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THE NINTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PSYCHOLOGY

By Thos. A. Long

The Ninth International Congress of Psychology convened in a week's session, September 1-7, at Yale University, New Haven, Conn. There were more than a thousand psychologists representing almost all of the civilized countries of the world. There were quite two hundred representatives of foreign countries. Many of these represented such universities as Oxford, Cambridge, London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Bonn, Belgium, Leipzig, Heidelberg, Leningrad, Edinburgh, Rome, Madrid and all of the outstanding universities of America, men of ripe scholarship and among the foremost in the scientific world.

The American Psychological Association was host to the Ninth International Meeting, this being the first time it was held on this side of the Atlantic.

Among these teachers and investigators from abroad, the Russian physiologist and psychologist Ivan Petrovich Pavlov, the developer of the conditioned reflex, attracted the most attention. At 80 years, alert and keen, he addressed the Congress in Russian, the which was translated into English by an interpreter who stood by him as his lecture progressed.

There was William Stern, widely known for his work in psychology of individual differences and mental tests. A. B. Croly, who did the first application of the binet tests to Belgian children, gave in moving pictures some of his recent work on child study.

Wolfgang Kohler, whose work in Gestalt Psychology has attracted world wide attention, gave a lecture on "Some Problems of Gestalt Psychology."

Eduard Clapereau, of the Jean Jacques Rousseau Institute, Geneva, Secretary of the International Committee, gave an address on the opening day.

Other outstanding men from abroad were: U. Ebbbecke, of Bonn; E. Rubin, of Copenhagen; Carl and Charlotte Buhler, of Vienna; H. Pierson, of the Sorbonne, noted for his work on learning; Wilhelm Wirth, of Leipzig; Otto Lipmann, of Berlin, and M. Ponzio, of Turin.

It would take too much space to give even a list of the topics, so great was the range of them. Animal Behavior, Industrial Psychology, Educational Psychology, Mental Maladjustments, Theoretical Psychology, Character and Personality, Psychophysics, Child Development and Mental Tests were some of the more general topics around which the papers were grouped. The central idea in all the discussions was an attempt to come to a more precise understanding of human and animal behavior. In such a gathering there was no place for generalities and loose descriptions.

The very nature of intelligence itself was of great concern in all the group discussions. Carl Spearman, of the University of London, was the central figure in a rather unique discussion of the two-factor theory. Probably the peak of the whole Congress was Wednesday night when K. S. Lashley, Director of the Behavior Research Fund, and President of the American Psychological Association, gave his address on "Basic Neural Mechanism in Behavior." For years he has been studying the effects of the ex-

irpation of various areas of the brain upon the behavior of animals. He has combatted the older theory of localization of brain functions and has come to the conclusion that each learned act is a pattern within the cortex—involving certain cortical arrangements, but which, under different circumstances, might have involved another set of cortical units. Only the total amount of cortical substance affects the efficiency of learning.

The address of E. L. Thorndike, of Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, struck another high note. His demonstration seemed convincing, that mere repetition is a totally inadequate principle on which to base the formation of connections unless there is a certain "belonging" between the elements. He holds now that annoyance merely gives satisfyingness an opportunity to function, rather than attaching so much importance, as formerly, to annoyance in the learning process.

There were three sessions, morning, afternoon and night, (public.) The day meetings were in groups with chairmen: R. S. Woodworth, Treasurer of the International Congress, Columbia University; C. H. Judd, University of Chicago; M. R. Trabue, North Carolina; J. R. Angell, President of Yale; F. H. Allport, Syracuse; J. S. Dreyer, Edinburgh; Karl Burner, Vienna; C. E. Seashore, Iowa; Wm. Stern, Hamburg; Henri Pieron, Paris; J. Jastro, New York University; Wm. McDougall, Duke University; A. Michotte, Louvain; M. L. Raiment, Wittenberg; H. S. Langfeld, Princeton; L. M. Terman, Stanford Univ.; F. C. Schiller, Oxford Univ.; Carl Murchison, Clark; M. F. Washburn, Vassar College; A. T. Poffinberger, Columbia. The afternoon symposia had representation from all the leading colleges of Europe and America.

