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A Call for Frontiersmen

IN the pioneer days of the world Christian mission—days not yet ended or even begun, still, in some parts of the world— . . . “frontier service” possessed the clear and vivid characteristic of being service across a geographical boundary. The missionary very definitely *went out* from a church, a culture, a way of life which in general possessed certain characteristically Christian features and *went into* a non-Christian society, culture and way of life. There, with infinite patience as well as boldness, he lived experimentally and with some measure of creative ingenuity . . . What is needed is a new movement of “frontiersmen” who, from older and younger churches alike, will make their creative impact in the “mission fields” of industry and economics, politics and arts, and in every area of human relationships. . . . The essential need is for Christian men and women who, with the Christian faith and the Christian fellowship as the point from which they go forth, will enter all occupations, trades, professions and vocations, determined by the grace of God to make known in word and service the saving power of God.—NORMAN GOODALL in *World Faith in Action*. Just published by the Bobbs-Merrill Co., Indianapolis and New York.

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Urges New Creedal Statement

Dr. Lingle Says New Terminology Is Needed

Walter L. Lingle, president emeritus of Davidson College, has come out for a new statement of the church's faith in the language of today.

Writing in the *Christian Observer*, he says of the present Standards which were originally written 1643-48:

"I am more convinced than ever that they are noble documents. They have served their day and generation well. I feel sure that our church still believes that they contain the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures. At the same time I am more convinced than ever that the time has come when our church should make a restatement of her faith in present-day terminology to

meet present-day needs. By this I do not believe that the old standards should be discarded. Let them stand as they are. Trying to revise them is like trying to sew new cloth on old garments. . . .

"It is sometimes said that the present generation is not qualified to write a creed. That sounds as if the church had learned nothing in the past 300 years. The two new chapters which were added to the Confession in 1942, one on the Holy Spirit, and the other on the Gospel, are a sufficient answer to that objection. They are written in a lofty style which is in keeping with the subjects, and yet with great clarity and simplicity. A restatement of our faith written in the style of these two chapters would mean much to our church."

Kelly Given Major Scholarship

Education Board Announces Second Award

Balmer H. Kelly, Union Seminary professor, has been awarded one of the major fellowships like that announced recently for John H. Leith (*OUTLOOK*, Mar. 26) providing a term of study abroad. This is a part of a program, made possible by an anonymous donor, by which grants for study and travel are made to men, younger than 40, who have earned their doctorates.

Dr. Kelly is to go next month for a sabbatical leave in Switzerland and in Scotland.

This award was announced by the Board of Education, which administers the program, following its recent quarterly meeting.

Other actions of the Board included:—a rule that qualified persons to be considered for the position of regional director do not necessarily have to be ordained ministers;

—a definite plan for the proposed new building in Atlanta has been postponed pending agreement by the agencies concerned;

—the Texas committee was given permission to call the regional director, "Director of Education";

—the Higher Education staff was given the opportunity to invite representatives of the presbyteries and others to join in a study of the entire program of loans to candidates for the ministry;

—it was "deemed unwise now to hold a college-age conference in connection with the Presbyterian Education meeting of the South" at Montreat;

—the business department reported that gross sales through the year plus

"a record-breaking March combined to produce gross sales of \$460,229," or \$72,444 over last year;

—dates for the opening of the new Dallas store were set for Sept. 23-25;

—5,846 paid subscribers were reported for **Presbyterian MEN**; 1,400 for **Presbyterian Action**;

—the Board's literature is now used in whole or in part by these denominations: United Presbyterian, Reformed Church in America, Moravian, Cumberland Presbyterian, and Associate Reformed.

Annuities and Relief Board Meets

Members of the Board of Annuities and Relief, in their quarterly meeting in Louisville, reported through the publicity office of the General Council:

—the largest Joy Gift on record—\$245,954, compared with \$186,000 and \$196,000 in the two preceding years; these funds are used for ministerial relief payments;

—total receipts from living donors, \$426,945 (\$35,360 less than the year before); and \$53,146 from other sources for the relief funds;

—assets of the Ministers' and Employees' Annuity Funds total \$11,218,341;

—new officers of the Board are: Chas. B. Castner, Louisville, chairman; Chas. J. Currie, Atlanta, vice-chairman; W. H. Hopper, Louisville, treasurer; Bernard A. McIlhany, Louisville, assistant treasurer.

