CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR IN FLORIDA

The state secretary has returned from a pleasant though arduous nearly seven weeks' tour, in which five district conventions were attended (missing but one session, that of a sunrise meeting), besides taking in a portion of the W. C. T. U. convention in Ocala. About fourteen towns were visited, and many miles taveled. God is good to have given safety and many kind friends all along the journey.

Leaving home October 6, the day following was spent en route to the North Central district convention, which convened October 10-11, in the Rural Lutheran church near Lake City. Here in this cotton growing hamlet we felt the free-hearted country hospitality, and the convention was a success in the spirit of fellowship "one with another," and renewed consecration to work for Christian Endeavor. The weather was clear, cool and the moonlight rides to and from the evening services were keenly enjoyed by the delegates. October 12th, in company with the Gainesville delegation, we retuned to the University City. Among others with us were Mrs. H. W. Bruce, state and district Junior superintendent; Miss Emma Y. Hughes, district secretary, and her mother. Long stops were made at Fort White and High Springs as the train was not in a hurry, thus plenty of time was given for planning work for the new district year, with the only man with us—the newly elected president, Mr. F. P. Henderson.

A few days spent in correspondence next came while in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, near the Young Men's State University, where animated scenes were pleasant to watch from our windows. Much of October 15th was spent on the way to Tampa, where for the next ten days our headquarters were in the luxurious home of Mr. and Mrs. La Penotiere, 1308 Florida avenue.

The annual convention for Hillsborough and Manatee districts met in the United Brethern church at Magdalena, Oct. 16 to 18th. Here is one of the most loyal Christian Endeavor centers of the state union, and our first visit to Magdelena is one of the brightest memories of our fall trip. The number of delegates was larger than at any such convention for several years and the enthusiasm in Junior work was especially unusual. President Winnard added merit to the program one day. In the home of the local president, Mr. Stall, and the new district leader, Mr. W. O. Bears, we were delightfully entertained. It helps us to do better service to know our co-laborers personally.

Many new and old friends made the stay in Tampa enjoyable. Miss Mabel Jones, re-elected Junior superintendent for her district, gave President Winnard, his helpmate and the secretary a carriage ride through the city and its Spanish suburbs. Another day we accompanied Miss Jones to visit the just-organized Junior society in West Tampa, which had been represented at Magdalene by its entire membership. It was our first visit to West Tampa, where some pleasant days were later on spent in the parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. Insminger, and with one of the Endeavorers, Mrs. Copeland. There was time for writing in the minister's quiet study, for fellowship with these brave mission workers of whom we were the guest, and an opportunity to learn something about the Cuban and other cigar makers and their children. We attended the West Tampa public schools, whose teachers are nearly all Endeavor workers, and one evening a stereopticon lecture for the foreign-born children afforded a chance to hear them sing in Spanish and spend an hour in wholesome play before the lecture began. On Sunday, October 25th, we listened to a sermon by Rev. Insminger in his Congregational Union church after Sunday school, but had to decline an invitation to attend the Spanish Sunday school in Ybor City that afternoon. This article is to be continued if our kind editor friend is willing.

GRACE A. TOWNSEND.

Interlachen, Fla., Nov., 1908.

IN THE PASTEUR INSTITUTE

Messrs. Clifford Bray, Eugene Knight and Owen Caldwell, who were bitten by Fire Chief Chambers' pet dog "Chief" on Thursday night, are now in Jacksonville, where they will remain for three weeks, taking the Pasteur treatment, as it is said by the authorities in Jacksonville that "Chief" had a genuine case of rabies, a telegram to this effect having been received last Friday afternoon. The persons that were bitten will be treated free, but of course will have to pay their own expenses while in Jacksonville. Mr. Chambers says he had his pet dog shut up in a room, but that someone came along and turned him out. The dog fought viciously before he was killed. This little dog was a great favorite with everyone and his sad ending is much regretted. Yesterday Marshal Bull shot several stray dogs.

CARNEGIE AND HILL AT CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

Washington, Dec. 4, 1908.

Special Cor. Ocala Banner:

Andrew Carnegie and James J. Hill will both take part in the joint conservation conference which opens here on the eighth, when the national conservation commission, with the assistance of the governors of the states and its other co-operators, will get under way the most important part of its work so far, the report to the president, due the first of the year. These two leaders in the industrial world were prominent figures in the conference of governors at the White House last May, which was the immediate cause of the creation of the national conservation commission. The iron master's speech at that time on the mineral resources of the country was the first on the three days' program after President Roosevelt's opening speech, and the railroad organizer began the second day's session with a discussion of the land resources of the United States, which has been more quoted than perhaps any other single address at that conference. When the national conservation commission was formed both were made members.

