

STIRS UP THE DISCIPLES

Advocates of Federation Endorsement Oust Spirited Debate in Convention.

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY ELECTS

Detroit is Decided Upon as the Place for Holding the 1903 Convention.

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that he simply wished to know if the resolution meant recognition of denominationalism; that he wanted it clearly explained.

Evangelist Simpson Ely of Minnesota favored like a Colossus at the west side of the building and declared that he didn't consider the action germane to the work of the convention.

Rev. Howard T. Cree of St. Louis shouted from the other side of the hall: "We are for Christian union, and we must not expect all to see things as we see them."

While these and other speeches were being made there were frequent cries of "That's right," or "No, no," and still more frequent cries of "Question, question?"

The question was put and the chair decided that those favoring the resolution were in the majority. Promptly a division was called for and a standing vote taken.

The chair ruled as before and declared the resolution passed. Evangelist Ely arose to question the count and also the count made on the motion to reconsider.

Music Hath Charms.

The chair ruled him out of order, whispering hurriedly to W. E. Hackleman, leader of the song service, and the latter started "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds" without waiting for instrumental prelude.

Hundreds grasped the situation in an instant and their voices rolled forth in mighty chorus. Smiles came where frowns were, and the matter was temporarily dropped.

Adjournment was taken very promptly and Chairman McCash was patted on the back approvingly by many friends. Others were notified of a less democratic nature.

One climbed the platform and told whoever would listen that he had gotten out of Methodist once and didn't wish to get back. Evangelist Ely stood at the door ten minutes later, declaring to a group of gray friends that the meeting had been "packed" and that the resolution was "railroaded right through."

On the coming into town the matter was the one topic of discussion, the defenders of the action declaring that it "would never do to have the Disciples placed in the light of opposing church federations. It is suspected that Editor Lord has not dropped the matter permanently.

The other business of the night was the adoption of the report of the committee on centennial celebration in 1909, which committee was appointed last year at Minneapolis with Editor Garrison as its chairman. It favors raising \$100,000 for missions, endowing colleges and making an annual appropriation of \$10,000 for all churches.

The special music of the session was a number by the Young Men's Christian association quartet of Omaha and a solo, "Nobody Knows but Mother," by Mrs. W. T. Hilton, wife of the pastor of the North Side Christian church.

Powell on Union.

The only address of the night, and one which is considered as important as any delivered at the present convention, was by Rev. E. L. Powell, for fifteen years pastor of the First Christian church at Louisville, Ky., who said in part:

In the discussion of Christian union it may be said of this address that it is the message of the church. Our subject has been the Christian church federation. It is a union of those who have contended for the simple gospel of Christ. Perhaps, or perhaps not, it has been treated academically rather than passionately. Once again it must be brought back to its proper place. Once again it must be lifted to the prominence of a paramount issue. Once again it must become a great cry in imperative demand an authoritative declaration. As Cato closed every oration with the cry, "Carthage must be destroyed," so we must reiterate the loving demand, "The church be united."

And now, in brief, what is meant by Christian union? Once the church of Jesus Christ was united—a fair picture to look upon. By Christian union I mean that in this discussion the recovery of the original union of the church; the restoration of the permanent and abiding relationship of faith, obedience and life of the apostolic church; the rediscovery of the essential in the spirit, structure and life of that church. Christian union is the inevitable product of a return to the simple gospel, to a reconstruction rather than reconstruction of denominational machinery or new alignments that must give us a Christian union.

Struggle for Convention.

At yesterday morning's session the west and east locked horns on the location of the convention of 1903. St. Louis has it for 1904 by common consent, and Detroit seems likely to get it for 1903, but there developed opposition to its being even half promised the Pacific coast for three years hence. The committee on recommendations in its report recommended that the coast be given it that year and Rev. Carey Y. Morgan of Richmond, Va., promptly arose to protest with considerable earnestness that for several years it has gone west of the Mississippi river and should go back east or south again.

Dean E. C. Bauserman of the bible college at Eugene, Ore., answered with an appeal to come here, where the influence of the convention would do more needed. Others called out to Rev. Morgan that "everything is west of the Mississippi river, anyhow," and the meeting by a rising vote killed the Morgan motion to strike from the committee's report before adopting it, that section referring to the 1903 site. This

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has only the effect of moral impetus, however, in behalf of the cause; as the real object being to be done later by another committee.

The society's president, Harvey O. Breeden of Des Moines, has been ill for three days and the task of presiding was assumed by Rev. T. E. Cramblett, president of Bethany college, West Virginia. George L. Dush of Texas conducted the devotional service. DeLosa Smith of Indiana was the leader of the song.

