

For the Lutheran Visitor. Newberry Conference.

According to adjournment, Conference met in St. Paul's church, Newberry county, S. C., June 28th, 1873, and was opened by the President, Rev. J. A. Sligh, according to our established form.

The Secretary called the roll, and the following persons answered to their names: Clergy.—Revs. E. A. Bolles, Paul Derick, J. A. Sligh, J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., H. S. Wingard, G. W. Holland and H. W. Kuhns.

Laymen.—Messrs. G. Wise, J. S. Chapman, John Hiller, A. D. Haliwanger, P. Suber, J. W. Balentine, H. Eikard, A. Berley, P. Rikard, A. F. Cromer, A. G. Dickert and D. B. Wheeler. Maj. J. Epting, Treasurer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Rev. J. D. Shirey and Mr. J. J. Hipp were excused for non-attendance at the present meeting.

Rev. G. A. Hough and A. W. Lindler were received as advisory members. The Treasurer's report was referred to Messrs. A. D. Haliwanger and J. W. Balentine, a committee who reported the same correct, showing a balance in the hands of Treasurer of \$21.26.

Revs. J. P. Smeltzer, D.D., Paul Derick and E. A. Bolles were appointed a committee to draft a preamble and resolutions relative to the death of Rev. W. Berley, a member of this Conference.

Conference adjourned for divine services. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Holland.

At 11 o'clock Rev. G. W. Holland preached the opening sermon from 3 Tim. iii: 5. At the close of the sermon, the preparatory services to the holy communion were held, conducted by Rev. E. A. Bolles.

After an intermission of three quarters of an hour Conference re-assembled, and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. W. Lindler.

The Committee on Constitution made the following report: Your committee, appointed to draft a Constitution and an order of business for this body, desire to report that they have discharged that duty, and are ready to submit the same at such time as your wisdom may direct. Respectfully submitted,

J. D. SHIREY, H. S. WINGARD, H. W. KUHNS.

The report was adopted, the Constitution read, considered by items, and finally adopted as a whole, and ordered to be transcribed in the Secretary's book.

Rev. A. W. Lindler was elected a member of Conference. The reports of the different pastors on the state of religion were encouraging, showing an increased attendance on the preached word, and greater interest in the Sunday-school cause.

Report of committee on preamble and resolutions of the death of Rev. W. Berley.

WHEREAS, in the providence of God, the Rev. W. Berley has been called from the labors of the church militant to the church triumphant, and whereas suitable resolutions should be had in reference to his death by this Conference, as he was an active and worthy member, therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of our worthy brother, Rev. W. Berley, Newberry Conference, and the church for whose interest he labored and prayed, have lost one of her most useful and active members.

Resolved, That we will cherish the fond recollection that he was one of us—labored with us, and now feel that though dead he yet speaks.

Resolved, That a blank page in our record book, with the time and place of his death, be devoted to his memory.

Resolved, That we tender to the widow and son of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathies and prayers in their severe bereavement. Respectfully submitted,

J. P. SMELTZER, PAUL DERICK, E. A. BOLLES.

The report was received and adopted by a standing vote. The reports of the different pastors who had preached at Mrs. Wertz's school house were encouraging, and the same committee was continued till the next meeting of Conference.

On motion, Revs. Hough, Holland, Sligh and Lindler were appointed a committee to supply Mt. Olive, at Spring Hill, with preaching.

The point in Orangeburg county, near Mr. J. N. Epting, brought to the notice of Conference by Rev. Paul Derick, was referred to him to act as he might think best.

Luther Chapel, in the town of Newberry, was chosen as the place for the next meeting of Conference, and Friday before the 6th Sunday in August the time.

Rev. J. A. Sligh was appointed to preach the opening sermon, and Rev.

G. W. Holland his Alternate.

"What is the relation to the church of unbaptized children," was substituted for the subject already before Conference, for discussion at the next meeting of Conference.

Revs. Smeltzer and Holland were appointed to preach on Sunday. Subject, "Justification by Faith."

Rev. Smeltzer was appointed a committee to ascertain if there is any constitutional arrangement to prevent this Conference from meeting in Orangeburg County, S. C.

