

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE.

Honesdale District Report Presented by Superintendent M. D. Fuller.

MANY CHURCH DEBTS HAVE BEEN PAID DURING THE PAST YEAR.

Cherry Ridge the Only Charge that has not Spent Something for Betterment During Year.

Following is the report in full of Superintendent Rev. M. D. Fuller, in charge of the Honesdale District, as read in conference on Thursday last:

To the Presiding Bishop and Members of the Wyoming Annual Conference: My dear Fathers and Brethren: In making this my fourth annual report, I desire to return thanks to our Heavenly Father for the blessings which He has bestowed upon myself, the pastors and laymen of the district, and the grace and strength which He has given to those who have been afflicted during the year now closing.

In some respects this has been the most difficult year of the four. Money has been scarce and the brethren have found it difficult to raise their apportionments for the benevolences. Also in some cases it has been hard work to raise the pastors' salaries. This has given an opportunity for the exercise of the grace of sacrifice and some have measured up to the occasion in the spirit of the Master, while others have made the hard times and the drought the occasion of holding back that which belongs to the Lord. I am persuaded that the requirement of the discipline, that our preachers preach on the subject of systematic giving, is a good one, and ought to be observed by all our pastors.

Three of our charges, namely Gouldsboro, Hamblton and Sterling, have suffered by reason of the illness of their pastors. Sterling was deprived of pastoral oversight about the middle of Sept., and has continued in that condition until this time, Brother McMillen having been stricken down with a disease from which he has not as yet recovered. The Sterling people making choice of doing without a pastor until conference, are paying the salary to Brother McMillen and are desiring of very great praise.

Brother Murray of Ariel, has been doing double duty and preaching for them every two weeks, in the afternoon. I bespeak for Brother McMillen the sympathy and prayers of the conference. He has been, and still is a great sufferer, but amid it all his faith has been unwavering and he has been able to look up into the face of his Heavenly Father and say "Not my will but thine O Lord be done." Herein he is illustrating the power of the gospel which he has been preaching to others, to comfort and save himself in the time of this great affliction.

He has expressed a desire to live, that out of this experience he might preach with renewed fervor this glorious gospel. Two other charges, Lake Como and Uniondale, have suffered because their pastors went elsewhere. Brother F. F. Gibbs, of Lake Como, was transferred to the Northern Minnesota Conference about the middle of July, and Brother C. E. Waldron withdrew from the ministry and membership of our church and joined the ministry and membership of the Reformed church about the first of January. Thanks to our system of District Supervision these two charges have been supplied with efficient men, Rev. H. B. Emmel at Lake Como and Rev. C. L. Buck at Uniondale.

MUCH ACCOMPLISHED.

Much has been done during the year in the way of paying old debts, and improving church and parsonage property. I would name as the most prominent of these, Bethany, which is free from debt, having paid \$100 for their freedom.

Carley Brook, where Brother William Penwarden bore the expense of putting down a well that the preacher might have water at his door, cost about \$100. Damascus has expended \$200 for improvements and paid an indebtedness of \$200. Forest City has finished paying for their new church and have expended about \$450 in improvements to the parsonage and about the church.

Gouldsboro has put an end to its debt. Honesdale has changed its parsonage to a more desirable site and built on an addition which makes it one of the most desirable parsonages in the conference. Have added to their possessions another house and lot that they might enlarge the parsonage grounds. All at an expense of about \$4,500. Lake Como has added a hall to its possessions worth \$1,000 and has but \$100 debt thereon, and has reduced its church debt \$100. Jermyrn has expended \$1,000 for painting the church and parsonage and other improvements. Moscow is making good headway in paying the debt contracted in building their new church. Orson has its new parsonage paid for within \$500 and the pastor has found it a very comfortable home. At Poyntelle on this charge they have built a very comfortable little church, costing about \$2,000, and there is no debt. Peckville has

about completed its reading room and gymnasium thereby providing a place for its men and boys where they can improve their bodies and minds without being subjected to the influence of evil associates. Thornhurst is free from debt and has a good well 100 feet deep with forty feet of water at an expense of \$250 all paid. Waymart has continued its policy of improvement and has painted its church and parsonage, put memorial windows in place of the old style and very much improved both interior and exterior, and they close the year with a clean balance sheet. I think there is not a charge on the district save Cherry Ridge, but has spent something for the betterment of their church property.

WORK OF THE LADIES.

