

PAY HIGH TRIBUTE TO DR. J. D. FOX

Central Penna. Conference Regards His Departure; Districts in Flourishing Condition

Lewistown, Pa., March 23.—Appealing to the members of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, in session here in the First Methodist Church, for proper development, Bishop McDowell in his first morning talk during devotions said that any conference was in great danger of emphasizing its practical efficiency while neglecting its own personnel. Conferences do not improve in their personnel unless they give their minds to it.

Steady improvement of the personnel of the conference will be realized, first, by the improvement of those who are already in it, and, second, by an effort to interest those in this principle who are brought into it. Addition of weak ones to a conference constantly subtracts from it. The bishop declared his purpose to join in this policy of making the Central Pennsylvania Conference a steadily improving conference.

Some men seem to measure their ministerial growth by the size of the town in which they live or that of the church they serve or the salary they receive, or the benevolent budget, instead of measuring their growth in loftier ideals and greater religious assets. A man should ask himself the question, Am I better by virtue of the influences and ideas that have presented themselves to me?

It matters not half so much where a man is as it does as to where he is going. A man should have improved more at forty than at thirty and should be better at fifty than at forty. Is the Central Pennsylvania Conference better to-day than it was ten or twenty-five years ago?

Bishop McDowell keeps the conference in good humor by his witty sayings and honest fun. Anyone can say, he declared, that misfortunes never come alone, but only the Irish, who are real artists in expression, can say, "Single misfortunes never come alone," and also that a solitary Irishman never disturbs themselves.

Conference was resumed at 9 o'clock, the journal of Wednesday's sessions being read and approved.

Announcement was made by Dr. Fasick that the Rev. G. F. Boggs, of Waynesboro, had received word of his father's death and by action of the conference he was excused to attend the funeral and its sympathy extended to him. Dr. B. H. Mosser, of Williamsport, was excused to attend the funeral of a parishioner. The bishop presented from the board of conference claimants a check for \$200, made payable to the conference board of stewards.

Junata District Growth
Report of the Junata district was read by the superintendent, the Rev. E. M. Stevens, which showed an increase of 500 new members and \$100 for missions, \$150 for conference home missionary society, a big increase in the conference annuity and there were 1,000 conversions. A high tribute was paid to A. A. Stevens, Tyrone, deceased, who served as counselor for the conference annuity.

Dr. Maveety, representing the Freedmen's Aid Society, made it patent that it is imperative that the Methodist Church supervise the work of the schools of the South now under its control in order to solve the negro problem.

Elect Conference Trustees
Conference went into corporate session and the president of the board of trustees, the Rev. B. H. Hart, read his annual report, in which he stated that A. A. Stevens, deceased, Tyrone, had given to the association \$11,500, and commended the work of the Rev. C. W. Karns, secretary of the conference annuity, which cannot be measured in dollars and cents, but must be measured by its influence in future years. The preacher in his local church is the key man. A ballot was taken for the election of the conference trustees, which resulted in the selection of J. B. Stein, J. S. Seuser and J. H. Morgan.

Conference resumed and by its action the committee on conference sessions was excused from further work for the present. W. E. Karns was appointed to canvass for the Methodist Review.

Dr. Mains, representing the Methodist Book Concern, New York, emphasized the need and their supply of

good literature and announced the annual dividend of the concern to this conference of \$3,821 and from the Rose fund \$2,740. This conference was highly commended for its prompt and full payment of the episcopal fund, of which Dr. Mains is treasurer.

Danville Flourishes
Report of the Danville district was read by the superintendent, Dr. J. B. Stein, who reported the following facts: All disciplinary and conference benevolences have reached an increase beyond \$2,700. The Rev. E. H. Wallace was compelled to give up his work last October, is seriously ill and asks for a retired relation. Lincoln Street Church, Shamokin, with ten weekly classes studying subjects on missions, social service and the discipline of the church.

The Rev. H. H. Holsopple, Harrisburg, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, appealed to the conference to concentrate upon certain important lines and strategic positions in order to bring about definite temperance legislation before 1920 and complimented the conference for its hearty co-operation in the work of the league.

A committee to arrange for an educational jubilee was ordered at the suggestion of Dr. A. W. Harris, secretary of the board of education, consisting of the bishop, district superintendents, presidents of the two schools of the conference and members of the educational society.

Pursuit to order of adjournment, conference resumed its duties at 1:30 p. m. Some rules governing the order of business were adopted on motion of Dr. H. L. Jacobs.

Report of the Altoona district was read by the superintendent, the Rev. S. B. Evans, showing 1,267 conversions, 1,938 preparatory members and 17,222 full members, and an increase in benevolent gifts for the conference home missionary society and the administrative fund for the conference annuity.

