

**DAWSEY, BISHOP CYRUS, B., SR.
& ETHEL SANDERS DAWSEY &
LILLIAN KNOBLES DAWSEY**

Rev. C.B. Dawsey

Rev. C.B. Dawsey is the son of the late Cyrus Dawsey, an exhorter in the Southern Methodist Church, who was especially gifted in soul winning. If he had not died as a young man it is probable that he would have ~~been known as an~~ ~~outstanding preacher~~ gone into the active ministry and become one of our outstanding preachers. Mr. Dawsey was born in Horry County, South Carolina, and was reared by his mother, who was a widow with ~~six~~ eight small children. Mr. Dawsey attended Wofford College, finishing with the class of 1910. While a freshman in this school he joined the Student Volunteer Band, being much influenced by a Japanese classmate to take an interest in missions. He served for a quadrennium as pastor of the Methodist church at Pacolet Mills, S.C. and was afterwards transferred to the Brazil conference. Mr. Dawsey is now pastor at Biriguy, Central Brazil conference, Northwest District. He has been on the field since 1914.



The Contribution of the Cyrus B. Dawsey Family To Brazilian Methodism

By

MRS. CLYDE VARN GRIFFING

IN BISHOP DAWSEY'S address on *The Contribution of South Carolina Methodism to the Coming of the Kingdom of God in Brazil* (the 1960 address of the S. C. Conference Historical Society), his extreme modesty dictated an almost total exclusion of the tremendous contribution made by the Dawsey family itself. The Historical Society, meeting at the time of the Annual Conference in Columbia, S. C., in June of 1960, voted that an addendum be written for the purpose of recording the work of the Dawseys, one of the most outstanding families of Methodist missions in Brazil. At the present time, the years of service of this one family (not including in-laws) total 150. Since three of the second generation are still young, it well may be that the eventual total may set a record in years of service given by one family.

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burden of the care of the family fell upon his wife, Ethel Sanders Dawsey, truly a most remarkable woman. For 34 years she served untiringly in so many capacities that no resume could do her justice. Living, as she did, in places where there were no doctors, she set broken limbs, nursed the sick back to health, served as mid-wife and taught the women how to make up formulas for their children. Sarah recalls that frequently there would be a long line of people awaiting her ministrations. One room was set aside for cases of serious illness, among them patients whose diseases were later diagnosed as tuberculosis and leprosy. Since the sick were often brought in too late, the Dawsey home frequently became a funeral home as well as a hospital and it was Mrs. Dawsey who prepared the bodies for burial and comforted the bereaved. "How did she do all of this without endangering the health of her family?" I asked Sarah. "We had only furniture that could be disinfected: wicker chairs, iron beds, and inexpensive corn-shuck mattresses that could be burned. And too, I'm sure that God took care of us," was the answer.

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the women, managing to write in a part for every one, even the most timid, and they responded and loved it. Sarah recalls that the problems of scenery and costuming denuded the Dawsey home of window curtains, table cloths and other movable objects.

Gardening was a family project, inspired and guided by the mother. The children vied with one another to see which could grow the loveliest flowers and finest tomatoes. It was Ethel S. Dawsey, too, who remembered birthdays and prepared for Christmas, making with her own hands toys and other presents for which there was no money.

The one cause of parental friction lay in that Bishop Dawsey's greatest failing "leaned to virtue's side." Any homeless stray or drunk who had no place to lay his head found that place at the Dawsey home, especially if he claimed to be "protestante." Ethel's protests availed nothing. It never failed that by morning, the "protestante" would have disappeared taking with him some of the family worldly goods of which there was never a surplus.

And so for the Dawsey family, life in a mud house with beaten clay floors, kerosene lamps, water drawn from a well and corn-shuck mattresses, was not accounted as one of hardships. Neither did inadequate educational facilities nor unsatisfactory medical care ever bring a murmur of complaint. The essentials of Abundant Living were not lacking and all the members of the Dawsey family, "rooted and grounded in love," identified themselves wholly with the community in which they lived.

When Cyrus B. Dawsey went away on trips that sometimes stretched out a month with no possible communication with his family, he knew that both his home and the local church were left in capable hands and that he could give of

his best to the extension of the church in faraway places. For twenty-one years, in dust and rain and heat Cyrus B. Dawsey penetrated the **Noroeste** (north-west) of Sao Paulo, establishing and nurturing churches among the lowly, serving as pastor and counsellor to numerous flocks and as district superintendent to the new districts that came into existence largely as a result of his labors. In Birigui he founded **Colegio Noroeste** which today offers primary and secondary education as well as the normal and business courses to over a thousand boys and girls who otherwise would have no school.

The seven years spent in Sao Carlos offered a bit more in physical comfort but no relaxation in effort. And so it was not surprising that the many who referred to Cyrus B. Dawsey as "meu pai espiritual" elected him bishop in 1946. Until that date, Bishop Tarboux had been the only American to be elected bishop by the General Conference of the autonomous Brazilian church. Bishop Dawsey truly was one among the meek to inherit the earth. He who had never sought prestige nor position for himself heard the call, "Friend, go up higher." He brought to the episcopacy years of rich experience and a deep understanding of people and their problems. He never lost his special concern for the forgotten rural population and did much to awaken rural pastors to their responsibilities for the whole of life. That a fine rural church program has come into existence among the Methodists of Brazil is due to a large degree to his interest and efforts.

After being made bishop, Cyrus Dawsey went with his family to live in Piracicaba, a town that the family had come to love. It was there that Ethel Sanders Dawsey died in 1948, and was laid to rest in the land she loved and served so well.

