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## Extracts from the Address on Evangelism.

BY BISHOP L. W. KYLES BEFORE THE WORLD'S CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION, NEW YORK CITY.

### Evangelism Defined.

On Saturday evening, July 9th, Bishop L. W. Kyles, the Connectional Trustee, of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, conducted the devotional exercises at 8 o'clock and delivered a twenty minute address on "Evangelism." The Seventy-first Armory Hall at 34th and Park Avenue, where the convention was held, was packed to its utmost capacity. As the Bishop approached the speaker's stand he was greeted with great applause by the fifteen thousand people who packed the hall. Bishop Kyles succeeds the late Bishop Alexander Walters as the A. M. E. Zion Church's representative on the Board of Trustees of the National Society. Bishop Walters was for a number of years one of the most prominent figures in the Christian Endeavor Movement and was on most friendly terms with Dr. Clark, the founder of the organization. Not having space in this issue of The Star to carry the Bishop's illuminating report of the Convention and his entire address, we are just giving our readers a few extracts from the address. Speaking of Evangelism Bishop Kyles said:

"The fundamental facts of Evangelism are connected with the history of a person and that person is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Evangelism is the proclaiming of the good news of the gospel. It has its basis in the doctrine of the corruption of man's nature by the fall, the atonement of Christ, the necessity of the new birth and redemption through faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Evangelism is Christianity at work, overcoming the evils of the world, quickening the consciences of men and furnishing fresh stimulus for society."

### Present World Conditions a Challenge to Christianity.

The present world conditions constitute a mighty challenge to Christianity to prosecute the work of Evangelism with renewed energy. The world war is over; it touched every civilized nation and affected every phase of human society. It challenged our ideals and questioned our standards. It has produced a spirit of unrest in the world which threatens our social order. Its awful effects are upon the world and the problems growing out of present world conditions are of tremendous importance to the Christian world. The great question facing the church today is, what shall be her attitude toward present world conditions and what shall be her part in world readjustment? In the great social crisis which confronts Christianity today the urgent need and imperative duty of the church is to develop an evangelism which recognizes the necessity of accomplishing the regeneration of society as well as individuals. We live in a day when sociology has revealed the fact that the individual, considered a part from his relationships with others does not exist. We have developed a social consciousness and we are aware of our relation to the organic world of humanity. Christianity must in some way affect the social conscience and the social will and direct the common efforts of mankind.

### Evangelism the Hope of the World.

"Evangelism is the hope of the world. Its major problem is the prob-

lem of deepening the religious life of the people, of bringing men everywhere into the consciousness of their relation to God and the responsibility of living the principles of the gospel in all the relations of life. We need a new interpretation of the gospel message that will make the old doctrines live again in the light of the new experiences of these crucial days that have come upon us. We need a deeper conception of the church as the central fact of social Christianity, the instrument through which the Christian message is to be preached, and the agent by which the kingdom is to be permanently established in the world. The church is engaged in the work of renovating the world. She must carry the message to every land and to all peoples, for she was