Yale entertained the delegation for the week in its spacious, quadrangle and elegant courts. The Banquet in the famous Yale Dining Hall, Wednesday evening, was a brilliant affair. The foreign delegations were guests of honor of the American Association, with President Cattell, of the International Association, presiding, and President Angell, of Yale, assisting. Twelve hundred were present.

It was very illuminating to see face to face men who stand foremost in the world of science and letters.

There were only three colored members of this Congress, namely, Thos. A. Long, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C.; H. H. Long and L. L. Thompson, both of Howard University, Washington, D. C.

Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C.

DISTRICT MEETING

District No. 1 of Catawba Presbyterian will hold its Fall meeting at Murkland Presbyterian church, Sunday, October 27, 1929, at 2 o'clock P. M. An interesting program has been prepared and we trust that every church and missionary society in this district will be represented.

MRS. GEO. E. DAVIS, Pres. MRS. CHAS. H. SHUTE, Dist. Leader.

Practice does not make perfect, unless it is the right kind of practice.—John Erskine.

LOS ANGELES ADVANCES EMPLOYMENT

The Industrial Relations Department of the National Urban League of New York City has released the following excerpts from a report on occupational changes in Los Angeles: The report was prepared by Floyd C. Covington, Industrial Secretary of the Los Angeles Urban League, and indicates that this important center on the Pacific Coast, like points in the East, is making progress.

All in all, September exhibited the highest period of favorable activity in the interest of Negroes during our experience in this community. At present there are numerous calls from the agricultural sections for Negroes to work in the cotton and fruit industries. Little or no response has been received from Negroes who can or will accept this type of employment.

More than two hundred women were placed in a new cannery which has been operating since June with approximately ninety per cent Mexican labor. At the inception of the cannery the management flatly refused to hire Negroes in the cannery division. The Negro women have made good and are now employed all over the plant. The factory is cosmopolitan in scope with Mexicans, whites and Negroes constituting its personnel.

A chain grocery company employed a Negro clerk for part time work during the rush hours in the various stores in the Negro district. Effort is being made to get this man employed full time. The policy of exchanging buying power for employment is being used in this instance.

A dress manufacturing company included Negro operators in its factories on the upswing of the garment season. A garment company called to reclaim their colored operators who have made good and who were dismissed at the slump period of this industry.

A Negro received a job with the Hollywood division of a nationally known shoe company as a uniformed driver and janitor. A Filipino had been employed for this job a day before the Negro applied; but due to the splendid record of the Negro employed at the downtown store, the Hollywood management decided to make the change in favor of the Negro. He was employed at a wage twenty-five dollars more on the month than the amount granted the Filipino. Here, of course, racial competition for employment is apparent.

Adverse Changes

A store changed its policy of employment by employing Mexican operators and Filipino janitors. A Negro operator from our stores was employed to train the operators.

A market at 28th and Central which had been considering employing a 100 per cent Negro force employed all white at the opening of the market. If sufficient skilled Negro butchers had been available, this market in a Negro district would have been manned by those who patronize it. However, the management is considering including Negroes as the market gets under way.

A Negro who had been employed for four years by an automobile truck concern was discharged, and his work given to contracting janitors. The company found they could save about seventy-five dollars a month by letting their janitor service out by contract. It is apparent that the day of individual janitor service is about past. The general tendency of buildings and the like is to have their cleaning done by contract.

EDWARD WEBB CHURCH, MT. AIRY, N. C.