Surely the blood of pioneers ran in the veins of the Dawsey children. In 1937, the oldest daughter, Ethel, and her husband Albert Ream, arrived in Brazil where they were to establish the Methodist Church's first School of Sacred Music for the preparation of choir directors. The Reams accomplished much in stimulating church music as, for twelve years in Sao Paulo and eight in Rio de Janeiro, they taught music and trained choir directors and teachers. Today the result of their training is evident in the schools and churches.

In 1941, Sarah was sent to **Colegio Bennett** in Rio to pioneer in pre-primary education. She set up the first nursery school in Brazil and trained teachers for this work. Today the nursery school at **Colegio Bennett** is a model for pre-primary education. It is a four-year course and has a long waiting list of

children from the city's most prominent families. Each year new nursery schools are coming into existence, all having the stamp of evangelical influence received by their teachers at **Colegio Bennett**.

When the Board of Directors were needing a principal for **Bennett** in 1955, they selected Sarah. She accepted the greater responsibility which she executes most efficiently, but she did not give up the nursery school. Each day at the music hour she is there at the piano accompanying the little ones and aiding them in their problems and progress.

Agnes went out in 1940 to become Mrs. Will Rogers, Will having preceded her the year before. They were sent to the rolling plains of Rio Grande do Sul, the most southern of Brazilian states. There they labor among the **gauchos** (cowboys) a knife-carrying, "gun-totin" people, different in character to the rural **paulista**. (Agnes says that after Will has read the invitation to the communion service, a **gaucho** hesitatingly says, "Com licenca, reverendo," at which all the men proceed to pile their arms on a table before taking communion.) Agnes and Will experience the same lack of physical comfort that the former knew in her childhood. But they and their five boys are radiantly happy in God's big outdoors of the **gaucho** plains.

Cyrus Junior, caught up in World War II, did not get back to the land of his birth until 1952. With his wife, Marshlea and their three children (now

four), he returned to Sao Paulo, the state in which he was born, and is rendering a great service in the extension of God's kingdom in that state as pastor and district superintendent.

This writing would be most incomplete without the mention of Lillian Knobles Dawsey, who, having given about 20 years as a missionary to China, twice was sent to Brazil to work in our schools when the political situation prohibited her return to China. It was in December 1951 that she and Bishop Dawsey were married. Her spirit of dedication and altruism made her years in Brazil a blessing to all whose lives touched hers.

Mary Ellyn, the youngest of the Dawsey family, has served as kindergarten teacher in two of our schools in Brazil. At present she is working at the South's big social problem of better race relations by helping in the kindergarten at Bethlehem Center, Columbia.

The churches of our conference who have had the great privilege of supporting the Dawsey family in the field have made a rich investment which will continue to pay high dividends in the development of Christian character in Brazil. Bishop Dawsey is the only Methodist missionary to Brazil to give four second-generation missionaries to the field. And what about third generation missionaries? The prospects are excellent and it well may be that Brazil may be blessed by the cooperation of the Dawsey descendants for years to come.

Summertown	52	56	Crescent Beach	28	12
Sumter:			Dillon:		
Aldersgate	59	6	Main Street	94	97
St. John	56	34	Dillon Circuit	17	15
St. Mark	83	84	Lake View	36	15
Trinity	165	183	Latta	48	56
West Kershaw	21	21	Little River	26	2
			Loris:		
LAKE CITY DISTRICT			First Church	40	94
Quota 2002—Secured 975			Loris Circuit	24	10
Andrews	54	26	Marion: First Church	125	9
Berkeley Circuit	26	11	Marlboro	32	42
Bethlehem-Salem	39	13	McColl	29	38
Cades	54	20	Mullins:		
Coward	50	14	Macedonia	85	85
Darlington:			Mullins Circuit	41	48
Trinity	103	55	Myrtle Beach	137	32
Darlington Circuit	54	47	Murrell's Inlet:		
Florence:			Belin Memorial	19	--
Central	255	79	Nichols	73	82
Highland Park	30	12	Tatum	28	11
St. Paul	85	7	Waccamaw	41	52
Georgetown:			ORANGEBURG DISTRICT		
Duncan Memorial	121	14	Quota 1661—Secured 1377		
Wayne	40	35	Allendale	42	49
Greeleyville-Lane	33	39	Bamberg:		
Hemingway	48	4	Main Street	25	19
Hemingway Circuit	55	58	Trinity	53	4
Jamestown	18	31	(Continued on page 14)		
Johnsonville	5	4			

Thy Kingdom Come

John Marvin Rast

THE FANNER BEES

In his book on "The Lord's Prayer" Glenn Clark tells a parable of the "Fanner Bees."

A visitor to a hive was impressed by a whirring sound.

The old bee-keeper told him that it was the sound of the fanner bees, standing with lowered heads toward the center of the hive, and with wings moving wondrously fast, fanning the bad air out through one side of the entrance and sucking in the pure air on the other side.

We all know persons whom they typify.

They hold not their lives dear unto themselves, but give them freely for the brightening and freshening of life about them.

Congratulations

The Rev. W. E. Seifert III, pastor of Sandy Springs Charge, and his wife announce the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Lee. She arrived July 16. She was baptized by her father on Sunday morning, July 31, at Sandy Springs.

REVIVAL

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Bishop Cushman, Retired, Dies At 80

Nashville, Tenn.—Retired Methodist Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, 80, Raleigh, N. C., died of a heart attack August 10 at Herkimer, N. Y., while en route to Vermont on a vacation trip, the Associated Press reported.

Accompanying him on the trip were his wife and son, the Rev. Dr. Robert E. Cushman, dean of the Duke Divinity School, Durham, N. C., the report said.

