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GENERAL METHODIST CONFERENCE MEET

Over One Thousand Delegates at
Saratoga, N. Y., Represent-
ing Approximately

4 MILLION METHODISTS

Important Legislation Vitrally
Affecting Methodism Will Be
Acted Upon at This General
Conference.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 1.—
Almost a thousand Methodists, rep-
resenting a total of over 4,000,000
communicants in all parts of the
United States and in foreign lands,
gathered here today for the General
Conference which is held every four
years.

Important legislation that will vitally
affect Methodism for the next
four years will be acted upon.

Reports of the last four years' ac-
tivities occupied the greater part of
the day.

According to the Rev. T. B. Smith
of the Board of Conference Claimants,
the converts to the Methodist
faith in the past four years have
reached 506,920.

"Only five denominations in this
land have each a total membership
equal to our increase during the
quadrennium," said the Rev. Smith.
"Of our 4,033,123 members, 3, 578,190
are in Continental United States.
They are housed in 28,752 churches
and the churches and parsonages of
the denomination are valued at \$245,-
000,000. There are 4,497,464 enrolled
in our Sunday schools."

Some of the more important legisla-
tion to be brought up as outlined by
Dr. John Thompson, of Chicago, fol-
lows:

"1—Unification of the various
Methodist bodies.

"2—A new method of appeal for
the great benevolent activities of the
church. Competition in this matter
must be destroyed. Let there be one
appeal under the direction of one
overhead committee.

"3—Reorganization of our Board
of Home Missions and Church Exten-
sion. The work must be departmen-
talized. We need specialists on city
and rural work who will gather ex-
pert information for the direction of
the board."

There are 26 women among the dele-
gates. This is a greater number
than ever before attended a General
Conference. They are:

California: Mrs. Lulu Heacock,
Central Illinois: Mrs. Tempie W.
Asher.

Colorado: Mrs. Mary E. Wilson.
Des Moines: Mrs. Mary Smith.
Hingham: Miss J. E. Martha Le-
bens.

Illinois: Mrs. Ellen M. Orr.
Indiana: Mrs. America S. Wood.
Little Rock: Mrs. Hilda M. Nanyth.

Mexico: Miss Perez.
Missouri: Miss Maud McMurray.
Nebraska: Mrs. Emma J. Cox.
North Montana: Miss Parmelia
Clark.

Northeast Ohio: Mrs. Kate R.
Henthorn, Mrs. Nancy J. McConnell,
Northwest India: Mrs. J. C. But-
cher, Miss Mabel McKnight.

Oregon: Mrs. Alva C. Marsters,
Philippine Islands: Mrs. Blanche
Palmer Klinefelter,
Rock River: Miss Emma A. Rob-
inson.

Southern California: Mrs. Belle T.
Anderson, Mrs. Kate W. Sprows,
Southern Illinois: Mrs. Stella J.
Logan.

Southwest Kansas: Mrs. Fannie
E. Lynch.
Texas: Mrs. Rosa Simpson.
West Ohio: Mrs. Ida H. Goode.
West Wisconsin: Mrs. Metilda P.
Hutchison.

Among the names mentioned for
the Episcopacy are Drs. Thomas
Nicholson, New York; Matt S.
Hughes, Pasadena; Franklin J.
Hamilton, Washington, D. C.; C. B.
Mitchell, Chicago; Ezra S. Tipple,
New York; B. M. Tipple, Rome, Italy;
Joshua Stransfield, Indianapolis, Ind.;
Dear Birney, Boston University; Mer-
ton S. Rice, Detroit; J. B. Hingoles,
Northern Minnesota Conference;

President Herbert Welch, Ohio Wes-
leyan University; President William
H. Crawford, President Alleghany

min Young, California Conference;
Edgar Blake, New Hampshire Con-
ference. Mr. Blake lives in Chicago.

The Board of Conference Claimants
will report that over \$6,200,000
has been contributed for pensions for
preachers and will ask suitable legisla-
tive measures to secure a retiring
competency for the 2,712 retired
preachers and adequate care for wid-

ows.

Washington, May 1.—The State
Department has instilled an effici-
ency system that may result in the
dropping of a number of employees.
The system is called a "decided ad-
vance" over other systems in opera-
tion in some of the departments.

A special efficiency board appointed
by Secretary of State Lansing, con-
sisting of Assistant Secretary Osborn,
Director Carr of the Consular Bureau
and Chief Clerk Ben Davis, put the
system into effect to obtain better
service from employees.

All promotions for places paying
salaries of \$1,800 or less are to be
filled by the efficiency board's recom-
mendations, which are to be based on
"ability, efficiency, faithful perform-
ance of duty and good conduct."

Secretary Lansing will personally
designate who shall be appointed to
places paying more than \$1,800 a
year when vacancies occur.

When employees fall below a cer-
tain standard they are liable to dis-
missal. Those whose work is rated
as being above a certain standard are
put on a list of available for promo-
tions.

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Washington, May 1.—The stock of
Eastern nurserymen is a menace to
the Western white pine forests, the
Department of Agriculture has an-
nounced. In an effort to preclude
the necessity for a Federal plant quar-
antine, the department has asked
Eastern nurserymen not to ship white
pine, currant and gooseberry plants
west of North Dakota, South Dakota,
Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and
Texas. The department fears the
spreading to the west of the white
pine blister rust, which has been
found on Eastern plants.

The department estimated the total
value of far Western forests at
\$240,000,000, which would be in seri-
ous danger if the rust reached that
section of the country.

The rust has now gained a foot-
hold in six Eastern States, and is be-
lieved to be in the Ohio Valley.
Gooseberries and currants carry the
rust as well as the pine plants them-
selves.

The young daughter of Rev. N. M.
and Annie Hollingworth, who died in
Sanford at the Central Hospital Sun-
day morning, was brought to Fayette-
ville the same afternoon and in-
terment was made in Cross Creek
cemetery at 5:30 o'clock, Rev. J. T.
Gibbs, D. D., and Rev. W. R. Royall
conducting the services.

The child was five years, two
months and 15 days old. The moth-
er, on account of being seriously ill,
did not accompany the remains.

Mr. W. D. Phillips, one of the oldest
and best known citizens of Hope
Mills, died early Sunday morning in
the 64th year of his age, having been
a patient sufferer for more than two
years with paralysis. He is survived
by his wife and three children, Mrs.
Lula Williams, of Georgia; Miss Lena
Phillips, of Hope Mills, and Mr. Ray-
mond Phillips, of Richmond, Va., and
other relatives and a host of friends
to mourn his loss. Mr. Phillips was
a big hearted, generous man and was
for years a member of the Episcopal
church of Hope Mills from which his
funeral was held Monday afternoon
at 3 o'clock by Rev. Mr. Moody.

El Paso, May 1.—"About one hun-
dred and fifty Villistas are coming—
I am going."

This message was received here by
telegraph tonight from an operator
at Komosachie, south of here. Ef-
forts to get in touch with the oper-
ator failed. The Villistas referred to
are supposed to belong to Cervantes'
command.

New York, May 1.—May Day here
was marked by a long parade of suf-
fragists in decorated motor cars, and
other "Votes for Women" demon-
strations. Many politicians were but-
holed and asked to work for suf-

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