Conference Edition.

Kent News

TUESDAY, - MARCH 23, 1897.

Kent News Building.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

The last time conference met in Chestertown was in March, 1878. Bishop Foster presided and preached one of the most powerful sermons ever heard in the town. A number of persons went to church at 7 o'clock in order to get a seat and remained until the close of services at noon.

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Rev. C. I. Stengle, one of the able young ministers of the conference, was a welcome caller at our sanctum. We are sorry to report the death of his estimable wife only a few weeks ago.

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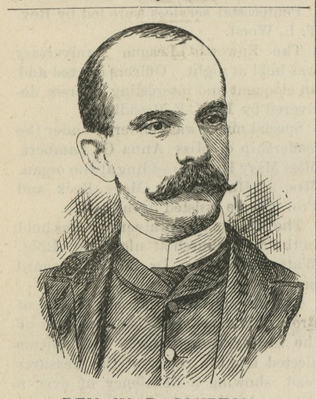
Rev. W. P. Compton makes a most excellent manager and is kept on the "move" almost continually. He takes pleasure in supplying the wants of the clergymen and is a Bureau of Information in himself. If any guest fails of a pleasant time or of anything it cannot be laid at Bro. Compton's door.



REV. W. P. COMPTON,
Pastor Chestertown M. E. Church.

The Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which has been in session very recently, passed resolutions recommendingthat its church membership fast on Good Friday. This method of observing the closing days of the Lenten season is somewhat of an innovation for this sect of the Christian church.

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Rev. I. G. Fosnocht "found his way" into the NEWS office Tuesday. We discovered him looking up at the derrick and wondering how he was to reach the office. We informed him that we had "come down" on a level with the people. The reverend gentleman has faithfully served the people of Camden four years and they are anxious for his return. He and his family are enjoying excellent health. He is a guest of Geo. W. Smith.

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Rev. Thos. R. Vandyke is fond of the wheel and is enjoying spinning over our fine roads.

REV. G. W. BURKE.

The Conference has a Roache in its midst and as for Pickles it is never at a loss. A Cannan guards the outer Hall while a Smith and Brown is always within call. The body is never without Chaires, has a first-class Carpenter, a faithful Shepherd, an intelligent Gardner, a good Baker and an experienced Miller. England and France are within its fold but there's a Wise, White, Sharp, Valiant Tinker who can Outten them both. Then there's a Chance man, Prettyman, Freeman and a Watt; Koons and a Hunter; Hill and Lindale; Greenfield, Westerfield and a Layfield; a Poole and a Taylor.

Rev. T. B. Hunter, a member of the conference, has recovered from his ill health and looks as young as he did in 1878 when the body met here. He and his wife own one of the largest and best located hotels in Ocean Grove.

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Rev. George E. Wood is no stranger in Chestertown and feels very much at home. He had a very successful year at Bethel last year having over one hundred conversions on the circuit.

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Rev. B. F. Price has been in the ministry longer than any other member having finished sixty years of active service last year and then placed on the superannuate list. He was stationed in Kent in 1837 and was a warm friend of the NEWS. He is yet an able worker in the cause.

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Rev. Ralph T. Coursey is the sweet singer of the conference, his rich tenor voice being a fortune in itself. Revs. McSorely and Terry also have fine voices.

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The singing in the M. E. Church is under the direction of Prof. R. K, Pippin who has been wielding the baton since he was 22 years of age. The conference choir includes Mrs. T. S. Dodd, Mrs. W. A. Smith, Mrs. W. Pippin, Mrs. Delma Dyott, Misses Minne Peregoy, Julia Thompson, Mamie Copper, Clara Downey, Messrs. W. W. Chapman, James Parrott, G. B. Twilley, Dr. H. L. Dodd, M. W. Thomas L. A. Davis and W. L. Wheatley; Miss Anna G. Lambert, organist.

In the M. P. Church special music was rendered by the choir under the direction of Mr. A. M. Culp, the members being as follows: Mrs. W. R. Aldridge, Mrs. T. S. Dodd, Misses Mollie Parks, Annie Russell, M. J. Thompson, Hettie Greenwood, Marion Lusby, Messrs. Chas. Hurlock, Jas. Parrott, W. H. McFeely, W. W. Chapman, Dr. Dodd; Miss Clara Usilton, organist.

The choir that sang at conference when it met here in 1878 was also under Prof. Pippin's direction and comprised Misses Bella, Nannie and Delma Bordley, Lula Brown, Mamie Brown, Stella Brice, James Taylor, Thos. and J. W. Bordley, John Cannan and H. Pickles.

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Bishop Walden says his associates are good-looking men——right.

Rev. Mr. Ewing says the recent congress of religion was a *mongrel* gathering——right.

The opinion of Bro. F.— and others is that Chestertown has the best looking lady bicyclists in the district — right again. And they might add we have the *best* girls, too.