Compliment Dr. Fox
The transfer of Dr. Robert Bagnall from the Philadelphia to the Central Pennsylvania Conference and stance of Grace Church, Harrisburg, and Dr. J. D. Fox from this conference to the Philadelphia, was announced. Bishop McDowell, paying a high compliment to Dr. Fox, said that no transfer man had ever come into the Central Pennsylvania Conference and gone out with him maintained and carried out with him greater confidence and respect of the members of this body than Dr. Fox.

A business session of the Mutual Beneficial Association was held, it being the year of jubilee of the society. An appeal was made and a canvass for new members taken which resulted in the addition of twenty-eight new members.

Evening Services
Anniversary exercises for the boards of education and the Freedmen's Aid Society were held with speakers representing the interests of these organizations of the church.

Dr. Maveety, of the Freedmen's Aid, said that there were four million colored persons at the time of the Emancipation Proclamation and the question was what to do with them in their ignorant condition. The society which he now represents now has twenty schools among the colored people of the South, with 6,000 boys and girls, and in the fifteen years of the existence of these schools there have been 200,000 of these colored boys and girls in the schools, with 250,000 members in the colored Methodist churches.

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"Daughter of Jairus" Will Be Repeated By Choir

The choir of the Fifth Street Methodist Episcopal Church will repeat the cantata, "Daughter of Jairus," by Sir John Stainer, Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

The cantata is one of Stainer's most interesting works, and was rendered by the choir on March 4 with an effective interpretation and finish. The choir will sing "The Crucifixion," by the same composer, on the evening of Good Friday, and will be assisted in the Easter Sunday music by Miss Sara Loper with the violin.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE
By Associated Press
Hazleton, Pa., March 23.—The plant of the Jeaneville Iron Works was badly damaged by fire of undetermined origin at an early hour to-day. The plant, which was owned by the Worthington Pump and Machinery Company, was engaged in manufacturing shells for the Russian government and employed more than 1,000 men. Officials expressed the fear that it would be necessary to suspend operations for several weeks. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

COLLEGE STUDENTS TO DRILL
Lancaster, Pa., March 23.—Dr. H. H. Apple, president of Franklin and Marshall College, this city, announced this afternoon that the student body of that institution will be given military training immediately. Captain Lightner Cook, Fourth Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, will take charge at once of the college battalion and instruct in military training.

CORSETS, NOT EXERCISE
Pittsburgh, March 23.—There are no longer any in the Pittsburgh force. Chief of Detectives Archibald Mackrell gave the solution in the following statement:

"Several months ago I was advised to try a specially made corset for the purpose of reducing my weight. A few weeks settled the question for me, and I immediately advised every fat man on the force whose ear I could get to 'go and do likewise.' And they have. That's why embonpoint is no longer a part of Pittsburgh's finest."

SCHOOL TO ERECT CHAPEL
Duncannon, Pa., March 23.—The union Sunday school that several years ago started to meet in the vacant schoolrooms in North Duncannon is considering the erection of a chapel to be used exclusively for the school. The recent purchase of its meeting place by supporters of a movement for Duncannon's seventh church leaves the school without a suitable meeting place. Although the union Sunday school is not connected with any church, it boasts an ever-increasing roll of members.