Funeral services were scheduled for Geneva, N. Y. He was elected bishop in 1932, serving as bishop of the Denver, Colo., and St. Paul, Minn., Areas of The Methodist Church.

Letters To The Editor

SUNDAY FARM POLICY

Fred R. Atkinson
Columbia, S. C.

To the Editor.

We noted that a conference of farm leaders had been called for Sunday, August 21, in Des Moines, Iowa, by the politicians for the purpose of arriving at a national farm policy. This might have been a plausible news item from Soviet Russia where materialism is god. Is there such a shortage of food and fibre as to justify the use of the Sabbath thus? Has our stomach taken precedence over our souls and is this a sign of the times?

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RESOLUTION

IN TRIBUTE TO DR. J. M. ARIAIL

Unanimously Passed June 23, 1960, by South Carolina Annual Conference, The Methodist Church

Whereas, the term of service for a number of members of the Board of Pensions will expire at the close of this Annual Conference, among these being some who had served many years before our present eight-year rule; and,

Whereas, numbered among these is Dr. J. M. Ariail, who was reared in a Methodist parsonage and who, as a layman, felt called of God to champion the cause of adequate support for retired ministers, their wives, and children; and,

Whereas, during his thirty-year term of service on the Board of Pensions, the maximum pension allowance has increased over 700 per cent; and,

Whereas, during the past four years in which he has served as Chairman of the Board of Pensions, we have so consistently raised the annuity rate that the present Annual Conference set the annuity rate at \$60 per service year, thereby keeping the payment to retired ministers in proportion to the payment of active ministers;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the South Carolina Conference, in session June 23, 1960, express its appreciation to all outgoing members of this Board and especially to Dr. Ariail for his insight and dedication as expressed through his leadership in this very important area of the Church's concern for its ministry.

John G. Hipp
D. E. Canaday

Methodist Deaths

AUGUST

- 7 Dr. William E. Bickley, 69, Pendleton
- 7 Jack K. Hurley, 27, Inman
- 8 Michael J. Hines, 7, Charleston
- 8 William B. Horne, 70, Midland Park
- 8 J. Cullen Kay, 71, Antreville
- 8 Miss Ivy McFall, 62, Pickens
- 8 Thomas W. Rushton, 16, Wagener
- 9 Mrs. Lou S. Binkley, 84, Whitmire
- 9 Mrs. Essie J. Richbourg, 66, Summerton
- 9 Wilson Taylor, 82, Florence
- 9 Wylie Jefferson Ward, 76, Jonesville
- 9 Mack D. Wright, 75, Abbeville
- 10 Perlis Dix Powell, 55, Union
- 10 Marion K. Wicker, 61, Newberry
- 10 Tommy Williamson, 54, North
- lay 11 Mrs. Lona D. Allen, 67, Conway
- 11 Casper E. Hoever, 11, Batesburg
- fb 11 Mrs. Mae G. Sawyer, 82, Wagener
- h 11 George Schultz, 34, Laurens
- p 12 Homer D. Henry, 86, Clinton
- a 12 Mrs. Myrtle S. Hodges, 72, Cades
- a 12 Mrs. Tillie N. Huff, 73, Union
- cl 12 Mrs. Marie W. Lane, 76, Newberry
- p 12 Dr. John Y. McKinney, 74, Florence
- e 13 Mrs. Kate W. Easterline, 76, Walterboro
- w 13 Walter C. Jackson, Spartanburg
- w 13 Mrs. Irene V. Williams, 55, Bamberg

to help in any way we can to inform folk about the conditions over there.

Since it is a good long way from here back up that way I will try to see as many folk as possible when I do come. I know that it is not going to be possible for me to do this on Sundays but will try to arrange for week-day appointments as well as Sundays.

OBER 10-15, 1960

Christian Social Concerns for Ministers, York City and one day in Washington. Details estimated at \$50.00. Rooms, 28 Wilson St., Sumter, S. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

M E M O R A N D U M

April 18, 1972

TO: All Personnel

FROM: Tracey K. Jones, Jr.

Word has just been sent us that Lillian^k Nobles Dawsey, a former missionary to China, died April 8 after a long illness. Mrs. Dawsey is the wife of the retired Brazilian Bishop Cyrus B. Dawsey and is the step-mother of two children and one grand step-mother also in missionary service.

Funeral services were held in Columbia, South Carolina. Messages may be sent to Bishop Cyrus B. Dawsey at: 1406 Columbia College Drive, South Carolina 29203.

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(See over)
Knobles, Lillian

WMO

Born May 24/1891.
at Stale Lake, Miss.
Died - 4/8/72

Sailed ~~Sept. 18,~~ ^{Aug} 1921 for China.
Arrived in Shanghai Sept. 2, 1921
W.M.C.

East
China Annual Conference

Language study, Soochow 1921-22
Davidson School, Soochow 1922-26
Laura Haygood School, Soochow. Spring 1928
Davidson School, Soochow, 1928-33
Laura Haygood School 1934-35
Davidson School. 1935-37
McTycine School, Shanghai 1937-38
1939 Church - community work in
West Soochow.

Transferred temporarily to Brazil -
Colegio Bennett 1942

WDC Sec. Exec. Com. Min. 4/41, p. 71 - to Brazil (temp)

Education:
Scarrutt Bible & Training Sch.
1918-20
Peabody College 1920-21
Jan-Aug 1927 - B.S.
Scarrutt College 1933-41
Teachers College, Columbia
Univ. 1940-41 A.M.

Experience: Teaching in
Mississippi, 1913-18.

