

## METHODISTS OF STATE TO MEET

Conference Will Be Held in Shelbyville in September.

### LONG PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

Gathering Will Open on Thursday, September 8 and Close on Monday the 15th—Bishop McDowell to Preside at Sessions.

Springfield—For the third time in the history of Illinois Methodism, the annual session of the Illinois conference is to be held in Shelbyville this fall.

The first session held here was in 1870, with the late Bishop Simpson presiding. The second session was in 1892, when the late Bishop Foster was in the chair. The approaching session, which will be the nineteenth annual meeting of the conference, will be presided over by Bishop William F. McDowell, and will open Tuesday evening, September 9.

The tentative program for the conference session follows:

Tuesday, September 9—7:15 p. m., organ recital; 7:45 p. m., sermon, Rev. M. S. Rice, Duluth, Minn.

Wednesday, September 10—8:30 a. m., conference session; 11:45, adjournment; 1:30 p. m., meeting of committees; 2, meeting of board of examiners with undergraduates; 2, anniversaries of our conference interests: 1. Domestic Missionary society; 2. Historical society; 3. Preachers' Aid society; 4. address, Rev. M. S. Rice; 6:45, street preaching; 7:45, lecture, to meet conference expenses.

Thursday, September 11—8:30 a. m., conference session; 11:45, adjournment; 1:30 p. m., meeting of committees; 2, conference examiners; 2, anniversaries of women's work: 1. Woman's Home Missionary society, address by Dr. W. H. Wilder; 2. Woman's Foreign Missionary society; 4, address, the Rev. M. S. Rice; 6:45, street preaching; 7:45, lecture, to meet conference expenses.

Friday, September 12—8:30 a. m., conference session; 11:45, adjournment; 1:30 p. m., meeting of committees; 2, meeting of board of examiners; 2, anniversary of Anti-Slavery league; 3, anniversary of Brotherhood; 4, address, the Rev. M. S. Rice; 5:15, annual educational banquet; 6:45, street preaching; 7:45, anniversary of board of education.

Saturday, September 13—8:30 a. m., conference session; 10, reading report of committee on education; 11, joint session of preachers; 11:45, adjournment; 1:30 p. m., meeting of Preachers' Aid society; 2, address, the Rev. M. S. Rice; 3, open air meeting and recreation at Forest park; 6:45, street preaching; 8:30, anniversary of Epworth league.

Sunday, September 14—8:30 to 12, services in auditorium and various churches; 2 p. m., annual missionary sermon, the Rev. George W. Flagg, D. D.; 3, ordination services; 7:30, anniversaries of Home Missionary and Temperance societies.

Monday, September 15—Closing up of business, reading of appointments, adjournment.

The Illinois Conference Laymen's association, of which George S. Tarbox of Arcola is president, and John M. Glasco of Charleston is secretary, will open its annual session in this city on the Friday afternoon of the conference week, and will have meetings Friday and Saturday. Many of the laymen will remain in the city over Sunday.

**State Contracts Awarded.**  
The awarding of contracts for the quarterly supplies of state charitable institutions was begun by the state board of administration.

Chicago firms profited largely. Contracts awarded included the following:

Sugar—227,500 pounds, \$4.58 to \$4.70 per 100 pounds to Campbell & Holton, Bloomington.

Flour—1,224 barrels, to C. F. Mandry.

Fresh meat—For Watertown, Peoria, Chicago state hospitals, the blind and deaf institutions at Jacksonville, Soldiers' and Sailors' home at Quincy—to the Cudahy company, Chicago.

For Lincoln State School and Colony, blind infirmary, Chicago—Armstrong & Co., Chicago.

For Jacksonville State hospital, Chester State hospital and Soldiers' and Orphans' home, at Normal—to Morris & Co., Chicago.

For Kaunakee State hospital, Anna State hospital—to Swift & Co., Chicago.

For Elgin State hospital, Girls' School at Geneva and Boys' School at St. Charles—to the Korber Packing company, Elgin.

**Crops in Good Condition.**  
Despite adverse weather conditions the wheat yield in Perry, Jackson and Franklin counties is much larger than last year.

