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**AN IMPORTANT EVENT IN AMERICAN METHODISM**

Cincinnati, Ohio, 420 Plum Street, Nov. 24, 1916.

Dear Sir,—Knowing the interest of many of your readers in the affairs of the Methodist Episcopal Church, we are enclosing a brief statement concerning the dedication of the new Methodist Book Concern Building in Cincinnati, Nov. 28, 1916. The fact that this great publishing house devotes its earnings to the support of aged and retired ministers gives to its work a universal appeal. Such use as you may be able to make of the item will be appreciated by every Methodist reader of your paper as well as by ourselves.

Cordially yours,  
 R. W. KEELER,  
 Chairman Publicity Com.

**AN IMPORTANT EVENT IN AMERICAN METHODISM.**

Cincinnati, November 28: A "red-letter" day in American Methodist Episcopal circles is being celebrated in Cincinnati by the dedication by church officials and employees of a new six-story, ferro-concrete modern home for the Methodist Book Concern. The exercises were participated in by representatives of all departments of the Concern and general church life, the oldest active employee, Wm. Vosmer, the House carpenter, with 55 years of service, and Bishop Earl S. Cranston, until May last the senior active bishop of the church, Publish Agent here from 1884 to 1898, simplifying the range of participants. The formal presentation of the building was made by Mr. Edward E. Shipley, a prominent insurance man, a member of the Book Committee of twenty-five ministers and laymen, a board of active directors, who direct this great church interest without compensation. A feature of the program was the singing of a chorus of seventy employees from all departments of the plant, trained and led by an employee, Mr. Oscar Schansen. During the exercises two American flags were presented by the employees to Dr. John H. Race, Publishing Agent resident at Cincinnati, one to fly over the building, the other stand beside the pulpit in the chapel. Luncheon and inspection of the new building followed the formal program. Inter-departmental celebrations were held by the employees, and the formal opening of the chapel for "Preachers' Meetings" was observed throughout Monday. The Methodist Book Concern carries over \$1,000,000 insurance of the lives of its employees made out to beneficiaries named by the insured.

The Methodist Book Concern was founded August 17, 1878, at 43 Fourth Street, Philadelphia, on a capital of \$600, by John Dickens, when Methodism had but 58,000 members. For his services Mr. Dickens was allowed annually \$200 for dwelling house and book-room, \$80 for a boy, \$53.33 for firewood, \$23 to clothe and feed himself, his wife and children—the magnificent sum of \$663.33 in all. In 1804 the business was moved to New York, where it began business in one room on Gold Street. The first official Methodist Church paper, The Christian Advocate, now in its ninety-first year, was started in 1826. The Methodist Book Room in Cincinnati was started by the Rev. Martin Reuter in a room 15 x 20 feet, at Elm and Fifth Streets. Not even a boy was provided as helper here. It is on such a foundation that the great business of serving the constituency of Methodism with weekly Advocates, Sunday-school publications, and Christian literature was established. At the present time the Methodist Book Concern has in addition to its main Houses at New York and Cincinnati, depositories at Chicago, Pittsburg, San Francisco, Kansas City (Missouri), Detroit, and Boston, the real estate value of which is nearly \$2,000,000. And its profits, distributed to the aged and retired ministers of the church, for the past four years were over \$1,000,000. Methodism through its Book Concern has furnished a literature of substantial and permanent value, symmetrical and well balanced, a literature for the people. It has thus rendered great service to completeness of church organization and work, has aided in giving uniformity to the tone, spirit, polity, and teaching of the church, has made possible the great modern advance in the newer methods and material of modern Sunday-school teaching.

The following list of the Book Committee of the Methodist Book Concern, elected at the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Saratoga Springs, May, 1916, may contain a name of local interest and is therefore attached. Those marked with a \* were present at the dedication and participated in the program: **Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.**  
 Rev. G. C. Douglass, D.D., Saratoga Springs, New York; Rev. John Handley, Camden, New Jersey; Mr. William A. Notman, Buffalo, New York; \* Rev. William F. Conner, D.D., Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Rev. R. T. Stevenson, D.D., Delaware, Ohio; Mr. John W. Fisher, Newport, Tennessee; Mr. M. S. Davage, Sedalia, Missouri; Mr. J. Luther Taylor, Pittsburg, Kansas; Mr. H. M. Havner, Marengo, Iowa; Rev. Joe Bell, D.D., Galesburg, Illinois; Mr. A. L. Parker, Detroit, Michigan; Mr. J. S. Ullard, Fergus Falls, Minnesota; \* Mr. C. A. J. Walker, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. Rolla V. Watt, San Francisco, California; Rev. Charles C. Rarick, D.D., Portland, Oregon.

**Local Book Committee at New York.**  
 Mr. Silas Peirce, Boston, Massachusetts; Mr. J. W. Pearsall, Ridgewood, New Jersey; Rev. James E. Holmes, D.D., Brooklyn, New York; \* Rev. E. S. Tipple, D.D., Madison, New Jersey; Mr. Frank A. Horne, New York, N.Y.  
**Local Book Committee at Cincinnati.**  
 \* Mr. Edward E. Shipley, Cincinnati, Ohio; \* Mr. D. R. Anderson, Ravenswood, Illinois; \* Rev. Herbert Scott, D.D., Zanesville, Ohio; \* Rev. C. M. Van Pelt, D.D., Delaware, Ohio; \* Mr. Jesse R. Clark, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The direct work of the Methodist Book Concern is carried on by three salaried officers, elected for a term of four years by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The present publishing agents are:

Dr. H. C. Jennings, General Publishing Agents, Chicago;  
 Dr. John H. Race, Publishing Agent resident at Cincinnati;  
 Dr. Edwin R. Graham, Publishing Agent resident at New York;  
 Dr. George P. Mains, Harrisburg, Pa., Publishing Agent, Emeritus.