On motion, the Essayists were continued to read their Essays at the next meeting of Conference.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Rev. Wingard.

SABBATH EXERCISES. At an early hour the church was crowded, and still they came. At 9 o'clock, prayer meeting conducted by Rev. Lindler. At 10 o'clock, Rev. Smeltzer, D.D., preached—text: Rom. v: 8; subject, "The Evangelical view of the Atonement." At the close of the sermon Rev. Wingard consecrated the elements of the Lord's Supper, when a large number of the followers of Christ of our own and other communions partook of the Holy Sacrament of our blessed Lord.

After an intermission of one hour Conference met in the interest of the Sabbath-school. The house was crowded to its utmost capacity. The children were addressed by Revs. Hough and Kuhns. Thus ended the exercises of another Conference and holy Sabbath, we trust, to the edification of all present, and the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

The President closed Conference according to our established form. PAUL DERICK, Sec'y.

For the Lutheran Visitor. Eastern Conference of Synod of South-Western Virginia.

The Forty-third Assembly of the Eastern Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South-western Virginia was held at Clover Hollow church, Giles County, Va., at 9 o'clock A. M., June 28th, 1873.

In the absence of the President, Rev. P. Shickle, Rev. J. B. Greiner was called to the chair.

Conference then opened its first session, with form prescribed in the Book of Worship.

The roll was called, and two or three brethren noted absent.

Officers were then chosen: Rev. J. B. Greiner, President, and J. P. Obenshain, Secretary, the former Treasurer being continued in office.

The Minutes of last meeting were read, and, with some corrections, received and adopted.

The brethren, Rev. Prof. Wm. B. Yonce and the Secretary, directed at last meeting to visit and preach to the people of the Giles pastorate, reported their work attended to in part.

Rev. Prof. S. A. Repass, appointed to secure a colporteur for Craig County, reported that he had not yet succeeded. He also reported that by direction of Conference at its last meeting, he had held divine services at Christiansburg. He further stated that by a special effort on part of Conference, it might be found practicable to have preaching at this point once per month.

On motion, it was resolved to continue Rev. Repass as a committee to attend to the interests of the Lutheran church at Big Spring and Christiansburg.

Revs. J. F. Kiser, of the Pennsylvania Synod, and J. D. Shirey, of the South Carolina Synod, were invited to seats as advisory members.

The time having arrived for devotional exercises, Conference adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock P. M. same day.

SECOND SESSION. Conference opened with prayer by Rev. S. R. Smith.

Bro. Gordon Linkous appeared as lay delegate from the Montgomery pastorate, and name enrolled.

The time and place for next meeting of Conference was determined as follows: Friday evening before the 5th Sunday in August, and at Zion church, Floyd County, Va.

Special subjects selected for next meeting: 1st. Infant Baptism for discussion, on which these are to be prepared by Rev. Prof. S. A. Repass, and sent to the clergymen of Conference before its next meeting. 2d. Baptismal Regeneration, an essay by Rev. J. B. Greiner. 3d. An Efficient Church, a sermon by Rev. V. Stickle.

Conference now adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. F. Kiser, to meet Monday, at 8 o'clock A. M.

THIRD SESSION. Conference opened according to form in Book of Worship, roll was called and following members present: Revs. V. Stickle, J. B. Greiner, S. R. Smith, J. H. Turner, Prof. S. A. Repass, Dr. D. F. Bittle, P. Shickle, J. P. Obenshain, and lay delegates Gordon, Linkous and J. F. Sibole.

The Minutes of Saturday's sessions were read, and, with some corrections, adopted.

Vacant congregations and new preaching places were now considered, when it was discovered that no charge in this Conference was without a pastor, Rev. J. F. Kiser, a graduate of the Philadelphia Seminary, having accepted a call from the Amsterdam charge, and Rev. Vastine Stickle, a graduate of Roanoke College and student of Theology at Salem, having accepted a call from the Giles pastorate. Both these brethren have entered upon their duties.

On motion, it was resolved to send some brother to Craig to attend to the interests of our church there, or organize our scattered members into a pastorate and supply them with preaching until they secure a pastor.

