

CONOVER GIVES FINE ADDRESS AT CONFERENCE

Director of Bureau of Architecture Makes Use of Hand Colored Lantern Slides in Lecture

the conference followed, an impressive earnest service. The necrologist's report was given by George K. Statham of Albany. Among the deaths reported was that of Lydia Stickland wife of A. H. Nash of Port Ann. Dr. Junius E. Mead, of Johnstown, gave the prayer, following the necrologist's report.

Edward J. Cummings of Cohoes was re-elected secretary of the conference. He named as his assistants Freeman S. Kiene of Albany, Ernest P. Tripp of Ballston Spa, and Harold Griffis of Jonesville.

Grant L. Bice of Cobleskill was elected conference treasurer and

named as his assistants: A. V. Patton, Voorheesville; F. C. Bennett, Rensselaer; D. H. Franch, Burnt Hills; W. H. Merrier, M. W. Fuller, Richmondville; P. W. Finger, Chicago; Thomas Stevenson, Melrose; F. E. Blodgett, Pittsford, Vt.; George Swart, Schenectady and Scott Cooley, Salisbury, Vt.

George H. Stright, Bristol, Vt., was elected conference statistician and named as his assistants: F. W. Worden, Wells; E. G. Williams, Schaghticoke; John Shufelt, Northampton; J. G. Massel, Sprout; Brook; G. M. Folsom, Indian Lake; H. M. Hall, Ellan-

burg Center; M. W. Baker, Wells. Morris A. Hammond, native Saratogian, and pastor of Scotia church, was elected auditor.

The committee on memorials nominated by T. D. Angell was J. E. Mead, Johnstown; Mark Kelley, Burlington, Vt.; C. O. Judkins, Glens Falls; P. L. Frick, Schenectady, and O. H. Houser, Troy.

On journals, L. A. Brown, Gloversville; chairman; Mark Kelley, Burlington, Vt.; P. L. Frick, Schenectady; H. P. Connor, Troy and J. A. Perry, North Adams, Mass.

H. G. Hageman, Albany, and G. E. Price, Plattsburg, were added to the

committee privilege of conference address.

C. O. Judkins, Glens Falls, offered a resolution of cordial greetings and welcome to Bishop Mead of Denver, Col., appointed to preside over the conference. The secretary was authorized to send telegrams of greeting to Bishop Adna W. Leonard, resident bishop, who will arrive for the conference later in the week. Greetings were also sent to Bishop William Burt at Clifton Springs, the latter presiding for some years in the past at annual sessions.

W. J. Leonard of Albany was elected treasurer of the Board of Confer-

ence Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Charles M. Gibson of Albany who was a member of the Trustees and Treasurer for a score of years and whose death occurred last September. William N. Burnett of Crown Point was elected solicitor to the Methodist Review in place of H. W. Magee of Waterford.

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SARATOGA SPRINGS, April 12. (AP) The church without a kitchen fails to be Christian, Elbert M. Conover, director of the Bureau of Architecture of the Methodist Episcopal church, told delegates to the 96th annual session of the Troy Conference in First Methodist church here last night.

In support of his statement, the speaker pointed out that the members of the early church ate their evening meal together and that this fraternal gathering became a potent means of growth.

"The community has a right to expect from the church a place of worship, shelter and comfort," Mr. Conover continued. "The church that does not provide for a seven day a week program ought to pay taxes to the community for the room it takes up."

The speaker pointed out the salient features of modern church architecture.

"The worship section of the building should be so designed that people upon entering it will recognize at once that they are in a room that is different from any other. Here the Divine Presence is to be realized and life's greatest decisions made."

"The room should not be planned as a place of entertainment nor preaching only. A great many people have heard more preaching than they will ever practice. Services for worship primarily should be held, as well as services for preaching."

"The worship room of the church should be open constantly for private devotion."

Turning to special construction for religious education, the speaker continued:

"Protestant churches have lost immeasurably by failing to provide adequately for religious instruction of children and youth. A great many church-schools with many teachers in the same room sound more like a classroom than places where religious instruction is given."

"Too often the church has closed its doors five or six days in the week, thereby telling young people and others that they may go to the devil for their good times, but cannot come for their reasonable ministry to the Home of God. Today our churches generally recognize their responsibility for a properly conducted recreational and social program. Where this is done the Church is not complaining concerning the waywardness of youth."

"More than at any time in all history, Methodist Episcopal young people are devoting themselves to the Church. Thousands of them go for every summer in young people's training institutes and throughout the year they are found in various social and recreational as well as more distinctly church activities. This has been brought about in a large degree through the new church building program which provides room for Boy Scouts, girl's clubs and young people's activities."

Mr. Conover's address was illustrated by hand-colored lantern slides, tracing the development of the church building throughout the Christian era. One phase of the lecture was devoted to the early Colonial meeting house with pictures of some of the "horrible examples" erected during the "period of darkness in American art and culture."

Every annual session of Troy Conference is formally opened with the administration of the Lord's Supper. Bishop Charles L. Mead, presiding bishop, said the prayer opening the conference and chose an appropriate passage from scripture. In the administration of the Lord's Sacrament, he invited Supt. Homer F. Titus of Troy district to preside and was assisted by the other superintendents, A. D. Angell of Plattsburg, C. E. Torrance of Albany and Lehigh Dierdorf of Rutland; the Rev. Paul Morrison of the Saratoga church, Dr. Eugene Wiseman of Troy, president of the Board of Examiners; Dr. George C. Douglass, publishing agent of the Methodist Book concern.

The memorial service for those in

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