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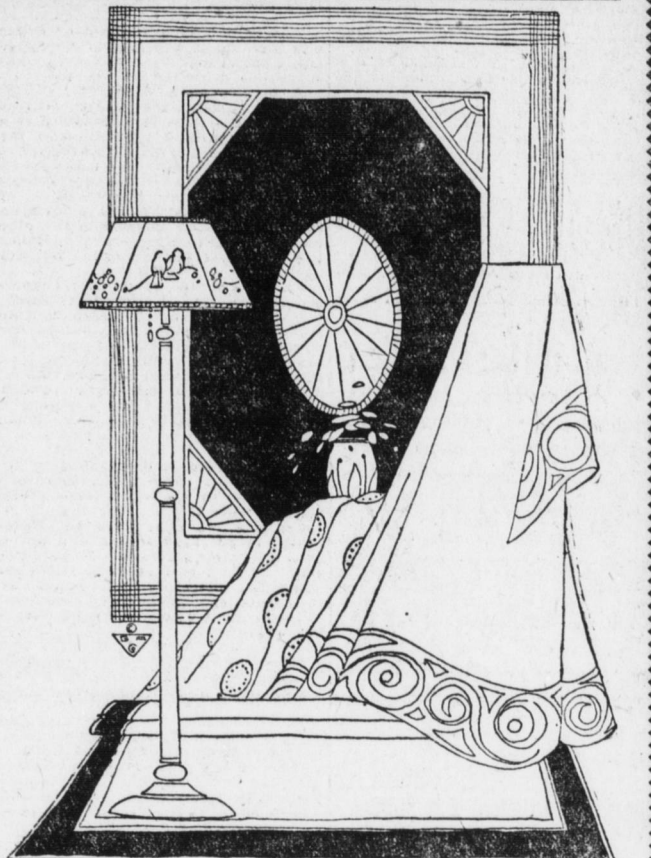
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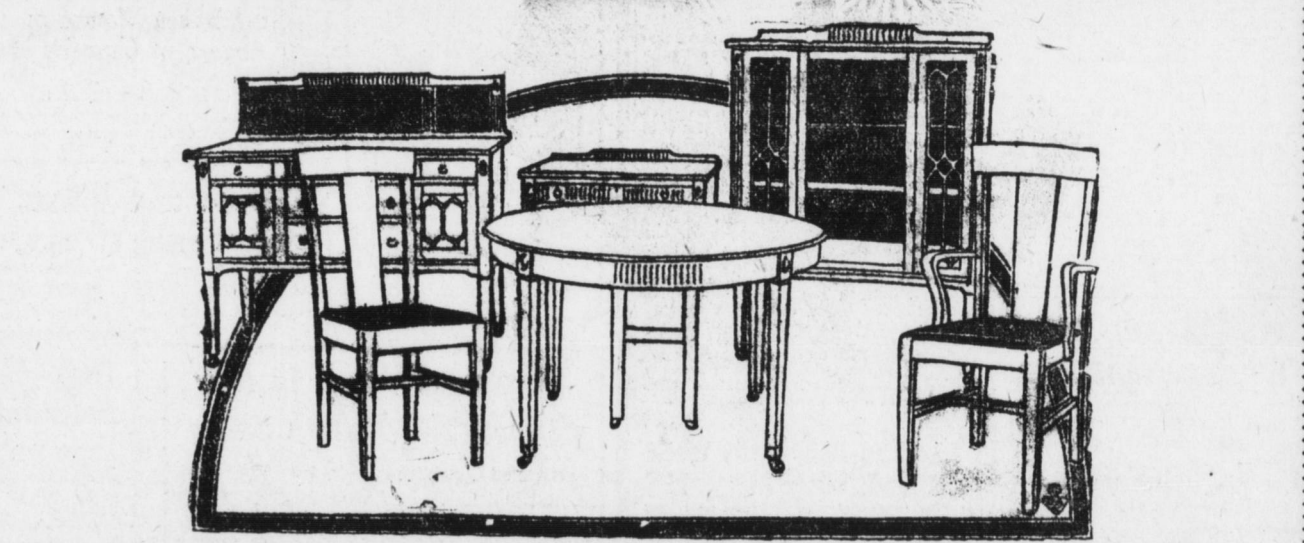
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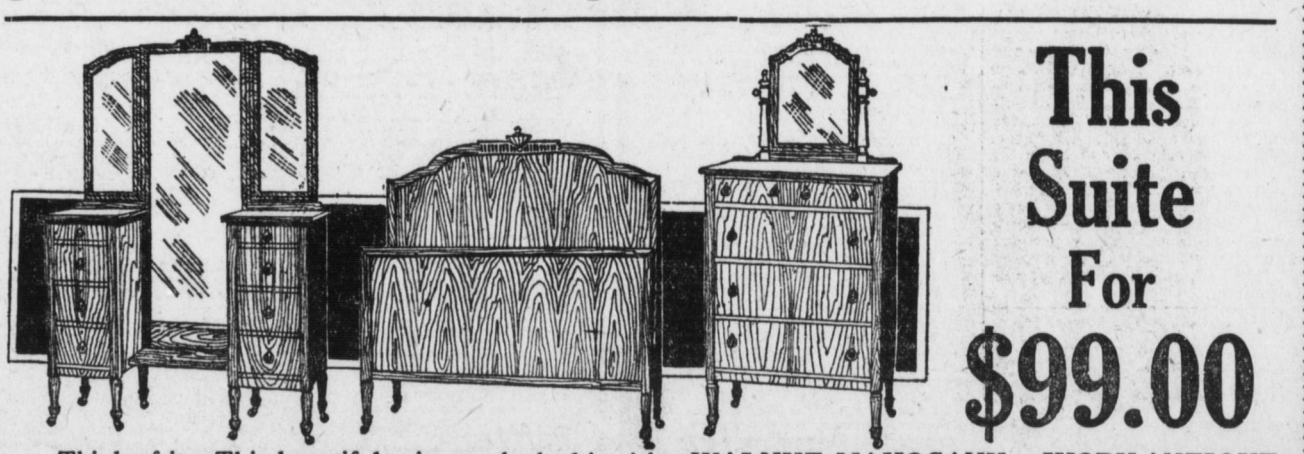
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