

DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

An Interesting Meeting in the Strawberry Street Church.

The Lancaster District of the Philadelphia Annual Conference began its sessions in the Strawberry street church, Wednesday morning, about thirty delegates being present.

Bishop Turner was not present, and Rev. J. M. Palmer, Presiding Elder, presided. Rev. J. C. Brock was made secretary, and Rev. R. L. Patterson assistant secretary. Rev. A. H. Cromartie, formerly of Lancaster, was made conference reporter. It was decided to hold the sessions from 9 to 12 in the morning, from 2 to 5 in the afternoon, and at 8 o'clock in the evening. The sessions will continue two days.

Rev. Peabody, a native of Africa, and graduate of Lincoln University, addressed the Conference this morning, two of the brethren responding to his remarks.

Rev. J. H. Christmas, the able and energetic pastor of the Strawberry street church, is taking an active part in the proceedings, and Rev. A. M. Buckley, of Wrightsville, is organist. The music is especially fine.

**The Closing Session—An Entertainment
This Evening**

On Wednesday evening Presiding Elder Palmer preached the annual sermon, at the Conference at the Strawberry street church, and, after the sermon, Rev. Geo. B. Peabody, at one time an African prince, presented Mr. Palmer with a prince's cap—a very curious affair, made of grass.

This morning the report of the Committee on Education was read, and it was resolved that all the Sunday Schools in the district be asked to assist in the education of Julian A. Caldwell.

The remainder of the morning session was taken up in hearing the reports of committees, and this afternoon the closing routine business was gone through.

More Hints on Notes

THE RECEIPTS OF THE NINTH INTERNAL REVENUE DISTRICT.

Wednesday morning Collector Sam Matt. Fridy, of the Ninth Internal Revenue District, finished his statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891.

The gain in cigar stamps was \$227,466.72, being an increase of nearly 15 per cent.

The increase in spirits was \$25,921.80, being an increase of more than 10 per cent.

The revenues have likewise decreased on manufactured tobacco, the same act referred to having reduced the tax from 8 cents to 6 cents.

Revenue Collector's Statement for the
Ninth District of Pennsylvania.

WHAT COOPER THINKS OF IT

**He Regards the Anti-Quij Movement as
Unwise and Unjust**

Many prominent Republicans have been interviewed respecting the anti-Quay movement in Philadelphia, among others Collector Cooper, of Philadelphia, who said:

"What do I think of the address. Why, that it is both unwise and unjust. It is timely, altogether too timely, if the purpose is to ruin rather than correct. It leaves a doubt in every practical mind, if the real purpose is not to injure rather than to correct. Else why call into review the acts of a Senator who voted right upon every great public question before Congress—the Elections bill, the tariff and silver? It is sincere, since it charges Senator Quay with being responsible for bad officers. Take the nomination of Delamater, the one-sore spot in the State. He favored that nomination. I opposed it, as did many of the stalwart Republicans. We finally persuaded Senator Quay that the nomination of General Hastings would be best for the party, and when he yielded, some of these very gentlemen came out in an independent and reform address declaring that Delamater was the one man who could best be elected, and these forces over-persuaded Senator Quay to return to his first thought, so that the responsibility for that calamity rests quite as much, if not more, with these gentlemen than with Senator Quay."

"I have frequently acted independently of and in opposition to Senator Quay. I did it very plainly in the National Convention of 1888, when he favored Sherman, and my effort was to constantly divide the delegation in favor of Harrison; so no one can say that there has been any subservency on my part, nor was any ever required. I differed, likewise, with both Senators in the nominating canvasses of 1880 and 1884, when they were for Grant and Arthur and I was for Blaine. I will, in future, differ where judgment suggests an honest difference, but not otherwise.

"Take the nomination of Bardsley. The city leaders opposed it, but Mayor Fittler, in obedience to the call of the so-called reformers, favored and pushed it to success. Bardsley was the so-called reform watchdog of the Treasury and he watched until he had the opportunity to steal all of it. While bad nominations come through any and all channels, the best come through regular channels, where all of the party are consulted at the primaries. If these gentlemen, instead of lending their names to every address which comes along, would enter politics actively and seek to make themselves useful in ways loyal to the party and its organization, they would do good. The stand-off plan of shouting addresses at individual leaders will never lead to a political heaven. The barbarian who tried to mount to the clouds on the skeletons of his victims failed in the attempt. Wisdom would suggest that it is better to build than to tear down.

The chief folly of the address is its opposition to one whose acts cannot be wisely passed upon unless he is a candidate for re-election to the United States Senate. These acts have no place in politics until 1893, or the campaign of 1892 at the earliest. The only way to reserve a party through its battles is to

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