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Church's Legislators Hear Bishops' Message

Continued from page one. During the past year forty-six preachers were admitted to our traveling ministry from fourteen other churches. The largest number, fifteen in all, came from the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church, and ten came from the ministry of the Methodist Protestant church. Our increasing material resources. It is interesting to note that in the sixty-six years of our separate existence as an integral part of American Methodism, although much of our territory was the scene of the greatest civil war in history, at whose beginning the south was accredited with thirty per cent of the wealth of the country and at its close with only eight per cent, the Methodist Episcopal church, South, after deducting all indebtedness, has now not less than \$75,000,000 in property, including churches, parsonages, schools, orphanages, hospitals, publishing houses, endowments and loan funds. There is annually a notable increase in the amount given for the support of the ministry and for conference expenses, amounting during the last year to \$4,775,897, an increase over the previous year of \$11,782. There was paid last year some \$4,000,000 for churches and parsonages alone, and now we have 16,239 churches and 4,825 parsonages, for many of which later we are indebted to the women of the Woman's Home Missionary society. Now, after giving \$9,000,000 annually for church equipment at home and for ministerial support, it is fitting that we should give to millions for education and church extension and missions.

and Stephen Olney and Elijah Hedding, of Vermont, and Joshua Soule and Edmund Loughey, of Maine, and Henry H. Basson and Linus Parker, of New York, and E. T. Wiley and Jefferson Hamilton, of Massachusetts. Considering the relative density of population for more than a century, the largest returns of Methodist preaching have always been in the South. Thus in 1860 each church had increased some 300,000 in membership since the division sixteen years before, despite the thin denser population of the North. In 1864 the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church faced a loss during the quadrennium of five per cent of their membership, while at the close of the Civil war we had 300,000 less members than at the beginning. Despite our loss of 130,000 members in two years mostly to the Methodist Episcopal church and to the African Methodist Episcopal church, our gain in membership was over twenty per cent, in those two years from 1864 to 1890 our gain in membership was over 117 per cent, while the gain of the Methodist Episcopal church was thirty-one per cent, or thirty-six per cent less. In the meantime we dedicated all our colored members, which numbered 207,766 when the war began. It will be remembered that nearly 300,000 of the membership of the Methodist Episcopal church are colored and from the South, which has ever been a fruitful field, while 395,000 are from foreign mission fields. Reckoning on the basis of membership alone in the Continental United States, the disparity is not so great in the comparative number of members, and reckoning on the basis of present density of population, the growth of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, is the larger. In fact, our growth last year showed a net increase of 61,011, while that of the Methodist Episcopal church was 62,947. Now that we are preaching the gospel in German, French, Italian, Hungarian, and Spanish on our own soil, we may well learn from the enterprise of our sister church which has followed up her religious work among the immigrants until she has not less than 65,000 members in Scandinavia, Germany, and Italy. To her we rejoice, is given the privilege that Paul longed for—to preach the gospel to them that are in Rome also. Paul, after he stopped persecuting them of this way, or method, became himself rather fond of the early Methodists; and all later Methodists claim Paul as their apostle, despite some things in his writings hard to be understood, as Peter found them. Men have long since found out that, with a proper bias in and one or two angles, they have been able to search the whole face of the heavens. Happily our instruments of search are now turned to the great unevangelized world, and we are triangulating the field of vision in harmony. Ten years ago our sister church turned over to us, at first cost of equipment (because ours was the far larger work), all her missionary work in Brazil, so that we alone are now working among the Portuguese-speaking people. At the same time by common consent we refrained from entering Porto Rico and the Philippines and, where God has so signally blessed our work. In the meantime we are working side by side and in great harmony in Mexico, in Japan, in Korea, and in China. Through our wise joint commission on Federation may like harmony prevail along the base line in America, lest our field of vision become confused!

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It's Parisian Sage That Makes That Other Woman's Hair So Bewitchingly Lustrous. When we say that Parisian Sage is the most wonderful hair tonic, dressing and beautifier known to mankind we are simply stating a fact that you can easily prove. Get a large 50 cent bottle today, use it for two weeks; if it isn't the most delightful and refreshing tonic you ever used; if it doesn't drive out dandruff, stop falling hair or itching scalp you can have your money back. Mrs. Francis Koeckl, 41 W. Jessamine street, St. Paul, Minn., on Nov. 16, 1909, writes: "I have used several hair tonics, but there is none that can compare with Parisian Sage. It cured my falling hair and dandruff, and it does not only cure those troubles, but it is the best hair grower in the world." Parisian Sage is creating a sensation wherever introduced. It is not sticky or greasy. It is in great demand by women of superior taste and refinement who desire fascinating and lustrous hair that never fails to compel admiration. Sold by druggists everywhere and by Smith's drug store in Asheville. Mail orders filled, charges prepaid, by American makers, Groux Mfg. Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

FOR PORCH—LAWN AND SUMMER HOME

Just about time, isn't it, to plan the furnishings for Porch, Lawn and Summer Home? And when you plan these furnishings this year we want to ask you to plan these furnishings with our aid. We ask you to do this because we know from our choice selections you will be able to choose articles of exceptional merit and real worth, of satisfying styles and at prices that will appeal most forcibly to you, because we know they are right. Chairs, Settees, Rockers, Tables, Swings, in fact all desired articles for Summer comfort you'll find at Burton & Holt's in goodly, well assorted quantities and reasonably priced.