At this time I desire to speak a word in praise of the women of the church, who, through the Ladies' Aid and kindred organizations, have made so many things possible that could not have been reached if it had not been for their cooperation. This sometimes includes the raising of the preachers' salary. May the blessings of God our Father be upon them in their work.

I am afraid there will be a falling off in our contributions to the benevolences, but I want to say that if it shall prove to be so when all the reports are in it will not be the fault of the men on the field. A more loyal and devoted lot of men never strove to keep the altar fires burning and the Lord's cause prospering than those who labor on the Honesdale district.

We must not forget that many of these men scarcely get enough to keep soul and body together and could earn more as common day laborers than they get for breaking to men the bread of life, yet they work on, doing the best they can and rejoicing that they can have some part in the work of saving the world for Jesus.

I desire to say a word about our church papers. It seems to me that no better church paper is printed than our own church papers, yet the number of these taken by our members is exceedingly small. I find other religious papers on the tables of our Methodist Episcopal homes but not many of our own papers. No wonder there is so much church disloyalty with our members. Our effort should be a Methodist paper in every Methodist home.

The Lord has blessed us with revivals this year. It has been proven over and over again that the ear of the Lord is not heavy that He cannot hear, or His arm short that He cannot save, for He has been saving on almost every charge. On some the number has been small, on others it has been by the score. Among the churches that have been blessed are Ariel, Beach Lake, Bethany, Carbondale, Carley Brook, Clifford, Damascus, Dunmore, Hale Eddy, Hamblton, Hawley, Honesdale, Jackson, Jermyrn, Lake Como, Lakeville, Orson, Peckville, South Canaan, Thompson, Thornhurst, and Wallsville. To God be all the glory.

In closing this report I regret that we have not been able to accomplish more for our Master. But He knows that it was in our hearts to do our best for Him and I believe that He will say to these faithful workers when they shall see Him face to face, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, you have ruled over many things, enter thou into the joy of your Lord."

KIDNAPERS HAVE HEARING.

Crowd at Sharon Sees the Boyles Arraigned and Held.

Sharon, Pa., March 29.—In the presence of a hostile crowd Mr. and Mrs. James H. Boyle, charged with the abduction of Willie Whitla, were brought to Sharon for formal arraignment today. They were given a hearing before Justice of the Peace S. S. Gilbert, and Willie Whitla was a witness against them.

A charge of abduction was made against the woman and Boyle, and both were held without bail.

The decision to bring the prisoners here was only reached after investigation had been made as to the state of public sentiment here and after the authorities had been satisfied there would be no attempt at violence.

Washington's Governor Dies.

Paso Robles, Cal., March 29.—Governor Samuel G. Cosgrive of Washington died suddenly here of Bright's disease.

INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPER BIBLE STUDY CLUB.

Answer One Written Question Each Week For Fifty-Two Weeks and Win a Prize.

April 4th, 1909.

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Peter and Cornelius. Acts x:1-48. Golden Text—In every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness, is accepted of him. Acts x:35.

Verses 1-8—Was a devout Roman in those days as well pleasing to God as was a devout Jew?

Can you give any reason to-day why God is not as well pleased with a devout Roman Catholic, as he is with a devout Protestant, or vice versa?

What reason is there for or against the idea, that revelations and visions were given to devout men of all nations in those days, as well as to the Jews?

Verses 9-16—Is it wise and profitable to have certain set times for prayer, or is it better to be always in the spirit of prayer, and let our needs, or the Holy Spirit, direct as to special times for prayer?

Are people who are not seeking for revelations, likely to have them?

The eating of the flesh of those animals, or most of them, which Peter saw in his vision, is forbidden in the old testament; how do you account for it, that "the word of God," and the spirit of God do not agree in this case?

Peter in the first instance stuck to his creed, and refused to obey the direct voice of God; was he right or wrong in so doing?

Must we, in thought, be bound in all things by the written words in the Bible, and refuse to obey any direction of the Holy Spirit to the contrary?

Verses 17-27—Does God blame us if we test what we think to be revelations before we act up to them?

When God gives a revelation that is not unmistakably clear, may we depend that he will arrange circumstances, or give another revelation to clear up the doubt, as in this case?

Was Cornelius reconciled to God, or an accepted child at this time?

Verses 28-29—Are any of the Commandments of the Bible to be tested by the teaching of Jesus, and by the spirit of God, or must we unhesitatingly obey them all, just as they read, without any question? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Verses 30-33.—If we prayed and fasted more, should we have more visions of God?

Is there any merit in good works; and how much if any, credit does God give for them?