Rev. P. Shickle was chosen to begin the work in this inviting field.

A resolution was passed directing Rev. Dr. D. F. Bittle to visit Franklin County and organize the Lutherans there into a congregation, and endeavor to supply it with preaching.

By resolution, Conference is to bear the necessary expenses of those brethren acting as missionaries.

By resolution of Conference, Rev. Prof. S. A. Repass is a committee to bring the Lynchburg and Richmond Missions properly before the South-western Virginia Synod at its meeting in August.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to systematize a plan by which the pastors of this Conference may receive their salaries more regularly and punctually, and report at next meeting.

Conference now adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Dr. Bittle.

FOURTH SESSION. Conference opened with prayer by Rev. Kiser.

The reports on state of religion were now called for. The pastors of the various charges reported their Sabbath-schools in a flourishing condition, and an increased interest in this direction in some localities.

Also, some accessions to congregations since last Conference meeting.

Dr. Bittle made many encouraging statements with reference to Roanoke College and its increased success.

The Theological Seminary and its interests was next in order. After being dwelt upon at some length, eliciting expressions from many hearts glowing with warmth for the interests of the institution, a resolution was passed appropriating \$25 from the Conference treasury, as a partial payment of that portion of the Professor's salary due from the South-western Virginia Synod.

A resolution was also passed, by which each member of Conference obligated himself to pay his part of the salary yet unpaid, the entire sum being divided among the members of Conference pro rata.

Conference then adjourned to meet at time and place before mentioned.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES. On Saturday, at 11 o'clock A. M., few persons being present on account of rain, prayer meeting, Saturday, 4 o'clock P. M., sermon by Rev. J. D. Shirey. Sabbath, prayer meeting at 10 o'clock A. M.; sermon by Rev. J. F. Kiser at 11, after which the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number of persons. At 4 P. M., sermon by Rev. J. H. Turner. At 11 o'clock A. M. on Monday, sermon by Rev. Dr. D. F. Bittle.

J. P. OBENSHAIN, Sec'y.

Peabody Outside.—Really, Baltimore is to be congratulated. It seems she has a rich citizen, whose name and praise have never got beyond the precincts of the Monumental City, but whose fortune is of several millions' power, as is evident from a recent gift of two or three million dollars to endow a hospital and orphan home. Nor is this all. He owns a splendid estate just out of town, which he proposes to give as the site of a first-class, fully-furnished university. That this institution may realize his rather liberal ideal, this generous man intends giving two or three millions more in cash. And all this goes on in the most matter-of-fact, unpretentious way—just as most of our rich men don't do when they fly in the face of the public with a little donation of \$100,000 or so. This faithful steward is a Quaker bachelor of nearly eighty, and his name is John S. Hopkins.

To be sure his name and wealth are not quite so notorious as those of certain gilt-edged citizens of New York, who are worth in money, perhaps, two or three times as much as Mr. Hopkins; but, for all that, the Baltimore man has certainly developed a disposition which it might profit some of our own millionaires to emulate. As the matter stands, Baltimore may now boast of having the most generous giver on record among her citizens; for even Peabody's benefactions come short in the comparison, and Girard, Mac-Donough, Astor, Lenox, and Amos Lawrence, are quite overshadowed by a Hopkins.—N. Y. Evening Mail.

Romanism a Disturbing Element.

The last remark we have to make is one which constantly presses itself on the historian's mind, but which political leaders and writers in our country seem as if they could not possibly realize or lay to heart. The Catholics, wherever they are numerous and powerful is a Protestant nation, compel, as it were by a law of their being, that nation to treat them with stern repression and control. The very essence and primary doctrine of the Romish Church involve studying and unswerving professions which are incompatible with the freedom or equal rights of the rest of the community. The experiment has been tried many times and in many countries, and always with the same result. Even in this age it is still a power in the strong empire of Germany, of the new kingdom of Italy, of the critically placed and much menaced state of Belgium. Catholicism, if it be mixed or secular, so change its locks, can not permit free voting in a Catholic electorate; can not tolerate that its votaries should prefer the welfare of their country to the interests of their church—the good of Ireland to the sway of Rome; can not allow the congregations of the faithful to think or act for themselves in matters of the greatest importance to human progress; can not, wherever and whenever the opportunity is afforded it, abstain from claiming, working for and grasping that supremacy and paramount influence and control which it conscientiously believes to be its inalienable and universal due. By the force of circumstances, it must be the intestine foe or the disturbing element of every State in which it does not bear sway; and from the position which the Romish Church has always held, and recently avowed with more decision and nakedness than usual, of direct enmity to the chief agencies and achievements of modern civilization and progress, it must now stand out in the estimate of all Protestants, patriots, and thinkers, as the *hostis humani generis* (the enemy of the human race) it has been for so many centuries.—London Quarterly.

