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### THE FIRST TWO DAYS.

It usually takes two or three days for a General Conference to get organized and well under way. Our impression is that the present Conference is making quite as good progress in this respect as any one in recent years. One more day will probably witness the completion of all the preliminary arrangements. After that, everybody will settle down to the accomplishment of the tasks in hand. The first day's session was a long one, reaching a full hour beyond the schedule time, and not at all devoid of interest. The religious services, which were participated in by Bishops Wilson, Hargrove, Hendrix, Candler and Morrison, and Dr. Anson West, were of an elevated character, and well adapted to produce a right frame of mind for successful legislation. After these exercises had been finished, Dr. John J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, received the compliment of a unanimous election to the Secretaryship. He has been at this sort of business from his youth on, and understands it very thoroughly. The brethren who are associated with him—Dr. A. F. Watkins, Rev. John M. Barren, and Dr. J. An W. Heidt—are also trained scribes, having had long experience in reporting parliamentary proceedings. We do not doubt that they will succeed in making a record as nearly flawless as could be expected.

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If Mayor Cabell was less elaborate in his utterances, he was certainly not less cordial. Himself a native of Texas, and the son of a distinguished officer in the Confederate Army, he has a personal as well as an official right to speak for the city of Dallas. Judge E. B. Perkins, representing the laymen of this State, was both witty and wise, as he always is. It

was scarcely necessary for Presiding Elder Clark, in introducing him, to mention the fact that he is the son of a Methodist preacher. If he had not been brought up in a parsonage, it would have been exceedingly difficult for him to have acquired that perfect familiarity with the spirit and terminology of Methodism which he displays whenever he gets upon his feet in a Conference to make either a prepared or extempore speech. There was a very serious undertone in his remarks. It would not be exactly correct to say that they partook of the nature of a homily, and yet they contained wholesome suggestions and wise advice to the entire Conference.



Bishop J. C. Keener.

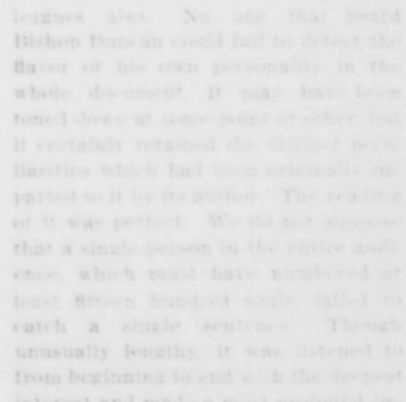
Dr. Rankin brought up the rear. He was last, but not least. Though he used no manuscript, nor even notes, it was quite evident that he had thought out the entire scope and outline of what he intended to say. He stood for the seven hundred and fifty itinerant preachers of the State, and gave the most earnest and brotherly expression to their feelings. The late Dr. Wm. C. Gray, of the Chicago Interior, once said that he could not preach, and added to this specific assertion the general statement that to edit can be much of a preacher. Dr. Rankin is a living illustration of the incorrectness of such a doctrine. In addition to being an expert with the quill, he has excellent faculties both for pulpit and platform work. The applause which his sentences evoked was entirely spontaneous, and showed that he had reached the hearts of his hearers.

Of Bishop Galloway's response much might be said. Universal Methodism recognizes him as one of the most felicitous of our living orators. Both in America and in England, he has been heard on many important occasions, and always with unmixed delight. We shall not say that he never fails to reach the highest possible level, but we do not hesitate to affirm that he is never prosy nor dull. Frequently he rises to the very altitudes of commanding and victorious speech. On this occasion he was fully himself.

After the addresses and responses were over, a resolution of respect and love was very properly sent to Bishop Keener, whose great age and feebleness rendered it impossible for him to be present, and also to Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, who is passing through a sea of personal affliction in the loss, by death of his youngest daughter. It was a piece of brotherly thoughtfulness on the part of Rev. Horace Bishop to have the Conference show its sympathy in like manner with that noble and eloquent patriarch of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. B. M. Palmer, of

New Orleans, whose recent unfortunate accident has brought him down to the gates of death.