Furloughs:
July 1926 - Dec. 1927
July 1933 - Aug. 1934
July 1940 -
Sailed 7/31/46 - arr.
Sept 3.46

NAME Knobles, Lillian		WMC
BIRTH DATE	May 1891	FIRST SAILING 3-18-1921
DATE	December 20, 1951	
MARRIED:	NAME Cyrus B. Dawsey (DFM)	
WITHDRAWN	December 20, 1951	REINSTATED
RETIRED	9/11/56	DIED 4/8/72
HOME CONF.		FIELD CONFERENCE China
SUPPORTING CONF.		Brazil
WHEELDEX FORM O-1336		

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March 5, 1942

RE: MISS LILLIAN KNOBLES

Miss Lillian Knobles was a missionary in China since 1921, and did outstanding teaching in McIyeire School in Shanghai. She is now unable to return to her field. Bennett College in Rio de Janeiro is asking for a specialist in the teaching of English, and Miss Knobles has been assigned to their staff. The request came that she arrive in time for the opening of the new college course this March. We have been endeavoring since last September to get Miss Knobles there, and finally secured all the necessary permits.

Miss Knobles is a woman of rather outstanding character. She is calm and cool in difficult situations. We feel that it is not a mere coincidence that a China missionary is being transferred to Brazil, but that Miss Knobles is the type of person who can interpret the best in China and the best in America to the Brazilian people, and we know that she goes with the desire to understand and appreciate what Brazil is trying to do in fostering higher education for women.

W. W. Reid
Board of Missions and Church Extension
of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York

released upon receipt

Bishop Cyrus Bassett Dawsey, a son of South Carolina, and long known as "the Asbury of Brazil" because of his tireless pioneer work, most of it carried on from horseback, in that republic, will be the guest-speaker at

on

Bishop Dawsey will tell something of his work in Brazil, and of the opportunities for Christian service there.

It was at the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Brazil, in 1946, that Dr. Dawsey was elected to the episcopacy. For thirty-two years prior to that election he had travelled throughout the northwestern part of the State of Sao Paulo, "extending the church," keeping in advance of the rapidly expanding frontier, gathering peoples from many varied backgrounds into churches, and helping them in the erection of scores of new church edifices. The territory he served was marked, only a few years ago, on the maps of Brazil as "Unknown -- inhabited by Indians." Perhaps more than any other man of any race or nation, he helped make it known to civilization and to the Christian gospel.

One of the churches he organized, that at Biriguy, is perhaps the best organized and largest Methodist church in the state. On the official board there were and are Brazilians, North Americans, English, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese and Italians -- an index of the complex makeup of the countryside.

It is told that on one occasion Dr. Dawsey, returning from a tiring journey of several days, found most of the people fleeing the town because of a revolutionary army that was reported ready to take it. It was expected that he would hurry his family from the town also. Instead he remounted his horse, rode through the town and countryside, and called the evangelicals to a prayer meeting in the little church that

evening. While everyone else was fleeing, the Methodists gathered in their sanctuary in song and praise and prayer. The next day, when the revolutionary leaders arrived in town, Dr. Dawsey was at the railroad station to meet them. The town was spared any damage.

Bishop Dawsey was born in Aymor, South Carolina, and was educated at Wofford College. While still in college he was appointed to a pastorate near the college, and that same year was admitted into membership in the South Carolina Annual Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Three years later, in 1914, he was appointed a missionary to Brazil.

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Four New Methodist Buildings Dedicated in Brazil

The four new buildings of Colegio Americano, Methodism's notable school in Porto Alegre, Brazil, were dedicated on March 20.

Participating in the service were the three bishops of the Methodist Church of Brazil -- Bishop Cesar Darcoso of the North Brazil Conference, Bishop Cyrus B. Dawsey of the Central Brazil Conference, and Bishop Isaias Sucasas of the South Brazil Conference. Dr. Derly Chaves, pastor of Central Methodist Church in Porto Alegre and president of the Board of Trustees of the school, presided and spoke on the history of the institution. Miss Eliabeth M. Lee, executive secretary of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in Latin America, represented the Board of Missions, and presented the buildings to the Methodist Church of Brazil.

The service of dedication, in Portuguese, followed the Methodist ritual for the dedication of schools. On the platform were distinguished citizens of the city and friends of the school, and the large auditorium was filled with parents and other guests; while the student body of over 600 filled the galleries and the adjoining gymnasium.

This new school is situated on a high hill commanding a superb view of the city and harbor. The four buildings are Pfeiffer Hall, containing the administration offices and classrooms and given by the late Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer in memory of her husband; the Elizabeth M. Lee auditorium and gymnasium building; the social life building; and the dormitory. In addition a beautiful chapel is being built, the gift of graduates, students, parents and friends of the school. Upon completion it will be dedicated in a special service.

The construction of this new plant has been made possible by the Pfeiffer gift, and by the contributions to the Woman's Division for this project by many friends

from all parts of the United States. The work itself is due to the planning and supervision of Miss Mary Sue Brown, architect and builder, who through the difficult period of the war has surmounted many obstacles in order to achieve the dream of her lifetime in these new buildings for the school where she has for many years served as principal. Colegio Americano now rejoices in one of the most beautiful and adequate group of buildings owned by the Methodist Church in any part of the world.