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Home Mission Society Work.

The Woman's Home Mission society is enjoying great prosperity, having raised for congregational work during the quadrennium \$622,279, being nearly twice the amount raised the previous four years, and for all purposes \$1,791,175. They are still liberally aiding in parsonage-building, building or repairing during the quadrennium 747 by the gift of \$87,479, and making loans of \$32,700 to sixty-one others. They now have twelve schools, twenty-nine industrial schools, and fifty-eight denesomes. They have twenty-eight organized City Mission Boards, and employ sixty-three trained workers and 318 volunteers. During the quadrennium they have expended for this latter work \$136,345. They have long set us the example of great diligence and success, and have greatly aided in local work as well.

Methodism Strongest in the South.

Now, Methodism has always been strongest in the South from the days of Ashbury and McKendree, and here was the field of their great labors. More densely populated than, Virginia and Maryland gave Jesse Lee to be the apostle of Methodism to New England, and Freeborn Garrettson for like service in Halifax and New York. We have been richly repaid with such fruits as Wilbur Flak

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Political Announcement.

FOR SHERIFF. To the voters of Buncombe county: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of sheriff subject to the action of the Democratic primary. Yours respectfully, T. F. HUNTER.

FOR SHERIFF. Being solicited by many friends from every section of Buncombe county to run for the nomination for Sheriff, I have decided to do so, and am a candidate for the said office, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, and will abide by the result of same. FRANK M. JORDAN.

FOR SHERIFF. I hereby announce myself a candidate for Sheriff of Buncombe county, subject to action of Democratic primary, and promise, if nominated and elected, to do my duty to the best of

FAMILY FOOD.

Crisp, Toothsome and Requires No Cooking. A little boy down in N. C. asked his mother to write an account of Grape-Nuts food had helped their family. She says Grape-Nuts was first brought to her attention in Charlotte, where she visited. "While I was there I used the food regularly. I gained about 15 pounds and felt so well that when I returned home I began using Grape-Nuts in the family regularly. "My little 18-months-old baby shortly after being weaned was very ill with dyspepsia and teething. She was sick nine weeks and we tried everything. She became so emaciated that it was painful to handle her and we thought we were going to lose her. One day a happy thought urged me to try Grape-Nuts soaked in a little warm milk. "Well, it worked like a charm and she began taking it regularly and improvement set in at once. She is now getting well and round and fat as fast as possible and on Grape-Nuts. "Sometime ago several of the family were stricken with La Grippe at the same time, and during the worst stages we could not touch anything in the shape of food but Grape-Nuts and oranges, everything else nauseating us. "We all appreciate what your famous food has done for our family." Read "The Road to Wellville," found in pgs. "There's a Reason." Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

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GRAND

SCHLOSS THEATRE CIRCUIT SATURDAY, MAY 7. Matinee and Night. A Society Event. PAUL GILMORE (Himself) "THE MUMMY AND THE HUMMING BIRD" with MISS ADELAIDE FRENCH and a splendid cast. Bargain Matinee at 2:30 p. m. Adults 75c and 50c. Children 25c. Night Prices \$1.50, \$1.75, 50c & 25c. Reserved seats at Mt. City Entertainment Store.

FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for sheriff of Buncombe county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, and promise if elected to do my duty to the best of my ability. E. M. MITCHELL.

FOR SHERIFF. I hereby announce myself a candidate for sheriff of Buncombe county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, and promise if nominated and elected to do my duty to the best of my ability. J. HENRY REED.

FOR SHERIFF. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Buncombe county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. C. F. WILLIAMS.

FOR TREASURER. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. T. M. DUCKETT.

FOR TREASURER. I announce myself a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the Democratic primary. I am a Confederate veteran, marked by three battle wounds in battle. I have been a teacher more than forty years, have spent the prime of my life in school work. I now ask the treasurer's place as younger teachers are given the schools and the older ones must seek other support. Respectfully, H. L. KING.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Tax Collector for Buncombe County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. N. A. COLLINS.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the lower house of the North Carolina General Assembly, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. GEORGE SPEARS REYNOLDS.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of Tax Collector for Buncombe county subject to the action of the Democratic primary. J. K. CHAMBERS.

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Register of Deeds for Buncombe county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary June 25. BERKELEY CAIN.

FOR SOLICITOR. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Solicitor for the Fifteenth Judicial district, subject to the action of the Democratic convention. ROBERT R. REYNOLDS.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for register of deeds of Buncombe county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, to be held on June 25. If nominated and elected, I will serve the public to the best of my ability. J. J. MACKEY.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION. Notice is hereby given that the firm of McDowell & Spears, building contractors, is this day dissolved; E. E. McDowell retiring from the firm. E. E. McDowell, J. W. SPEARS. 41-47.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of constable of Asheville township. Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. W. A. JAMES, JR., J. P.

FOR SOLICITOR OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Solicitor of the Fifteenth Judicial District, subject to the action of the Democratic Judicial convention. JOHN B. ANDERSON.