

CHRISTIANITY LOOKED ON TO STEM ANARCHY

Methodist Centenary Campaign Aimed at Bolshevism.

ORGANIZATION MADE READY

Dr. Christian F. Reinsner, Executive Chairman of Minute-Men, Outlines Plans for Action.

Bolshevism is the greatest after-the-war menace which faces the nations of the world today, and in order to stamp it out, stringent methods must be adopted. A world-wide campaign of Christianity must be prosecuted. The man power and money power of the American nation must be mobilized. A hard fight is ahead, but success will crown the efforts of those leaders of the Methodist church if during the next five years the world-wide programme of Christianizing the world is carried out as it has been started.

These are the primal thoughts of Dr. Christian F. Reinsner, executive chairman of the Methodist minute-men, who is one Methodist clergyman, bringing the message of the Methodist centenary to the people of the Pacific northwest. "A sign displayed on the Union League club, New York, soon after the armistice was signed read, 'Democracy is safe in the world,'" said Dr. Reinsner. "That is not true. Democracy is entirely too smug in their satisfied security in these critical days. Most Americans conclude that since the Germans have been whipped and are threatening the world. They forget that every government in Europe has either been upset or rendered unstable or insecure.

Arms Not Sufficient.

"Bolshevism is not the wild effort of a brood of great masses for ideal brotherhood. True, they are deluded, wild and poorly led. It is therefore full of threatening danger. It cannot be defeated alone by force of arms. It must be met by a more practical ideal and a more feasible form of government. Most European countries are already unfit for an immediate setting up of a government like ours in America. "No ruler, statesman or leader in history has faced a task as great as President Wilson. If we are sincere in declaring that democracy is to be established in the world, then we must be sane enough and full enough of sacrifice to bring that about. Otherwise we are not worthy of the boys who gave their lives to upset tyranny.

"The Methodist centenary was organized during the war for the purpose of proclaiming the doctrine of Christianity through the medium of hospitals, colleges, industrial plants and churches in every country in the world. The leader, Dr. S. W. Taylor, having refused \$50,000 a year for his position at one-tenth the salary. He first gathered the representatives of all Protestant denominations and proposed that they all unite to retain his position and financial campaign; but they refused. Dr. Taylor then announced his determination to work out the plan for the Methodist church alone. He then gathered a group of laymen at Niagara Falls. Among them were many leaders in business and industry who approved the plan. He then secured the approval of the board of foreign missions and board of home missions. He then secured the approval of the Methodist church, and they joined the movement and set their goal at \$25,000,000. The Canadian Methodist church was then invited to cooperate and gladly joined forces, adding \$10,000,000. The three branches of Methodism have a constituency of 20,000,000 members and will raise a total fund of \$35,000,000.

Many Persons Employed.

"Twenty centenary offices were opened up in various parts of the United States and they divided so that each office was the headquarters for a section. Each section is divided into districts and groups and the local church into units of 30. Nearly 1000 persons are employed in the various offices in the United States in working out effectively the plans for the movement.

"Four million members of the Methodist church will be fully drilled and informed in preparation for the financial drive, which will come some time in the latter part of April. The leaders are insisting that the subscription side of the campaign is essential. They believe that the effort to awaken the church, which will lead to subscriptions, will create a religious army that will help set up the kingdom of brotherhood in all the world.

"The centenary proposes to go to every community and enable the church to put on a community service programme. They will give money where needed to aid in erecting social service houses. They are already looking for 1000 social service directors and will pay part of the salary for many churches that will arrange to employ such workers. Specialists are already being trained by the centenary organization, who will work with various foreign groups, using skilled methods to reach them, until the Americanizing gospel works transformation among them in scores of places in the United States. In short, the Methodist centenary proposes to make the church of America modern as a community servant."

WORLD CONQUEST IS AIM

(Continued From First Page.) lined by survey now being made by a commission in France, Belgium, Italy, Bulgaria, Russia and other devastated countries where the Methodist churches have worked," said Dr. Doughty. "No one knows just what the budget of this work will amount to, but at present \$2,500,000 is being set aside for that purpose.