The largest price ever paid for a single volume of any kind has just been paid in England for one of the earlier editions of the Holy Scriptures. At the recent sale of the Perkins Library, at Hanworth, near London, two Mariner Bibles, the one printed on vellum and the other on paper, formed the one great feature of the sale, the former being sold for \$17,000 and the other for \$13,450, which is far ahead of any sum heretofore paid for any printed book. The copy of Faust and Schaffner's Bible of 1462 brought \$3,900, and that of Miles Coverdale's (1535) \$2,000. The first folio of Shakespeare, on the other hand, brought only \$2,255, or several dollars less than the price obtained for a copy no more perfect than this in 1864.

A Chinese newspaper is to be started in San Francisco. It appears that the six Chinese companies in that city have clubbed together and determined upon this enterprise, and a steamer which sailed for China two weeks ago, took out an order from them for two million type—Chinese characters—to be used in stocking the office. Their plan is to publish the paper three times a week, its chief object being to instruct their countrymen in their own language as to their rights and wrongs from the time they land on American soil.

The first number is promised in September next. We have newspapers in this country published in almost every language, but this, we believe, is the first journalistic venture in Chinese.

Marriages.

Married, in Cabarrus County, N. C., July 10, 1873, by Rev. Samuel Rothrock, Rev. HENRY M. BROWN and Miss LUCETTA JANE, daughter of Charles Fisher, Esq.

Obituaries.

Departed this life July 24, inst., Brother DAVID WITT, after six days of great suffering. His age was about 70 years, 47 of which he lived a member of the Christian church, having united with St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, Newberry County, S. C., in 1826.

In the death of Brother Witt our little church has sustained a heavy loss, but we feel sure that our loss is his eternal gain. It was my privilege to be with him the last five days of his life, and a privilege it was, to hold converse with one who had been a soldier of the cross forty-seven years, and now, when just about to quit the field of strife while in the last great conflict, to hear him express his entire confidence in the blessed Saviour, and to hear him call upon the Lord to stand close by him in the great struggle. "I would not give," said he, "my hope for ten thousand such worlds as this." While we in our weakness feel the loss of an aged counsellor and faithful supporter of our little church, we

know in submission to the will of God, knowing that he doeth all things well. He has left behind an affectionate wife and four children to mourn his loss, but they mourn not as those who have no hope. His funeral sermon was preached by the writer from Job xiv: 14. S. W. BESEBRAUGH.

Church Notices.

Meeting of Virginia Synod. The Forty-fourth Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia will be held in Mt. Tabor church, Augusta county, Va., commencing August 7th, 1873.

Conveyances will be in readiness at Station on Thursday (the 7th) to carry members of Synod to the church. J. M. SCHICKEL, Secretary.

Conveyances will be in Station on the 6th of August for the accommodation of persons who come by public conveyance to attend the meeting of the Virginia Synod, to be held at Mt. Tabor church, commencing August 7th.

PASTOR, Loc. Synod of South-Western Virginia. The thirty-second Convention of the Synod of S. W. Va. will be held in Cedar Grove church, Smyth county, Va., at 11 o'clock, A. M., commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1873. Persons coming to Synod from East will ticket to Rural Retreat, and from West to Marion and remain on the cars to Atkin's Tank. All persons attending Synod will promptly inform the pastor loci, Rev. J. G. SHEER, at Marion, Smyth county, Va. J. B. GREINER, Sec'y.

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