

DR. KANTNER TELLS STORY OF TER-CENTENARY COUNCIL

Men of Note From World Over Heard When Landing of Pilgrims Is Celebrated—Historic Places Visited by Salem Minister

By DR. W. C. KANTNER
In order to properly celebrate the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower pilgrims, the Congregationalists of the world decided to meet in what they chose to call a ter-centenary council, and as Boston seemed adapted for the purpose it was chosen as the council city. It was held

total number of delegates was 3208. Of these no less than 200 were from abroad, Great Britain and Ireland sending 196. From far off Australasia came 12. China, Japan, India, south Africa, South America and even Spain were all represented.
Among the great leaders from Great Britain were such men as Dr. J. D. Jones, Dr. R. F. Horton, Rev. J. Morgan Gibbons and President Garvie of New College, London. Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Arthur Collins and Sir Robert Falconer. Representative Americans of our own and other denominations also had their places on the program, among them Dr. Gordon of New Old South church, President King of Oberlin, Bishop Fisher of the Methodist church, Jane Addams of Hull House, and President Mary E. Wooley of Mt. Holyoke college.

Great subjects were discussed by "great hearts" of the world. One of the most eloquent, impassioned addresses was that by Raymond Robins discussing the social order.
The council had the unique experience of receiving a message from Lloyd George and another from the lord mayor of London. Mechanic's hall and the New Old South church were the chief meeting places of the council but for the council sermon we gathered in Tremont temple. Rev. J. D. Jones of England was the preacher and the sermon was worthy of the occasion. After the sermon Holy Communion was celebrated, about 2500 participating in the service.
To one visiting Boston for the first time the points of historic interest naturally challenged at-

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tion, and so many of us were found visiting the "Old Granary burying ground" where John Hancock, Samuel Adams, Paul Revere, Peter Faneuil and others associated with the early history of our country lie buried. Here also I saw the grave of "Mother Goose" whose verses delight the heart of childhood. The "King's Chapel" cemetery is also full of interest as here many of the early governors of the colony are buried as well as at least one of those prominent in the Boston tea party episode.
I shall never forget my visit to Paul Revere's house guided by two little Italians who recited "Paul Revere's Ride" for my edification.

But in many respects the climax of the conference was reached in a visit by at least 100 delegates to Plymouth where in 1620 the Pilgrims landed. We saw the famous Plymouth rock and laid our hands where once the feet of the Mayflower company stood; we drank from Elder Brewster's spring, whose waters are as fresh and invigorating as they were three centuries ago; we visited Plymouth museum where are found many things of interest associated with the Pilgrims, Miles Standish's sword and John Alden's Bible being among them.

On Cole's hill just above Plymouth Rock we gathered to listen to addresses appropriate to the occasion. We were on holy ground for where we stood were buried those who died in such numbers the first winter, the exact location of whose burial place was practically lost until 1833, because evildoers had removed the stones. The Indians might not learn of their depleted numbers.

The visit to Burial hill, and the monument erected by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in honor of the Pilgrims were also worth while to such as had never seen Plymouth before. One Englishman in writing of this visit to Plymouth declares:

"Plymouth rock sent a quiver through every one of us. It lies there a symbol of a people's upsurging craving for the liberty by which Christ makes us free."

At Bunker Hill the writer had the unique opportunity of witnessing "The Battle of Bunker Hill" for right there under the shadow of the monument I saw four Boston boys engaged in a battle in behalf of the rights of one.

All in all, there has been nothing like this range of experiences in all my previous life. The council, with its attendant privileges, I count among the greatest things in my life history. One of the sad things to report is that just after the adjournment of the council, Dr. Herring, our national council secretary, who had much to do with the planning of this council, was drowned in the surf off Martha's Vineyard.

At the close of the council, I went by way of Philadelphia to my native town to visit my surviving brothers and sisters. While there I was invited to visit one of my former parishes, where the whole town united in a union service in one church in the morning and in another in the evening while the former pastor preached the gospel to them.

At Ephrata, Penn., I visited a cloister of the Reverend Day B. B. B. established in 1730, their leader during the revolutionary war was an intimate friend of George Washington, and here his wounded soldiers were cared for after the battle of Brandywine. Here was formed the first Sunday school, 49 years before the Robert Raikes school. The Switch-back at Mauch Chunk and a trip to Mt. Rainier with its paradise valley and its glaciers were included in the itinerary.

SCHOOL COURSE SHOWS CHANGES

Revised Curriculum Completed and Sent Out by J. A. Churchill

J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, has completed a revision of the state course of study for the elementary grades, and the course is now being sent to all the county superintendents. The courses in civil government, language and geography have been entirely re-written while the courses in all other essential subjects have been revised.

"That the future citizen may love his country and serve it intelligently civics is very definitely outlined by grades beginning with the home in the first grade and passing by easy gradation in the other grades through the student's relations to the neighborhood, the city, the state and the nation," said Mr. Churchill.

"Since the adopted texts in geography in 1919 contained objectionable subject matter and maps giving inaccurate boundaries of European countries, the old text was used last year. The two book series of the Tarr & McMurray has been revised and will be used in the schools this year. The task of the pupil in the first four years of the course in geography is largely one of acquiring facts and general information, such as will be used for back ground purposes in the upper grades. The fifth, sixth and seventh grades study specific rather than general things under a plan involving the project method.

"The course in language is based on the recommendations of the council of English of the Inland Empire Teachers' association and aims to develop correct oral and written expression. For the purpose of arousing interest, there has been placed, following each subject, a list of essential library reference books for pupils and teachers. The books are especially important for the subjects taught without textbooks, and afford stimulating and interesting supplementary work for all subjects."

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MR. BUCHEL SMELLS MOUSE

Commissioner Believes Railroad Trying to Tie String to Concession

While the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad company reluctantly agrees to a reduction of 10 cents per ton in the freight rate on shipments of road building materials consigned to the state, to counties or other municipalities, Fred G. Buchtel, chairman of the public service commission to Plymouth where in 1620 the Pilgrims landed. We saw the famous Plymouth rock and laid our hands where once the feet of the Mayflower company stood; we drank from Elder Brewster's spring, whose waters are as fresh and invigorating as they were three centuries ago; we visited Plymouth museum where are found many things of interest associated with the Pilgrims, Miles Standish's sword and John Alden's Bible being among them.

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Timber Fires in Polk Extinguished by Rain

Two Problems, Says Buchtel. "As the commission views the matter, two problems have been presented, one as to whether or not the carriers will concede the reduction of 10 cents per ton on road building material, as requested; the other as to the reasonableness of the commercial rates. This is to advise that the commission will give the matter expedite consideration and take such action as we believe warranted."

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