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Six new workers, who officially joined the ranks of Methodist missionaries June 21, knelt at the altar of the Gobin Methodist Church in Greencastle, Ind. The three young men and three young women were commissioned for missionary service by Bishop Cyrus B. Davsoy of Columbia, S.C., a retired bishop of the Methodist Church of Brazil. The ceremony was conducted at the closing service of the Methodist Furloughed Missionaries Conference on the campus of DePauw University. The new missionaries are (left to right) Mr. and Mrs. John Hughlett, Cocoa, Fla., going to the Belgian Congo; the Rev. Edwin Hoyer, Marlette, Mich. (Mrs. Hoyer, at her husband's right, previously had been commissioned, going to Southern Rhodesia; the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Babcock, Englewood, Colo., going to Southeast Asia, and Miss Jennie Jo Warriner, San Diego, Calif., going to Korea. About 400 persons, most of them missionaries on furlough, witnessed the commissioning service.

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MAR 7 1950

Brazil Re-elects Its Bishops

A report from the recent General Conference of the Methodist Church in Brazil says that all three present bishops (who serve four-year terms) were re-elected: Bishop Cesar Dacorso, Bishop Cyrus B. Dawsey, and Bishop Isaias Sucasas. The Rev. Charles W. Clay, missionary, was elected executive secretary of the Board of Education; the Rev. Wilbur K. Smith, missionary, executive secretary of the Board of Social Action; and the Rev. Augusto Schwab, executive secretary of the Board of Missions.

The most drastic action taken by the General Conference was a vote to make tithing mandatory upon all church members.

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Brazil Elects Three Bishops

Two new bishops of the Methodist Church of Brazil were elected, and Bishop Cesar Dacorso was re-elected, at the recent session of the General Conference of Brazil's daughter of North American Methodism. Each election is for four years, Bishop Dacorso's being for the fourth consecutive four-year period.

The new bishops are Dr. Cyrus Bassett Dawsey, a veteran missionary; and the Rev. Isaias Sucasas, son of Spanish immigrants to Brazil.

The General Conference also re-elected Dr. James E. Ellis as general secretary of the Board of Christian Education, and Dr. Augusto Schwab as general secretary of the Board of Missions; and chose the Rev. Charles W. Clay, a missionary, as general secretary of the Board of Social Action in succession to the veteran missionary, Dr. Hugh C. Tucker.

The bishops and the secretaries constitute the General Cabinet of the Methodist Church of Brazil.

Dr. W. H. Moore was re-elected president of the School of Theology in Juiz de Fora. He is a former president of Granbery College, Brazil.

Bishop Dawsey has been a tireless pioneer in extending Methodism in the northwestern part of the State of Sao Paulo, and has been called "the Asbury of Brazil." A native of South Carolina, educated at Wofford College, he has been in missionary service in Brazil since 1914. In Sao Paulo he has kept in advance of the rapidly expanding frontier, has gathered people -- from many varied backgrounds -- into churches, and has led them in the erection of scores of church buildings. The territory he served was only a few years ago marked on maps, "Unknown -- inhabited by Indians."

Mrs. Dawsey is also a native of South Carolina. They have three daughters, all missionaries in Brazil: Mrs. Albert W. Room of Sao Paulo; Miss Sarah Dawsey of the faculty of Bennett College, Rio de Janeiro; and Mrs. William F. Rogers of Sao Paulo.

Bishop Isaias Sucasas is the son of Spanish-born immigrants to Brazil. For twelve years he studied at Granbery College, Sao Paulo, working his way by manual labor. In 1925 he was graduated from the School of Theology and entered the Methodist ministry. For several years he served on large circuits in the interior of the State of Minas. Then for four years he was pastor of the Central Methodist Church in Juiz de Fora, where he greatly increased the membership and established eleven Sunday schools in nearby communities. At the Central Church in Belo Horizonte, he erected one of the best-equipped churches in all Brazil. He was pastor of the Catete Church in Rio de Janeiro when elected to the episcopacy.

Bishop Dacorso has been in the Brazil Episcopacy since 1934. His father was an immigrant from Italy; his mother was a Brazilian, partly of Indian descent. Under his guidance the church has made rapid growth during these twelve years.

General Secretary Charles Wesley Clay succeeds "the grand old man of Brazil evangelical church" in heading the Board of Social Action. Dr. Tucker has made this Board a powerful instrument for social welfare in the republic's life.

Mr. Clay went to Brazil from the United States at the age of five, his parents being early Methodist missionaries. Later he returned to the United States and was educated at Rutherford College and Duke University. For three years he was a pastor in the Western North Carolina Conference, and then returned to Brazil as a missionary. Most of his service has been in connection with Granbery College.

Dr. Ellis has been at the helm of the Board of Christian Education since 1934. The Rev. Augusto Schwab, re-elected to head the Board of Missions, was born in Czechoslovakia, but emigrated to Brazil early in life.

The Methodist Church of Brazil was established in 1930 from three missionary conferences established by the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It has about 30,000 members.

SKETCH OF REV. C. B. DAWSEY OF BRAZIL

Rev. C. B. Dawsey comes from South Carolina. His father was an exhorter in the Southern Methodist Church and was especially gifted in soul-winning. He died as a young man and left his wife with a large family of children, whom she reared in a remarkable manner.

Mr. Dawsey was educated at Wofford College, and was appointed to fill the unexpired term of a pastor who had to give up his work for health reasons even before he (Mr. Dawsey) had completed the work of his senior year. He was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference in 1911 and into full connection in 1913. He sailed for Brazil in June, 1914.

Mr. Dawsey is widely known for his love of pioneer work. Because of his interest in the distant outposts and his great success in pioneer work, Mr. Dawsey has often been called "The Asbury of Brazil."

About two years after he reached Brazil, Mr. Dawsey was sent in 1916 to the vast Northwest District in the Central Brazil Conference which section at that time had just been opened up -- territory that only a few years before had been marked on the map as "unknown territory occupied by Indians." As the Northwest Railroad was put through, the section was opened to settlers and thousands of people from all parts of Brazil and from foreign countries rushed into this new region. The Southern Methodist Church followed the movement and began missionary work among the people of this section even before the Roman Catholic Church did.