The participation of these two hardheaded and practical men in the coming conference will be of even greater value than it was at the White House session because the time has come now for the preparation of a definite and workable program of action to meet the situation that was partly disclosed at the White House meeting, and has been made more clear by the researches of the national conservation commission since then.

The attendance of the joint conservation conference will be composed of men who have been active participants in the work for conservation since the White House conference. About half of the governors have definitely said that they will be present and the others will send representatives of their states. These governors, or their representatives, will be accompanied by the members of the state conservation commissions which have been named during the summer and fall. In addition to these there will be present the special conservation committees which have been formed by twenty-five or more national organizations.

The session of the morning of the eighta will be a more or less informal gathering in the red room of the Willard Hotel for the purpose of organiz ing. At 4:15 o'clock that afternoon comes the big general meeting at the Belasco Theater, at which President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft will be among the speakers who will address the members of the joint conservation conference, the rivers and harbors congress, the southern commercial congress and other organizations with allied objects whose sessions in Washington at that time will help to make up what has been called "conservation week." After that the joint conference will take up its business in earnest at the Hubbard Memorial Hall. The plan is to take up one after another the main subjects which the national conservation commission has been studying—waters, lands ,forests, minerals.

The much talked of "inventory of natural resources" is completed now as far as present knowledge can go. The national conservation commission has not made any of its findings public so far, but the members of the commission declare and the country as a whole is convinced that the state of affairs is one that requires immediate and effective action. The problem that the joint conference must help to solve is what form this action must take, and in what direction it must be pushed to be most effective. This is a task which demands the shrewdest judgment which the national conservation commission can call to its aid and is one for which both Carnegie and Hill are eminently fitted. The commission realizes that it has reached the critical point in its work. All the information it has gathered in its months of study will result in nothing of permanent value unless it can be made the basis of a practical program of constructive activity. The advice of such men as Hill and Carnegie will be of the utmost value in selecting the points where immediate reform is most urgently needed and those which can be placed later on the program.

DOINGS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FRIDAY

The case of Barwick against Blount was concluded Friday morning, the jury bringing in a verdict for the plantiff (Barwick) for the full amount of his claim.

In the cose of Keating against McGehee Lumber Co., which engaged the attention of the court for only an hour, the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff (Keating) for the full amount sued for.

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PETTICOAT POWER STRONG IN ITALY

A cablegram to the World from Turin says

"A close personal friend of the duke of the Abruzzi, explained today the exact status of the duke's wooing of Miss Katherine Elkins. The friend referred to is a prominent member of the household of Princess Letitia, the duke's step-mother.

"That the duke and Miss Elkins will marry is more problematical than ever," said this nobleman. "The duke's hopeful and untiring efforts have never overcome the opposition of the Dowager Queen Margherita, and now the duke has only a forlorn hope of marrying the fair American.

"Queen Margherita, not Queen Helena, is the leader and mouthpiece of fashionable society, and in her opposition to the duke's marriage the dowager queen has the cordial support of the royal princesses and of practically every feminine member of the Italian aristocracy.

"This petticoat power is immense, almost irresistible. Take the experience of Queen Helena, who has always been unpopular with those aristocratic ladies. Princess Letitia treats her as if she were a menial. The superb duchess of Aosta permits herself to make the sovereign lady the butt of her gibes and jokes in public. Yet the position of Queen Helena, the former lovely princess of Montenegro, is tolerable to her because she is a loving wife and mother, of a retiring and humble disposition, who cares nothing for social display. But if Queen Helena's position at court is only tolerable, what would royal rank mean to an American girl, of far different temperament from the queen's, with all these proud ladies arrayed against her?

"The duke of the Abruzzi has kept out of society more than any other prince of the house of Savoy. He has not frittered away his time in fashionable diversions, which weary him. So, unacquainted with society cabals and scheming, he has only recently been able to gauge the consequences, fraught with the greatest peril to their mutual happiness, to which marriage will expose Miss Elkins and himself. The prospect is one from which the duke recoils."

DEATH AT STANTON

Mr. J. E. Gaskell, an aged citizen, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. V. P. Kelsey, at Stanton, at 2:30 o'clock Thursday.

Mr. Gaskell had been sick for the past ten years, having had paralysis, and he was confined to a roller chair. He was a volunteer soldier in the northern army, and for some years past had been living at the Old Soldiers' Home at Marion, Indiana, but returned to Florida some months ago, having expressed the wish to die in this state, surrounded by his own people.

Twenty-two years ago Mr. Gaskell was sanitary inspector at Ocala, and is well remembered by many of our citizens, who will regret to learn of his death.

Mr. Gaskell is survived by two sons and one daughter, Mrs. McIntosh, who reside at Tampa, and by his daughter, Mrs. Kelsey, at whose home his death occurred.

Col. Nic Barco represented Crystal River in Ocala Friday and spent the day with his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Bishop.

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