—next meeting of the Board will be held in Atlanta July 10.

USA Assembly Nears Date for Meeting in Southern Ohio City

Anderson and Frew Are

Nominated for Moderator

Presbyterian, USA, News Letter

"The Witness of the Church in This Time of Crisis" will be the theme of the 163rd Presbyterian, USA, General Assembly at Cincinnati, May 24-30.

All phases of the church's program will be concentrated on this emphasis. Key national leaders from Korea and other countries will illustrate it, as will national missions and youth leaders from their respective fields. One specific report will show the church's witness through its special 1951 relief offering. In early April 2,168 churches and individuals had contributed \$192,520 to the One Great Time for Sharing.

Two nominations for the moderatorship have been made by presbyteries. Harrison Ray Anderson, Fourth church, Chicago, and Allan MacLachlan Frew, Ardmore, Pa., pastor, have been recommended by their home presbyteries. Both men have served the church with distinction, both are pastors of large churches. Dr. Anderson has been conspicuous for his fraternal attitude toward the U. S. Church, especially in joint meetings of the committees on reunion. He is a contributing editor of *THE PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK*. Dr. Frew is a contribution of the Southern church to the USA church, since he attended Davidson College before going to Princeton Seminary. He is a new member of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Stated Clerk to Be Named

One important matter to face the Assembly will be the choice of a Stated Clerk to succeed the late William Barrow Pugh who was killed in an automobile accident last fall. Since Dr. Pugh's death a special committee of five members of the General Council has carried on this responsibility. The moderator, Hugh Ivan Evans has appointed a committee of nine to present not more than three names to the standing committee on nomination of a stated clerk. This standing committee will then present not more than two names to the Assembly. If there is only one nominee and no others are made from the floor, election may be by acclamation.

The Cincinnati Assembly will be composed of 880 commissioners represent-

ing the 262 presbyteries of the church. Half will be ministers and half laymen. Popular meetings will feature the church's outreach in domestic and foreign missions, Christian education, evangelism and other related fields.

Regional Synods Studied

The 1950 Assembly authorized the appointment of a special committee to study the question of regional synods. This committee is working on the task and will keep in touch with synod committees on boundaries.

Increased interest in radio and television work is reported in Presbyterian, USA, colleges. William T. Craig, of the College of Wooster, reported recently to the Assembly's Department of Radio and Television that efforts in the past two years have been "impressive and encouraging." "Through this medium," he said, "our young people may be expected to find an effective means of carrying His gospel." These colleges are now offering 57 courses in radio. Other figures show: Regular weekly broadcasts, 44; campus-operated stations, 6; persons engaged in teaching these subjects, 30; colleges using commercial stations, 9; colleges using wire, tape and acetate recorders, 40; those with no broadcasting facilities or courses, 6; colleges doing some work in television, 3.

Next year the Presbyterian Historical Society (Philadelphia) will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its

founding. It was organized in Charleston, S. C., May 1852.

Ralph Waldo Lloyd, president of Maryville College, was re-elected chairman of the permanent commission on Inter-Church Relations at its recent meeting. Henry Barraclough, of the Stated Clerk's office, was elected acting secretary. Encouraging reports were received with reference to church union progress in several directions, Dr. Lloyd said.

President at N. Y. Avenue Church

President Harry S. Truman delivered an address and laid the cornerstone of the renovated and enlarged New York Avenue Presbyterian church in Washington in early April. He congratulated the church, in which President Lincoln and several other Presidents worshiped, on its long history, lasting nearly 150 years. George M. Docherty, the pastor, officiated at the ceremonies. The reconstructed \$1,200,000 edifice is only three blocks from the White House.

Mrs. Leighton M. McCutchen, of the Presbyterian, US, Board of World Missions, and Mrs. W. Verne Buchanan, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, president of the National Council of Women's Organizations (Presbyterian, USA), left together on a fellowship mission to Latin America April 12. Leaving by plane from Miami, they will visit rural Indian missions in Ecuador as well as points in Colombia, Guatemala and Mexico. They expect to attend a con-

vention of Presbyterian women at Jalapa, Mexico, May 16-18.

