

BISHOP LEETE WILL ATTEND CHURCH MEET

Methodist Bishops Will Convene Next Month in Washington.

Bishop William Fraser McDowell, resident bishop Washington, D. C., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in announcing today the program of the meeting of the board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Foundry Church, Washington, May 4-10, said:

"This meeting of the board of bishops will be outstanding and significant in the fact that the entire membership of the board of bishops will be present, not only from the United States, but including the bishops from foreign lands."

Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, the pastor, and Dr. J. Phelps Hand, superintendent of Washington district, are assisting Bishop McDowell in the details of the program.

The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church meets once every four years and at its last meeting in May 1924, at Springfield, Mass., the board of bishops voted to hold a meeting of its entire membership of bishops about the middle of the quadrennial, so that the bishops could elect one of their number to prepare and read the Bishops' address to the general conference which will meet in May, 1928. The most emphatic note to be stressed at the Washington meeting will be the reports and the series of meetings with addresses from the bishops overseas. These bishops are returning after making extensive surveys and will report on the religious, social, moral and economic conditions of the nation in which they represent the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Social Session

"On Tuesday, May 1," said Bishop McDowell, "the Washington Methodist Social Union will give a banquet and welcome to the bishops. At this banquet two or three of the bishops will briefly respond to the words of welcome. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings there will be public meetings with bishops from the States present and the bishops from foreign lands speaking. The bishops will report for Eastern Asia, Southern Asia, Latin America and Africa."

"It is possible," said the bishop, "that one night also will be given to Europe. No such presentation of the work of Methodism in foreign lands has ever been presented."

At these meetings prominent public and government officials will be asked to preside. This program is practically arranged and will be announced later. These bishops will give a complete report of the state of Christianity in those countries and the general condition in the countries themselves.

On Thursday, April 6, at 12:30 noon, President and Mrs. Coolidge will receive the bishops and their wives at the White House. Bishop Berry, the senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will present a brief address to the President from the Board of Bishops and the President will respond.

This is following a former precedent when Bishops Cooke and Asbury called on Gen. George Washington when President. Their addresses to the President and President Washington's reply were published and are preserved by Methodists. All addresses to Presidents and Presidents' replies since have been carefully preserved in the files of Methodists.

A special feature by the bishops will be a pilgrimage to the Asbury statue on Sixteenth St. Also to the American University, and possibly to the grave of William Waters, the first native itinerant preacher. A wreath will be placed on the statue of Asbury by the bishops.

Foreign Bishops Here

Bishop McDowell is also planning to accompany the bishops from abroad to call upon the diplomatic representatives of the nations in which the bishops are officially doing their work.

The board of bishops expects to hold its first meeting on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All the business meetings of the bishops are executive, but all the evening meetings will be open to the general public. At the executive meetings each bishop reports the administration of his conferences and the work in his area. The board of bishops decides such questions of law as may come in a particular way to the board for decision. It makes a list of the bishops who will preside and confirms the dates and places of meeting of the annual conferences for the next six months.

"Unquestionably," said Bishop McDowell, "the bishops will give much

MOTION PICTURES

ISIS First Half
Next Week
TOM MIX
IN
"THE YANKEE SENOR"
Romance and Adventure in
Old Mexico
EDUCATIONAL COMEDY
"WHAT'S UP!"
10c All Seats 10c

PRINCESS THEATRE
TENTH AND HOLMES AVE.
SUNDAY, APRIL 18
ONE DAY ONLY
"THE LIMITED MAIL"
A Thundering Melodrama That Roars
Through a Story of Sizzling Thrills.
The Melodrama of the Year—A Story of a Station
Waitress and a Train Engineer, a Woman
Against the Glory of the Colorado
NO ADVANCE IN PRICES

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Dr. Gilroy Pictures the Beginning of Sin on Earth

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for April 18. The Beginning of Sin—Genesis 3:1-12.

By WM. E. GILROY, D. D.
Editor of The Congregationalist

From the loftiness of the creation of an orderly universe out of chaos, and of man made in the image and likeness of God himself, we turn very quickly to the tragedy of history in the marring of human life by sin, and in the shadow that, through sin, has fallen upon the universe.