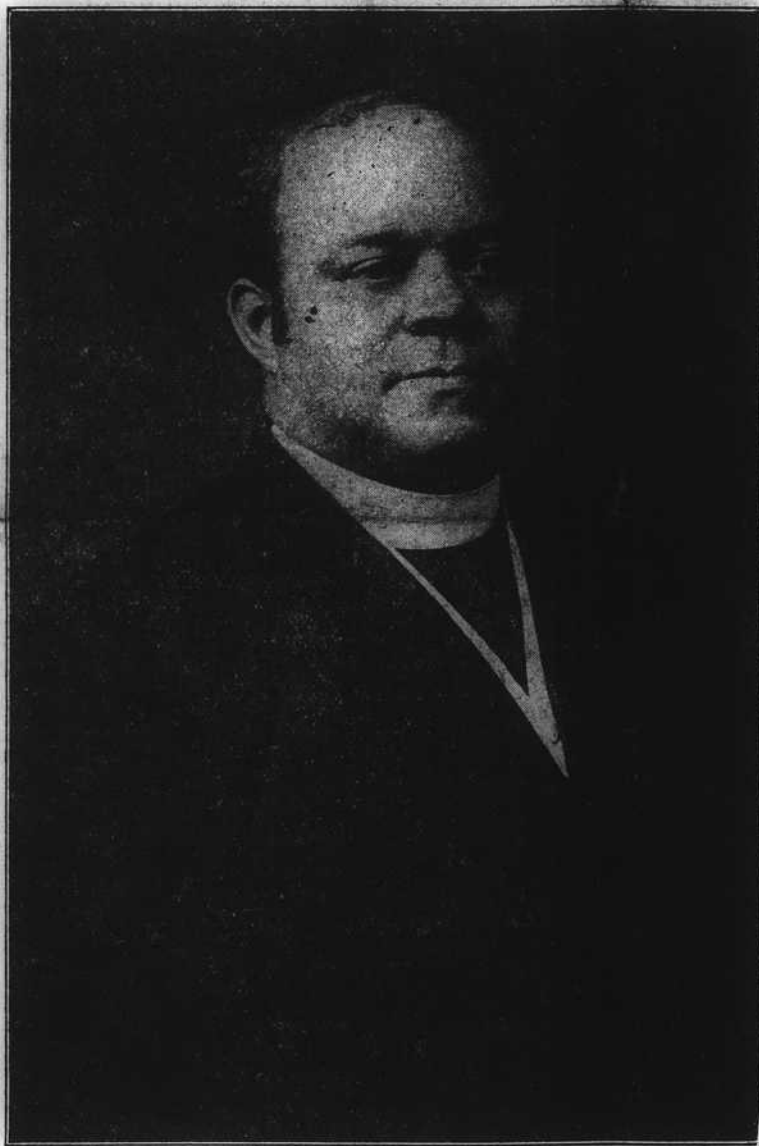
## THE ECUMENICAL METHODIST CONFERENCE.

By H. K. Carroll, LL. D., Secretary of Western Section

The Conference opens September 6th and closes September 16th. All sessions except the first will be held in Central Hall Westminster. The first session for the opening sermon will assemble in Wesley's Chapel, on City Road.

The Central Hall is opposite Westminster Abbey and the Parliament buildings. It was erected at the beginning of the century out of the Thanksgiving million fund of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

The offices of the Conference from August 3rd to September 3rd, will be at Westminster Training College, 130 Horseferry Road, Westminster, S. W. 1, London, where information as to hospitality and tickets of admis-



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organized, commissioned and equipped to save the world.

### Evangelism the Supreme Command.

The great objectives of Evangelism are not the foolish boasts of idle dreamers. We have the great Commission given by the Master Himself, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: And ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." This commission is the supreme command of the founder of Christianity; and with this command He thrusts every Christian into the work of saving lost men. It was the authority which He placed in the hands of the disciples for their mission and it is the warrant which He puts into our hands today to go forth and evangelize the world. No words can more adequately define the mission of the Christian. They are definite and plain. God's program for

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## A Little Talk About Africa.

By Miss Kathleen Easmon, Miss Easmon is One of the Two Native African Women Now Touring This Country in Interest of a Girl's School at Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Many of you who read The Brownie's Book have already heard stories from many parts of Africa. I am bringing you a greeting from the Brownies on the West Coast. If they knew how, they would write you a letter, but as very few of them have an opportunity of going to school, it is customary when they want to tell any one of what is happening in their particular village for them to send a greeting by someone who is travelling. This greeting is sometimes a very long one telling all about what is happening in the village, how many children have been born, how many old people have died, how many strangers have visited them and then many other things which you no doubt would leave out in writing a letter, such as how the cattle are, sheep, goats and even chickens. They also would tell of the rainfall and how the crops are. One wonders how the messenger remembers everything that he is told, but as it is a custom of the people to take a very keen personal interest in everything that is going on, no doubt the messenger supplements from his own knowledge the greetings which have been given to him.

