

LOGEE TELLS OF 141ST ASSEMBLY OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The one hundred forty-first general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States which met in the municipal auditorium at St. Paul and which I attended as a commissioner from the Detroit Presbytery, has just closed.

Doubtless every one of the 936 men who had been elected to represent their church in this, its highest court, felt the responsi-

bility laid upon them. But this responsibility deepened under the words of the retiring Moderator as he recalled that this is the two thousandth anniversary of Pentecost, that God still lives. His power works still, and that we, as Christians, have a right to expect a demonstration of that power when we seek again the Upper Room. Quickened and united was that great assembly as it bowed together in the Communion and partook of the elements administered at the hands of 90 elders

HAIL CAUSES \$500,000 LOSS



Five acres of flowers were ruined when the glass in these greenhouses at New Albany, Ind., was shattered by a 12-minute barrage of hail which tore the roofs off factories, dwellings and automobiles, entailing a damage of \$500,000. Some of the stones were as large as baseballs.

selected from the Assembly. Such an experience in itself is remarkable. It is more remarkable when it is recalled that this has been an annual assembly for 141 years. That evening Dr. Frederick W. Loetscher, professor of church history in Princeton Seminary, pointed out, also, that this is the 200th anniversary of the adopting act which bound us together cohesive-ly as a church, some 99 years after Rev. Richard Denton first took up his work in Massachusetts.

It was the new Moderator Dr. Cleland B. McAfee, however, who first made known the fact that this Assembly represented a constituency of 2,000,000 members instead of the 750,000 when he was first ordained to the ministry of the church.

Representative

Not only was the assembly remarkable in its historic interest, but also in its representative character. Equal in its representation from clergy and laity, its men were gathered from four quarters of the country and world. Every presbytery was represented except Western Canada, Eastern Persia, North Siam, Western Africa. In addition to regular commissioners there were representatives from districts where there are no organized presbyteries. Delegates came from: North and South China, Shantung, Yunan, Korea, Colombia, North India, Punjab, Western India, Japan, Mesopotamia, Mexico, East and West Persia, and the Philippines. Every type of minister and religious enterprise as well as almost every worthy walk of life was found represented. It was a picture of representative democracy upon which the past and future of our nation rests.

Spirit Feit

But more remarkable was the purposeful spirit which constantly made itself felt. Great issues within and without the church were to be weighed. The spirit that marked their debate and decision was forward looking. The Assembly was determined upon constructive, progressive action. It chose a broad-minded, great-hearted Moderator. It united the control of Princeton Seminary without doing violence to the faith of the fathers.

It insisted that the movement toward church union be not delayed but definitely speeded up by its department of church cooperation and union. It rose to greet the former secretary of state, Frank B. Rowley, and pledged to the world the weight of Presbyterian support which his peace pact rightly merits. It rose to sing "America" immediately upon the adoption of resolutions which dealt with peace and prohibition. The Moderator said: "This Assembly can not disregard the challenging call of the President of the United States regarding the observance of law. It is not our part to make the laws. It is not our part to enforce the laws. That belongs to the state. That is their part. But our part is to spread the spirit of the observance of law. And we shall not be deceived by the suggestion that it is some one else that is up for discussion, which we might modify and thus make easier to observe and thus violate. We may be thankful that in the White House we have a clear mind that sees through that smokescreen, and knows that the real question is not a law, but law. This Assembly should let it be widely known wherever the world may listen, that to us, law, having its seat in the bosom of God, is the binding agency of social order, and we look for no peace until there is the spirit of observance of law, because law is law."

Program

But above all things that made this a remarkable Assembly was its dedication to the program of Christ. One felt a great urge for the Kingdom of God. It was not enough to have passed the two million mark in membership, nor enough to have closed its year's work debt-free, nor to have settled problems of great import to the church and Kingdom of God. A new plan of unified promotion of the real work of the church, unhampered by pessimism and deficits, was adopted. And with it, bearing in mind the note of the Pentecostal Anniversary, there were adopted as the expression of its faith, hope, and exhortation the words of the Apostle: "Nevertheless, we are confident, beloved seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot and blemish."

It was a truly remarkable Assembly to whose measure of spirit and action every local church may well aspire to attain.

Trousseau Millinery

The large black "picture hat" of celionaphan straw is very smart for summer afternoon wear, says Frances Cline, and is a sensible addition to the bride's trousseau. The combination of light and dark felt, below, is also very smart.

NEARBY and YONDER... by T.T. Massey

"The Queen Fountain of the World"

A PUBLIC-SPIRITED Chicago woman—patron of the art-enthusiastic to erect a permanent memorial to her noble brother, decided upon a fountain, said to have cost about \$700,000, which she presented to and the city maintain. It adorns a central space in Chicago's great lake front—Grant park—, "A thing of beauty" and should prove "A joy forever."

Rising from a mammoth, irregularly shaped pool set down in a monstrous and gorgeous, carved and listed fountain greets the visitor. Its great basins, three in number, rising one above the other, are 104, 90 and 24 feet in diameter respectively. A great volume of water gushing from a cluster of central jets, rises many feet, falling back into and over the sides of the two upper basins to be caught in the lower basin. Many lesser jets are distributed about the formation. All told, many thousands of gallons of water are used per minute. Obviously, the effect produced is dream-like. Four pairs of massive sea lions, cast in bronze and belching forth streams of water as they appear to be swimming about in the lower basin, are resplendently guarding the fountain, complete this lovely scene.

Beautiful as it is by day, however, the fountain, to be fully appreciated, should be seen at play after nightfall, brilliantly illuminated in various and changing colors.

In beauty as well as in splendor this magnificent fountain is said to surpass all other fountains and is, therefore, "The Queen Fountain of the World."

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VILLAGE POSTOFFICE DELEGATE RETURNS

Chris Bailey of Willets street, who attended the thirtieth annual convention of letter carriers at Saginaw, May 29th and 30th as a delegate from Birmingham branch is home today.

Little Chats About Your Health

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Spring Cleaning

In a health journal it is observed that "Through the years a notion has persisted that not only our houses, but our bodies needed spring cleaning, and spring brought around the soap suds and scrub brushes and the good old sulphur and molasses, sassafras or 'yarb' tea."

"What we need is more sleep, more outdoor exercise, more fresh air and more fresh fruits and vegetables. Dosing with home-made or commercial spring tonics will do little more than upset the stomach and made spring a time to be dreaded when it should be enjoyed."

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It's a young man's family typical of many in Birmingham. Naturally its assets are not as large now as they probably will be later.

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