President Breeden Delivers Address.

By supreme effort, President Breeden delivered his address on "The Gospel for this Age," which is quoted below. It was perhaps the most notable address viewed purely from the religious standpoint of the entire convention and there was not a stir during the entire time of its delivery, but afterward there was a round of applause that fairly shook the building.

Enthusiasm over good things of another sort was aroused when reports were taken up. That of the acting board of managers was made by Benjamin Lyon Smith, corresponding secretary, who stated that 179 churches had been organized during the past year by the home missionaries, that 21,600 people were brought into churches by the same agents; that every 45 brought a convert and that there are now 950,000 disciples in the Mississippi valley.

Reporting for the Board of Church Extension, Corresponding Secretary George W. Muckley stated that this board has built a church for every five days of the last year; that \$180,000 in loans has been paid back since the society's beginning and with it \$60,000 interest. The full reports of both the extension and mission board were summarized in The Sunday Bee.

F. M. Rains of Iowa and Charles H. White of Illinois, the newly chosen field secretary of the church extension board was presented to the convention and spoke very briefly.

Rev. C. E. Plattenburg of Ohio read the report of General Superintendent Founds of the Christian Endeavor work, the latter having been detained at home. This report also was reviewed in The Bee's Sunday edition.

Reports of Committees.

For the absent chairman, Rev. George Darney, Rev. B. Tyler read the report of the prayer meeting committee, which report stated that the topics for 1903 are now ready at the church publishers; that the committee would recommend that its membership be increased from five to seven and that it be given a full year, from the convention to convention, to prepare its work, with the further recommendation that the committee for 1904 be appointed now. B. L. Smith put these latter recommendations in a motion, which carried, and the new committee will be appointed.

I. N. McCash then made the report of the committee on recommendations, the principal of which were those favoring the Pacific coast for the convention of 1905; suggesting that the Missionary Society hereafter let the state boards of Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Kentucky take care of these states and turn its attention to those wherein the Disciples are not so strong; that the prohibition movement be endorsed, but that the matter of having a regular time for its discussion be reserved to the program be left to the discretion of the corresponding secretary and through him to the board of managers; also that there be left to him the matter of railroad rates and that special rates for ministers attending prohibition be provided for.

The committee recommended the endorsement of the miniature Jerusalem which the Jerusalem Exhibit company proposes to build at St. Louis, but stipulated that this endorsement is given with the understanding that there be an entire absence of the Oriental features that characterize the average midway attraction.

Mahomet and the Mountain. After the disposal of Rev. Morgan's protest on the convention site resolution Rev. Howard T. Cree of St. Louis was called to deliver his address on "Mahomet and the Mountain," with the noon whistle echoing in the ears of 3,000 persons who had sat for three hours and were tired. It placed the speaker at a great disadvantage, but he was of magnificent voice and managed to fill his hearers to the end. It is his thought that in the matter of evangelization the mountain has an entire absence of the element in the persons of the great and constantly increasing numbers of foreigners. For examples, he stated that during the decade ending 1870 Italy, Poland and Russia furnished but 1 per cent of our immigrants, but that in the decade ending 1899 those countries furnished 50 per cent; that Germany, Great Britain, Norway, Sweden and Denmark, which furnish most of the inflow, now furnish but a very small proportion. Further, he stated that the per cent of persons of foreign parentage in St. Louis is 61 per cent; in Chicago, 77 per cent; in Iowa, 43 per cent; in Nebraska, 47 per cent.

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President Breeden's address was in part as follows:

Neither pray I for these alone, but for all them also who shall believe on me through their words; that they all may be one as thou Father art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me.—John xvii, 9. This divine prayer is prophetic. It is the gospel in outline for this age. How perfectly it presents the gospel for this age no man can understand until he has first discovered and analyzed his own age.

America in the present is an age of democracy. The evolution of government has brought us a long way from the throne of the monarch in the crown and on the throne of the crown in the crown. In this age as in no other the welfare of the common people enters into the composition of government and constitutes its chief concern. Education, science of persons and foreign parentage in St. Louis is 61 per cent; in Chicago, 77 per cent; in Iowa, 43 per cent; in Nebraska, 47 per cent.

