

**BRISTOL, BISHOP FRANK M.**

#### BISHOP BRISTOL

Bishop Bristol has been a pastor from his ordination as a minister. He has filled what are called "the best pastorates" in such a way as to be desired as pastor in a narrow circle, such as Trinity Church, Chicago, and the great church at Evanston—the church of the Presidents and Professors of the three institutions of our Church in that place: Garrett Biblical Institute, Northwestern University, and the preparatory school—and also of a great multitude of the citizens. For the last nine years he has been pastor of the Metropolitan Church in Washington. The pulpit of the Metropolitan Church is very exacting. It has had some of the greatest pulpit orators Methodism has produced. JOHN P. NEWMAN was for two terms a pastor there. THOMAS M. EDDY, one of the gifts of the West to the East and to the missionary secretaryship, was also its pastor; and the golden-mouthed O. H. TIFFANY. Dr. HUGH JOHNSTON was imported from Toronto to fill that pulpit.

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elect eight, but consummated only seven, by reason of the resignation (after election but before consecration) of Dr. Day. Bishop BERRY was elected on the first ballot, Bishops SPELLMEYER and McDOWELL on the second, there was no election on the third, and Bishop BASHFORD was chosen on the fourth. On the fifth, Bishop BURT was chosen, on the sixth, Bishop WILSON, on the ninth, Bishop

privilege. One day the Miami University Quartet was announced and four lads from Claffin University, Orangeburg, S. C., took the rostrum. They gave a characteristic and welcome jubilee hymn, and when the applause refused to let them go they turned back as if to sing again. The Bishop recalled the fact that in a desperate charge on one of the Confederate forts the Negro color-bearer of a Union regiment was shot down. His comrades ran to his aid, but it was too late. With the last of his ebbing vigor the dying man held aloft the darling colors, hoarsely whispering: "Boys, de ol' flag nebber touched de groun'!" These black boys, he said, would sing a selection based on that heroic incident. And sing it they did, with an emotion that tightened the heart-strings of every American in

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### BISHOP-ELECT BRISTOL

Rev. Frank Milton Bristol, D. D., pastor of Metropolitan Church, Washington, D. C., was elected yesterday one of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Bishop-elect Bristol was born January 4, 1851, at Jeddo, Orleans county, N. Y. He is, therefore, 57 years of age. When but five years old his parents moved to Kankakee, Ill., where he grew up. His father was Leverett A. Bristol, a merchant, and his grandfather was a Methodist local preacher. His mother's maiden name was Angeline Butterfield. Both parents were born in this country, but were of English-Scotch descent. He had no brothers and his three sisters are all dead. Dr. Bristol's father has been dead ten years. His mother, at the age of 85, but recently fell asleep at his home in Washington.

Dr. Bristol was converted at a revival meeting held by the pastor of the church in Kankakee, Ill., in 1868, when he was 17 years of age. That pastor, Rev. J. H. Moore, is still living as a superannuate member of the Illinois Conference. Young Bristol immediately felt a call to preach. He had attended the public schools in Kankakee, but at that time was clerking in a drug store. In a few months he went to Omaha, Neb., and studied with his uncle, Rev. W. E. Slaughter, D. D., who was a presiding elder there until his death and a member of the Nebraska Conference. In the summer time he worked on a farm and in the winter supported himself by clerking in a drug store. After two years Dr. Bristol returned to Kankakee, where he worked with a surveying crew, carrying the chain across the swamps of the county as an assistant. He purposed to use the money he thus earned to go to school. A good Methodist woman by the name of Mrs. Ridout saw him take part in a local church representation of "Pilgrim's Progress." She was impressed by his bearing and gifts, and on inquiry found that he intended to preach but could not attend school because he lacked funds. She got acquainted with him and provided the money for him to start into Northwestern University and helped him there for two years.

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In 1877 Dr. Bristol married Miss Nellie Frisbie, of Morgan Park, Chicago. Her father was a farmer and her three brothers now carry on that same business near Beatrice, Neb. Dr. and Mrs. Bristol have three sons, Dr. Leverett Dale Bristol, a graduate of Wesleyan, at Middletown, and a post-graduate in medicine at Johns Hopkins University, and just now beginning his practice. This son is 26 years of age, is married and has one child. The second son, Raymond Walcott Bristol, is 24 years of age, is a graduate of Wesleyan at Middletown, Conn., and is now taking a post-graduate course in architecture at the University of Pennsylvania. The third son, Harlow Butterfield Bristol, age 21, is now a sophomore at Wesleyan, Middletown.

Dr. Bristol has been steadily in the pastorate during all his career. He began preaching in 1872, when but 21 years of age. He was then in school and continued to supply during the five years leading up to his graduation. His first appointment was Englewood, Chicago, then a small church in the Rock River Conference. He filled other churches in succession in this conference as follows: Wabash Avenue, Chicago; Trinity, Chicago (he was in this pastorate two different terms, one of three and one of five years, and was compelled to move both times only by the Disciplinary limit then on); Grace, Chicago, and First Church, Evanston. He served First Church the full limit of five years and then came to the Metropolitan Church, Washington, where he has been for eleven years. President McKinley regularly attended this church and was a warm personal friend of Dr. Bristol.

