

AFRICA THE GREATEST FIELD

Bishop W. R. Lambuth, of the Southern Methodist Church, Describes Conditions in Dark Continent to Large Audience

That Africa presents the greatest and most fruitful field for mission work of any country in the world today, was set forth last night by Bishop W. R. Lambuth, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to a large audience in Grace Methodist church. While the address dealt with the subject of missions it was far from the ordinary missionary lecture, vividly showing as it did in living-style the situation in the Dark Continent.

Bishop Lambuth recently returned from Africa and knows his subject as well and perhaps better than any other church authority. He is the "Missionary Bishop" of the Church and his heart and soul are in the work. Every hour he spent in Africa, he said, impressed him with the great need and the fruitful field for mission work in the great Congo country of Central Africa. Everything there is colossal, he declared—physical characteristics as well as ignorance, superstition and soul-thirst for the truth. The continent itself is colossal. The United States, Europe, India and China could be placed on it and there would still be margin left to form Great Britain. The lakes are the greatest, there is the longest river and the most stupendous cataracts in all the world.

As for the people, the depth, the darkness and the tragedy of their heathenism is unequalled in any other part of the globe, not even in China. The Christian world has every reason to put forth its efforts to carry the light of the Gospel and of Christian civilization to the people. Their great need alone is sufficient reason. Along a line 3,000 miles in length there is not a single mission, among sixty million human beings. The Presbyterian Church of the South, which is doing such wonderful work in the Congo country, pushed the light of the Gospel far into the interior and a church was built, the post depending on help from the United States—and the church rotted down because no help was forthcoming. The providential relation of the Southern people, especially with the negroes in the South, is a reason why the church here should give itself to the work in Africa. The contact with the Anglo-Saxon through the years since the ancestors of the negroes of today were brought to this country as slaves, there is an infinite difference between the American negro and the native African, showing that the negro is capable of being raised from his low estate in Africa. Here in the South the Baptists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methodists, etc., have done the greatest mission work in the world in their elevation of the negro from the barbarism which characterized him as a slave, newly brought from Africa. God-fearing masters and mistresses taught the slave to read, to guard him in the years that are gone. In Lexington, Va., the negro is given more consideration and his weaknesses viewed with more compassion than in any other Virginia town, simply because Lee and Jackson in their relations with the negro; preached the duty of the stronger toward the weaker race. In a cemetery at Lexington stands a tombstone erected by a white family over the grave of a faithful slave, in their own family burial ground; and there is another stone erected over the grave of a white man by one of his ex-slaves. The negro's fidelity is proverbial.

Bishop Lambuth said the Presbyterians had literally evangelized the Methodists into Africa. For years they have been asking the Southern Church to come and aid them in that country. Since the hero, lamented Lapsley's time, that denomination has wrought mightily for the conversion of the natives. The great reason why the people of this land should support this work is the command "Go ye into all the world." There is no getting around that, said the Bishop. It means what it says and its message is to all Christians everywhere.

The Bishop related a number of highly interesting and enlightening incidents revealing the conditions and the character of the people. In the coastal region of the Congo valley the death awaits the white man for 300 miles up the stream. The percentage of deaths is about one-third. Through this death zone the missionary must travel over a rugged, broken country, the river being unnavigable by rapids. Farther along travel is by rail. Elephants seriously interfere with railway operations, tearing up the telegraph wires until they have had to resort to wireless stations. Huge snakes and crocodiles are common. The people believe with characteristic fatalism that after a crocodile has eaten several human beings there is no use in trying to escape him, that he is possessed of an evil spirit and is sure to get them sooner or later. Their lives are filled with a great fear. Life is stagnant but the Spirit of God moves on the stagnant waters and there is a yearning for life. It would take the heart out of one, said the speaker, to see the people reaching out after they know not what, only that it is something that they want and need. In Africa there is no salt, and there seems to be a blood-thirst for it. It being as gold among the natives. The Bishop likened this craving for salt, which they have not, to their longing for the Light of God.

Salt, brass, beads, cloth, etc., form the medium of exchange. As there are no banks, the husbands put their money on their wives in the shape of huge brass collars and ankle ornaments, weighing from five to 25 pounds, and once when such a wife fell into the river, her 55 pounds of brass jewelry carried her to the bottom like a stone.

Wives are cheap. A 70-pound sack of salt buys one almost anywhere. The crops raised include Indian corn, millet, beans and rice. The various tribes cut their vital parts on their faces and bodies with knives and rubbing in vegetable juices, produce some beautiful designs.