It snowed pretty hard for a while last night on the western section of the railway line but train traffic was not impeded. There was also a slight snow fall in the city.

**Replies To "Eye Witness"**

(To the Editor)

Dear Sir,—Please grant me space in your paper to make a few comments on a little which appeared in Monday's issue, re a Pie Sociable held here some time ago. This letter signed "Eye Witness" makes mention of girls being credited with helping the supper and taking all the praise, who did not even carry a pie. It also wishes to "let the people of Port Rexton know that their work is appreciated for the Fund, and that it is not right for girls who did not bring pies to get the praise of getting it up, begging "Eye Witness" pardon for using his on her own words.

I quite agree with Eye Witness in not thinking such a thing right, but was anybody given credit who did not deserve it? That's the question. I would ask Eye Witness to determine the truth of such statements before placing them before the general public. To the best of my knowledge I was the only girl belonging to P. R., W.P.A. there, who did not carry a pie, but instead I contributed money to the cause, which I considered amounted to much the same thing. Perhaps Eye Witness was not aware of that. If not, I am sorry that he or she did not find out before writing, and save him or herself from being made such a fool of. At any rate I conclude from Eye Witness's letter that I am the girl intimated, although the letter states girls.

I was not in the least aware of anybody's being given credit in the papers, least of all myself for bringing pies, as I certainly would have corrected such a statement had I known it were there. What I really did towards the supper is already known to the people, as I was one of the persons chosen by the W. P. A. to "take charge," as Eye Witness says, and of course had to take my share of the responsibility of the affair. Anyway, as to being given credit for doing work for my country, which I consid-

er is every young man and woman's duty now in this, our country's hour of peril, all I can say for my own part is that the realization of having done my duty is enough credit for me, and further, that those who want credit are not worthy of the name of British.

I hope I have not offended Eye Witness in any way, but as he or she has tried to open the eyes of the people of Port Rexton to the real facts regarding patriotic work here I thought I would help him or her out in making some truthful corrections, and at the same time defend myself from public comment, which, as far as I know I am not being justified in receiving.

Thanking you in anticipation of space,  
 Yours truly,  
 S. PLOUGHMAN,  
 Port Rexton, Nov. 30, 1916.

**Men and More Men Are Needed**

Windsor, Ont., Nov. 27.—Addressing the North Essex Conservative Association on Saturday, on the occasion of his election as vice-president, Dr. Paul Persson, who recently returned from France, after serving two years with the Canadian Army Medical Corps, and it would be necessary for every able-bodied man in Canada to get into uniform before the end of the war.

"We shall win," Dr. Persson asserted, "but it will take every man and all the resources of the British Empire to do it. It is the duty of Canada not to waste time and energy on a war-time election, as is hinted, but to make every effort to air recruiting.

"Men are badly wanted by the Canadian divisions in France." By the way, don't forget that it's good form to swat the flies that persist in spending the winter about the house.

**Anything is Good Enough for Navy Men**

H.M.S. "Duchess of Devonshire," Nov. 10, 1916.

Dear Sir,—On behalf of myself and ten Newfoundlanders on board of our ship I should like to bring before your notice the way we are being treated with regard to our leave. Well, Sir, about two months ago we put in for home leave, and our request was granted by the Admiralty. We were told by the Commander of our ship that we would be relieved as soon as possible. We have been waiting with patience all the time expecting our relief to come every day. So after two months waiting we find that we cannot get away until our men that's gone home, belonging to other ships come back to relieve us sailor. Is there anybody who takes any interest in us sailor boys? If our own Government don't take any interest in us we cannot expect the British Government to bother about us. Every time we get papers from home we notice they are full of praise for "Tommy," but nothing about the poor, miserable sailor. It's a disgrace, sir, the way we have been treated since we left home. I think we should get the same honour that's due us as well as the soldiers. Many of our lads have given up their lives while protecting the coast, and there are many more who will share the same fate. We would like to know, sir, if Sir Edward Morris and his clique know that we are over here. It would do some of them a bit of good if they were on the deck of our ship in the North Sea on a dirty night. I don't think I shall say any more at present. I would like for you to publish this in the Mail and Advocate. I shall sign my own name.

ALBERT BARTLETT  
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Under the provisions of "The War Measures Act, 1914," His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to order that the following Regulation shall come into effect as and from the sixth day of December, 1916.

ARTHUR MEWS,  
 Deputy Colonial Secretary,  
 Department of the Colonial Secretary,  
 December 1st, 1916.

No person in Newfoundland shall be permitted on and after the sixth day of December, 1916, to be in possession of any issue, either published since the first day of November, 1916, or hereafter published, of the following newspapers, namely—"New York American" (Daily); "New York Journal" (Daily); "Boston American" (Daily); "Boston Sunday American" (Sunday); "Chicago Examiner" (Daily); "Chicago Sunday Examiner" (Sunday); "Chicago American" (Daily); "San Francisco Examiner" (Daily); "San Francisco Sunday Examiner" (Sunday); "Los Angeles Examiner" (Sunday); "Los Angeles Sunday Examiner" (Daily); "Los Angeles Herald" (Daily); "Atlanta Georgian" (Daily); "Atlanta American" (Sunday).

Any person convicted of a violation of this Regulation before a Stipendiary Magistrate or a Justice of the Peace shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars, or in default of payment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both fine and imprisonment, dec.23i

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