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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 Bristol—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 H. Newman was for two terms a pastor there. Thomas M. East, one of the gifts of the West to the East and to the missionary secretaryship, was also its pastor; and the golden-mouthed G. H. Tipton. Dr. Hugh Johnston was imported from Toronto to fill that pulpit.

Dr. Bristol has proved himself a worthy successor of these men of divine gifts. President McKinley used to say: "I do not think that I can remember ever hearing anything but good sermons from Dr. Bristol."
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 Rut was chosen, on the sixth, Bishop Morton, on the ninth, Bishop...
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 Zeddo, 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 Levett 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-Scottish 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, has recently fallen asleep at her 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 occasionally took a call to small circuits, taught school, and studied for the ministry. He was unable to continue his education 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. B. 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 swampy section of the county as an assistant. He proposed 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 which had been made to her by the pastor. She found him by hearing and gifts, and on inquiry found that he intended to go to school, 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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Dr. Bristol attended the academy at Evanston and finally graduated from the Northwestern College department in 1877 with a degree of B. S. He has since received from the same school the degrees of A. M. and B. D. He was also for some years a trustee of this school.

In 1877 Dr. Bristol married Miss Nellie Frisby, of Morgan Park, Chicago. Her father was a farmer and she three brothers now carry on that same business near Bristol, Neb. Dr. and Mrs. Bristol have three sons. Dr. Laurence Dale Bristol, a graduate of Wesleyan, at Middletown, and a post-graduate in medicine at Johns Hopkins University, and Mrs. Quayle, took her beginning her practice. This son has one child. The second son, Raymond Walcott Bristol, is 24 years of age, is a graduate of Wesleyan at Middletown, Iowa, and is now taking a post-graduate course in architecture at the University of Pennsylvania. The third son, Horace Battisfield Bristol, age 22, is now a sophomore at Wesleyan, Middletown.

Dr. Bristol has been steadily in the front parsonate during all his career. He began preaching in 1877, when but 21 years of age. Six years 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 Buck River Conference. He filled other churches in succession in this conference as follows: Wabash Avenue, Chicago; Trinity, Chicago, where he was in this position two different years; Newberry, Chicago, where he was in two different positions for eight years, and was compelled to move both times only by the Blackstone limit then set; Grace, Chicago, and First Church, Evanston. He served First Church the full limit of five years and then came to the Metropolitan Church, Washington, D.C., 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 parishes. Drs. Quayle and McAuley being the other two. This General Conference has made a new record by choosing two General Conference offices as Bishop. Dr. Bristol filled the position of fraternal delegate to the General Conference; a member of the Ecumenical Conference which met at London, he was the second distinction of having been elected in my successive General Conferences from the passionate Buck 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 two of unusual gifts can successfully fill large pulpits for several years in succession.

He is a strong, stirring and thoughtful preacher. He still dignify the same and position of Bishop any place and always,
The Book Concern, in the lower rooms of the Sunley School Department of the Woman's Church.

Deaconess Institution under local board at Street Armory.

3.00 P.M.—Special Committee of Five Room of the Lyric.

Let sorrow do its work,
Seek grief and pain;
Sweet are thy messengers,
When they can sing with me.

Then shall my latest breath
Be with O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee!
Dr. Goucher opposed the plan, and insisted that we hit originally made a mistake in limiting any Bishop to a certain land.

The previous question was ordered and the Bishop of Texas, the chairman's representation, was called upon. Bishop Hartwell was next in line. Bishop Hartwell has turned attention to Africa as an example since the days of Livingstone. When he took the work there was less than 2,000. Now we have 2,000. The Bishop in Asia has thoroughly overseen the work that every detail is in order. There are 125 active workers in Mexico and six districts. Each district should be visited at least once a year.

The delegates refused to make a missionary Bishop for Mexico by a vote of 156 for to 38 against it.

Dr. Boley, a member of the Credentials Committee, read a great number of requests from other delegates on the General Conference. Some were adopted, but others were rejected.

From President Samuel Plumer, which endorsed the request of the Institute Monday, June 2, in order to make a long-time engagement on Tuesday night, June 2. He seemed to have mixed up his figures in writing his notes.

The secretary called attention to the fact that so many early conferences of the General Conference had not been attended by the President. He said that when they assembled at Los Angeles they had 100 over a question, but of this number, with four or five days of very important business ahead of us, we now had only 50 over a question.

William Christie Harris, for the General Delegates Committee, reported that the representative of the Colored Methodist Church was on hand for the closing of the conference.
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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While he was struggling along in Kankakee, Ill., trying to earn the money for his education, a Methodist woman, named Mrs. Rideout, saw him take part in a local church representation of "Pilgrim's Progress". Impressed by the young man's bearing and gifts, she inquired about him and learned that he expected to preach but lacked funds for higher education. She became acquainted with him, provided the money for him to start his college course at Northwestern University and helped him there two 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 file have not been included but are available upon request. For more information please contact research@gcah.org