So I take this privilege of the messenger and tell you some things which perhaps the children of a particular village might not know. I am going to tell you of things that happen in various parts of the West Coast of Africa. But while we are talking about messengers I think you might be interested in some of the ways messages are sent. Travellers often are astonished at the rapidity with which news of their arrival is passed from one village on to another. Of course as you may have read there are few horses in West Africa and in this particular part I am going to tell you about, Sierra Leone, horses do not live at all. Sometimes messages are sent by a runner, but often the distance from one village to another is so great that it would be impossible for any man to run there as quickly as the news flies.

How then is it done? By a system of beating the tom-tom. Now when I first heard the tappings of a wireless machine I was puzzled to know how the operator could make head or tail of the messages and you no doubt would feel the same thing if you heard the beat of the "news tom-tom." You would also be astonished at our people being able to hear such long distances but you must remember that all their senses are developed to a much higher extent than in civilized countries, because they have no artificial means of assisting them. For instance, in the "bush" as we call it, by which we mean the interior of the country districts, there are no electric lights, or gas, or even lamps, and people have to depend upon their eyes to guide them not only in the daytime but at night. There is no way of warning anyone of the approach of danger except by hearing, and so as much for self-preservation as for any other reason, our people are able to distinguish between sounds that to a European or a foreigner would be identical. In the same way their sense of smell is highly developed. I remember once while walking in the "bush" that a small native boy was able to tell me what kind of animal was passing by, though neither of us could see it, and as far as I was concerned the perfume of one of our large flower

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## Zion Celebrates in New York

Native African Women Astonish Hearers at Missionary Meeting With Intelligent Message.

This week there is a triple meeting in New York City of the leaders of the A. M. E. Zion Church. The regular meeting of the Connectional Council, Aug. 2-3, has been reinforced by the Centenary of the New York Annual Conference, August 4-7. All Zion turns to New York at this time.

The executive committee meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society closed Monday night.

The sessions are being held at Mother Zion church, 151-153 West 136 St., New York City. The occasion promises to be the big event of the year among the colored people of New York.

The New York conference was organized June 21, 1821 in the Mother Zion church. The church had been operating by congregations for twenty-six years, up the Hudson Valley and in Pennsylvania. It then became necessary to form an organization that would unify them to polity and purpose. This was the birth of our definite Connectionalism.

Monday evening the meeting was raised to the highest pitch of interest by the appearance of two native African ladies. Their culture and graceful speech, their depth of pious thought and humanitarian vision, and their wide range of information made an everlasting impression.

Mrs. Hayford was the first speaker, giving an interesting and instructive address on the life and customs of her people. She emphasized the great need of Christian civilization.

Miss Easmon also captivated the large congregation with her charming personality and address. Both ladies were attired in native costume; bracelets, earrings, chains and brooches made of gold by native genius and primitive tools were also worn.

Miss Easmon finished her education in England. She was the first native African woman to receive an honorary college degree abroad, and is a graduate of the London Royal Arts College. Mrs. Hayford who is an aunt of Miss Easmon received her training in Germany.

Of their visit to Philadelphia last week the following appeared in the Philadelphia Tribune:

### African Women Show Better Side of African life.

The country has as its distinguished guests Mrs. Casely Hayford and Miss Kathleen Easmon, two of the most refined and cultured African women it has ever been the pleasure of Americans to meet.

These two women who were educated in England, have the backing of the English government, in their efforts to build an industrial training school for girls in Sierra Leone, their native home in the West of Africa. The proposed industrial training school will cost approximately eighty thousand dollars. The English government has volunteered to provide one-half of this amount—forty thousand dollars, provided the other half is raised by the friends of the proposed school.

Mrs. Hayford and Miss Easmon have come to this country for assistance in raising the forty thousand that has fallen to their lot to raise. Everywhere they have appeared and presented their cause, they have been graciously received and their appeals have aroused an unusual degree of enthusiasm and brought them splendid financial support. It would be profitable for any city in the country to secure them a week to talk in the churches.

A dinner will be given to the Overseas delegates at Hotel Cecil, Continued to page 8.