

THIRD DAY'S SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE.

Many Candidates for the Methodist Ministry Examined and Promoted.

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY.

Assembly Favors the Organization of a Historical Society and the Sale of Kansas City Property.

Thursday was another busy day for the St. Louis M. E. Conference, and Union Church was crowded, especially during the afternoon and evening. The morning devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. W. C. Coleman, and promptly at the hour for convening, Bishop Hurst called the conference to order. The forenoon session was chiefly taken up with routine conference business, and so smoothly did everything proceed that the presiding Bishop remarked that it was the "quietest conference he had attended for years." The missionary meetings of the afternoon and the Pentecostal service were characterized by marked enthusiasm and interest. At night, Bishops Hurst and McCabe and the Rev. Dr. I. S. Hopkins drew a packed house.

One of the first items of business after the morning session was the passage of a resolution which provided for the organization of a "Conference Historical Society," by the appointment of five ministers and a like number of laymen as a board of managers. It is understood that the members of this board will be appointed before conference closes.

Another resolution was introduced, authorizing the rental or sale of the Liberty street property of Kansas City, and the turning over the proceeds to the City Missionary and Church Extension Society, on condition that a mission is continued in the West Bottoms.

Itinerants Examined.

The conference then passed to the examination of first year candidates for the ministry, and the following were passed into the second year: William T. F. Ferguson, William B. Stover, Harry A. King, Walter P. Rutledge, John F. Rainier, A. M. Lehr, Evert A. Wright, who was also advanced to the order of deacon; John H. Porter, Francis H. Brigham and William A. A. Fortner. The following were passed in the studies examined, but for reason continued in the first year: Edward C. Ralls, John F. Hagerman, Frank H. Winter, W. O. Turrentine, T. E. Prall and Walter S. Bundy.

The following action was taken in reference to certain students of the second year: R. A. Anderson, E. W. Elayer, J. T. Keenan were advanced to the second year, and J. D. Faulk, W. F. Martin, M. R. Molesworth, H. C. Mullen and F. H. Brigham were in addition advanced to deacon's orders. C. F. Tippin, S. B. Loveland, S. F. Beiderwell, A. D. Burress were continued in second year.

The following students of the third year were examined and passed into the fourth: Samuel Barber, James Potter, J. J. Jansen, E. D. C. Koeth, P. E. Pierce, J. L. Prach. The following were continued: C. A. Mitchell, William Risley and L. E. Baldwin. The following itinerants of the fourth year were advanced and enrolled as members of conference: Samuel F. ...

Salem—A. m., the Rev. A. D. Ball; p. m., the Rev. B. F. Crissman.

People's, Presbyterian—The Rev. J. J. Janssen.

Second Presbyterian—Morning, the Rev. J. B. Young, D. D.

Lucas Avenue Cumberland Presbyterian—Evening, the Rev. G. J. Hunt, Ph. D.

St. Mark's Lutheran—10:45 a. m., the Rev. S. J. Heaton, D. D.

Cook Avenue Presbyterian Church—10:45 a. m., the Rev. W. V. Hamel.

Hope Congregational—Morning, the Rev. R. T. Smith, Ph. D.; evening, the Rev. F. H. Brigham.

Second Baptist—Morning, the Rev. S. B. Warner, D. D.

Elliott Avenue M. E. Church—10:30 a. m., the Rev. C. A. Mitchell.

German Methodist—7:30 p. m., the Rev. M. R. Molesworth.

First Christian—11 a. m., the Rev. L. G. Bower; 7:45 p. m., the Rev. F. P. Reno.

Ebenezer, M. E. (German)—10:30 a. m., the Rev. James Pine; 7:45 p. m., the Rev. Chas. B. James.

Union Mission—7:30 p. m., the Rev. D. W. Crow.

Granite City M. E. Church—10:30 a. m., the Rev. P. C. Ralls.

Lebanon, Ill.—The Rev. W. J. Wright.

To-day the conference will hold its usual business session and at 2 p. m. M. Freedman's aid anniversary will be observed, and there will be an address by Dr. M. C. B. Mason. At 4 p. m. there will be the usual pentecostal service and in the evening Bishop Hendrix of the Southern Methodist Church will deliver a lecture on "Methodism Among the Religious Forces of America."

Aid for American University.

An educational meeting was held last night at Union Methodist Church, Garrison and Lucas avenues, for the purpose of starting a Missouri endowment fund for the American University at Washington, D. C.

The American University is located three miles from the city of Washington on a beautiful elevation, and when completed will be one of the finest educational institutions in the world. The grounds comprise 94 acres. The land was bought in 1892 for \$100,000. It is estimated that the real estate is worth five times that amount now.

It is proposed to erect 26 buildings on the property for the purpose of teaching advanced branches in every department of learning. Already one building has been completed at a cost of \$200,000. It is called the Hall of History. It is built of white marble, which is the material of which all of the buildings will be constructed. The enterprise is under the auspices of the Methodist Church, but it is not denominational in character.

It is proposed that one of the 26 buildings shall be erected by contributions subscribed in Missouri, and that the building shall be called the Missouri Building. The marble for the building has been donated by a native of the State.

It will take \$150,000 in addition to erect the building. The meeting of last night was the initial step towards raising that amount, and \$7,175 was subscribed.

The opening address was made by the Rev. Michael Burnham, pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church. He dwelt on the advantages of advanced education. He was followed by the Rev. I. S. Hopkins of St. John's Methodist Church, South, who explained the workings of the American University.

Bishop John F. Hurst, Chancellor of the university, then gave a history of the institution.

Bishop C. C. McCabe of Fort Worth, Tex., was the last speaker. He called for donations of \$1,000 each, to be paid in three installments. He received seven responses. Smaller donations were then called for and \$175 more was realized.

TEXAS METHODISTS.

Committee of Seven Submits an Interesting Report.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Fort Worth, Tex., March 17.—The feature of to-day's session of the Methodist Ministers' Conference was the report of the Committee of Seven.

It gives some statistics of the growth of Methodism during the past year. The membership figures were the figures of 1897, and the figures of 1898. The figures of 1897 were \$156,509, and the figures of 1898 were \$156,509. According to the records in the year 1898...