

### \$50.00 Liberty Bond Offered Essasiests.

A \$50 Liberty bond will be awarded by the Joint Centenary committee of the Methodist Episcopal church to the best essay written by any grade, high school or Sunday school pupil in the northwest on "The Methodist Centenary—What It is and What it Will Do." Age will be taken into consideration.

The contest ends June 1 and all essays should be mailed prior to that date to the Joint Centenary Committee, 409 Platt Building, Portland, Oregon.

The Methodist Centenary is the manner in which Methodism is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Christian missions in America. As part of the centenary plans, there is being raised a campaign fund of \$105,000,000, which will be spent on a gigantic programme of rebuilding the world. Of this sum \$40,000,000 will be spent on educating and Christianizing foreign lands, \$40,000,000 on the home mission field, consisting of a common-sense programme of city and country community churches, and \$25,000,000 on direct war reconstruction work. Of this latter

sum, \$3,000,000 has already been expended by the dispatch of a missionary ship to Europe, loaded with plows and tractors, seeds and tools for cultivation, portable houses and motion picture machines and lots of other things not usually thought part of missionary paraphernalia.

Information concerning the Methodist centenary and the essay campaign may be obtained from the superintendent of the nearest Methodist Sunday school, to whom would be essayists are urged to apply for information.

"The Methodist centenary is such a remarkable demonstration of 20th century religious enterprise that I think it is something that every home should be acquainted with," said Dr. Charles A. Bowen, executive secretary for the northwest for the centenary movement.

L. P. Davidson, extensive farmer and stockman of Ione was in Heppner the first of the week, attending court. Mr. Davidson had an appeal case up before the circuit court from the commissioners court, wherein he was claiming damages from the county on account of a road passing through his place in the Gooseberry section. The jury hearing the case awarded Mr Davidson the sum of \$1400.

### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS URGED ON CONGRESS

Towner Has Bill to Promote Americanization of Aliens and Obliteration of Illiteracy.

Washington, May 20.—The formation of a new department of education and a seat for the head of it in the President's cabinet is provided for in a bill which will be introduced in the House immediately after the opening of the special session by Representative Horace Towner, of Iowa, a member of the committee on education.

It is the aim of Towner and many of his Republican colleagues to coordinate all of the educational work now done by other bureaus of the government in various executive departments into one central agency for giving a new impetus to the education of all the people. One of the most important parts of his plan which has been urged by the American Federation of Labor and the American Educational Association would be that for the removal of illiteracy: Such instruction, the bill provides, shall deal with the common school branches and the duties of citizenship, and when advisable shall prepare for some definite occupation.

In order to encourage the States in promotion and support of education an appropriation is made of \$100,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921. Three-fourths of this is given the States for the instruction of illiterates of ten years of age and over. The latter sum will be appropriated to the States in the proportions which their respective illiterate populations bear to the total illiterate populations of the United States, not including outlying possessions.

Three-fourths of the total sum is to be used to teach immigrants ten years of age and over to speak and read the English language and to understand and appreciate the spirit and purpose of the American government and the duties of citizenship in a free country. This sum also will be appropriated to the States in the proportions which their respective foreign-born populations bear to the total foreign-born population of the United States.

In order to encourage the States to equalize educational opportunities \$50,000,000 will be used for public, elementary and secondary schools for the partial payment of teachers' salaries, for providing better instruction and extending school terms, especially in rural schools and schools in sparsely settled localities, and for the extension and adaptation of public libraries for educational purposes. This sum will be appropriated to the several States in proportion to the number of children between the ages of 6 and 21 bear to the total and in proportion to the number of school teachers to the total throughout the country.

Bert Bleakman, of Hardman, was down to Heppner Saturday. Calling at this office, Mr. Bleakman requested that the G-T, come to his home for the ensuing year, and he made deposit of the necessary amount to enjoy this privilege.



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### COUNTRY TO GET \$11,000,000 FROM M. E. CENTENARY

Methodists. Contemplate Big Programme World Over.

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Denomination Gets New Conception of Church Services—Farm Experts to Be Preachers in Every Rural Center in Country.

Saving children from infantile paralysis, hogs from hog cholera and crops from insect pests are "church services."

So the new church, the regenerated church of the reconstruction period, understands "service" in the rural districts of America.

The old-time "country parson" is passing.

In his stead comes the man who knows what to do not only with a Bible and a hymn book, but with a potato bug, a family quarrel, a bad road and a shortage of seed corn.

The church as a factor in the social, political and economic life of the rural district; religion as practical as well as spiritual service, are not experiments. The new church and the new pastor have proved themselves and found themselves at the same time.

**Pastor Finds Hog Cholera.**  
Take the story of Lakeville, Holmes county, Ohio.

Fresh from his theological studies, Charles M. McConnell went to Lakeville five years ago as pastor of the Methodist church there.

McConnell was sent to Lakeville because the Methodist board of Sunday schools chose it as the least promising "charge" they could find. And the board wanted to experiment.

The new pastor found a moribund church and an epidemic of hog cholera. McConnell preached dynamic sermons. But he did not neglect to send to the State University for cholera serum.

**Movies Shown in Church.**  
Two members of the church met some days later, and conversation veered to the pastor. One was dubious about his theology.

"I don't know about his theology," said the other, "but I do know that he saved my hogs. I'm for him."

An old church building was for sale at Killbuck, 22 miles away. McConnell bought it in at auction for \$448, hauled it to Lakeville, and in December it was dedicated as the Lakeville Memorial Hall, to the boys who went

### METHODIST CENTENARY RURAL CHURCH PROGRAM

Expenditure of \$11,000,000. Establishment of effective training schools for rural church leadership.

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This is how the Methodist church proposes to rehabilitate rural churches in this gigantic five-year Centenary program.

into service. This was the first rural memorial hall dedicated anywhere in the United States.

In the hall is a standard motion picture outfit. McConnell and two of his members bought it, projector, seats and all, for \$1,100, on their own responsibility. Pictures are shown every Saturday night.

\$11,000,000 on Country.  
The farmers were losing money through ignorance of modern agricultural methods. McConnell arranged with the State University for a series of farmers' institutes.

The institutes were held in the church. Better orchards, better cattle, better crops were the result.

Through the country are the ruins of abandoned rural churches. The Lakeville church flourishes. But rural churches can not retain McConnells at existing rural church salaries. That is the Gordian knot which the Centenary program for American rural communities is planned to cut.

In the next five years nearly \$11,000,000 of the \$105,000,000 funds provided for in the world reconstruction program of the Methodist Centenary will be spent to put such a man in every rural center in the country. In the Portland area of the Methodist Missionary Centenary (western Oregon, Washington and northern Idaho) \$1,324,000 will be spent by the Centenary out of the total of \$2,600,000 asked by the Centenary for its world reconstruction programme.

### GRIFFITH TO PRODUCE METHODIST PHOTO-PLAY

David Wark Griffith, the world-famous motion picture director who produced "The Birth of a Nation," "Intolerance," and "Hearts of the World," and the man who trained Mary Pickford, Dorothy and Lillian Gish, Blanche Sweet and many another star of the screen, is to make a picture play for the Methodist Centenary.

As a tribute to the memory of his mother, who was a Methodist, Mr. Griffith will direct and take a full set of motion pictures of the celebration next July of the \$105,000,000 Methodist Centenary at Columbus, Ohio. These pictures he will present to Methodism.

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