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On Monday night, May 4th, at 8 p. m., in Trinity Church, Bishop Galloway addressed a very large audience upon the subject of "Denominational Christian Education." It was a masterly effort and will bear good fruit for years to come.

On Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, May 5th, E. A. Yates called the Convention to order, and asked Bishop Galloway to preside temporarily. After religious services conducted by Rev. V. A. Sharpe, the Convention elected E. A. Yates as temporary Secretary.

President Crowell then explained the object of the Convention; after which, E. A. Yates made an address of welcome to the delegates and was responded to by Bishop Galloway.

The following roll of delegates was then made:

Rev. F. M. Edwards, F. L. Reid, W. Duke, L. L. Nash, F. A. Bishop, J. H. Page, S. D. Bagley, J. S. Nelson, E. T. White, T. J. Gattis, J. R. Scroggs, L. W. Crawford, F. H. Wood, A. P. Tyre, W. W. Rose, W. S. Rone, T. N. Ivey, J. S. Underwood, E. S. Sheppe, S. B. Turrentine, J. N. Cole, J. J. Barker, J. W. Jenkins, E. H. Davis, E. E. Parham, J. M. Rhodes, W. E. Ormond, J. C. Brown, C. O. Durant, B. C. Allred, S. L. Adams, W. H. Cunniggin, B. B. Culbreth, J. A. Cunningham, J. W. Jones, A. McF. M. Moye, V. A. Sharpe, W. M. Robbins, E. A. Yates, W. D. Lunsford, N. P. Lea, W. C. Thaxton, J. R. Gattis, J. H. Hall, J. B. Walker, J. J. Thaxton, S. S. Moore, E. M. Douglas, C. H. Massey, R. J. Moorman, R. E. Lyon, J. Sandford, O. Ryder, E. J. Parrish, W. H. Branson, J. S. Burch, J. W. Umstead, Josephus Daniels, Sam'l. Adams.

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A committee on permanent organization was then appointed, consisting of W. M. Robbins, F. H. Wood, W. S. Rone, W. Duke and J. A. Cunningham.

Also, the following committee on Endowment of Trinity College: Dr. Crowell, Ch'm'n, J. R. Scroggs, A. P. Tyre and L. W. Crawford, of the W. N. C. Conference, and J. A. Cunningham, E. A. Yates, and F. L. Reid, of the N. C. Conference.

Also, a committee on the "Unification of Methodist Educational Institutions," consisting of Dr. Crowell, E. E. Parham, J. M. Rhodes, S. D. Bagley, W. E. Ormond, B. F. Dixon, J. D. Arnold, L. W. Crawford, F. H. Wood, R. S. Abernethy, J. D. Minick, Z. McWhorter, H. P. Bailey, M. A. Yost.

The regular hour having arrived for the discussion of the question, "How shall the Patronage of Methodists be secured for their own Educational Institutions," Rev. A. P. Tyre addressed the Convention, and was followed by F. M. Edwards, J. R. Scroggs, V. A. Sharpe, J. M. Rhodes, and L. L. Nash.

The committee on Permanent Organization then made their report, which was adopted, to wit:

For President, Hon. W. M. Robbins.

1st Vice President, Rev. J. A. Cunningham.

2nd Vice President, Rev. B. F. Dixon.

Secretary, Rev. E. A. Yates.

On motion the above officers were appointed an Executive Committee.

Hon. W. M. Robbins then took the chair and addressed the Convention, returning thanks, etc.

Bishop Galloway then made a short farewell address before the train left for Wilmington. He argued for a close, religious denominationalism, which he said was the best way to preserve a true christian fraternity. He said we were in danger of frittering away our force by an undenominational evangelism.

Dr. Crowell then addressed the Convention upon the subject of "Methodist Patronage for Methodist Institutions," and was followed by Rev. F. H. Wood.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 3:30 O'CLOCK.

The Convention was called to order by President Robbins, and religious service was conducted by Rev. B. B. Culbreth.

The chairman then announced the regular subject for discussion, viz: "The Educational possibilities of the Epworth League," and the Convention was addressed by Rev. S. B. Turrentine, Dr. Crowell, J. A. Cunnigim, J. R. Scroggs and F. M. Edwards.

J. R. Scroggs and Dr. Crowell offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention representing the two Conferences of the M. E. Church, South, in North Carolina, that in order to secure the patronage of Methodism to her own educational institutions they must be at least equal and as far as possible superior to any other institutions that can compete with them for patronage and support.

Resolved further, That with the superior equipment of our educational institutions with a thoroughly religious faculty and first-class equipments it is by this Convention considered necessary that the ministry and the people be faithful in their devotion to their educational institutions by instilling into the young a firm confidence and high esteem for the institutions of the church.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 8 o'clock, p. m.

NIGHT SESSION, 8 P. M.

The Convention was called to order by the chairman, and Rev. J. A. Cunnigim was requested to preside, and conduct religious service.