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A popular young widow of Chestertown says "all the best-looking preachers have their wives with them." Among these are Mrs. L. E. Barrett, Mrs. R. H. Adams, Mrs. W. F. Corkran, Mrs. James Carroll, Mrs. W. R. Mowbray, Mrs. R. W. Todd, Mrs. W. Jaggard, Mrs. T. C. Smoot, Mrs. W. G. Koons, Mrs. J. D. Kemp and Miss Maud Kemp, Mrs. W. O. Hurst, Mrs. C. W. Prettyman, Mrs. J. B. Quigg, Mrs. Adam Stengle, Mrs. J. E. Graham and mother.

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The officers of the conference are men of marked ability and specially fitted for the positions they so acceptably fill. Secretaries Mowbray and assistants, are kept busy all day with their work.

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Rev. E. H. Miller stated in his report that his converts were not "repeaters."

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Rev. C. A. Grise is one of the active young men of the conference. He has just finished a $10,000 church at Georgetown, Del.

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Large delegations from Centreville and other places attended the Epworth League anniversary Thursday evening.

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For some unknown reason no provision was made for a recess at the Conference Academy during conference, and Dr. Todd and Prof. Gooding was therefore deprived from being present during the whole session.

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Rev. F. B. Short is the tallest man in the conference being about six foot.

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The newspapers represented at the conference are the *Every Evening*, Wilmington, Mr. Joseph Z. Wilkins; *Morning News*, Wilmington, Mr. C. B. Hallam; *Transcript*, Chestertown, Mr. R. H. Collins; *Sun*, Balto., Mr. Spencer Hurtt; NEWS, Chestertown, *Morning Herald*, and *Evening News*, Baltimore, Mr. Fred. G. Usilton.

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Rev. R. I. Watkins is one of the busiest men at conference. He is enjoying excellent health and receives a warm welcome from a host of friends.

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Rev. Ezra Zinker is pastor of the Mother church in Wilmington. Col. Vannort says he has more fun and jokes in him to the square inch than any other man has to the square yard.

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"Poor pay, poor preach" is the way one of the presiding elders puts it.

EVERY man must pay his own tuition in the school of experience.

M. E. CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

(Continued from First Page.)

Rev. J. T. Prouse, pastor of Kenton, Del., church, remarked that he had been hindered by the politics of Delaware. In the revival services he had taken in twelve of the best patrons of the saloon and would have won the bar keeper had it not been for many of the official men who were mixed up with the low politics of the State. Rev. F. J. Cochran, of Farmington, also complained of the political status of the State.

Rev. J. E. Amoss was transferred to Baltimore Conference.

Rev. Edw. Davis, of Newark charge, asked for a change from effective to superannuate and his case was referred to the Board of Stewards. Others reported were: W. F. Talbot, J. W. Poole, W. M. Warner, W. M. Greene, J. H. Caldwell, W. W. Redman, A. D. Davis, J. B. Merritt, T. H. Haynes, W. L. P. Bowen, N. McQuay, C. J. Hammitt, Wm. B. Walton, A. T. Scott, W. E. Enland, J. W. Hammersley, G. W. Wilcox, J. D. Rigg, F. O. B. Wallin, T. B. Hunter, G. A. Phœbus, Jas. Esgate, H. Sanderson, B. F. Price, J. B. Quigg.

Revs. Adam Stengle and Joseph H. Geoghegan were excused to attend funerals on their respective charges.

At 2 P. M. the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held their anninersary. Mrs. E. A. Stephens is president and a speaker of wide reputation. Addresses were made by Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Yak, of Japan. The pentacostal service was conducted by Dr. Tinker.

The Veterans Anniversary was held in the M. E. Church, Rev. John France, presiding. Addresses were made by Dr. J. B. Hamilton and Medford H. Cahoon, Esq. The Church Extension Society held its anniversary in Christ M. P. Church, president Dr. C. S. Baker. Dr. J. A. Kynett spoke.

The alumni associations of Dickinson College, Conference Academy and Drew Seminary held a banquet in Stam's Hall last evening at which the faculty of Washington College were special guests. Toasts were given and a general good time enjoyed. Mr. John Shuster was caterer.

SATURDAY.

Conference opened with devotional services lead by Rev. S. M. Morgan. The Bishop gave the ministers one of his practical addresses after which the two very important constitutional questions postponed from yesterday were taken up; one pertaining to the admission of women and the other as to equal lay representation. These questions in full are as follows:

I. On Eligibility—Amend by striking from paragraph 67, section 2, all that now follows the word "provided" in the fifth line of said section, and inserting instead thereof new clauses, so that the whole section shall read as follows, namely:

Section 2. The General Conference shall not allow more than one ministerial representative for every fourteen members of an annual conference nor of a less number than one for every forty-five; nor of more than two lay delegates for an annual conference; provided; that no person shall be chosen a delegate to the General Conference, or to an Electoral Conference, who shall be under 25 years of age, or who shall not have been a member of the church in full connection for the five consecutive years preceding the election; and, provided, also, that no conference shall be denied the privilege of one ministerial and one lay delegate; provided, nevertheless, that where there shall be in any conference a fraction of two-thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, such conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate for such fraction.

