

CHESTER HOST TO METHODISTS

Bishop Darlington to Preside Over Annual Session.

Constitutional Changes to Be Voted on at Upper South Carolina Conference.

Chester, S. C., Nov. 23.—The Upper South Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, will convene at its fourth session at Chester Wednesday and will be in session probably through Monday, December 2. It will convene here at Bethel M. E. church, one of the most beautiful edifices in the state, at which the Rev. Chesley C. Herbert is pastor. The church is centrally located and will be in easy access of all of the visitors.

The conference has a membership of more than 500. Arrangements have been perfected to entertain a large number of ministers and delegates and a hearty welcome and Chester hospitality will be extended to all.

Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, of Huntington, W. Va., will preside. He was elected to this high office on May, 1918, and this will be the second annual conference over which he will preside. The first that he has presided over is now in session at Charlotte, being the Western North Carolina M. E. conference, south.

The first public service will be the annual session of the historical society of the conference. The address for this year will be delivered by Rev. J. C. Roper, of the Main Street church, of Columbia, and the occasion will for this reason be of special interest to Chester people, as

Mr. Roper was recently pastor of Bethel and has a host of friends here. Dr. M. L. Carline, another former pastor of Bethel, is president of the historical society. Besides the address one of the popular features of the annual meeting is the presentation to the society of books or objects of any kind that have historic value to Methodists. These articles are kept at Wofford college, where a large number of gifts of the kind are to be seen.

Conference will open with appropriate exercises including the sacrament of the Lord's supper and the calling of the conference roll. There are about 350 ministers and laymen expected to attend.

This conference the constitutional question of lay rights for the women of the church will be voted upon. This measure which was passed by the law making body of the church in May must receive the sanction of the entire church, according to constitutional provision, before it becomes a law. So far the large majority of conferences that have voted have ratified the measure.

The announcement of the appointments of the preachers to the pastoral charges, for the ensuing year, is one of the most important features of the conference and is always the last business before adjournment.

The last general conference made it possible, under certain circumstances, for a pastor to remain in a charge longer than four years. It is not thought however that this will be frequently done and the preachers are often removed in less time than the four year limit.

A notable feature of the conference will be "Centenary Day," which will be observed November 28. Among the speakers who present the centenary program will be Dr. E. H. Rawlings, Dr. J. J. Stow, Mrs. E. W. MacDonell, of Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. J. T. Meyers, from Japan and Miss Bell H. Bennett, president of the woman's missionary council, of Richmond, Ky.

The subjects to be discussed are "World Reconstruction after the War," "God's Call to the Church in a World's Crisis," "The Church's Opportunity to Get Out of Littleness into Bigness."

Bishop Darlington will be one of the principal speakers. A leading laymen will discuss "Can We Put It Over?" and a stereopticon lecture will show the needs of the mission fields.

This year's annual conference session promises to be one of the most interesting and important in the history of the organization. While the centenary movement is already well known to the members of the conference, great interest will be aroused by the coming of these specialists who are highly trained in missionary activities. The centenary movement includes a world program based on a careful survey of need and opportunity, and a vigorous campaign will be made to release the prayer power of the church by enrolling tens of thousands in the "Fellowship of Intercessors" and training them as prayer helpers.

The program also includes a "Stewardship Drive" to secure enrollment of millions of Methodists who will acknowledge their stewardship by the payment of the tithe. During the next five years of the centenary celebration an earnest appeal will be made for life service. Strenuous efforts will be made to recruit a large number of new workers for the ministry, home and foreign missions, and service in the local church. In the next five years, Southern Methodist expect to raise \$25,000,000 to be applied to war work at home and foreign mission, and church extension.

TIPS TO THE ONLY GIRL AT HOME

In going to the street car from the station, I was forced to carry a number of packages and a heavy grip. As there were no porters in the small town where I was visiting. A strange young man offered to carry it for me and I let him. It was a great help. Was it perfectly all right to let him do it?

MISS A. K. D. There is no harm in permitting a strange young man to assist you in this way if the grip is heavy or you have many packages. But you should be certain that you are not taking him out of his way or inconveniencing him. A nod and cordial word of gratitude are sufficient thanks for this service.

"In the office where I am working there is a very pleasant young man. He has several times borrowed small sums of money from me, and I do not know what to say. He has never done anything about paying me back. What shall I do?" ANNA C. The young man you refer to evidently never intends to pay. You were very foolish to lend money but him. No self-respecting man would ever borrow money from a woman. You should ask him to return at once what he has already borrowed, and if he refuses, I should speak to the head of the office and ask him to help you.

Will you please help me in this most complicated case? Yesterday, while I was walking across the park, an automobile stopped suddenly at the curbstone and the man inside asked me to go for a ride. There was a lady in the back seat. Would it have been proper to have gone with this man, even though I didn't know him? He seemed to be a very nice man, and meant no harm, I know. BETTY L.

Even though a man seems to be nice, one can never tell, and it is not only not considered proper, but it is taking a very big chance for a young girl to let a strange man take her riding. One should always have had an introduction to a man and know something about him before accepting attentions from him. The lady in the machine does not alter the situation, and might possibly add a dangerous element.

I know of a girl who is engaged to be married. Her fiance gave her a diamond ring. She clothes him promise that, if the engagement is broken, she could always keep the ring. Do you think that is right? CURIOUS. It is generally considered proper to return the engagement ring when two people break their engagement. When two people love each other, they never consider breaking the engagement, much less planning as to the disposal of the ring.