To this new territory Mr. Dawsey came in 1916 and here he spent thirteen years, traveling over wide circuits, preaching to the people in these new and raw towns and helping them in many ways. He established a number of churches, the one at Biriguy being probably the largest and best organized. On the official church board here he had Brazilians, Americans, English, Spanish, Japanese, and Italians. He traveled a circuit as large as the whole state of North Carolina and had to be away from home for days and weeks at a time.

An interesting story is told of Mr. Dawsey, who coming home from a long itinerary found most of the people fleeing from the town to get away from a revolutionary army which was reported to be drawing nigh. Everybody expected that the missionary would hurry in and take his family away, but instead he remounted his horse, though weary from many long miles of riding and preaching, and rode all over the town to visit his "creentes" (believers). He called them together in the little church that night, and while everybody else was fleeing in panic, the Methodists gathered in the sanctuary, singing and receiving encouragement from their leader. The next day when the leaders of the revolution actually arrived, Mr. Dawsey was at the station to meet them.

After a furlough in America in 1929-1930, Mr. Dawsey was again sent out to a pioneer region -- to the town of Marilia also in the great State of Sao Paulo, the "coffee land" of Brazil. He reached Marilia, which had been opened to civilization only about five years, in November 1930, and since that time his work has been in this section. His circuit extended 120 miles along the railroad that had been put through the territory, and as presiding elder his district included the area just mentioned and additional territory extending about 300 miles along

the Sorocabano Railway. The far end of his district was 400 miles from his home in Marilia.

Reports from Mr. Dawsey of the work in this new field carried a great challenge to the home Church. He said:

"The opportunities of the Church in this region are the opportunities of a new work in a new field of unlimited possibilities. If we had a sufficient number of workers, this great district could be increased to many times its present size, because for hundreds of miles to the south and thousands of miles to the west, there stretches a vast territory where no preacher ever goes."

Mr. Dawsey's report of his work for the year 1937 made at the meeting of the Annual Conference in Brazil included the following items:

Received into the church -----over 100; 69 by profession of faith
Made 650 visits
Directed 234 services
Traveled 9,179 kilometers
Built two churches
Organized a number of Sunday Schools and missionary societies

Mr. Dawsey was again returned to Marilia, where he was at work until he came to the States on furlough in March, 1938. He was elected a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which met in Birmingham, Alabama, in April, 1938.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF C. B. DAWSEY

I was born in Calivants Ferry township, Horry County, South Carolina.

My father, Cyrus Dawsey, was an exhorter in the Southern Methodist Church. He was especially gifted in soul-winning, and had he lived it is quite likely that he would have gone into the active ministry of the Church which he loved so much. He died a young man, and before my birth, yet the sacred influence of the consecrated life which he left to his children has been one of the great powers for good in my life.

My mother was Miss Margaret Jenrett. At my father's death she was left a poor woman to rear eight children that had been left to her care. No woman ever possessed greater will power and zeal. These coupled with her faith in Christ made her bear heroically the responsibility that had fallen upon her at the time of my father's death.

In answer to prayer and through the influence of Christian loved ones and friends, I was led to give my heart to God when about 15 years of age. I immediately joined the Rehoboth M.E. Church, under the pastorate of Rev. I.N. Stone, then on the Bayboro circuit, Mation district, South Carolina conference. Soon after I was led to believe that as a minister of the Gospel I could best carry out God's will concerning my life. To that end I began to prepare myself by borrowing the money and taking a course at Wofford College Fitting School at Spartanburg, S.C.

In 1906 I entered Wofford College very poorly prepared. My first year of college life was very hard and it looked often as if I would not be able to finish the course. However, each year the work became more interesting and I steadily advanced, finishing in the class of 1910. While in college I corresponding secretary, monthly orator, third critic, recording secretary, vice president, and president of the Carlisle Literary Society; speaker on Freshman Exhibition; Sophomore speaker; speaker on oratorical contest of '08, '09, '10; secretary of Y.M.C.A.; president of Y.M.C.A.; president of Student Volunteer band; president of class '09-10.

While a Freshman in Wofford College I joined the Student Volunteer band, influence by a Japanese classmate of mine, Mr. T. Murata. Also during my Freshman year I was licensed to preach. As a senior I was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. A.D. Jackson, of Pacolet Mills, who gave up work because of health. I served my quadrennium here and while there married Miss Ethel Sanders, of Spartanburg. I was received into the South Carolina conference on trial at Bennettsville, December 1911. Admitted into full connection at Rock Hill in 1918. At this conference I was transferred to the Brazil conference.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF C. B. DAWSEY.

I was born in Galivants Ferry township, Horry County, South Carolina, on September 4th, 1886.

My father, Cyrus Dawsey, was an exhorter in the Southern Methodist Church. He was especially gifted in soul winning and had he lived it is quite likely that he would have gone into the active ministry of the church, which he loved so much. He died a young man and before my birth, yet, the sacred influence of the consecrated life which he left to his children has been one of the great powers for good in my life.

My mother was Miss Margaret Jenbett. At my father's death she was left a poor woman to rear the eight children which had been left to her care. No woman ever possessed greater will power and zeal. These coupled together with her faith in Christ, made her bear heroically the responsibility that had fallen upon her at the time of my father's death.