On many farms the yield is averaging 15 bushels to the acre. A. G. Keith, living west of here, averaged 30 bushels to the acre. The grain is of splendid quality and farmers are hoping for a top price. The corn crop will be far above the average. This is especially true of Perry and Union counties.

Convention of Catholics.  
Springfield—More than 500 Catholics attended the quarterly convention of the Central Illinois District Federation of German Catholic societies held at Carlinville.

The sessions of the convention opened in St. Joseph's school hall and following several short addresses of welcome and the responses the entire body marched to St. Joseph's church, where solemn high mass was solemnized. Rev. Father Michael of Carlinville acted as celebrant, with Rev. Father Hudson of this city as sub-deacon, and Rev. Father Webb as sub-deacon. Father Webb delivered the convention sermon. Luncheon was served by the ladies of Carlinville and yesterday afternoon an open mass meeting was held at the court house. The following program was given:

Address of welcome—Rev. William Michael.

Introductory address—J. W. Freund of Springfield, president of the C. I. D. V.

Lecture, "Legislation"—Rev. L. Hafner of Springfield.

Address, "Catholic Ideals in Social Life"—Father Gustavend, Jr., of Alton, member of Illinois lecture bureau.

The St. Joseph's choir of Carlinville rendered several selections at intervals of the convention closed with the singing of the "Benedicite" by all present.

**Vote Soon on Hand Vacancy.**

Governor Dunne will call a special election in the Fifth supreme court district to elect a successor to John P. Hand, resigned, at the earliest possible date which will accord with the requirements of the primary and general election laws.

The governor authorized this announcement just before sailing on the Dubuque. He had been in telephone communication with Chief Justice George A. Cooke and Justice Orrin A. Carter. They had advised him the pressure of business in the court and the situation which has arisen through the extended illness of former Justice Hand fully warranted a special election to fill the vacancy so the new justice may take the oath of office and participate in the session of court at the October term.

Judges and lawyers generally expressed regret that continued illness had compelled Justice Hand to give up his work, the quality of which they praised.

Governor Dunne was advised there will be no election of any kind in any of the counties of the district under ordinary circumstances during the autumn or winter. He therefore advised with the attorney general's office and asked that the calendar be checked with the primary and general election suggested to him complying with those laws. He will issue the call as soon as he gets back to Springfield.

Candidates began to appear during the day as soon as it became generally known Justice Hand's resignation had been tendered and accepted.

Announcement came from Peoria, that Senator George W. Thompson, chief Justice Leslie D. Paterburgh of Peoria is certain to be a candidate for the Republican nomination. Friends of Circuit Judge George W. Thompson of Galesburg, Knox county, predicted that he, too, would be a Republican candidate.

**Sangamon to Improve Highways.**

Sangamon county will be among the first in the state to take advantage of the new state aid road law.

A special meeting of the county board will be called for next week for the purpose of considering highway improvement under the provisions of the Tico act.

Practically all the supervisors who have expressed themselves on the subject are enthusiastically in favor of outlining a system of county road improvement and starting work at once.

Under the provisions of the law it will be a case of "first come first served" until the \$10,000 appropriated by recent general assembly is exhausted. But that money has spent no more assistance can be had from the state until the next legislative year, hence, makes further appropriations.

In a general way it is proposed that a system of road improvement for the entire county be agreed on. It can be decided then which highways it is desired to improve first, so that the work may be done systematically, the road most in service probably being improved first, and attention given to others in the succeeding order of their importance.

**Printer Expert Resigns.**

Hiram L. Williamson has resigned his position as state printer expert, to take effect August 1, and has accepted the position of superintendent of a printing establishment. Mr. Williamson was appointed printer expert by Governor Dunne.

Mr. Williamson, who is secretary of the Illinois Newspaper Publishers' association, will maintain his office in Springfield.

**Guide for State Fair issued.**

Thirty thousand official new forms of the map and guide of the Illinois state fair grounds have been sent out to fair patrons by Secretary J. K. Dickerson of the state fair board of agriculture.