II. — On Equal Ministerial and Lay Representation.—*Resolved*, that the General Conference hereby submits the following propositions to the Annual Conference: The General Conference shall not allow of more than one ministerial representative of every 14 members of an Annual Conference, nor of a less number than one for every 45; provided, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any Annual Conferance a fraction of two-thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate for such fraction; and provided, also, that there shall be from each Annual Conference lay delegates equal in number to the ministerial delegates; and provided, further, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one ministerial and one lay delegate.

The number of votes cast on the eligibility of women was 133, of which 100 was in favor of their admission and 33 against it, thus making a triumph for the female sex in this conference.

134 votes were cast on the second question—that of lay representation—61 in favor of same and 73 opposed, thus defeating this question that has often been agitated in the various churches of the district.

Strong petitions were read from laymen of Centreville and Middletown asking for representation in the conference and several votes were won by the convincing arguments contained therein.

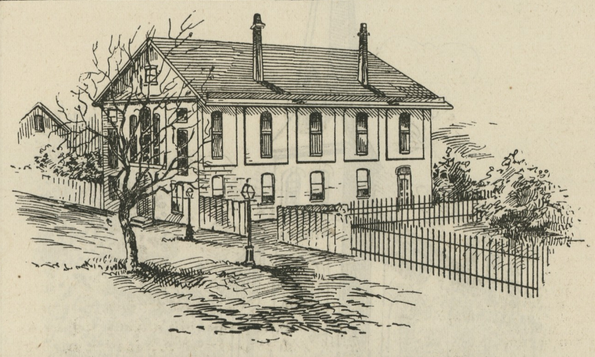
A prominent lady delegate from Delaware said after the vote: "This is a reform in the government of the M. E. Church which must come. The present system is a great wrong to the laymen. The pew is as potent as the pulpit, and the laity should be equally represented with the ministry in making laws for their government. The cause of the defeat of this measure is the great number of young men in the conference, who have not yet had their eyes opened to the important relation which the pew bears to the pulpit in running a church. I want to know the names of the ministers who voted against equal lay representation, and I promise you to see that none of them shall ever become my pastor."

The board of examination through the secretary, Rev. R. Irving Watkins, reported the result of the examination of the candidates.

Revs. C. P. Futcher, W. G. Chance, L. E. Poole, C. E. Hastings, F. M. Dougherty and J. D. Given were called, their characters passed and their work on the various charges reported. Messrs. Futcher and Chance were passed to second class with averages of 72 and 85.5 respectively.

Messrs. Poole, Hastings and Given were passed to second year conditioned upon making up one study in which they failed.

Rev. T. M. Vandyke was passed to third year conditioned upon making up the study or studies in which he failed.



Millington Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. E. H. Collins, on trial, was passed into full membership and elected to Deacon's orders. Bishop Walden delivered an impressive address on the polity of the church, the mission of ministers and advice on various lines. The solemn scene closed with prayer by Rev. L. E. Barrett and the singing of that spirited hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have," etc.

The following members were reported as having completed the conference course and were elected to Elders' orders: H. G. Westerfield, C. W. Strickland, W. L. White, J. A. Brewington, W. P. Taylor, W. H. Brenford; W. S. H. Williams was credited with studies in which he passed.

T. S. Holt was admitted on probation and given Deacon's orders.

The following persons were introduced to the conference: Rev. W. W. Wilson, of New York Conference; Dr. J. L. Mills, of M. P. Church; Dr. C. W. Reid, of Washington Cellege; Rev. Mr. Cannon, of Blue Ridge Conference; Rev. Mr. Wilson, of M. E. Church South; Rev. W. W. Hooper, of U. S. Grant University.

A resolution offered by T. E. Martindale recited the pleasure of the conference in the presence of Dr. John A. Roache and requesting an address from him. Dr. Roache replied that he was born in this county, was glad to be among good Methodists and was willing to serve the brethren in any manner.

Conference adjourned to meet in business session at 2. P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

A special business session was held in the afternoon. All supernumaries and superannuates mentioned yesterday were continued in the same relation with a few exceptions. Rev. T. B. Hunter was changed to active service, W. England to superannuate, and W. E. Tonkinson to supernumary. William G. Strickland was admitted to be local elder, and the following passed from third to fourth year, W. E. West, F. E. McKinzy, H. G. Budd, J. P. Outten was passed, provided he make up his studies in which he is deficient.

William Salisbury, president of the board of trustees of the Conference Academy, read report of the same, in which he reported 163 students and a great stringency in money matters. A special collection was taken to raise $3,500 by May 1, this sum being due on this date. It was subscribed.

P. H. Rawlins reported the board of stewards to be $600 short, and a resolution was passed by which much of this

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