WALTON W. RANKIN.
Philadelphia.

MINISTERIAL MENTION

CHANGES

Bernard V. Munger, of the faculty of Southwestern-at-Memphis, has accepted a call to the Corinth, Miss., church effective June 1.

J. C. Pelgrim has resigned his Miami Springs, Fla., pastorate and is now supplying the pulpit for the new church that is being organized in Hialeah, Fla.

John H. Knight, formerly of Gastonia, N. C., has begun his new work as pastor of the Smyrna, Ga., church.

Thos. H. McDill, Jr., leading A. R. P. minister and pastor of the Atlanta church, has been recalled into the Army chaplaincy and expects to leave in a short time.

H. L. Sneed, Marietta, Ga., will become pastor of the Atcooga church in Dalton, Ga.

A. Ray Howland, pastor of the Marshall, N. C. church (USA) for 12 years, has accepted a call to the Colver, Pa., church.

J. A. Nisbet from Olivia, N. C., to Wallace, N. C.

Jos. R. Woody from Goiania E de Goiaz, Brazil, to Caiza Postal 36, Uberlandia, Minas, Brazil.

Z. E. Lewis from Johnston, S. C. to Laurel, Va.

F. E. King from Eldorado, Texas, to Anson, Texas.

Lyle Gregory, Pine Bluff, Ark., has been divested of office without censure.

John Scott Johnson from Middleburg, Va., to 698 Boulevard, Athens, Ga.

J. Leslie Bell from Weston, Ohio to Route 3, Oxford, Ohio, May 1.

COOK LECTURER

Geo. A. Buttrick, minister of the Madison Avenue church, New York, has been named the Joseph Cook Lecturer to the Orient by the Presbyterian, USA, Board of Foreign Missions. Dr. Buttrick will be in Asia in the fall and winter of 1951-52 on this lectureship; the Philippines, the Middle East and Europe may also be included in his itinerary, in addition to Japan, Hong Kong, India, Pakistan, Thailand and Indonesia.

DEATH

Robert L. Riddle, 64, pastor of the Kenwood church, Baltimore, Md., died of a heart attack in the midst of the service of dedication of the new Kenwood church. (See next columns.)

Mrs. R. C. Morrow, whose retirement with that of Professor Morrow, after 41 years' service in Mexico was reported here March 12, died April 18 at Horse-shoe, N. C.

A Death in the Pulpit

By **BEN R. LACY***

On Sunday, April 22, I was in the Baltimore area for the dedication of the Kenwood Presbyterian Church, which has been erected under the leadership of the Reverend Robert L. Riddle. That service was scheduled for three o'clock in the afternoon and I had the pleasure at eleven o'clock of preaching in the Towson Presbyterian Church, which I was informed was also erected under the leadership of Mr. Riddle. I was greatly impressed both by the exterior and the interior of these strikingly beautiful stone edifices.

The Service of Dedication of the Kenwood Presbyterian Church began at three o'clock, the choir and four ministers entering the church filled with an expectant congregation singing "The Church's One Foundation." The pastor, Mr. Riddle, then entered the pulpit and gave the following call to worship:

"Peace be to this house, and to all who worship therein.
Peace be to those that enter, and to those that go out therefrom.
Peace be to those that love it, and that love the name of Jesus Christ our Lord."

*President of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia and Moderator of the Presbyterian, US, General Assembly.

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
Even lift them up, ye everlasting doors;
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of glory."

These were the last words that fell from the lips of Mr. Riddle for as the choir sang the Introit, he was stricken with a heart attack and fell backward from the pulpit and, though administered to by a physician who was in the congregation, expired within a few minutes.

While the entire congregation was conscious that their pastor had experienced an attack of some nature only those in the choir, a few officers, and the ministers participating realized that Mr. Riddle had died. The service was abbreviated with the Act of Dedication, Prayer of Dedication and the Declaration by the Congregation, all following word for word the service arranged by Mr. Riddle.

After the benediction the congregation was informed that their pastor had passed immediately from the church which his hands had built to a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens.