

## TESTS TO MINISTRY ARE MADE HARDER

### Methodists Change Policy to Improve Standard of Preachers.

ATLANTIC CITY, March 18.—Examinations were held here last week which will mark a revolution in educational requirements for the Methodist ministry, according to leaders of the denomination. Heretofore men without college or seminary advantages who have preached on trial have been admitted to the ministry after submitting reports or prescribed readings. This plan has been replaced by a correspondence course supplemented by summer school and culminating in examinations.

The examinations held here were the first under the new plan. Undergraduates failing in the examinations will remain on trial until examinations are passed. It is believed the new system will bar from the ministry many inadequately educated men who hitherto have been slipping in, Methodist leaders say. It represents a virtual reversal of the former policy.

At the same time an effort is made to provide efficient guidance for candidates with the will and ability to repair lack of advantages by systematic study. The plan was decided upon by the General Conference.

The course of study, which is directed by the Rev. Dr. Allen McRossie of New York, is mapped out by a commission appointed by the General Conference under the supervision of a committee of bishops appointed by the board of bishops. Written work is submitted through the year by the candidates to a board of examiners for criticism, corrections and suggestions. Summer schools have been established in over forty-five conferences. They are conducted at seats of educational institutions and have terms of at least ten days. Attendance at these schools is required of the correspondence school students.

### BERT WILLIAMS, DYING. WILLED ALL TO WIFE

#### Comedian Too Weak to Affix Name to Document.

The entire estate of Bert Williams, negro comedian, is left to his wife, Charlotte Williams, in a brief will which he executed just before he died and which was filed for probate yesterday. The document is dated March 4, the day of his death, and is signed with his mark because he was too ill to write. It was drawn by Henry Herzog, Williams' attorney, who acted as one of the witnesses. The petition accompanying the will states that Williams left no real estate and that his personal property is worth "more than \$2,000."

### CITY INSPECTS FOREIGN MAILS FOR TYPHUS

#### Inspector Will Board All Incoming Vessels.

Mail matter reaching New York from European countries infested to typhus will be subjected to a physical examination by the Health Department through an arrangement with Postmaster Edward M. Morgan, Dr. Royal S. Copeland said yesterday. When the ships dock health inspectors will go aboard and inspect the mail.

Dr. Copeland also has undertaken a campaign to have persons owning property within a block of the waterfront clear their premises of rats as a protection against bubonic plague.

### BROKER IS EXONERATED.

### J. M. Cross Accused of Larceny by His Brother-in-Law.

A charge of larceny against John M. Cross, 40, a merchandise broker, of 833 Seventh avenue, was dismissed yesterday by Magistrate Oberwager in Tombs court. Cross was arrested Wednesday on complaint of his brother-in-law, George F. Grant of 12 West Thirtieth street in Police Headquarters, where he had gone to make charges against a detective.

At a hearing last Thursday Magistrate Oberwager dismissed a complaint of insanity against the defendant, but held him under \$1,000 bail on the larceny charge. Grant testified yesterday he had given Cross \$700 with which to purchase stock in a company that never was formed.

### BRINGS 1,244 SOLDIER DEAD.

### Transport Cambrai Sails To-day From France to New York.

The transport Cambrai, scheduled to sail to-day from France, is due to reach New York on the morning of March 20 with the bodies of 1,244 soldiers. The transport will be met by destroyers and salutes will be fired from harbor forts. Funeral services will be held at the army base in Brooklyn at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of Sunday, April 2.

Services will be preceded by a procession made up of soldiers, sailors and nurses and at least one regiment of the New York National Guard. Services will be in charge of Col. Edward A. Simmons, chairman of the American Legion committee for the reception and disposition of bodies from overseas.

### Fire Record

A. M.	Loss.
12:10	Foot of East 324 st.; freight car of New Haven Railroad. Trifling
12:45	1348 St. Nicholas av.; Harry Tatali. Trifling
12:50	Church st. and 12th st.; No damage under "L" stairs. No damage
3:20	194th st. and Westway; brush. No damage
3:20	Brooklyn; automobile; unknown.
6:28	469 West 31th st.; Morris Amietta. Unknown
7:00	87 Whitehall st.; unknown. Unknown
7:45	Webster av. and Gun Hill road. The Bronx; brush in vacant lot.
7:50	325 1/2 E. 224 st.; Raphael De-Unknown
8:30	417 W. 39th st.; Delvon Fawcett. Unknown
9:30	258th st. and Broadway; waiting room, subway station. Trifling
9:50	729 7th av.; Film Renovating Co. Unknown
9:55	200th st. and Fieldston road. The Bronx; brush. Unknown
10:00	Pulman Bay Park, near Morris Yacht Club; brush. None
10:45	277 Washington av.; The Bronx; Michael Rosenzweig. Considerable
10:45	80 E. 4th st.; unknown. Unknown
11:15	Port Washington; brush. None
11:20	62d st. and Amsterdam av.; P. & O. car. None
11:40	149 East 138th st.; Panay Unknown
11:45	Morris av. and 190th st.; The Bronx; brush; unknown. None
11:55	172d st. and Haven av.; brush; unknown. None
12:00	30 W. 24th st.; Morris Bending. Trifling
12:55	Kingsbridge road and University av.; The Bronx; brush. Unknown
1:05	2350 5th av.; unknown. Trifling
1:10	127 Brook av.; The Bronx; lot; unknown. None
1:30	190th st. and Jerome av.; The Bronx; brush. None