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The third gospel is the religion of the person. It presents to Jesus of Nazareth the human life of God. He is the way, the truth and the life. Through union with Him the divine life comes to the soul. He is the infallible guide through the mazes of the world of sin. He is the divine creed of the church. Christ is Christianity. This gospel alone holds out a divine self-consciousness, self-determining personality as the supreme object of faith and hope and love and obedience. In this alone is Christianity differentiated from other religions. Other religions have their moral code, their exalted service, their elaborate ceremonials, but only Christianity is merged in His person. It is I. It is the central point of His every announcement. He is Himself. Christ is the alpha and omega, its center and circumference, its root and end. As a sacred melody may be expressed in a few bars of music, so he voices in these harmonious and profound observations the symphony of His life—"I am the Vine," "I am the Door," "I am the Light of the World," "I am the Resurrection and the Life." The supreme glory of the gospel is therefore not in ceremonial observance or in an articulated system of doctrines, but in His Christ of strange incarnation, marvelous teaching, majestic character, majestic deed, atoning death, glorious resurrection and radiant ascension to the eternal Father.

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In discussing "Auxiliary Finances" Mrs. L. G. Bantz of Missouri said that the important part of this work would develop upon the treasurer, who should collect the dues and in this she should be supported by the auxiliary with a strong financial committee. The executive committee should plan for the raising of special objects funds.

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study now being taken up by the society; recommended the observance of Forefather's day as advocated by the Board of Ministerial relief; commended the work of J. E. Pounds, the retiring secretary; sanctioned his suggestion that the superintendent be given \$200 by the Missionary society for expenses necessary in getting into immediate touch with the individual societies, and gave it on the opinion of the committee that "the time is past when we should be silent on the liquor traffic."

W. M. Taylor who has been a missionary in Porto Rico and appears to be only partially recovered from the illness that compelled him to return to America, told of the disadvantages under which he had had to labor on the island. He declared that notwithstanding these disadvantages and the natural hardships, he would rather be a missionary in Porto Rico than the president of the United States—which sentiment was enthusiastically applauded by a large number of persons who have never been either one.

Contrary to precedent, the report of the committee on nominations went through without a change in the personnel of the executive corps proposed. The only amendment to the report was that moved by Rev. Pendleton of Missouri, that instead of the clause leaving the selection of a superintendent of Christian Endeavor to the board, there be inserted as that of the superintendent to succeed Pounds, Mr. R. H. Waggoner of Kansas City, a lawyer. He said that the man should be chosen now, that he might take up his work with the fire of enthusiasm kindled at this convention still burning in his breast. The motion prevailed and Mr. Waggoner was declared elected, but was given no opportunity to speak.

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agent of Drake, Rev. B. S. Denny, corresponding secretary for Iowa, preceded the spread with the invocation and several college songs were sung during the evening. Drake university in Des Moines is the principal school of the church; was established in 1881 and last year had 1,820 students.

At the Millard the alumni of Kentucky university of Lexington gathered for the annual college reunion, which is always held in connection with the convention. About 100 sat down in the dining room. Mr. F. M. Rames acting as toastmaster. The evening was made merry with college songs and cheers and between the courses toasts were responded to by W. T. Moore of Columbia, Mo., a former professor of the institution; H. D. C. MacLaughlin of Shelbyville, Ky.; T. M. McGarvey of Carthage, Mo.; G. P. Speigel of Chicago and Prof. J. B. Jones of William Wood college, Fulton, Mo.

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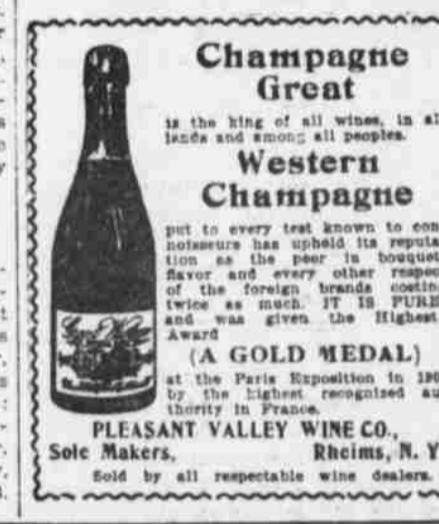
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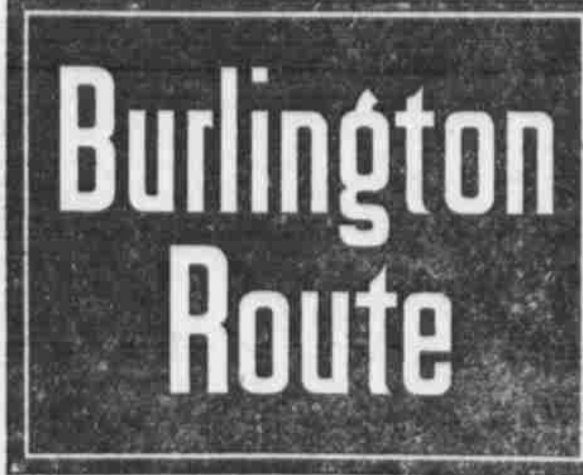
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