By Mrs. J. H. Clement

Sunday morning, October 13th, our pastor, Rev. H. O. Walker, chose for his text John 4:19, "And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass and took the five loaves and the two fishes and looking up to heaven he blessed and brake and gave the loaves to his disciples and the disciples to the multitude." Theme, "Feeding the Multitude." Rev. Walker preached a splendid sermon. He said there is no need of us wanting for such miracles to be performed now. The Father has given His only Son to die for us, and we are all Bible readers and believe that there is a God. We should, therefore, serve Him better each day of our lives.

Sunday was communion day and the Holy Spirit was truly with us. The writer made a report from the Synodical that convened with Lloyd and Grace churches at Winston-Salem, Oct. 9-12.

It has been some time since we have had an article in the paper. We are not asleep. We are up and doing. A musical by the N. W. Quartet, of Winston, was rendered at our church recently. A neat sum of \$12 was realized by the Quartet. It royally entertained the audience with many beautiful selections. A Mr. Hawkins was the center of attraction with the several selections played on his hand saw. Mr. Walter Banner made some remarks.

We are glad to learn of the recovery of Rev. J. H. Clement who has been ill nearly all the summer.

The members of Edward Webb extend to Mrs. Mary Gwyn their heartfelt sympathy in the loss of her husband, Mr. Jack Gwyn. Mrs. Gwyn is a member of our church.

We had quite a number of visitors in Mt. Airy this summer. Miss Mae Hines, of Rocky Mount, spent several days in the city, with Mrs. J. H. Clement. Every one has been listening for the wedding bells ringing out ever since she left.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Lee White, of Durham, spent a week in the city.

Mrs. Cornelia Franklin, a member of Edward Webb, but who, for some time, has been living in New York City, spent her vacation days with us.

Mrs. J. A. Parks, Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Hawkins, of Cleveland, Rev. J. M. Morton, and Presiding Elder Howard, of Salisbury, spent a day and night in the city as guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Clement. They really brought joy and sunshine to Rev. Clement during his illness.

We were glad to welcome Mrs. Lena Martin home again from New York City.

Miss E. E. Lewis, of Charleston, S. C., spent her vacation in the city and was an associate member of our church. We miss her. She was a very liberal contributor to the church.

Miss Dahlia Dawkins worshipped with us Sunday morning. Miss Dawkins is teaching in the Westfield school.

Mrs. Wright, of Winston-Salem, spent several hours in our community Friday.

Missionary S. L. Young, Mrs. M. A. Kendrick and Miss Helen Jones, of South Boston, Va., were in the city Saturday. They came by from the Synodical and spent a short time with Mr. Young's mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary A. Gordon.

Rev. Walker has had his lovely home on Rockford St. repaired. We would not be surprised to hear wedding bells soon.

ST. JAMES CHURCH GREENSBORO

By Mrs. E. B. Meares

Sunday morning Rev. H. C. Miller spoke from Isaiah 11: 12. "And he shall set up an ensign for the nations," etc. By way of introduction, the speaker stressed the signification and the meaning of ensign or standard, showing how the aspirations of a nation may be reared upon the standard; how men have followed their standard in the face of even death. Here the speaker cited the landing of the Romans at Britanny and how the bearer of the standard leaped into the water, etc.

Christ has to be lifted up as an ensign and was lifted upon the Cross. The Cross, then, may be taken as the ensign lifted to the nations. Continuing, the speaker said: The Cross stands for Brotherhood, Charity, Service and Loyalty.

The Cross stands for Hope to the extreme. Said the speaker: The Cross is untouched in so far as its power to lift up the nations is concerned.

Finally the Cross stands for victory. The speaker discredited the talk about the Church dying. If men rally about the Cross and quit crying, wolf, wolf, the cause will make greater strides.

The attendance was unusually large for the morning service, there being very few vacant seats. Many visitors were present and among them teachers and quite a few students from Bennett College.

Rev. E. E. Gillespie, Executive Secretary of the Synod of North Carolina, worshipped with us at the evening service and preached a wonderful sermon. We were pleased to note that the audience was above the average.