The fall of man and the doctrine of human depravity have been discussed at great length. Scientists and theologians have discussed it interminably, and in modern times largely under the influence of the doctrine of evolution, there has tended to be a reversal of former conclusions. This has found expression in the claim of some that "the fall was a fall upward," that instead of lapsing from a condition of loftiness of character and of conscious goodness man's apparent fall marked really the perceptions of moral distinctions and the dawning of moral freedom.

Even though this involved human error and the sad consequences of sin, the teaching of those who held this view is that man's freedom and his consciousness of the impulses toward goodness made progress possible. Such a conception will be found worked out in many books. One might mention particularly of John Fiske's portrayal of "Man's Rise From the Innocence of Brutehood."

Call It Allegory

Need we say much concerning the interpretation of this story of the

fall of man and the doctrine of the

beginning of sin?

Manifestly it is an allegory. If we had not been ob-

scured with undue liberalism and

false theories of verbal inspira-

tion in our reading of the Bible, we

should never have regarded it in

any other light.

Anywhere else in literature we

would immediately regard as an

allegory a story in which a serpent

spoke and acted as the serpent is

represented as acting in this record.

So also the very terminology, "the

tree of the knowledge of good and

evil," etc., brings us into the world

of selfishness and tyranny.

Where great men have not been

moved with the spirit of compassion

that inspired Christ, and that pure

unselfishness that made him mindful

only of the life of service and of de-

vote to his Father's will, they have

too often been almost fiends incar-

nate, who have scourged humanity

with the lashes of their ambition

and their greed for wealth and

power. Even where such men have

not been fiends incarnate, selfishness

and false ambitions have made them

powerful in anti-social and unjust

ways.

It is a great weakness of our age

that we do not always dare to face

sins as sins and call things by their

plain names. Just as present psy-

chology is helping in some measure

in the false emphasis that science

has sometimes given, and there is a

tendency to condone and explain

away as "complexes" the things that

our plain spoken forefathers knew

to be gross and vile sins.

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The writer was accounting for the

fact of sin in human life, and the

teaching of this narrative is that the

consciousness of sin arose with

the consciousness of disobedience.

That is exactly where sin arises today.

It is in the discovery of the true

laws of God and in obedience to

them that man finds life, just as it

is in the failure to discover these

laws, and in the failure to obey

them when discovered, that man

enters upon the path of sin that

leads to death.

Christian Endeavor Chorus. Mr. Kerlin preaches at 10:40 a. m. on the subject: "Godliness and Brotherly Kindness—How Are They Related?" Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor Service for Young People at 7 p. m.

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THE REV. THOMAS J. HART of the Barth Place Church announces the following services Sunday:

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YOUTH—Morning Service 10:45—

YOUTH and silent prayer.

ADULTS—Creed.

Prayer (people kneeling).

Scripture Reading.

Scripture Lesson.

Scripture Reading.

Offering.

Sermon—*"I Am Emmanuel."*

Song No. 135.

Benediction.

One minute silent prayer.

Boothe your church by helping by singing in the choir.

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THE REV. THOMAS J. HART, pastor of Barth Place Methodist Episcopal Church, will preach Sunday morning on the subject, "I go fishing." At the evening service he will preach on "The Salvation of Thomas." Inter-Easter-Pentecost subjects until Pentecost Sunday. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.

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AT THE RIVERSIDE PARK M. E. CHURCH the Women's Foreign Missionary Society will have charge of the morning service, the pastor, Rev. F. Prevo, will preach "Be Ye Thankful." At the evening service the Rev. C. H. Liningher of the Evangelical Double Quartet and the

Barlet at both services.

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THE ST. CECILIA PLAYERS will give Charles Lauck's play, "The Last Words," Sunday at 3 and 8:15 p. m. at the new St. Roch's Hall, 1111 N. Delaware St. The class will be held Sunday as follows: Sunday

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AT THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH the pastor, Rev. H. R. Waldo, will speak in the morning on "People of Glory" and at night on "Environment and Life." Chorus choir, and solo by Mrs. Francis Bartlet at both services.

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AT THE NORTH SIDE NAZARENE CHURCH services will be held Sunday as follows: Sunday

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