After some further routine work, Bishop Wallace W. Duncan came to the front and read the Quinquennial Episcopal address. This address is prepared by the Bishops in regular succession, the order of seniority in election being followed. After the first draft of it is ready, however, it is read before the whole College and there subjected to general comment and criticism. As it comes to the Conference, therefore, it represents not merely the opinions and convictions of the individual Bishop, but, in a good measure, at least, of all his colleagues also. No one that heard Bishop Duncan could fail to detect the flavor of his own personality in the whole document. It may have been toned down at some point or other, but it certainly retained the distinct characteristics which had been originally imparted to it by its author. The reading of it was perfect. We do not suppose that a single person in the entire audience, which must have numbered at least fifteen hundred souls, failed to catch a single sentence. Though unusually lengthy, it was listened to from beginning to end with the deepest interest and made a most profound impression. The general verdict, as far as we can gather it from conversations with many persons, is that it is a great state paper, fit to rank in every particular with the best of such documents. The perfect clearness and distinctness with which it states and discusses all current issues in the Church, are most commendable. It furnishes light and leading to those who wish to know what Israel ought to do. In the concluding paragraph it handles the



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question of the War Claim. As that is a matter in regard to which public opinion is exceedingly sensitive, we do not feel that it is our right, as editor of this paper, to make any specific comment thereon.



Bishop A. W. Wilson.

The second day's proceedings were mainly matter of routine, as may be gathered from the detailed report which we furnish in this issue. The only exception to this statement is found in the brief but spirited discussion between Dr. Tigert on the one hand and Dr. Denny on the other in regard to the notations of the sessions of the General Conference. It is

probably the opinion of the majority of no great importance. Some, at least, however, retaining the decided conviction that it is not a trifling thing to keep the history of our Church straight as far as it is possible to do so.

The reading of the report of the Book Commission by the Chairman, Dr. Collins Denny, consumed nearly two hours. In spite of the fact that it dealt with subjects on which the Conference is sharply divided, the report was listened to with the profoundest respect. We do not reproduce it in these columns, because it has already been published in pamphlet form and distributed among the members.



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### THE ENTERTAINMENT OF THE CONFERENCE.

It is not necessary to say to anybody that has ever undertaken to provide for the entertainment of three or four hundred persons on such an occasion as this, that the task is far from being light or trifling. A thousand things require to be looked after. Even the best programme is likely to fall of execution in some respects. Unanticipated occurrences make it necessary to revise and alter the original plans. We are not surprised, therefore, that there have been some fit-bits and drawbacks here. The proprietors of the Dallas hotels have allowed themselves to be overwhelmed with guests. Several hundred physicians, representing the Medical Association of the State of Texas, are now here holding their Annual Convention. This fact has made it virtually impossible to give the best accommodations to all the delegates to the Conference. We are assured, however, that much of the best day or two the pressure from this source will be relieved, and that it will then be possible to provide more elbow room. In the meantime we trust that everybody will sympathize with the difficulties of the Committee on Arrangements and make the most of the situation. The Auditorium, in which the sessions of the Conference are held, turns out to be better adapted to such uses than was anticipated. Though it is at a considerable distance from the center of the city, it is easily reached by electric lines, and furnishes all the room that could possibly be desired. As it always the case, it has been found hard to seat the Conference in such a manner as to bring everybody within easy reach of the platform. Some of the delegations farthest removed are put to a great disadvantage. If, however, the many hundreds of visitors, whose presence is heartily welcome, will be thoughtful enough to abstain from

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Yours for God and home and native land, F. M. WINBURNE, Coryell City, Texas, May 2.

