ADDRESS ON IDEALS

World Message Sent Out by Board of Bishops.

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Church Committed to Principle of Vew Internationalism and Real, Effective League of Nations.

BY R. H. BUGHES.

METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE. Des Moines, Ia. May 4.—(Special.)—The cosmopolitan and demogratic character of the membership of a Methodist general conference can be seen by a brief study of the 850 delegates. There are 425 ministers, 190 of whom come from the district superintendency. 135 are pasiors of churches and 100 are ministers in war on Liquor to Continue.

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Europe sends 24 delegates and Asia as 42. There are two from Africa. four from South America and two from Mexico. Then 40 of the dele-gates represent the non-English-speaking Methodist conferences in this country, German, Norwegian, Danish and Swedish. The negroes number 77 two of whom come from number 77, two of whom come from Liberia, the others come from the United States.

Many Nations Represented.

It is interesting to note that a very much larger proportion of the delegates from the foreign field are natives than ever before. In the past the missionaries have been the representatives of these peoples at the

dents and sent a negro delegate as one of the six ministers representing it at Des Moines. That is going a long ways toward breaking down class and color distinctions which should never exist in a Christian world brotherhood.

After affirming that the church must be a steadying power, a guiding force, a mediating, regenerating, spiritualizing, saving power, in this day of social and industrial unrest, the bishop put in fine language the attitude of the Christian church on these matters which are perplexing

Bishops Address Great Message.

took Bishop McDowell to read. Almost at the beginning he said:

There comes a day when the supreme legislative body of a church must give liself to higher tasks than formal legislation, or the making of the letter of laws; when it must attend to ideals even more than to enactments. This seems to us such a day. At the opening of our session we are chiefly conscious of the living, interested, wondering Christ. His concerns are supreme, his plans imperative, his auxiety for the world hearthreaking. How far can he rely upon us? What can be expect from us this month? what can be used in our existing laws, makes no changes at all in our book of discipline, but at the same time does make a challenging programme and an inspiring declaration on living issues, does thrill our membership with motive, vision and purpose, it will pass into history as one of the supreme councils of the church of Christ held in any century. Some one has defined genius "as the art of living with the major issues of life." On this basis Jesus was the world's suprome genius. Our business here, if the genius of Methodism is in harmony with the genius of our master, is with major issues, the things at the heart of the world's need and in the center of God's will.

Church Democracy Renffirmed.

Church Democracy Reaffirmed. There has been considerable talk about the autocracy of the Methodist church and within the church during the past few years there has been a strong resentment against what many have been free to term a growing great boards of Methodism. The words spirit of autocracy in some of the of the address in its reference to demucracy in the church found a response which was expressed in pro-

longed cheering when the following Let us reaffirm that the church must be truly democratic in itself, in its parts, in i

body and to no other, under our shiding law. Here in a real and representative sense our whole church sits. This body would speedily ruin the church if it surrendered even for a period to any creature of the body, any subsidiary part of the church, that strict amenability which, in the nature of our church, as a whole, can lodge only here. And let us work with one heart together, not looking for perfection or infallibility in individual or board, nor even in the fluent critics of both.

Duty to Youth Emphasized. An eloquent passage is on the duty of the church toward the youth of the world. Though these young people have little or no interest in the general conference, yet much of the legislation should be in the interest of the growing generations, because

War on Liquor to Continue. The section of the Episcopal ad-dress which refers to the social and economic conditions deals with the liquor question, social welfare and the relation of the church to economic and industrial conditions. Regarding the temperance victory it says in

We have no intention of yielding any part of the victory we have gained in the long years of struggle. We do not propose to compromise now with mild forms of intosicants. Our faces are set as flint against every proposal to render temperance laws, and especially the 18th amendment, ineffective, or null and void by subterfuge legislation or compromise enactments. Evasion of laws regularly enacted leads to anarchy and disregard of law. Lynching and other crimes follow the evasion of the 18th amendment. Anarchy will follow the evasion of the 18th amendment. The liquor traiffic has always been in criminal attitude to laws. It now adds to its criminal attitude a hypocritical whine and shameless effort at evasion and compromise. The Methodist Episcopal church puls upon its banners in letters that can be read across the world: "No compromise now and no nui-liffication anywhere."

resentatives of these peoples at the general conference, but this year the body consists of Mexicans. Swiss. Chileans, Chinese Coreans, Hindus, Argentines, Italians, Filipinos, Germans, Swedes, Finns, Danes, Liberians and Norwegians.

Then when we think of the vocations represented we discover that practically every line from United States senator and supreme court judge down—or up—to that of the ever-dependable farmer, is represented, and everything from the hishopric, secretary and college president to the most humble pastorate is represented. Truly it is a cosmopolitan and democratic gathering. One of the most aristocratic eastern conferences, the New York, has even broken all previous records and precedents and sent a negro delegate as one of the six migrature representation.

these matters which are perplexing the world in these words:

The Episcopal address on Sunday afternoon really marked the beginning of the conference. The formal organization on Saturday was merely getting the machinery in readiness for the "grind" which will last 20 or 30 days. This address will probably stand out as one of the greatest in the history of the church. The writer and the reader was Rev. Bishop William Frasier McDowell, D. D. LL. D. of Washington, D. C. and while he did most of the work of preparing the address. all the bishops had made gone over it several times and it does in fact represent the mind and thought of the whole board of bishops and goes out to the church and to

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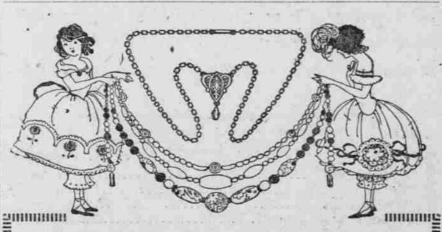
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ALLEGED POLITICAL TEACH- Labor also was taught.

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