The map contains a revised diagram of the exposition grounds, with designations as to the new street names. Several months ago the board agreed upon a street naming plan and the listing of the names in the map plan becomes officially of record.

## ILLINOIS HAPPENINGS

**Galesburg.**—Five persons were injured and a score of others badly frightened when two Rock Island Southern interurban street cars met in a head-on collision between Galesburg and Monmouth. The motorman escaped death by jumping. The cars were telescoped. A death later open by mistake caused the wreck. The injured: Ed Miller, Monmouth, motorman, right hand cut by flying glass; H. F. Perkins, East Galesburg, back sprained; Internal injuries; Bert Riley, Cameron, cut on forehead, leg crushed; Anton Swanson, Galesburg, leg hurt; Albert Carter, Galesburg, injured on legs and internally.

**Jerseyville.**—Mrs. Hattie Ryan and her five-year-old son, Stewart, and three-year-old daughter, Lillian, were killed in a collision. The buggy in which they were driving to church was struck by an Alton passenger train a mile south of Jerseyville. Engineer Johnson flinched in the collision and the train traveled almost a quarter of a mile before the brakes recovered from the shock and stopped it. On the pilot of the engine were found the bodies of the children, tangled in shreds of the buggy top.

**Chicago.**—A flagstaff 100 feet high floating the Stars and Stripes and pennant of the Illinois department, Daughters of the American Revolution, in honor of the Illinois soldiers of the war of 1812, will be erected at Starved Rock, near Rockford, Ill., Saturday, September 6, 1913, according to plans determined on at a meeting of the state officials of the society and the committee on flag-raising with the state representative Mrs. George A. Lawrence of Galesburg.

**Danville.**—A stranger identified by receipts found in his pocket as T. S. Maxwell, residence unknown, further identified by tattooed initials "T. S. M." on his arm, was found in an empty boxcar in the Wash freight terminals at Tilton, four miles west of Danville, discloses mysterious firing of three shots there at midnight, followed by the flight down the railway tracks of a half-dressed, shoeless and hatless man in the direction of Danville. The body contained three bullet holes and in the car with it was a hat, shoes and coat, apparently belonging to the murderer. In the pocket was a pay envelope of John Marlow from Detroit manufacturing concern. Bloodhounds followed the tracks to Blomark, twelve miles north, an improbable distance for a barfoot man to travel over railway ballast.

**Elgin.**—Joy riding cost one girl's life and resulted in the injury of four other persons, one of whom is in a critical condition. All were from Elgin. Miss Ruby Wood, eighteen years old, was killed, and Mrs. Nellie O'Connor, Robert Costello, Earl Martin and Lillian Volp, each twenty, were seriously hurt. The party was returning to Elgin from the speedway and in attempting to pass another car their machine swerved and crashed into a tree. Miss Volp collapsed later, and physicians pronounced her condition serious, saying there was a possibility of hitherto unsuspected internal injuries. The condition of Miss O'Connor is critical.

**Duquoin.**—After a continuous service of twenty-five years as secretary of the Main Street Christian Sunday school of this city, a record without precedence here, Thomas W. Miffin, a business man, has tendered his resignation. He will be succeeded by William B. Lee, who has assumed his new duties. Mr. Miffin became secretary of the Sunday school when seventeen years old, and in the quarter of a century since has been absent very few times.

**Chicago.**—Thomas McCarthy, a sixty-year-old crosstie watchman, gave his life to save two boys, eight and ten years old, from death under a locomotive. The two boys were about to cross in front of a railroad train at a crossing. McCarthy ran in front of the train to drive the boys back. The boys jumped out of the way, but the old man was killed instantly.

**Duquoin.**—The congregation of the First Baptist church of Maunabo, has extended a call to Dr. W. P. Thrommorton, editor of The Illinois Baptist. Mr. Thrommorton is called to succeed Rev. G. W. Allison, who recently resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist church of East St. Louis.

**Jacksonville.**—W. A. Furr, who has been superintendent of the Jacksonville public schools for six years, has resigned to accept an appointment of the model school of the Southern Illinois State Normal in Carbondale at a salary of \$2,500.