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ETHEL BROWN - Little Helen, infant daughter of Mrs. and Mr. W. W. Brown, was born at Dallas, Texas, September 25, 1895, and departed this life April 5, 1902. Little Helen was a very bright and interesting child. While her stay in the home of her father, she was devoted to her father and mother, and loved to play with her mother and brother, and to be with her father and mother.

She was a member of the Epworth League, and her father and mother were members of the same. Her father, Mr. W. W. Brown, was a member of the Epworth League, and her mother, Mrs. W. W. Brown, was a member of the same.

J. D. WHITEHEAD.

HOLLOWAY - Mrs. Nancy J. Holloway was born October 25, 1855, was married to Wm. Holloway in 1878, and shortly thereafter joining the Methodist Church. In 1895 she became a widow, and married Philip Holloway, with whom she resided in Dallas, Texas, until the death of Mr. Holloway in 1901. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a very kind and loving mother.

WM. J. MORFITT.

JOHNSTON - Sister Adeline W. Johnson was born November 15, 1854, was married to Rev. J. J. Johnson in 1875. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a very kind and loving mother. She died on March 10, 1902, at her home in Dallas, Texas.

A. P. LEISBACH.

KING - Mrs. June King was born in Dallas, Texas, in 1850. She was married to John King in 1870. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a very kind and loving mother. She died on April 10, 1902, at her home in Dallas, Texas.

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THE Daughter's Health. "All honor to woman, to her it is given To garden the earth with the roses of Heaven." This is the brightest monument of any woman...

Returning home early Monday morning, she had gone to the house, and was sitting by the stove that had just unrolled in the fireplace. He was cutting wood to make a fire. The daughter went to milk and was standing something burning and she fell into the house, and found her mother sitting on the bed, wrapped in flames and making no noise or resort. She was literally cooked and died instantly.

J. DAVIS CHRISTY, Liberty Hill, Texas.

EVLING - A. N. Evling was born in Clark County, Ala., December 23, 1851, and died in Gray County, Ark., January 1, 1902. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a very kind and loving father.

J. DAVIS CHRISTY.

MUNDY - Sister Ella Mundy was born in Dallas, Texas, in 1855. She was married to John Mundy in 1875. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a very kind and loving mother. She died on March 10, 1902, at her home in Dallas, Texas.

J. DAVIS CHRISTY.

COOPER - Mrs. Margaret Ann Cooper was born in Dallas, Texas, in 1855. She was married to John Cooper in 1875. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a very kind and loving mother. She died on April 10, 1902, at her home in Dallas, Texas.

J. DAVIS CHRISTY.

DALLAS - Mrs. Mary C. Dallas, widow of John Dallas, was born in Dallas, Texas, in 1855. She was married to John Dallas in 1875. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a very kind and loving mother. She died on May 10, 1902, at her home in Dallas, Texas.

W. J. MORFITT.

STARK - Mrs. Arthur Stark was born in Dallas, Texas, in 1855. She was married to Arthur Stark in 1875. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a very kind and loving mother. She died on June 10, 1902, at her home in Dallas, Texas.

W. J. MORFITT.

FISER - A. M. Fiser was born in Henry County, Texas, in 1855. He was married to Miss Fiser in 1875. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a very kind and loving father. He died on July 10, 1902, at his home in Dallas, Texas.

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one of the stewards at the time of his death. He belonged to one of the best families in Texas, and his place will be hard to fill. He was sick for two months, and during that time the writer made frequent visits to his home. He was a great sufferer, and not understanding who he should be taken so early, but said he was ready. We had him to rest in the family burying ground in the cemetery at Dallas, near the large procession that has gone there for many years. His wife is a very noble woman, and her husband's death was a great sorrow to her.

J. W. FRYE.

WILLIAMS - Sister Nancy T. Williams, whose mother, Mrs. Park, was born in Morgan County, Missouri, May 27, 1852, and died in Dallas, Texas, March 27, 1902, at her home. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a very kind and loving mother. She died on March 27, 1902, at her home in Dallas, Texas.

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