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Church Polity.

The polity and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal church is not generally understood by the public at large nor even by those who have long been members of the church.

This church is not congregational, but connexional, that is the local society is not independent, hiring its own pastor and dismissing or engaging a pastor whenever it may feel so disposed. It cannot affect the discipline or doctrine of the church only as Farmington can affect the laws and constitution of Michigan.

There is, and has been since the beginning, a tendency toward the independent congregational form of government that prevails in many other christian churches and in many local societies this tendency has assumed a very practical form, especially so in our large city churches in the matter of engaging pastors.

However, the great majority of the societies cling to the established polity of the church which provides for the control of the church through bishops, district superintendents and pastors and which recognize the claims of the superannuated preachers, then widows and orphans.

Human nature, even in pastors, is frail and in order that the pastor shall not neglect to present the needs of every part of the church organization to the local society, for fear that his own needs will not be satisfied, the general conference, the great law-making body of the church, made up equally of material and lay representatives from all parts of the Methodist world made provision at its last session to equalize the claims for support of bishops, district superintendents, conference claimants and pastors.

Under the present rule, the bishops are to receive from each society an amount equal to 1:24 per cent of the pastor's salary, the district superintendent is to receive 4 per cent, the conference claimants 7 per cent.

For illustration in a local society like Farmington, if the pastor receives a cash salary of \$600 a year with the parsonage rental value placed at \$100 a year, the bishop's claim for this charge would be \$9; the district superintendent's claim \$28; the conference claimants, \$42; the conference claimants only receiving 7 per cent of the cash salary, the parsonage rent not being included.

If for any reason the monies raised by the local society for ministerial support should not total \$679, the four claimants must share in whatever is raised pro rata on the schedule listed above.

The need of such a provision is evident when one considers how the bishop's claims and conference claimants claims have been neglected in past times by many local societies.

A local society cannot be a part of the great Methodist, Episcopal church without bishops, district superintendents and conference claimants.

In my visitations among the people here, I find many who do not understand our polity and are somewhat confused when I attempt to explain, and I have written the above in hopes that the Enterprise will kindly publish this in the interest of our church and its friends.

The benevolence of our church should not be confused with the above. The pastor is asked to raise a minimum amount of an average of \$1.45 per member and the success or failure of the pastor to do so does not in any way effect his own salary. Last year this charge raised for the church benevolences an average of 85 cents

per member.

While our church is the largest protestant church in America and twice as large as any two other protestant churches in Michigan, its continued success and prosperity depends largely upon an intelligent understanding of its polity and needs by its membership and friends.

JOHN E. MEALLEY,
Pastor of Farmington
M. E. Church.

Finding Confirmed.

Judge Smith Monday afternoon confirmed the finding of Referee Jos. E. Sawyer in the case of John Arthur vs. Floyd Lapham. The decision gives Arthur damages of \$2,153.19 and costs. For his services the referee was allowed \$10 a day for ten days' work and \$50 for stenographer's fees. A. L. Moore, who appeared for Lapham, asked for and was granted a stay of execution until Aug. 16.

This is the case which involved so many accounts that to expedite matters it was put in the hands of the referee, who went over the accounts of both Arthur and Lapham and decided that Arthur was the man who had something coming. Each held that the other owed him money for services rendered.

Sunday-School Picnic.

The Methodist Sunday-school last Sunday decided to hold their annual picnic this year in Bowman's grove Wednesday, August 11, and the pastor was appointed to see Mr. Bowman, while Mrs. Pierce was made chairman of the committee on arrangements with Mr. and Mrs. Sayres Harger and Mr. Smith as the other members of the committee. The full committee met Tuesday evening and appointed sub-committees on games, swings, ice cream and cake, etc.

The committee intend, weather permitting, to make this one of the happiest occasions that the Sunday school has known for years.

The committee invite especially all members of the home department and cradle roll, as well as every boy and girl that has ever attended or expects to attend the Sunday-school and all their folks besides. This means you.

This will be a basket picnic, so don't forget to bring a lot of good things to eat for the children.

Tables will be on the grounds upon which food may be placed, but the little folks are to be served first, grown-ups later, therefore bring enough. Ice cream cones will be served free at dinner time to all, but an extra supply will be on sale during the afternoon.

Paper plates and napkins will be furnished by the committee.

Keep the date clear and if it is not raining be sure to come.

Notice.

After August 15, two per cent will be added to all village taxes not paid before that date.

C. W. Chamberlin, Treas.

Teacher's Examinations.

The next regular teachers' examination for Oakland county will be held at the Grove high school building in the city of Pontiac on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 12, 13 and 14, 1909. The examination in reading for August is based upon Irving's Sketch Book, Rip Van Winkle, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, Westminster Abbey. Examination begins at 8:30 a. m., standard time. Applicants may write for first, second and third grade certificates at this examination. Board of Examiners: A. L. Craft, commissioner; H. H. Snowdon, H. S. Gardner.

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