Bishop-elect Bristol is the third man among the eight newly-elected to come from the pastorate, Drs. Quayle and McIntyre being the other two. This General Conference has made a new record by choosing few General Conference officers as Bishops. Dr. Bristol filled the position of fraternal delegate to the South Church. He was also a member of the Ecumenical Conference which met at London. He bears the unique distinction of having been elected to six successive General Conferences from the pastorate. Rock River sent him three times and the Baltimore Conference three times. Dr. Bristol has had the administration of great churches. He is deservedly very popular in his own conference and neighborhood. Only men of unusual gifts can successfully fill large pulpits for several years in succession.

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#### THE EXHIBIT

All Day.

The Book Concern, in the lower-room of I  
The Freedmen's Aid Work, back of Cool  
The Sunday School Department of the  
The Deaconess Work of the Woman's  
Church.  
Deaconess Institutions under local board  
and Street Armory.

#### THE COMMITTEE

3.00 P. M.—Temperance, Strawbridge  
Avenue Church; Foreign Missions, A  
Missions and Church Extension  
Mission Avenue Church; Deaconess  
8.30 A. M.—Special Committee of Fifth  
Room of the Lyric.

This is my earnest plea,  
More love, O Christ, to thee,  
More love to thee.

Once earthly joy I craved,  
Sought peace and rest;  
Now thee alone I seek,  
Give what is best:

This all my prayer shall be,  
More love, O Christ, to thee,  
More love to thee!

Let sorrow do its work,  
Send grief and pain;  
Sweet are thy messengers,  
Sweet their refrain,  
When they can sing with me,  
More love, O Christ, to thee,  
More love to thee!

Then shall my latest breath

Mexico would be more successful with a  
local Bishop. It has been charged that  
China would have been as fruitful as  
India long ago if she had accepted a  
missionary episcopacy. How can any  
human being make that declaration. If  
any field on earth requires a General  
Superintendent it is a mission field. We  
need there the wisest and best leader-  
ship to be found anywhere in the  
Church.

Miss Limberger was the third woman  
to take the speaker's stand. She said:  
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Dr. Edgar Blake, who speaks with a penetrating voice and thinks clearly, favored the report. He said: A few weeks ago I heard Arthur Smith, the best posted man on China in the world, say to Congregationalists and others that the greatest work done in China was that being done by Methodists. He also said that the most effective man in China was Bashford. In four years we have gained only 10 per cent. at home in membership, while in a single year we have gained 11 per cent. in mission fields where we have a man on the field. We have been in Mexico 32 years, and we have only secured 6,000 members. Is it not about time that we try a new plan?

Dr. Goucher opposed the plan, and insisted that we had originally made a mistake in limiting any Bishop to a certain land.

The previous question was ordered and Dr. Leonard, the committee's representative, closed the debate. He said: The missionary episcopate has vindicated itself. Bishop Harzell has turned attention to Africa as has no man since the days of Livingstone. When he took the work there was less than 2,000. Now we have 9,000. The Bishops in Asia so thoroughly oversee the work that every detail is in their hands. There are 125 native workers in Mexico and six districts. Each district should be visited and gathered together as a conference at least once a year.

The delegates refused to make a missionary Bishop for Mexico by a vote of 266 for it to 363 against it.

Dr. Boyle, as chairman of the Credentials Committee, read a great number of requests from further attendance on the General Conference. Some were accepted, but others were rejected. He created merriment by reading a request from President Samuel Plantz which declared the necessity of his leaving Monday, June 3, in order to reach a long-time engagement on Tuesday night, June 2. He seemed to have mixed up his figures in writing his dates.

The secretary called attention to the fact that so many excuses endangered the quorum of the General Conference. He said that when they adjourned at Los Angeles they had 110 over a quorum, but at this session, with four or five days of very important business ahead of us, we now had only 118 over a quorum.

William Christie Herron, for the Fraternal Delegates Committee, reported that the representatives of the Colored Methodist Church were on hand. He

Bishop Frank M. Bristol, while en route from his episcopal visitation upon our Conference in Porto Rico, was suddenly stricken Monday morning, March 16, at Chicago, with an acute attack of indigestion and at present lies in a critical condition at his hotel, the Grand Pacific. He will be removed to Wesley Hospital as soon as his condition justifies. It is feared the attack involves the appendix which was affected two years ago while the Bishop was in South America. The present illness has taxed the heart and left him weakened. Physicians have decided that as soon as he has gained sufficient strength it will be necessary for him to undergo an operation. While returning from Porto Rico with Mrs. Bristol, a severe storm overtook the vessel, causing the Bishop much nausea, which probably had much to do with the recurrence of the attack. Just previous to his illness he left the hotel to visit a book stall that he had recently discovered, and while there was stricken. It was with difficulty that he returned to the hotel, where he suffered intense pain all the afternoon and through the night. Mrs. Bristol and her son, who is himself a physician, are at his bedside. The announcement of his illness has caused profound sympathy throughout Chicago, where the Bishop was so well and popularly known in his pastorates. He is receiving every attention possible, and it is the prayer of the Church at large that he may be permitted to recover and serve the Church for many years.



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In 1908 he was elected Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Four years thereafter he supervised the work of his Church in South America.

From 1912 to 1916 he was located at Omaha, Nebraska. His present headquarters are at Chattanooga, Tenn. He is the author of "Providential Epochs", "The Ministry of Art", "Shakespeare and America" and other volumes.

Photographs from this  
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included but are  
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