What is considered stylish to wear to work? I am 19 and like to wear a thin waist, because the place where I work gets so hot sometimes. Also, in summer, I wear low-necked dresses. Some of the girls have laughs at me, and the forewoman spoke to me yesterday. I was very mad, and would like to know what you think. NINETEEN.

I am afraid that the clothes you have been wearing have not been very sensible. A girl or woman who is working should try to dress appropriately. A dark skirt and a fresh white waist of linen or voile, or a simple dress of some dark material gives a much more business-like appearance than a fancy waist or low-necked dress. There is a place for everything, and evening is considered the time for more elaborate clothes.

I am very fond of reading, and a young man I know often lends me interesting books. My chum says that it is not proper. What should I do? A. L. R. I see no harm in borrowing books—if they are the right sort of books—from a young man. Anyone who is fond of reading has unlimited delight in loans for them. I admire a young man who is fond of reading and desires to cultivate the acquaintance of a young lady who finds similar pleasure in books. But, on the other hand, reading is like eating. Each one reads what suits his or her taste best. You might develop more individuality by selecting your own books, or interviewing a librarian, whose business it is to assist people.

Rachel Curtis will answer your question personally by mail. Make your letter short, write on one side of the paper, give your full name and address, and enclose a three-cent stamp for reply. Only a few of the hundreds of letters that Carolina girls address to Rachel Curtis can be printed, but she is selecting the most typical for answer in "The Observer." No names and addresses will be printed.

The Observer is co-operating with the war work council of the Young Women's Christian association, which has loaned Rachel Curtis for this work. She has at her command the services of women physicians, lawyers and other experts upon whom she may call for authoritative advice in answering your letter. Address: RACHEL CURTIS, War Work Headquarters, Y. W. C. A., 600 Lexington ave., New York City.

PRESBYTERIANS TO HOLD AUTOMOBILE CONFERENCES

Have Special Program for Thanksgiving Day to Raise \$3,500,000.

BY MAMIE BAYS. Throughout the territory of the Southern Presbyterian church, there will be held on Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day, a large number of conferences which will be known as "automobile conferences."

These conferences to mark the beginning of the assembly's progressive program for benevolences, the object of which is to secure \$3,500,000 for the causes of the general assembly during the year beginning March 31, 1919, and closing March 31, 1920.

The automobile conferences will be held under the direction of the assembly's committee on stewardship, in conjunction with the laymen's missionary movement of this church. A large number of these conferences will be held on this day, from two to five in each of the 84 presbyteries of the church, and they will be held preferably in country churches, continuing throughout the day, taking recess at noon when a basket dinner will be served. So a large number of conferences have been arranged in order that they may be within reach of every man in the Southern Presbyterian church, and the day on which they will be held being a holiday, it is believed they will be largely attended. The men from the city and town churches will go in their autos to the country churches where the conferences will be held and ministers and laymen in all of the churches will be given large opportunity to become better acquainted with each other and more familiar with the work of the church.

The outstanding purpose of these conferences is to give the men of the church the opportunity to study the principles of the stewardship of life and possessions and to learn the importance of mobilizing the forces and resources of the church for conquest in the interest of the causes for which it stands. The program at all these conferences will be uniform, in all of them the same themes will be discussed and the same truths emphasized. Special effort will be made to get every man to find the place in the church in which he can do the largest work and get him to enlist his best effort in assuming the responsibility and discharging the duty belonging to him in his relation to the church.

CONDUCTOR PATTERSON HURT. Spartanburg, Nov. 23.—As a result of a runaway engine colliding with a northbound express and mail train on the Southern railway at the local station yesterday, Conductor W. A. Patterson, of the runaway switch engine crew, is in a local hospital in a serious condition and considerable damage was done to the engine and passenger cars on the express train. The accident occurred at the west end of the union station.

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APPRECIATION.
Southern Public Utilities Company, its officers and employees, deeply appreciate the sympathetic co-operation given by the patrons of the Company during the trying times through which we have just passed. For more than a

month, Spanish influenza and its dreaded accompanist, pneumonia, has played havoc with the entire organization, and it has been with great difficulty that we have maintained service.

In many instances a large percentage of the employees of one or another of the various departments have been incapacitated for service thru illness; but by substitution between departments, and other ways devious and sundry, we have endeavored to keep the service to as high standard as possible.

In some cases, this standard has not been satisfactory to us; and we know full well that our patrons have likewise not been thoroughly pleased; yet it is with a sense of deep gratitude that we realize that our patrons have borne with conditions, knowing that these are matters which are beyond our control.

It is not only us—practically all lines of business have suffered in like manner from the scourge. In some cases, the epidemic has resulted in closing places of business, and at times it appeared that this might be the ultimate outcome with us. But employees and officers have remained on duty many times when they should have given up the struggle and gone home. To these, the management is also grateful, feeling that it is but another evidence of the high sense of loyalty which pervades the entire organization.

Apparently the clouds are thinning, and the sun is beginning to shine thru once more. The epidemic is under control, and our various departments are more nearly adequately manned than for weeks past. For this we are thankful, also, and we confidently look for an early return to normal conditions, when we will be able to render such service to every patron as will justify the high opinion which is universal among our customers.

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