

METHODIST CENTENARY CONFERENCE CLOSED

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Although the prevalent epidemic reduced the attendance below what had been expected the District Training Conference of the Centenary Movement which closed Thursday night at the M. E. church in this city was full of inspiration for those who attended. Two-thirds of the ministers and a goodly number of lay delegates from different parts of eastern Oregon were present throughout the session.

Bishop Cooke found the altitude and rapid-fire program too much for his constitution and found it advisable to cancel the date at a late hour. This was a cause of deep regret to all.

Dr. H. H. Frost, pastor of First Church, North Dakota, opened the program as announced with a stereopticon lecture on the Home Missionary work of the church on Wednesday evening. During the afternoon of the same day the ministers held a district meeting and transacted routine business. Thursday forenoon and afternoon the Centenary training team composed of Dr. Herbert Johnson, Superintendent of Japanese missions on the Pacific coast, Dr. C. E. Powell, missionary on furlough from India, and Dr. A. M. Livingston, one of the field secretaries of the Centenary Commission, conducted a Centenary institute in which detailed instruction for the campaign was given. The Rev. John Chirgwin of Montana, conducted the devotional exercises and had charge of the literature. Dr. E. D. Standard of Huntington, and Mrs. I. R. Aldrich of La Grande, rendered special music.

The committee on resolutions expressed the sentiment of all the delegates in the following paragraph:

"Whereas the official board of the La Grande Methodist Episcopal church has opened their fine plant for our use during the present session and whereas the good people of the church and community have generously extended to us their hospitality, and whereas the centenary team has very ably presented to us the plan and methods of the great centenary movement, be it therefore resolved, that we the ministers of the La Grande district of the Idaho conference hereby express our thankful appreciation to each and all of these for what they have contributed toward making this a profitable and enjoyable occasion."

Signed: CLYDE L. WAKER, C. C. PRATT, E. O. CLAY, Committee.

The closing services were held last night, when Dr. Powell gave an inspiring talk on "Life Service." Interesting stereopticon views were freely used by the speaker to illustrate and illuminate his theme, the views placing before the eyes of those present evidence of the great work being carried on today in the foreign mission fields by Christian missionaries.

There was a great deal to think over in what he had to say about the needs of the Christian church for this work, and this was true in respect to Mexico, our sister nation to the south.

In Mexico, Dr. Powell said, the activities of our army have necessitated the expenditure of over \$200,000,000, while the Christian church has been able to secure only \$2,000,000 for its work there. Four out of five of the population of Mexico cannot read, and one-fifth of them have never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In South America, where there are 53,000,000 people, there are only one-fourth the number of preachers as present working in the state of Ohio. In the University of Buenos Aires, where five thousand students are enrolled, only four could be found who would express a belief in God.

Dr. Powell's experience in the foreign field has been in India, and he emphasized strongly the very great work that remains to be done there, where one missionary must care often for the spiritual needs of a quarter of a million people.

The amount of money wanted to further the foreign mission work for the next five years is \$40,000,000, and there is an even more pressing need for workers who will go out and make the expenditure of that money possible.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

A pleasant afternoon was spent by the Island City Sewing Circle at the home of Miss Carrie Hunter, Thursday. Christmas sewing and Red Cross work occupied the time of the fourteen members present.

The following young ladies were guests at the last meeting of the Monday club held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Richardson last Wednesday evening: Mary Newlin, Ethel Wright, Leona Newlin, Dorothy Meyer, Jeanette Stoddard, Friederike Schilke. Due to the influenza epidemic only the members of the club were present. The companions were Miss Hattie Atlinger and Miss Friederike Schilke. The Young Ladies' Auxiliary A. met at the home of Helch Carroy Thursday evening. The young ladies worked on Christmas sewing and Red Cross work.

Harris French received the following clipping from the Jacksonville, Florida Time-Union telling of

the marriage of one of La Grande's young men.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. O'Brien in Northwest Springfield was the scene of a pretty home wedding on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Miss O'Brien's sister, Miss Annie Strang, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Roy Green of La Grande, Ore., the wedding being witnessed by a few intimate friends of the young couple.

The impressive ceremony was performed by Rev. J. T. Boone, pastor of the First Christian church. A red, white and blue color motif was used in decorating the home for this occasion.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. C. R. Strang, and was attended by Miss Ellen Dennis as maid of honor.

Following the wedding an informal reception was held and the happy couple received the congratulations of their friends.

The bride, who is the daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hunter of Lem Turner Park, has many friends who will learn with interest of her marriage.

The bridegroom has been stationed at Camp Johnson about a year and has a wide circle of friends, who will congratulate him upon winning so charming a bride.

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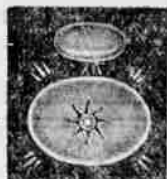
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