In answer to prayer and through the influence of Christian loved ones and friends I was led to give my heart to God when I was about fifteen years old. I immediately joined the Rehoboth M. E. Church, under the pastorate of Rev. I. N. Stone, then on the Bayboro Circuit, Marion District, South Carolina Conference. Soon after I was led to believe that as a minister of the Gospel I could best carry out God's will concerning my life. To that end I began to prepare myself by borrowing the money and taking a course at Wofford College Fitting School, Spartanburg, S. C. In 1906 I entered Wofford College very poorly prepared. The first year of my college life was very hard and it looked often times as if I would not be able to finish the course. However, each year became more interesting to me and I steadily advanced in my college work. I finished in the class of 1910. While in college I received the following college honors: Corresponding Secretary, Monthly Orator, Third Critic, Recording Secretary, Vice President, President of the Carlisle Literary Society; Speaker on Freshman Exhibition; Sophomore Speaker; Speaker on Oratorical Contest '08,- '09,- '09,-'10; Secretary of Y.M.C.A., President of Y.M.C.A.; President of Student Volunteer Band; President of Class '09-10.

While a Freshman in Wofford College I joined the Student Volunteer Band, influenced not a little by a Japanese classmate of mine, Mr. T. Murata. It was also during my Freshman year that I was licensed to preach at Duncan, S. C.

While a Senior in Wofford College I was appointed in connection with my college work to fill out an unexpired term of Rev. A. D. Jackson who was forced to give up his work at Pacolet Mills on account of his failing health. I served my quadrennium at this church. While pastor of this church I married Miss Ethel Sanders, of Spartanburg, S. C.

I was received into the South Carolina Conference for admission on trial at Bennettsville in December 1911. Was admitted into full connection at Rock Hill in December 1913. At this Conference I was transferred to the Brazil Conference to be supported by the Sunday Schools of the Spartanburg District.

I was born near the little town
of Belmont, N. C. June 9, 1889. I was
the ninth child in a family of ten
children six boys and four girls. My
father, William Erwin Sanders, was
of English descent. He was a man
respected and loved by all who knew
him. His was a generous and af-
fectionate nature. He was a member
of the Presbyterian Church. My mother
before her marriage was a member of
the Baptist Church. I was born in
Belmont, N. C. and lived there until
I was a year old, when I came to
the town of Prichard, Ala. I was
brought up according to the
methods of the Presbyterian

Home.

was given in the country until I was about a year past the date of his leaving home, due to a message received advising the war had started, and it was necessary for him to give up the work, and we moved to Spartanburg, S.C. There were good some advantages in the school.

I was graduated from the Spartanburg High School in June, 1906. I received at that time a good deal in the way of a course in English.

The following summer I stood the competitive examination in a scholarship to Winthrop College, and was awarded the same. Was graduated from that institution in June, 1910. During my college

Career, - was the following honors:
 Class Annual Editor, 1906-07; Board
 member 1907-09, 7 years of Curry
 Society in three years. Charter member
 of Wade-Hampton Society; on Executive
 Committee of Wade Hampton Society;
 Debater in Public meeting of Wade-
 Hampton Society, 1909; Y. W. C. A.
 Journal Editor 1908-09; Delegate
 to Conference at One West, 1909; Dele-
 gate to Asheville Conference 1909,
 and to Student Volunteer Conference
 Convention, Rochester, N. Y., 1910,
 President of Y. W. C. A., 1909-10.

After graduation I taught two
 years. The first year I was principal
 of a one-room country school near
 Holly Hill, S. C. The second year
 I taught a first grade in the city
 school of Spartanburg.

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was married to Rev. C. B. Hawsey
on Thursday, June 27, 1912.

As regards to my religious life
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conversion. I believe that since I
can remember I have loved my
parents and tried to do the things
that were pleasing to Him. There
have been times of special enlighten-
ment, and times when my spiritual
life was decidedly deepened. I became
a member of the First Presbyterian
church in Spartanburg, July 5, 1903,
and remained a member of
that church until soon after my
marriage when my membership
was transferred to the W. C. Church
in -

After more January,

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June 6, 1929.

FOR INFORMATION

Latest word from C. B. Dawsey, Brazil missionary,
states that he is sailing from Santos July 22nd (Japanese Line)
and lands at New Orleans about August 9th.

Mr. Dawsey states that Rev. C. L. Smith is coming on
this boat also.

I. Benedict,
Secretary to Dr. Goddard

I was born near the little town of Belmont, N. C., June 9, 1889. I was the ninth child in a family of ten children - six boys and four girls. My father, William Erwin Sanders, was of English descent. He was a man respected and loved by all who knew him. His was a generous and affectionate nature. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. My mother before her marriage was Sarah Fewell, the daughter of Ezekiel Fewell of York County, South Carolina. She is of Scotch-Irish descent. Her ancestors, as far back as can be traced, were Presbyterians, and she was brought up according to the strict manner of the old-fashioned Presbyterian home.

We lived in the country until I was about nine years old. My father's failing health, due to a wound received during the war between the States, made it necessary for him to give up active work, and we moved to Spartanburg where there were good school advantages for the children.

I was graduated from the Spartanburg High School in June 1916. I received at that time a gold medal for the highest average in English.

The following summer I stood the competitive examination for a scholarship to Winthrop College and was awarded the same. Was graduated from that institution June, 1910. During my college career I had the following honors: Class Annual Editor, 1906-07; College Marshal 1908-09; Member of Curry Society for three years; Charter member of Wade-Hampton Society; on Executive Committee of Wade-Hampton Society; Debater in Public meeting of Wade-Hampton Society, 1909; Y.W.C.A. Journal Editor, 1908-09; Delegate to Conference at Due West, 1909; Delegate to Asheville Conference, 1909; and to Student Volunteer Convention, Rochester, N. Y., 1910; President of Y.W.C.A., 1909-10.