At the Presbyterian mission headquarters there are 9,000 church members; around them are 20,000 native

THE PYTHIAN HOME

Meeting of the Trustees Held in This City Last Night

The board of trustees of the Pythian Home at Clayton, held a meeting in this city last night for the purpose of discussing with Grand Chancellor Walker Taylor a number of matters pertaining to the institution. The meeting was held in the office of Capt. Thos. D. Meares, Supreme Master of Exchequer of Knights of Pythias, at the City Hall, and lasted until an early hour this morning, having convened late on account of the fact that the members attended the Pythian celebration in Castle Hall. Mr. Geo. L. Hackrey, of Lexington, chairman of the board, presided, and in attendance were all the members—J. D. Pridden, Durham; G. Herbert Smith, Cronly; Thos. H. Webb, Duke; Chas. Dewey, Goldsboro; Mr. C. W. Pender, superintendent of the Home, was also in attendance.

The meeting was taken up largely with routine matters in connection with the Home. Splendid reports were submitted by the chairman of the board and by the superintendent. The children were reported to be all well. Returns from the crops the past year were satisfactory and the institution is now almost self-sustaining. The board authorized some improvements on the buildings.

Bishop Lambuth arrived yesterday morning and was met at the station by a party of Methodist ministers and laymen, who held him as their guest at the Orton in an informal dinner. His coming to the city was greatly appreciated by the Methodist people and his address must inevitably turn the minds of those who heard him to the task which he outlined last night.

THE REDUCED RATE ON IRON

Means Larger Exports of Birmingham Products From Wilmington

Shippers were interested in the Washington dispatch carried in The Star yesterday in regard to the reduced rate on iron products from Birmingham to this city, the same having been granted by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. As stated, the rate to this port is now the same as from the Birmingham group to Norfolk, or \$3.25 per ton of 2,240 pounds, wrought iron and steel. The former rate is given as about \$5.80. The significance of the reduction is that ships engaged in the South American trade, bringing nitrate of soda to this port, will have less difficulty in securing return cargoes, and the necessity of returning light will be lessened.

NEGRO DIES OF OLD WOUND

Thomas Reynolds, Colored, Shot Two Years Ago, Is Dead

Two years ago, or thereabouts, Frank Carter, colored, shot Thomas Reynolds, also colored, in the abdomen, and yesterday Reynolds died from the effects of the injury, at the James Walker Memorial Hospital. Reynolds had been treated at the hospital at the time of the shooting, and was discharged. Lately he went back for treatment; the wound giving him trouble. The case is but dimly recalled by the officials and it is not known what disposition was made of it other than one officer remembers that Carter was released on bond. His whereabouts is not known, and of course, it is not known now whether he will be wanted by the law or not.

CRIME OF UNNATURAL MOTHER

Negress Throws New Born Child Under Her House to Die

Yesterday morning Mary Moore, a colored woman living in Brooklyn, was taken in charge by the police and sent to the James Walker Memorial Hospital, and will be held on the charge of attempting to conceal the birth of a child—and doubtless also on the charge of attempting infanticide. The child was born during Wednesday night and the unnatural mother put it under the steps at her home and left it there to die. People passing yesterday morning heard its feeble cries and investigated, then called the police and the ambulance was sent for. That the child was living was considered quite marvellous by those who knew the circumstances.

See Map Coupon on Page Six.

YOUR FRECKLES

Need Attention in February and March or Face May Stay Covered

Now is the time to take special care of the complexion if you wish it to look well the rest of the year. The February and March winds have a strong tendency to bring out freckles that may stay all Summer unless removed. Now is the time to use othine—double strength. This prescription for the removal of freckles is the discovery of an eminent skin specialist, and is so uniformly successful that it is sold by any first-class druggist under guarantee to refund the money if it fails. Get an ounce of othine—double strength, and even a few applications should show a wonderful improvement, some of the smaller freckles even vanishing entirely. (Advertisement.)

FOR RENT

Store No. 18 Market Street Possession Given April 1st. Apply To Sam'l Bear, Sr., Sons 18 Market St.

ACADEMY

SCHLOSS THEATRE CIRCUIT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 Matinee and Night

HELP FOR WORKING GIRLS

Two Girls Tell Story of Their Illness and How They Found Relief.

New Orleans, La.—"I take pleasure in writing these lines to express my gratitude to you. I am only 16 years old and work in a tobacco factory. I have been a very sick girl but I have improved wonderfully since taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and am now looking fine and feeling a thousand times better."

—Miss AMELIA JAQUILLARD, 613 Seventh Street, New Orleans, La.

St. Clair, Pa.—"My mother was alarmed because my periods were suppressed and I had pains in my back and side, and severe headaches. I had pimples on my face, my complexion was sallow, my sleep was disturbed, I had nervous spells, was very tired and had no ambition. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has worked a charm in my case and has regulated me. I worked in a mill among hundreds of girls and have recommended your medicine to many of them."—Miss ESTELLA M. GURKE, 110 Thwing St., Saint Clair, Pa.