Does God in these days give by His Spirit, such detailed and matter-of-fact instructions, as he gave to Peter and Cornelius.

Verses 34-43.—What is the ground of a man's acceptance with God, according to Peter's statement here? According to the suggestion in verse 47, Cornelius had heard about Jesus, his teaching, his death and resurrection; is it at all unlikely that he was a believer in Jesus?

Verses 44-48.—What is the meaning of the Holy Spirit falling upon this company?

Excepting the gift of tongues, are all Christians privileged to receive the Holy Ghost as these persons did?

How may a Christian in the state of Cornelius, receive the Holy Ghost as he did?

Lesson for Sunday, April 11th, 1909.—Easter Lesson. I Cor. xv:12-28.

Little Sister Was Grateful.

Little Gladys, aged four, was being taught to express thanks when the occasion demanded. When she did not do so some member of the family would ask, "What do you say, Gladys?" which would bring forth the desired result. One evening Gladys and the young man who is to marry her sister were in the parlor. "Well, Gladys," said the young man, "I guess I'll marry Bertie and take her away. What do you say?"

"Thank you," replied the little girl politely.—Dellinator.

Wife (after a quarrel)—I wish I had never met you. Hub—Oh, yes! Now, when it is too late, you are sorry for me.—Boston Transcript.

BIG BATTLE NEAR

Troops Marching to Attack Oklahoma Indians.

300 REDSKINS WELL ARMED.

First Real Indian Uprising of Years Causes Authorities to Order Crazy Snake's Band Captured or Exterminated.

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 29.—Five companies of Oklahoma militia are on the march against Crazy Snake's band of Creek Indians, half breeds and negroes, entrenched in the Hickory hills near Henryetta. A battle is regarded as inevitable, as the heavily armed troops set out either to capture or exterminate the murderous band, which has already caused the death of six men, the wounding of many others and brought about a condition of terror in Henryetta, Pierce and all the surrounding country.

Crazy Snake's men number about 300, all armed with modern rifles and plentifully supplied with ammunition. They had prepared for two months for this, their final stand against lawful authority. They defiantly sent out word that they would fight to the death.

Crazy Snake is in personal command. This was established by the testimony choked out of his college bred son by means of a new inch rope. Young Harjo was strung up by the determined deputies until nearly dead. Then he gasped out that his father was in command, named the Indian who killed the deputies, told the officers how to trail the band and did everything which a stoical red man is supposed not to do when in the hands of his enemies.

This first real Indian uprising of years has held this region on edge for three days. It had been plotted and prepared for a long time. It broke out last Thursday, when several deputy sheriffs went to Henryetta to arrest negro cattle thieves. They were fired on by negro and half breed friends of the criminals and forced to retreat. A few hours later they returned with additional forces and were fired on by the band, then augmented by a number of Crazy Snake's Indians. In this fight three negroes were killed and five wounded. This clash resulted in forty-one arrests.

Meantime Crazy Snake's followers determined on an aggressive campaign. The chief's plans had to be prematurely sprung on account of the unexpected attack of deputies at Henryetta. Deputies fanned the flame by hunting strenuously for the leaders, and Crazy Snake, forced to the wall, determined to strike a hard blow in an effort to escape.

A part of his band was run to cover by deputies in a search for leaders of Thursday's fight, and Marshal Baum of Checotah and Deputy Odum of Eufaula were killed. They were shot down, according to Crazy Snake's son, by Charles Coker, a Seminole Indian. This event aroused the state authorities. Governor Haskell ordered out the militia, and the word was passed out that the band must be captured or killed.

CHILD LABOR CONFERENCE.

Governors of Southern States Attend Meeting at New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., March 29.—In furtherance of a most important movement for the improvement of child labor conditions in the south official representatives from all southern states met here today for a conference to last three days.

The gathering occurred upon the invitation of Governor J. Y. Sanders of Louisiana, who recently asked the governors of twelve other southern states to name delegates for a meeting here, which would have for its object the adoption of a more comprehensive and uniform system of child labor laws in the south, safeguarding both the welfare of youthful laborers and the legitimate interests of the employers.

Governor Sanders presided over the meeting, and Governors Hadley of Missouri and Noel of Mississippi were present.

OPERATORS MEAN WAR.

They Say Mine Workers' Union is Unfit to Make Contract.

New York, March 29.—The anthracite coal operators, who have refused to recognize the United Mine Workers of America as an organization officially representative of the mining employees, issued a statement which seems to mean war. The operators say:

"When the demand is made that the anthracite operators shall enter into a contract with the United Mine Workers of America it is pertinent to ask what has been done by this organization to carry out the plan proposed by the strike commission of 1902.

