

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 is held 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, 1925.

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 nations in which they represent the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Social Session

"On Tuesday, May 4," 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 8, 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 at 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 conference 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

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.
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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 men 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 hold 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 the late John Fiske's portrayal of "Man's Rise From the Innocence of Brutehood."

Evidence of Degeneration

Over against this conception there is the opinion of those who, not denying the evidences of evolution, find that the evidence is equally strong for degeneration. They see a sad and terrible reality in sin which is too often neither merely the negation of good nor the error through which one discovers his mistake and improves upon his experience to come to higher things. They see in sin a damning, overwhelming, terrible, catastrophic

time to the general state of the church, besides listening to the reports from the bishops at home and abroad.

The board will also give much time to discussion of the world service commission and its program, which is of great interest and importance to the entire Methodist Episcopal Church. Some time also will be given to a discussion of the various benevolent, missionary, educational and social work of the church, including temperance, prohibition and public morals, and to general work of the church at home and abroad.

Since the general conference in May, 1924, four bishops have died, and memoirs of them will be read—Bishops Homer S. Stuntz, Omaha, Neb.; William A. Quayle, Baldwin, Kan.; George H. Bickley, Philadelphia, Pa., and China, and Thomas B. Neely, Philadelphia, Pa.

Bishop Frederick D. Leete of In-

power of evil that destroys the souls of men.

There is plenty of evidence in life that the fall of men was real enough and though the doctrine of total depravity may have been pushed to great extremes, the world in which we live reveals every day horrible evidences of the degradation to which man can descend.

Nor is this power of evil manifest merely in the poor, the weak, and the illiterate. We find men of intelligence and of great power of will who put their strength into ways 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 devotion to his Father's will, they have too often been almost fiends incarnate, 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 at present psychology 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.

Calls It Allegory

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

beginning of sin? Manifestly it is an allegory. If we had not been obsessed with undue literalism and with false theories of verbal inspiration 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 allegory.

The mistake, of course, is in imagining that a mythical or allegorical story may not be a very real statement of truth. One would not think of calling John Bunyan's "Pilgrim Progress" untrue because it is an allegory. On the contrary, it is a figurative and literary conception of the greatest of all truths. So here though we should do an injustice to it if we should fail to grasp its truth.

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.

dianapolis will attend this meeting of the board of bishops.

DR. FRANK S. C. WICKS of All Souls Unitarian Church announces the following order of service at 11 a. m. Sunday:

"Japanese Sunset".....Deepen
"Spring Flowers".....Gade
Hymn 334.....Mendelssohn
Benediction.
Communion.
"March of Priests".....Mendelssohn

MR. E. V. MUEHLERBUCH, the organist at Second Reformed Church, will give an organ recital Sunday evening at the time of the regular evening service, 7:15 p. m. He will be assisted by the choir and by Carl Schmidt, a violin soloist.

The following program will be presented:

"Marche Religieuse," Op. 15, No. 2.....Alex. Guilmant
"Spring Song".....Alfred Hollis
"Prelude and Fugue C. Bach".....H. J. S. Bach
Anthem, "Hark, Hark, My Soul".....Shelley
"Prelude".....Eduard Nagel
"Mendelssohn".....Joseph Hayden
Violin Solo by Carl Schmidt, with
"The Lost Chord".....Arthur Sullivan
"Andantino in D Flat".....Erwin H. Lemare
"Jubilant Deo".....Alfred Silver

"PRACTICAL ADVANTAGES OF BEING A CHRISTIAN" will be the

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.

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

Morning Service, 10:45—Hymn No. 1.
Apostle's Creed.
Prayer (people kneeling).
Special music.
Psalm for 15th Sunday morning.
Gloria Patri.
Lesson from N. T. Luke 24:13-35.
Hymn No. 631.
Communion—The Eucharist.
Hymn No. 180.
Credation.
One minute silent prayer.
Voluntary and silent prayer.
Song No. 28.
Scripture Lesson.
Offering.
Sermon—John Bunyan's "Pilgrim Progress"—Eight Days After.
Benediction.
One minute silent prayer.
Bless your church by singing in the choir.

THE REV. THOS. 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.

AT THE RIVERSIDE PARK M. E. CHURCH the Women's Foreign Missionary Society will have charge of the morning service, the pastor, E. P. Prevost, will preach on "Be Ye Thankful." At the evening service the Rev. C. H. Loring of the Speedway M. E. Church will preach.

AT THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH the pastor, the Rev. H. R. Waldo, will speak in the morning on "Vents of Glory" and at night on "Environments and Life." Chorus choir, an solos by Mrs. Francis Barlet at both services.

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.

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ROUNDING ROUND THEATERS

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Mr. Walker will have a company at the Grand Opera House, Cincinnati, again this season. The coming summer will mark the fifth Cincinnati summer season of the Stuart Walker company.

Alexander Dean, well known syn-

dicate writer and stage director, has been announced as the director of the Stuart Walker Company, which will begin its Indianapolis engagement at Keith's.

Stuart Walker, assisted by George Sommes, will stage the Cincinnati productions of the company. Charles Elrod will be the local director, while Charles Pat Wood will devise and create the settings in Cincinnati. Mr. Elrod, as many theatergoers will doubtless recall, was the art director for the Stuart Walker Company when it was at the Murat Theater three seasons ago.

"Applesauce," a comedy by Alan Dinehart, has been announced as the opening attraction of the Cincinnati company. The cast will include Marion Cackley, leading woman; Al-drich Bowler, Judith Lowry, Elizabeth Patterson, Katherine Francis, Ralph Glover and others.


School at 9:30: Mrs. C. W. Jay, preaching at 10:30; Young People's meeting at 6:30 and Miss E. W. Jay preaching at 7:30. A revival will begin at this church on April 25, with E. P. Cassidy of Lexington, Ky., in charge.

THE REV. ELMER JONES will preach at St. Paul M. E. Church Sunday morning on "The Uplift of Christianity" and at night on "The Vineyard." Vinson H. Manifold will address the men at 9:30 a. m. on "The Beginning of Sin."

Dr. Ernest N. Evans, secretary of the Church Federation, will speak at the First Friends Church at 10:45. His subject will be "The Ultimate Discovery." At the 5:30 vesper service Mrs. Elizabeth Furnas will speak on "The Peace Pact."

HUSBAND RETURNED
Rollie Metz of Indianapolis was returned late Friday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff John Sands from San Diego, Cal., where he was held as a fugitive. Metz was indicted by the grand jury for child desertion. He is held in the county jail under \$2,500 bond.

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