There is nothing that teaches more than experience. Therefore, such letters from girls who have suffered and were restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound should be a lesson to others. The same remedy is within reach of all.

If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidentially) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

Don't Look Old Before Your Time

WOMAN'S delicate system requires more than ordinary care and attention—more care and attention than it is given by the average woman.

That backache, so common among women, brings with it the sunken chest, the headache, tired muscles, crows'-feet, and soon the youthful body is no more youthful in appearance—and all because of lack of attention.

There is no reason why you should be so unfortunate, when you have at your disposal a remedy such as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription—recommended for over 40 years as a remedy for ailments peculiar to women. We have thousands upon thousands of testimonials on file—the accumulation of 40 years—testifying to its effectiveness. Neither narcotics nor alcohol are to be found in this famous prescription. Regularly irregularities. Corrects displacements. Overcomes painful periods. Tones up nerves. Brings about perfect health. Sold by dealers in medicines, in liquid or tablet form.

Dr. Pierce's Medical Advice, newly revised up-to-date edition, answers hosts of delicate questions about which every woman, single or married ought to know.

Good-as-Cash Profit-Sharing Coupons

BALLARD'S OBELISK flour is sold under the most attractive profit-sharing plan ever conceived. Each sack contains "good-as-cash" Profit-Sharing Coupons which you can exchange for useful and ornamental articles of value by mailing them to The Profit-Sharing Premium Company at Louisville, Ky. Begin today to save the Coupons which—

What is a Bargain?

MOST of us, when we think of the meaning of "bargain," think first—any maybe last—of the price. That's why, so many times, when you see bargains mentioned, the price is strongly emphasized. A good many people seem to be unable to get by this price fact; it fills the mind and the eye.

But a moment's thought will tell you that the price is only a relative thing; it may look like a very low price and still be high, according to what you get for the money. If you can buy \$10 gold pieces at \$9.75, buy all you can get; that's a bargain, because you know exactly the value of what you buy; it's fixed and guaranteed. But you could, for instance, buy a horse for \$50 or another for \$150, and the latter might be a bargain, while the former might be dear at \$40. Depends on the horse.

Now, that's the way with clothes; whether a price is high or low depends on the clothes, not the price. Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes are \$10-gold-piece clothes; the value is guaranteed. Under our new selling plan we're selling them at a little less than "face value" every day in the year.

\$35.00 Suits at \$29.83 \$21.00 Suits at \$18.65 \$30.00 Suits at \$24.65 \$20.00 Suits at \$17.83 \$27.50 Suits at \$22.49 \$19.00 Suits at \$16.55 \$25.00 Suits at \$20.79 \$18.00 Suits at \$14.95 \$23.50 Suits at \$19.87 \$16.50 Suits at \$13.39 \$22.50 Suits at \$19.23 \$15.00 Suits at \$12.45 \$10.50 Suits at \$8.39

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington: Effective January 5, 1913. Time Not Guaranteed.

Table with columns for DEPARTURES, TO AND FROM, and ARRIVALS. Lists various train numbers and routes between Wilmington and other cities like Goldsboro, Norfolk, and Washington.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

Winter Park, Wrightsville, Wrightsville Beach and Intermediate Points.

Table showing train schedules for East Bound and West Bound routes between Wilmington and other points like Winter Park and Wrightsville.

Special for Saturdays and Sundays.

Leave Wilmington every half hour from 2:00 until 5:00 P. M. Leave Beach every half hour from 2:45 until 5:45 P. M.

Freight Schedule.

Daily Except Sunday. Leave Ninth and Orange Streets 3:00 P. M. Freight Depot open from 2:00 to 3:00 P. M.

Clyde Steamship Company

NEW YORK and GEORGETOWN, S. C.

Trains leave Wilmington. No. 45-5 A. M. arrive Hamlet 9:05 A. M. Leave Hamlet 9:20 A. M. arrive Charlotte 12:10 P. M. connects at Hamlet with train No. 66 for Raleigh, Norfolk, Richmond and All Points North, and with No. 81 for Columbia, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa and all points South. At Monroe with train No. 53 for Atlanta.

W.B. & S. R. R. Schedule in Effect Thursday, Sept. 5, 1912. Wilmington 3:15 Lv. Town Creek 4:05 Lv. Bolivia 4:25 Ar. Southport Lv. 4:30 Mixed train operated daily except Sunday leaving Newboro at 8:30 A. M. arriving Southport 10:25 A. M. Leaving Southport 11:30 A. M. arriving Newboro 1:15 P. M.

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