"This reconstruction programme will furnish an inspiring opportunity to win and hold men who have won the war, and will provide for Methodist work in rebuilding the world. Therefore it is essential that we start at once in this great financial drive. It is essential that we all pull together for the success of the entire centenary movement to make Methodism felt throughout the world."

The crowded church auditorium last evening showed an intense interest in the stereopticon address of Dr. Sumner Vinton, head of the foreign survey work. He gave an intimate description of the work which for years past has faced the missionaries in foreign lands and his colored slides gave his audience an opportunity to see at first hand much of the work being accomplished by these church workers.

Intelligence Most Needed.

"Democracy is impossible without intelligence," said Dr. Vinton. "Methodist missionaries are making every effort to overcome illiteracy and ignorance throughout the world. In China the government has abandoned the ancient system of examinations and is

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trying to establish a system of public schools for which 1,000,000 teachers are needed. The mission schools have rendered great help in furnishing them. "Missionary education is always adapted to the needs of the people of each country. In Africa, where civilization must be built from the foundation up, it takes the form of industrial and agricultural training. The work of the missionary in the field throughout the world is the greatest foundation for world democracy that has ever taken place. The work of the medical missionary is one of the greatest parts of the world programme work for the conservation of human life."

Young People Available.

"That many of the young people of the Portland area will be enlisted in the life service work of the world-conference programme is the belief of Dr. G. C. Franklin Ream, who is leading this feature of the centenary movement. "We are calling for 55,000 young people to dedicate their lives to all forms of Christian service," he said. "We must find 1850 young men to enter the ministry. At the present time there are an annual mortality of 5 per cent. To provide for this and to take care of expansion we must recruit 10 per cent, but the actual recruiting at the present time is only 3 1/2 per cent. Our work in the foreign missionary fields demands 1250 workers. One-fourth of them must be found within the next three months.

Vast Army Is Necessary.

"The work of our cities, rural sections and the American frontier must have 1400 workers. Special types of work promoted by women must have another 1000. Special forms of Christian work such as directorships of religious education, church secretaryship, and others, demand 1200. Besides all this we must raise up an army of local church experts to the number of 40,000. "There are plenty of Methodist young people in the country. We have more than 500,000 who are between the ages of 17 and 23 years. Fifty thousand of them are in Methodist educational institutions. We must put on an adequate programme. In the local church it calls for the creation of a favorable atmosphere in the church. We have more than 1000 churches that are willing to dedicate their children.

"The task which the centenary places before the church is stupendous. The church must rise to the supreme demand made upon its spiritual resources. Not only is money needed to go on with the work of the centenary, but we must have trained assistants in every line to accomplish the purpose of the centenary."

Prayer Too Lightly Estimated.

"The value of prayer cannot be lightly estimated," declared Dr. W. E. Doughty, one of the closing speakers at the Portland conference.

"Prayer is the decisive human factor in the battle for the mastery of the world," he challenged. "Many illustrations might be given of how prayer was the turning point in many a great battle. The old and new testaments are full of illustrations of this fact. The centenary is a challenge to the whole church to inaugurate a new era of spiritual vision and power. This will be impossible unless the church is summoned to prayer and with fresh consecration and vision undertakes its task."

Just what the centenary movement means to the young people in the Sunday school was explained vividly by Dr. M. J. Tenery, representative of the Sunday school work of the Methodist church.

"One objective of the centenary movement is the training of our young people in the service and to the conception of life as a trust to be held in keeping for the larger service in the uplift of the world, he said. "Every young life is a veritable storehouse of dynamic force itself. The business of the church is to develop that and release it for its programme of service. In other words, it is to utilize all of the power of the soul and the body. The centenary is calling for 55,000 consecrated men and women to put over its world programme. If 20 years from now we shall be prepared to meet the increased demand that shall be made upon us for men and women to carry out the world programme, we must in this day of our opportunity furnish resources for the training of these young people along the lines of service."

At the close of the night meeting last evening many of the visiting ministers left Portland for various points in the northwest, where they will make individual appeals on behalf of the centenary movement at church services tomorrow. On Monday they will meet again at Seattle, where another two-day conference will be held similar to the one which was brought to a close last night in Portland.

Those who attended the various meetings yesterday and Friday were

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