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The fortieth convention of the International Young Men's Christian Associations of North America, including Canada and the United States with its insular possessions, will be held in Detroit, November 19 to 23, inclusive.

An attendance of 5000 delegates is expected, representing the Y. M. C. A. membership of over 1,000,000 men and boys, and the 30,000 Y. M. C. A. war welfare workers who have served under the Red Triangle in forty-two countries since 1914. This is a triennial convention, no joint meeting of Canadian and American Y. M. C. A officials having been held since the United States entered the world war. The last international convention was held in Cleveland in 1916.

"In all the history of the Young Men's Christian Associations, throughout its three-quarters of a century, there never has been an assembly called to present so many issues of first rate and urgent importance," said Dr. John R. Mott, general secretary of the National War Work Council and International Committee of the Y. M C. A.

Among these important topics to come before the Detroit convention are: co-operation of the Y. M. C. A. in assimilating back into American and Canadian life, the 4,800,000 men who served in our army and navy, and the 500,000 men who constituted the Canadian forces; how to stabilize the many millions of men in industry, now surging with discontent, and how to stamp out so-called Bolshevism; the practicability of building the army camp type of Y hut in rural communities for peacetime association service; the world-wide expansion of the American Y. M. C. A. considering official requests from many countries, including France, Italy, Siberia, Greece, Poland, Czecho-Slovakia, Armenia and Jerusalem, for its continuance among civilians, as well as with their military and naval forces now being served by the National War Work Council; the possible use of women Y. M C. A. secretaries in regular peacetime work, women first being used to the total of 2700 during the war; and the re-studying of co-operation between the Protestant churches, the old and the new religious and welfare organizations, and the Y. M. C. A.

Three special commissions have been appointed to study and to survey to the end that these questions of Y. M. C. A. policy may be settled in Detroit next month. The first commission, on the "Occupation of the World-wide Field," will have for its chairman, L. A. Crossett, of Boston with Cyrus H. McCormick, of Chicago vice chairman. The second commission, on the "Conservation of the Values of the Y. M. C. A. War Work," will be headed by Joseph T. Alling of Rochester, with F. W. Ramsey, of Cleveland, vice chairman. The commission on the "Relation of the Y. M C. A. to the Churches" is under the chairmanship of W. Douglas Mackenzie, president of Hartford Theological Seminary.

Y WELFARE WORKERS WHO WON SPECIAL HONORS

In compiling its records of overseas work for presentation at the Fortieth International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of North America, to be held in Detroit, November 19 to 23, the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A found that the total number of decorations and citations awarded to its workers overseas had reached the total of 364, not to mention 146 official commendations up to October 5 of this year.

The casualty list of the Y. M. C. A overseas to the same date showed 10 killed in the battle zone, two of whom were women workers, one died of wounds, and 73 deaths from overwork, accidents and other causes; 142 gassed or wounded, 18 injured in accidents, 12 shell-shocked, and 3 taken prisoner, bringing the total casualties overseas for the organization up to 259.

The decorations awarded include 52 French Croix de Guerre, 7 Distinguished Service Crosses, 6 medals of the French Legion of Honor, 10 of the Order of the Italian Crown, and 74 Italian War Crosses, together with numerous others ranging from the Russian Order of St. Stanislaus to the Portuguese Medalla de Agradecimento. There were 18 citations for the Distinguished Service Cross, 102 citations by Divisional Commanders, 3 by General Pershing and 16 by commanding officers of lower rank than divisional commanders. Sixteen Y. M. C. A. women workers were cited and 114 men and women commended by divisional commanders.

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CHURCH NOTES

Services at Wesley Chapel Sunday: S. S., 9.30 a. m.; preaching 10.30 a. m.; Kesley Chapel: S. S. at 2.30 p. m.; preaching 3.15 p. m.; Skinner's Neck: S. S., 2.00 p. m.; preaching, 7.30 p. m.; Kesley Chapel: S. S. reorganized by electing Mr. Samuel Vickers superintendent.

