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#### COUNTY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN APRIL

Interchurch World Movement  
to Send Big "Team"  
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TO SHOW RESULTS OF SURVEYS

All Local Protestant Churches Co-operating in Movement Will Be Represented.

Early in April the Interchurch World Movement will hold its conference in this county. Representatives are now being selected by the local Protestant Churches of denominations associated with the movement, and from present reports the attendance at the conference will number well into the hundreds. In addition to the representatives selected by the churches, the conference will be open to all church members and friendly citizens who wish to attend.

The meeting place probably will be the county seat, and the attendance will be composed of the membership of the Protestant churches of the county.

The conferences will last one day only. During that day will be presented the whole program of the Interchurch World Movement for promoting cooperation in missionary and general church activities among the Protestant churches. Time will also be given to discussion of the local problems revealed by the Interchurch Movement's survey of religious conditions throughout the United States.

This county conference will be just one of the 2000-odd to be held throughout the United States on approximately the same dates.

No Sidestepping of Problems. It will be, it is said, a very exceptional county that does not bear some more or less unpalatable truths concerning unchurched areas, or wasteful competition, or underpaid and absent preachers. Not many counties, it is stated, are able to show an average ministerial salary higher than the average for the whole United States, which is \$237, while barely one-third of the entire Protestant population of the United States, according to estimates made by the Interchurch survey, has an opportunity for regular church attendance.

Besides a full consideration of local problems, the program at the county conference will present the outstanding results of the world-wide survey of religious, social and economic conditions made by the Interchurch Movement, the material for which has been gathered from every corner of the earth. Special emphasis will also be laid on the place of prayer in Christian life, the importance of assisting young people in the right choice of their life work and the duty of laying aside a

definite proportion of income for religious purposes. Lantern slides will be freely used to illustrate the various addresses.

The conference will be managed by local committees, and the various topics under discussion will be handled by a team of from five to eight men and women, recognized as church leaders in the county or state. This team, in addition to the local meetings, will be responsible for conducting the conferences in seven other counties.

Big Educational Campaign Prepared. This series of conferences represents only an intermediate stage in a great campaign of intensive education in practical Christianity preparatory to the united appeal for missionary funds and workers which will be held by the Protestant denominations co-operating in the Interchurch Movement between April 25 and May 2. The members of the team that will address the county conference were themselves trained as a "faculty" of specialists in the various aspects of the movement at a series of state and pastors' conferences. Similarly, those who attend the county conference will in turn form a "faculty" for interpreting the message of the Interchurch Movement to their local churches.

Thus it is expected that before April 20 the ideal of church co-operation advocated by the Interchurch World Movement, in place of church competition, and the program of evangelization that goes with it, will be familiar to every one of the fifty million Protestants in the United States.

#### EXTENSIVE SLIDE EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN CONFERENCE

Interchurch World officers having in charge the conference which will be held in this county early in April declare the local church workers exceptionally fortunate, as the stereopticon slides and other apparatus used in the State Pastors' Conference in Oregon have been left for use in the county conference. The slides in particular are said to be exceptionally interesting, covering very completely the results of the world-wide survey made by the Interchurch World Movement, as well as illustrating conditions throughout the United States.

Slides to illustrate hymns which were used in the State Pastors' Conference by the New York "team" also have been left for use of the county conference. All in all, it is said that the equipment afforded for this county will equal that used at any of the state conferences. An experienced operator with high-grade lantern equipment will accompany the team.

#### NO SCHOOLS FOR CHINESE.

There are at least 60,000,000 young people of school age in China for whom there are at present no educational facilities at all. Included in the program of the Interchurch World Movement which will be explained at the conference to be held in this county early in April are five universities in China each involving the cooperation of from four to six denominations.

#### PROTESTANT PASTORS IN NEED OF RELIEF

Survey By Interchurch World  
Movement Reveals Pul-  
pit's Poverty.

\$1242 IS HIGH AVERAGE SALARY

Local County Conference in April Will  
Show Necessity for Clinics and  
Homes for Aged and Infirm.

A large portion of the funds to be raised in the United Simultaneous Campaign of the Protestant denominations associated with the Interchurch World Movement will be used for American Ministerial support and relief. It is greatly needed, according to leaders of the Interchurch Movement, who early in April are to hold the conference in this county.

As a result of the campaign now being made by the Interchurch World Movement the combined Protestant churches of America will provide many more hospitals, clinics and homes for the aged and infirm. An interesting feature of these Protestant hospitals will be free treatment for ministers, as recent surveys made by the Interchurch organization have made the need for special dispensations very obvious.

The following startling facts were divulged as to the average salaries in the various denominations. Starting with the highest, the average for Episcopal ministers is \$1,242; the average for Presbyterian (North), \$1,177; for the United Presbyterians, \$1,096; for the Reformed Church (Dutch), \$1,170; for the Methodist Episcopal (North), \$1,176; Congregational, \$1,042; and for the Baptists (Northern), \$950.

With government experts announcing that \$1,500 is the lowest salary upon which a family can be decently maintained and suggesting budgets for none lower, ministers have a discouraging outlook. Such things as hospital bills are almost impossible to meet, and yet every normal family has some illness in its midst every year. Accordingly the Interchurch Movement, while on its way to obtain higher averages in salaries, will assist by providing free care in its institutions.

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