The chairman then announced the subject for discussion, viz: "The Christian Church Contrasted with the State as an Educational Agency," and Hon. W. M. Rob-

bins addressed the Convention. At the conclusion of his speech, he offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved 1, That it is the sense of this Convention that no education is complete which does not aim to develop and train the heart as well as the intellect.

2. That to stem the tide of rationalism and skepticism which is insidiously corrupting the common thought, it is needful that our young people be thoroughly indoctrinated in the principles and spirit of our holy and blessed religion.

3. That the church and her institutions alone are adequate to the accomplishment of this essential work.

4. That the foundations of all our educational institutions should be laid in constant and devout prayer to God for his guidance and blessings.

The Convention then adjourned to Wednesday morning, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Convention was called to order by the president and religious service conducted by Rev. W. S. Black, D. D. The following additional delegates appeared and were enrolled: B. F. Steed, C. F. King, J. S. Lockhart, J. H. Southgate, W. R. Odell.

Rev. F. L. Reid then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recognize in the Epworth Leagues being organized in many of our churches a valuable auxiliary in the educational work of the church. We recommend that they be organized in all our charges and that their educational departments be utilized to acquaint our young people with the history, methods, needs and possibilities of our Methodist educational institutions.

Dr. Crowell had also drafted a set embracing the same. After some discussion it was agreed to consolidate the two and the following were added:

Resolved further, That the leagues throughout the conferences be each entitled to one representative in the deliberations of future educational conventions.

Resolved, That the instructors in Methodist institutions of learning be urged to co-operate with the leagues which are near such institutions, as far as practicable, for the promotion of the educational work of the leagues.

The resolutions were then adopted. The regular subject for discussion was then announced by the chairman, viz: "The Capacity of Methodism for Universal Education," and the Convention was addressed by Rev. W. E. Wilson and E. S. Sheppe.

The committee on the "Unification of Methodist Educational Institutions," made the following report which was adopted:

The sub-committee on the Unification of Methodist institutions of learning in the North Carolina conference presents the following report:

Resolved that the Secretary of this committee be instructed by this Convention to notify the members of this committee and to invite all Methodist Educators in North Carolina to meet with the committee at Greensboro, Wednesday, June 24, at 10 o'clock, a. m., in the lecture room of the West Market Street church, for the consideration of the question of the unification of our institutions and that the result of this meeting be embodied in a report of the committee at the next annual convention.

JOHN F. CROWELL, Ch'm'n.

J. M. RHODES, Sec.

E. E. PARHAM,

S. D. BAGLEY,

FRANK H. WOOD.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. J. M. Rhodes, and adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention representing the N. C. and W. N. C. Conference of M. E. C. S., that the unification of all the Methodist Educational Institutions in N. C., will greatly enhance the interests of Methodist Education in the State, and will conserve our forces and strengthen all our institutions, giving us a compact educational system, which will be invaluable to us in our educational work.

The following resolutions were offered by Dr. Crowell and E. A. Yates, and adopted:

Resolved, That it is the desire and purpose of this Convention to perpetuate its work in the promotion of the educational interests for which it was expressly convened.

Resolved, That the officers and delegates be and are hereby constituted "The Methodist Educational Society."

Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed on constitution and by-laws, representation, membership, etc., to report fully at the next annual Convention of this Society.

Resolved, Further that for the annual Convention the time and

place shall be determined by the Convention and that the representation be made to include all Presiding Elders, pastors, teachers, trustees and other educational officials in the two Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in North Carolina.

Resolved, That the Executive committee be instructed to prepare a program for the annual Convention.

On motion of Rev. F. H. Wood, the following committee was appointed on "Constitution and By-Laws for the permanent government of this Educational Convention," viz: Dr. J. F. Crowell, Col. J. S. Carr and E. A. Yates.

On motion of Dr. Crowell, the time and place of holding the next Educational Convention was left to the Executive Committee.

The committee on Endowment of Trinity College made the following report, which was adopted:

We recommend that the plan for securing Endowment of Trinity College which was adopted by the last session of the N. C. and the W. N. C. Conference be adopted and applied by this Convention. That the President and other members of the faculty, by conference with the Presiding Elders of the several Districts, provide as systematic a canvass as possible during the remaining months of this Conference year.

Dr. Crowell offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That Brother E. S. Sheppe have 500 copies of the proceedings of this Convention printed for distribution, and that expenses for printing and distribution be paid by advertisements of Methodist Educational Institutions in its pages.

J. F. CROWELL.

On motion of J. F. Crowell, E. A. Yates was appointed Treasurer of the Convention.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Durham for the courtesy and hospitality with which they have entertained us.

JOHN N. COLE.

W. W. Rose.

S. D. Bagley.

F. L. Reid.

W. S. Black.

The Convention then, after a most delightful and profitable session of two days, adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. ROBBINS, Ch'm'n.

E. A. YATES, Sec'y.

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