

THE HATCHET BURIED.

Methodists Compromise as to What Their Constitution Is, and Then Shelve the Whole Topic.

The Advantage Is With the Believers in Lay Representation.

FREEDMEN QUESTIONS TO COME UP

OMAHA, May 12.—Bishop Joseph W. Newman presided at the Methodist Episcopal General Conference to-day. The roll of the conference was called for the offering of resolutions and memorials. Dr. Latham offered a resolution, providing that the Bishops might, in following the rules already in vogue, count five years in every ten for the appointment of the itinerant ministry; that is, to permit a minister to be returned to a charge after the lapse of five years. This is simply to make the rule more definite.

A resolution was introduced by book agents of the Church, calling for a revision of the Church law relating to the management of the publishing houses. On account of the fact that a part of the law had become obsolete, Dr. Hunt wanted the committee on the Book Concern to make the revision, and then report the action to the conference.

Dr. Neely wanted the paper referred to the committee on Revision. It went to the committee on the Book Concern.

The Work of the Day Is Tackled. The regular order was suspended for the purpose of resuming the discussion of constitutional revision. Speeches were limited to ten minutes. Dr. J. F. Goucher, of Baltimore, first took the floor. He did not agree with the conclusions of the Constitution Commission.

Dr. F. R. Bristol, of Chicago, held there is no such thing as the constitution of the General Conference apart from the constitution of the M. E. Church. The conference is the creature of the Church, not the Church the creature of the conference. What the conference should do is to decide what the constitution of the Church is, and that would settle the whole question. [Applause.] "The laymen at this conference hold their seats here by statutory enactment," said Dr. Bristol. "This conference can at any time, by statutory enactment, admit equal lay representation." [Applause.]

Judge Lawrence, of Ohio, said the object of this great discussion is to determine what the constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church is.

Constitutional Rights of Laymen. He agreed with Dr. Bristol in the statement that the constitution of the Church embraced the constitution of the General Conference, but he held that the plan of lay representation does not depend upon statutory enactment, for one of the Restrictive Rules had been changed constitutionally to admit the laymen. They held their seats by constitutional right, not by statutory amendment.

Dr. Kynett wanted to contradict a statement made by Judge Lawrence, but Rev. Mr. Douglas, of Indiana, had the floor by right of priority in springing into the arena. A heated contest followed between Dr. Kynett and several others who thought he should not allow himself to catch fire because someone had said his speech of the previous day was revolutionary. Dr. Kynett was shut out for the time being.

After a number of speeches J. H. Murray, of Pennsylvania, who is a lawyer with a voice that reaches away into the vestibule, said:

I do not share in that fear which some of my ministerial brethren have with regard to the safety of the laymen in this body. [Laughter.] We are here to stay. [Applause.]

Clergy and Laymen in the Same Box. If our seats are in danger, the seats of the ministers are also in danger, because there has been no legislation on this particular question since 1874, and the rights of the ministers in this body rest upon exactly the same act that the seats of the laymen rest upon. We are with you, brethren. [Great applause.] I do not hold the seat was constitutional exactly, but it is stable enough to stand, all the same. The plan may have lacked some of the acts of constitutionality, but it is a legislative enactment, and it is a part of our constitution. It can be amended. It is capable of improvement; all human law is. The plan should be given equal representation in the General Conference. [Applause.]

When Dr. Kynett finally succeeded in securing recognition he proceeded to a refutation of the remarks that had been made the day before by Dr. Buckley with reference to his inconsistent attitude, and he also replied to the speech of Judge Lawrence, who had characterized Dr. Kynett's opinion as being revolutionary. Dr. Kynett declared there is no such thing as the constitution of the General Conference. It is the constitution of the M. E. Church.

Ministerial Rights Are Questioned. If this document is simply the constitution of the General Conference, then there are thousands of ministers who are not held by any constitutional enactment, because they are not members of the General Conference. [Applause.]

Dr. Buckley declared that he has no sympathy with the statement that there is no such thing as a constitution of the General Conference. Prior to 1808, everything in the Church was done by the ministerial ideas had been added. Dr. Buckley again affirmed that Dr. Kynett had made statements in the Conference of 1872 that he now contradicted. A sharp altercation between them took place.

Dr. J. B. Graw, of New Jersey, moved the previous question, which was called. The question was the amendment offered by Dr. Bridgmont to amend the motion of the report. The amendment was tabled.

Dr. Goucher offered a substitute, knocking out nearly all of the preamble and declaring that the section of the law enacted with relation to lay representation partook of the nature of legislative enactment, but the principle was constitutional.

The Whole Question Disposed Of. The substitute was adopted by an overwhelming vote. Dr. Neely sprang to his feet and moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until Friday before taking further action.

Dr. Buckley moved a substitute to postpone the consideration of the subject indefinitely and the report be printed in the church papers, to be reported by the commission at the next General Conference. After a great wrangle Dr. Buckley's motion to indefinitely postpone the constitutional question was carried. Dr. Kynett called for a vote by orders, but it was not granted. The vote on indefinite postponement of the whole of the subject of the constitutional report stood as follows: Ayes, 233; nays, 190. The entire conference seemed to take a deep breath of relief when this question had been thus disposed of.

The following is the full text of the substitute for the report of the Constitutional Commission, which was adopted by the Conference:

The Decision of the Conference. The action on the General Conference in the Discipline of 1888, as adopted by the General Conference of 1888, has the nature and force of a constitution. That section, together with such modifications as have been adopted since that time in accordance with the provisions for amendment in that section, is the present constitution, and is now included in paragraphs 35 to 64 inclusive in the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church of 1888, excepting:

First—The change of the provisions for the calling of an extra session of the General Conference from an unanimous to a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference; and

Second—That which is known as the plan of lay delegation as recommended by the

General Conference of 1888 and passed by the General Conference of 1872.

This is regarded as a sort of compromise between those who hold that the plan of lay representation is not a part of the constitution and those who hold that it is in reality. It seems a victory for the former, with the admission on their part that the principle of lay representation is in harmony with and supported by the constitution.

Freedmen Affairs to Be Considered. A resolution was introduced, favoring the amalgamation of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society and the Educational Society of the Board of Education. The Educational Society has been a separate organization, having the work of assisting and supervising the entire educational work of the Church. The resolution was referred to a special committee.

Another Freedmen resolution came floating in, declaring that the expenditures and debt of the organization has largely increased during the past four years, despite the fact that the receipts had also greatly increased, and the work done has not shown a corresponding increase, especially among the colored people of the South. An investigation and report of the causes was demanded. Referred to the Freedmen's Aid Committee. The conference then adjourned.

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