Chestertown M. E. Church, Rev. O. E. Jones, pastor. Services for Sunday, May 23: Morning worship at 10.30; Sunday School at 2.15 p. m.; Epworth League 7.00 and evening public worship at 7.30. The "every-member canvass" for local and Centenary needs will be made Sunday afternoon. Subject of morning sermon, "We Finish What We Begin"; in the evening the subject will be, "Signs of the Times." Topic for the Epworth League is, "Christian Principles in Personal and Public Health," and the leader is Mr. Harry Jefferson. Prayer service on Wednesday evening at 7.30.

Kennedyville M. P. Church, Rev. J. F. Wooden, pastor. Services for Sunday, May 23: S. S. at 10 o'clock; preaching at 11; the evening service will begin at 7.45; the first half hour will be given to a service for young people, using the C. E. topic; the meeting will be led by Mrs. R. A. Kennedy, followed by a sermon by the pastor.

Miss Helen Rouse sang a sweet solo at the evening service of the Chestertown M. E. Church Sunday. Miss Rouse has a voice of unusual charm.

Church services for Chesterville M. E. Church South Sunday: Chesterville: S. S., 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m., subject, "How Shall It Be Accomplished?" Millington: S.S., 2 p. m.; preaching 3 p. m., subject, "God's Call and Man's Response"; preaching at 8 p. m., subject, "The Religious Experience of Billy Bray."

Rev. Mr. Atwater, the new rector of Emmanuel P. E. Church, has begun his pastorate here and filled his pulpit on Sunday last at both evening and morning services. Rev. Atwater has made a fine impression and we wish him a most successful and happy pastorate here.

Dr. Ernest C. Richardson, of Brooklyn, was elected a bishop of the M. E. Church on the ballot taken Saturday evening and counted Monday.

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the M. E. Church to the General Conference shows an estimated expenditure of $10,500,000 in foreign missionary work for the year 1920. This is almost twice as much as was expended in 1919, four times as much as in 1918, and more than five times as much as in 1917 or 1916. The work of the present year, according to the report, includes great advances in education, medical work, evangelization and international relations.

The Inter-Parochial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Kent Co. will be held in the Parish House, Chestertown, May 25. Holy Communion at 10.30 a. m., followed by the business sessions. Deaconess Goodwin will address the auxiliary and each Branch will give a report of the past year. All parish organizations are asked to be represented. Branches are asked to bring luncheon.

The Young Men's Club of Christ M. P. Church was entertained Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. French.

The By-Kota Club of the M. E. Church met at the home of Mrs. Julian Coleman Thursday evening.

Children's Day exercises will be held in the M. E. Church on Sunday morning, June 13. After that date the S. S. will begin in the morning at 10 o'clock. The M. P. Sunday School will hold their exercises in June.

The regular meeting of the W. F. M. S. of the M. E. Church was held at the home of Mr. I. R. Leaverton on Tuesday afternoon, May 18, and was an interesting one. The next meeting will be held at the home of the president, Mrs. H. H. Klinefelter, the third Tuesday in June and a full attendance is desired.

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Painter's Frenzy.

The painter-engraver, Alexander Lunois, excelled in Oriental scenes. He had passed half his life in the hands of the Musselman. His works were full of light, full of color, full of movement. During his last illness, at Paris, where his elegant apartments looked out upon the quay, he was on his couch, burning up with fever. From time to time he threw a glance upon a beautiful Van Dyck. The picture was covered by a glass. Suddenly in the reflections of a glass of water he imagined that he saw in the sparkling light a dance of odalisques, such as in former days he had seen in Constantinople. He could not restrain himself. He leaped from his bed and, all trembling, he seized his palette, his brushes, and frantically set at work upon a marvelous sketch. His wife found him, nude save for a slight covering over his shoulders, his eyes sunken, his teeth chattering, painting with the fury of a madman. She led him back to his couch. He died a few days later, and the last picture of the great artist remained unfinished.

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