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## THE EIGHTH GENERAL SYNOD

The Eighth General Synod of the Bible Presbyterian Church met at the Harvey Cedars Bible Presbyterian Conference Hotel, Harvey Cedars, New Jersey from May 24th through the 29th. Over one hundred commissioners were present with all sections of the country represented.

The Synod convened on Thursday afternoon, May 24th, with a worship service conducted by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. J. Oliver Buswell, Jr., D. D. Dr. Buswell delivered the opening sermon on the subject: "The Lord's Table". The Synod then partook of the Lord's Supper.

Following the roll call and the adoption of the docket, the Rev. Flournoy Shepperson, D. D., pastor of the Greenville, S. C. church, was elected Moderator. Rev. Robert Hastings, pastor of the West Chester, Pa., church was elected as assistant of the Stated Clerk. The Rev. F. A. Shaeffer, pastor of the St. Louis, Mo. church was appointed Vice-Moderator but the elected Moderator served so continually and so well that he was not called upon to assume the chair through the meetings.

The plan for the Synod meeting included testimonies by the commissioners at the breakfast table following the devotional conducted by various Ministers. During each morning session time was set aside for a season of prayer. The evening meetings were addressed by laymen and ministers who spoke directly to the Pastor concerning his problems and opportunities.

The Hon. James E. Bennett of New York City spoke Thursday night on the subject: "The Pastor and the Business World". His remarks were pointed and practical as he reminded those present that the proclamation of the Gospel is the greatest business in the world and Pastors should not consider any sacrifice or inconvenience too

### A REPORT AND AN INTERPRETATION

The Rev. Robert H. Cox

great to experience in order to reach all men with God's message.

On Friday night, the Rev. Harold S. Laird, D. D., of the First Independent Church of Wilmington, Del. spoke concerning "The Pastor and Foreign Missions". He spoke at length and with direct application regarding the beginnings of the Bible Presbyterian movement in the crisis involving the sending out of foreign missionaries who would present a message true to the Word of God.

The Rev. E. A. Dillard of Charlotte,

#### THE MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

"It is alright to deny things to yourself—but Christ said, deny yourself. It is the self that must be denied. If you are centered in the Lord Jesus Christ, you are properly centered. If not, you are **eccentric**.

"To take up one's cross means just one thing. Never does the cross in Scripture mean ordinary difficulties. To bear a cross meant to die on it.

"There is an analogy between our crucified life and the crucifixion.

"He died for men—how far shall my forgiveness go?

"We do not carry the cross of Christ, we carry our cross.

"The question which ought to determine our every act and attitude is this: Is it for the crucified Christ?"

N. C. brought a message concerning "The Pastor and Home Missions" on Saturday night. He stressed that fact that the one great duty of the Bible Presbyterian Church is to preach Christ. Men and women will turn to our churches as they blessed and find us lifting up Christ and standing by the Word of God without compromise.

The message on Sunday morning on "The Pastor and His Devotional Life" was given by the Rev. Thomas A. Lambie, M. D., D. So., F.R.G.S. He spoke directly to the Pastors present concerning the needs of their spiritual life and the common lacks which only complete identification with Christ in crucifixion and resurrection would meet.

On Sunday night, the Rev. Clyde Kennedy, pastor of the Bible Presbyterian Church of Glendale, California, gave a message concerning "The Pastor His Young People". Using illustrations from his own experience on the West Coast he gave pointers for the Pastors as to how most effectively to reach young people with a program in conformity with the Word of God.

The Rev. Carl McIntire, pastor of the Collingswood Church, brought the series of evening messages to a conclusion as he spoke about "The Pastor and Radio". Various aspects of the present problem facing fundamental Christians in the field of radio were ably presented and interesting experiences in the Philadelphia radio crisis given.

It is impossible in the space available to give in detail all the actions of Synod. Minutes of the meetings will be distributed soon. By way of interpretation let us look at the meeting in terms of Praise, Problems, and Plans. PRAISE.

The very atmosphere of the meetings

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"FOR IF THE TRUMPET GIVE AN UNCERTAIN SOUND, WHO SHALL PREPARE HIMSELF TO THE BATTLE."—I Corinthians 14:8.