to go out again. His wife after much persuasion succeeded in convincing him that it would be better for him to go to bed. At 12 he again arose and went to the shore and waited for his partners who came down at 6 A. M.

Miss Emma Joiner, of Baltimore, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Joiner. Miss Emma is one of the graduates of 1904 and remarked "that as soon as the commencement was over she should begin her life work." Her resolve was carried out.

There was a Mr. Sutton, a resident of Quaker Neck, who dreamed that he would repair to Rock Hall and "clean up every horse in that town. Mr. Lewis Ayers jarred him so suddenly that he awoke and found it nothing "but a dream."

Mr. Geo. Trimble launched his little scipper, and christened her Mary, in honor of a Hartford belle. George's friends deeply sympathize with him in being situated so far away.

Fox hunters were out in force today (Wed.,) but the bush was left to ornament sly reynard.

Capt. James Warmsley found his nets, which he left set during the freeze, filled with fish, but both nets and fish had rotted.

Quite a number of citizens are expecting to become millionaires. Evidence and proof of relationship to some of England's deceased citizens are being prepared. Already arrangements are being made for its investment.

Rain, hail, snow and mud are elements against which our citizens are murmuring.

P. O. S. of A. is a rapidly growing order here. The camp meets on Friday evenings and floor work is a weekly occurance. At the last meeting in fact at every meeting a period is set apart for literary entertainment. Messrs. Marion Downey, Marshal, Andrews and Wm. T. Downey entertain with solos, duets and readings. This camp will hold an anniversary on March 20. A supper consisting of oysters and every delicacy of the season will be prepared. Prominent speakers have been invited to be present.

The Baltimore News of Wednesday, Feb. 23, gave its readers a very ludicrous incident in which an Eastern Shoreman of Rock Hall took a prominent part. The question here is, who was it? Upon inquiry but two of our citizens visited that city, namely, Dr. Long and Mr. Reybold Willson. The latter as a patient and the former in his professional duty. Of course, after leaving Mr. Willson at the hospital, the doctor could have taken in the town, but being a Baltimorean, it is supposed he knows the "ropes better." The general opinion here is that the visitor was from Kent Island, and that some of the city editors are not well versed in Md. geography.

A Baltimore city lady, who has since married an Eastern Shoreman of Rock Hall, remarked to her friends who accompanied her to Light street wharf that she was going to Kent to join some friends in an oyster hunt, as they grew on trees and were gathered as chestnuts and other nuts.

During the past fall a hayseed took a city belle for a ride through the country. On their ride they came to a cornfield of which the corn had been husked and the stalks left standing. The city lady said: "This is a great place for beans." "Why?" said her companion. "Because of so many poles," she said.

Another lady, whose father was a produce dealer, seeing some men digging potatoes, asked: "Is that the way you raise potatoes here? My father raised them in a large bin and gets lots more than those men are getting."

Pancake day passed without any incident worthy of note. School was in operation all day. We understand Fancy school was closed by the pupils who sought to revive the old custom.

Two dancing schools have been in full blast, and many of our young people have learned to step to music. Misses Myrtle Durding and Bertha Jones are said to be the most graceful performers. These dances have played havoc among the sparking couples. Some whom we thought would try the matrimonial knot were ruthlessly separated. Cause, if you can't take me for a partner you must not dance with any one else.

Quite a number of agricultural experimental stations are furnishing our schools with daily and weekly bulletins. San Jose Scale, smut in wheat, bacteria in fruit and atmosphere are occupying the classes daily. Experiments are made to the classes in analyzing soil and diseases in plants.

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