"This commission, appointed by the president of the United States, said definitely that the constitution of the United Mine Workers of America was not such as to encourage the operators to make a contract with it, and certain changes that might make satisfactory trade agreements possible were recommended to the mine workers. During the six years elapsed since the commission did its work the mine workers have taken no steps to carry out these recommendations.

"The suggestions made by the strike commission are still disregarded. None of the reforms which it proposed to the mine workers has been put into effect.

"A complete answer to the demand for recognition of the United Mine Workers is that the strike commission, composed of fair minded and capable men, decided against it and that the reasons which they gave for their decision exist now as they existed six and three years ago.

"It will be an ill day for our industries when the entire supply of coal in the country, anthracite and bituminous, is put into the power of any organization to do what it will in withholding or curtailing our fuel supply."

BALKAN DISPUTE SETTLED.

Powers Reach Agreement as to Surrender by Serbia.

Vienna, March 29.—A complete agreement has been reached by the powers with regard to the steps to be taken at Belgrade on the basis of the proposals made by Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, for the settlement of the difficulty between Austria and Serbia.

The representatives of the powers at Belgrade will advise Serbia to make a declaration to Austria withdrawing her demand for compensation, setting forth that she did not desire to provoke war and agreeing to the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Serbia will announce that she has no claims with regard to Bosnia and Herzegovina; that she is ready to live on friendly terms with Austria and will demobilize at once. In return Austria is to make generous economic concessions to Serbia.

In addition, a complete agreement has been reached with respect to the abrogation of article 25 of the Berlin treaty, and the suggestions of Austria on this subject will be communicated to the signatories of the treaty.

Serbia Accuses Russia of Treachery.

Belgrade, March 29.—Serbian newspapers acknowledge that Serbia has fallen in her contentions against the action of Austria-Hungary and accuse M. Iswolsky, the Russian foreign minister, of treachery. They declare that the action of Russia in acknowledging the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria is not only a misfortune for Serbia, but an everlasting disgrace for mighty Russia.

And All From Tips.

The man who has the coat and hat stand in one of New York's big restaurants pays \$3,000 a year for the privilege. In addition he pays \$10 a week to his boys who take the overcoats and hats, keeps them in uniform, so many suits a year, and makes a great deal of money for himself. How much the public pays in tips can be imagined when this system prevails not only in this restaurant but in many of the big cafes and hotels of the city. The tip at these places is rarely less than a quarter and sometimes is as much as a dollar.

SAMBO-STEIN, RASTUS: What is you gwine? RASTUS—I ain't a gwine no-where. I's jes' been whar I's gwine.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Mack—De Broke's ancestors were among the first settlers.

Tallor—He doesn't take after them.—Town Topics.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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LETTER

To A. M. Henshaw from Wanamaker & Brown.

DEAR SIR: We are in receipt of an unlimited number of congratulations from our sales agents upon the superb assortment of Spring Clothes. They are agreeing with us in pronouncing them the handsomest ever gotten together. We send forward this supplemental line of goods in the belief that it is being whispered that high priced merchant tailors are preparing to introduce them as their leading lines; and these fortify you in the statement that you have everything that can be demanded.

WANAMAKER & BROWN, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

In the matter of Erwin D. Prentice in Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of Erwin D. Prentice, in the county of Wayne and district of Pennsylvania, bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of March, A. D. 1909, the said Erwin D. Prentice was duly adjudged a bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the referee in the borough of Honesdale, Wayne county, Pennsylvania, upon Friday, the 2d day of April, 1909, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before such meeting.

WM. H. LEE, Referee in Bankruptcy. Honesdale, Pa., March 17, 1909. 25w3

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION, ESTATE OF EUNICE A. FARNHAM, late of Honesdale, Pa. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment to the undersigned; and those having claims against the said estate are notified to present them duly attested for settlement.

F. C. FARNHAM, Executor. Honesdale, Pa., March 5, 1909. 25w6

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. The partnership in the mercantile business, in the borough of Honesdale, Wayne county, Pa., heretofore existing between Manuel Jacobson and Wm. A. Jacobson, under the firm name of Jacobson & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

The said Manuel Jacobson will continue said business under the firm name of M. Jacobson & Co., and will settle all claims against the late firm, and collect all debts due to it. MANUEL JACOBSON. W. M. A. JACOBSON. March 15, 1909. 25w3

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