**Marion.**—Albert Warren, thirty years old, was sentenced to eight years in prison, after a jury had returned a verdict finding him guilty of charged burglary of the own child, a girl sixteen years old. Walter Warren, Albert's twenty-one-year-old brother, entered a plea of guilty to the same charge and was sentenced to six years. The grand jury, after conducting an inquiry into the killing of Oscar McElroy by Warren three weeks ago, exonerated Norman, as the coroner's jury had done.

## How Can God Declare One Righteous Who Is Not Righteous?

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TEXT—Therefore being justified, faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ—Romans 5:1.

The word "justify" means to reckon the man righteous, and has nothing to do with the man's actual righteousness. Forgiveness is a negative term, meaning that to put away or remit a sin. Justification is a positive act, and means that God simply forgives the sinner, or letting him off from the punishment which he deserves, but declaring him righteous (Rom. 5:1).

How can God reckon one righteous who is not righteous? This is a fair question and we must face it. Suppose a merchant in a small town had failed in his business and had a poor buyer, he is not accurate in his accounts, and he is shiftless. Suppose a rich uncle who has made a fortune in business, and had a poor nephew, should pay him a visit. After a few days he says to his nephew: "John, I hear bad reports about you; people say that you are sly in debt and that your credit is poor. I have had a good year, and I believe I will help you. If you will foot up all your debts I will give you a check for the whole amount."

John accepts his offer and pays off his creditors. As they go out of his store they say to one another: "We are surprised that John has paid his debts this time, but we will not trust him again. He is the same shiftless John, and he will soon be as badly in debt as ever." Now what has John's uncle accomplished for him? He has paid his debts, but he has not restored his credit.

Suppose, on the other hand, that the uncle had said: "John, I have been out of business a few years and I find that I am getting rusty. I like this town and I have about decided to go into partnership with you. John is delighted, of course. The uncle says: 'I will put in all my capital and experience, but I shall insist upon being manager of the business. You had been the silent partner and work under my direction. And John, I think you had better take down that sign over the door, for your name does not command the highest respect in this town. Suppose you put up my name instead, & Co. I think it will look better, and you will be the company.'

John gladly complies with the conditions, and the business opens under new auspices. John goes out to buy goods, and what does he find? Instead of refusing to trust him, every merchant in town is glad to give him credit, because his rich uncle has become identified with the business. In the one case the uncle paid his debts, but did not restore his credit. In the other case he restored his credit by going into partnership with him.

God's law says that the soul which sinneth shall die. When Jesus took our place on the cross and died for our sins, that paid our debt, but did not restore our credit, it did not make us righteous. Had there been no resurrection of Jesus we could not have been justified, though it is conceivable that we might have been forgiven. But when Jesus rose from the dead and identified himself with us by faith, coming into our heart and taking possession of our life, then he not only paid our debt, but he restored our credit. He made it possible for God to declare us righteous, since we have gone into partnership with a righteous Savior, who has not only kept the law perfectly himself, but who is able to help us to keep it. He is the managing partner, and we simply obey his orders. We have even taken down the old sign, and now we bear his name—Christian.

Martin Luther said: "If any one knocks at the door of my heart and inquires if Martin Luther is dead, I should reply, 'Martin Luther is dead, and Jesus Christ lives here.'"

Paul had the same idea, for he said: "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." "For we are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

If Jesus lived a holy life in one body he is surely able to do it in another. If a body is righteous it is under control. God then can properly and justly reckon the believer righteous because of his union with the righteous Savior who has assumed for his past sins by his death on the cross, and who guarantees his present and future conduct because that life has been committed to his keeping.

If, as he says he is "able to save unto the uttermost," "able to keep us from falling" (Jude 24), and if he guarantees to present us before the presence of God's glory absolutely faultless, surely God can safely reckon us as righteous. The ground of our justification then is not what we are, but whose we are, not our own good works, or our desire to be righteous, but our union with the Lord Jesus, who was "delivered for our iniquities, and was spared for our justification" (Rom. 4:25).

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