We were very happy to see Dr. F. W. McNair in his accustomed seat Sunday. He looks very well.

Mrs. Robert Reaves, who has been sick, is able to be out again. We were glad to see her out Sunday evening.

St. James Presbyterian Church will observe the pastor's 5th anniversary from Sunday, October 13th, through Sunday, October 20th.

Sunday, October 13, will be Home-Coming Day. Special music during the week by St. James choir.

Program

Monday, October 14th, 8:00 o'clock, Elders' night. Sermon by Rev. J. J. Scarlett. Music by Providence Baptist church choir.

Tuesday night, October 15th, Deacons' night. Sermon by Rev. G. F. Hall. Music by Trinity Zion church choir.

Wednesday night, October 16th, Trustees' night. Sermon by Rev. C. C. Ferguson. Music by Bethel church choir.

Thursday night, October 17, Women's Auxiliaries. Miscellaneous program. Best local and out-of-town talent to appear.

Friday night, October 18th, Young People's night. Sermon by Rev. P. A. Callahan. Music by E. Market church choir.

Sunday, October 20th, 11 A. M. Anniversary sermon by request will be preached by the pastor. St. James choir will render suitable music.

1:30 P. M., Sunday school in special session.

7:30 P. M., College night. Address by President F. D. Bluford, A. S. T. College. Musical numbers by Bennett Quartet.

Monday night, October 21st. Annual Get-together social.

WESTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Western District Convention met at Freedom Presbyterian church, Wednesday, August 21st, 1929. At 2 P. M. the Superintendents' Conference was conducted. The Superintendents who were present talked on the following subjects: "The Superintendent as a Christian Educator," and "Sunday School Management." The talks by the Superintendents were very interesting and helpful. Brief talks were also made by Dr. B. F. Murray and Mr. Waddell.

The Convention opened at 7:30 o'clock. The President, Mr. Shirley Morrison, being absent, the Vice-President, Mr. P. W. Still, called the Convention to order. The welcome address was delivered by Superintendent T. C. Murdock who, in a very pleasing and cordial manner, welcomed the Convention to the church, community and the homes. Mr. Jno. H. Smith responded to the address.

Mr. P. W. Steele delivered the annual address which was full of helpful thoughts.

The roll of schools was called by the Corresponding Secretary and Superintendents and delegates were enrolled.

Officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Mr. T. C. Murdock; Vice-President, Mr. P. W. Steele; Secretary, Miss Inez Correll, and Assistant Secretary, Miss Myrtle Cowan.

After the report of the local committee, the Convention closed to meet at 9 A. M. next morning.

Thursday morning devotional service was led by Superintendent G. A. Kirkpatrick. After this Bible study was conducted by Rev. L. M. Onque. Here we studied together the 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes. The Convention was much benefited by the study of this lesson.

After this the reports of the schools were made which showed some gains.

Thursday afternoon the Convention was called to order and prayer was offered by Dr. Murray.

A Departmental Conference was conducted by Rev. A. H. Prince. This conference was very interesting and helpful to all.

The Convention was very glad to have Rev. Prince with them. Being a member of the Catawba Convention he brought greetings to the Convention and some very helpful suggestions. Rev. Prince's visit will long be remembered by the members of the Convention.

Several papers were read in this service which showed the Sunday schools tried to send some of the best material to the Convention.

A new feature of the Convention this year was the vesper services held on the lawn of the church just after supper. These services each evening were conducted by Rev. C. A. Washington. He used as his subject Thursday evening, "The Church's Vision." He said that the members of the church must be deep in the world. The more we know the more we can give out to others.

These vesper services each evening were a spiritual help, and all were benefited.

Thursday evening at 8 o'clock a Demonstration of Daily Vacation Bible School Work was conducted by Mrs. J. M. Morton. The whole program of the Daily Vacation Bible School was carried out and each delegate went away with an idea.

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