After graduation I taught two years. The first year I was Principal of a large country school near Holly Hill, S. C. The second year I taught a first grade in the city schools of Spartanburg.

Was married to Rev. C. B. Dawsey on Thursday, June 27, 1912.

In regard to my religious life, I do not know any exact date of conversion. I believe that since I can remember I have loved my Savior and tried to do the things that were pleasing to Him. There have been times of special enlightenment and times when my spiritual life was decidedly deepened. I became a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg July, 5, 1903, and remained a member of that church until soon after my marriage, when my membership was transferred to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Ethel Sanders Dawsey.

21. I was born in Galivants Ferry township, Horry county, South Carolina on Sept. 4, 1893.

My early education was received in the small country schools near the place where I was born. When about seventeen I went and lived with a married sister in Sumter county. While there I studied under a good teacher for a number of months. Later on I studied for a short while in Spartanburg, Williamsburg county and from there I went to Wofford College, Fittsburg School and from there to Wofford College where I graduated in 1910 with the A.B. degree.

In my senior year in college I was senior speaker, President of the class, President of the Student Volunteer Band and President of the Y.M.C.A.

My conversion was, no doubt, due to the very strong religious influences of my home. My father, though he died a short while before my birth left a precious religious inheritance to his family. My mother was, and is still, a quiet but very strong Christian. My other brothers early in life gave themselves to Christ. So all of these influences helped in leading me to an early decision for the Master.

Influences leading to my enlistment in missionary work were the missionary instruction received in the missionary classes while in college, contact with returned missionaries and a close friendship with a young Japanese class mate.

I was born near Belmont, N. C. on the 9th of June, 1889.

At six years of age I entered the public school at Belmont and remained a pupil there until about nine years old, when my father moved to Spartanburg, S. C. and I entered the public schools of that city. I graduated from Spartanburg High School in 1906, and the following September entered Winthrop College Rock Hill, S. C., having, in a competitive examination, won a free scholarship to this college. From Winthrop I graduated in 1910 with degree of Bachelor of Arts.

During my college career, I was at one time class annual editor; another year Y. W. C. E. journal editor, member of the executive committee of the Wade Hampton Literary Society, delegate to a number of religious student conferences, one of these being the Student Volunteer Conference at Rochester, N. Y. in 1910, and during my senior year I was president of the Y. W. C. E.

I united with the First Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg when I was fourteen years old - Dr.

J. S. Watkins being the pastor. Of this church I remained a member until my marriage with Mr. Dawsey when I transferred my membership to the Methodist church. From my earliest childhood I had good religious instruction both at home and in the Sunday school, and I cannot remember the time when I did not love and try to serve my Savior.

When very young I had some dreams of some day being a missionary but no definite determination. Afterwards the idea left me until when in my junior year at college I began to think seriously on the subject. At the Y. W. C. U. Student Conference at Nashville, U. C. in 1909, I made the definite decision to foreign service. There were a number of Student Volunteers at this conference, and I afterwards learned that they had met every day to pray that more girls might be led to consecrate themselves to service on the foreign field and that my name had headed the list of those for whom they were praying definitely.

After my graduation in 1910, I taught school for two years - one year as principal of a large

country school near Holly Hill, S. C. and the
second as primary teacher in the graded
schools of Spartanburg, S. C.

Edna J. Adams Rawney.

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INFORMATION ABOUT MISSIONARIES GOING TO THE FIELD.

1. Full name and date of birth..... **Cyrus Bassett Dawsey, Sept. 4, 1886.**
2. Nationality..... **American.**
3. Date of formal application... **1914**..... **25**.....
4. Date of first departure from home to engage in our work..... **June, 1914.**
5. Date of first arrival on the mission field..... **July 17, 1914.**
6. Date recognized as a missionary if appointed on the field..... **1914.**
7. Testimonials from..... **Stanley Pitman, Nichols, S.C.**
Wash. Noah W. Cooper. Nashville.
8. Conference relation..... **Elder.**
9. Medical Certificate approved by Board's Physician on..... **1914.**
10. Preference of field..... **Brazil.** (Date)
11. Application presented to Committee by.....
12. Date application was accepted by Committee.....
13. Date appointed by Bishop..... **May 8, 1914.**
14. Date of Marriage..... **June 27, 1912.**
15. Wife's full name..... **Ethel Sanders Dawsey.**
16. Wife's present address.....
17. Date of Wife's birth..... **June 9, 1889.**
Furlough Returned Lv: **July 22, 1922.**

18. Children's full names and date of birth respectively (and date of death, if any have died)..... Ethel Della Dawsey, March 24, 1912/
Sarah Margaret Dawsey, Oct. 9, 1915. Agnes Sanders Dawsey, Apr. 30, 1917.
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.....19. Names and addresses of persons who are your representatives in the United States in family or business matters of yourself and wife:

(1) Family.....
(Self) (Wife)
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waters W. Dawsey, Miss. Janie Sanders,
.....
Mc. Clellanville, S.C. 220, Oakland Ave.
.....
Spartanburg. S.C.
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(2) Business.....
(Self) (Wife)
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20. Photograph of self and wife. None.
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FROM

WIDOWER

TO

Cyrus B. Dawsey Sr.
1406 Columbia College Drive
Columbia, S. C. 29203

DECEASED 3/31/76

EFFECTIVE DATE 3/31/76 call Daughter

S. JOSEPH BOZEK 1423

PER: E. Sarah Dawsey
1406 Columbia College Drive
Columbia South Carolina 29203

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