### Chic Three-Piece Suits, \$65 to \$250

In First-Quality Materials, Cut and Finish

Any costume that can be made to serve more than one type of occasion is a splendid investment for our present days; and the three-piece suit which gives its lucky possessor both a tailor and a frock—not to mention the season's chic!—should be part of every woman's wardrobe for spring.

Both models sketched are in the new smooth-surfaced twill with periwinkle blue crepe bodice. Grey hand embroidery makes an all-over design on the bodice of the one; and passes down the left side of the skirt to circle the hem line. Black-hand embroidery accents the bodice of the other, \$95. Selections should be made at once; these suits are the right weight for early spring wear, and will be bought up rapidly.

THIRD FLOOR



Does a Bit of Dash Suit You?

### Then Here Are Blouses, \$12.75

Women who can carry off something a trifle audacious in in sports clothes—whose figures can stand the flat boyish mode—whose complexions are set off by brilliant color—will like these white crepe de Chine blouses with their gay bands of krepe knit—that new fabric of lovely sheen—in jade, mirabella, or golf red. Mother-of-pearl buckles are used for trimming. The collar and cuffs are of the same bright loose weave.

THIRD FLOOR

### Capes of Dignity for Formal Wear, \$65

For the woman who likes stateliness, simplicity of line, rich materials and the soft depth of pile fabrics we have made up a group of capes in marvella, gerona and veldyne at this most unusual price.

The workmanship is elegant in every detail, the linings throughout are of crepe and each model is obtainable in black, navy blue and fallow—a kindly, indeterminate, becoming shade of taupe-brown. Nothing could be more suitable for formal afternoon or smart restaurant wear.

THIRD FLOOR

### Imported Leather Slippers

Reduced—\$1.50 to \$4.95

Softest leathers—you cannot help enjoying the thought of slipping your feet into them after a tiring day. These slippers are the kind you think of for traveling, because they come in a small, compact case that is easily packed away in trunk or suit case.

But they have soles that make them equally good for home wear. The leathers are Havana-hide, calfskin, Morocco, all of lovely quality, with kid, silk or wool linings. Tan, brown, green. At lowered prices.

LEATHER GOODS DEPARTMENT—GROUND FLOOR

# Lord & Taylor

FIFTH AVENUE

## THE FABRICS OF A SPRING COSTUME



### Navy Blue Serge, \$1.60 yd.

Yes, it is a very low price for serge! Especially when it is of such splendid weight and quality as this. You can hardly hope to find a better value for that tailored suit or frock you surely need these warm days. 54 inches wide.

SECOND FLOOR

### New Spring Silks, \$2.95 yd.

Satin Crepe, Self Color Brocades, Printed Crepes, Taffetas, Colored Sports Satins

A wonderful assortment of silks—all of them particularly spring-like in texture and color—at one moderate price. You will surely be charmed with the vivid colors for sports and afternoon wear, the pale tints for evening and the dark rich tones suitable for street frocks. 40 inches wide.

GROUND FLOOR

### New French Eponges, \$1.75 yd.

Have you seen the model in our Cotton Goods Department, made up of this lovely new material? It is a three-piece suit, that is, a dress with cape to match. And it is made of the new pepper and salt mixture with an overshot plaid of yellow. The sleeves of the frock and cape lining are of yellow voile to match. It is one of the most unusual and delightful affairs we have seen this spring. And you may have this eponge with the overshot plaid of lavender, rose, or jade instead of yellow, if you prefer.

Dotted French Voile, special, \$1.25 yd.—A remarkably low price for this imported voile with tiny dots in white or color on grounds of old rose, yellow, Nile green, black or navy. 40 inches wide.

SECOND FLOOR

### Satin Lace Flounces, \$2.95 yd.

Tempting values indeed! The laces that everyone is buying for the newest frocks and evening gowns. In all the smartest colors. Chantilly flouncings are white or cream color. Embroidered net flouncings are ecru or grey. 34 to 36 in. wide.

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### Satin and Faille Ribbons, 68c yd.

The satin has a high luster. The faille is a French quality, heavy and firm in weave. Both are shown in new colors, both bright and dark. 6 1/2 and 7 1/2 inches wide.

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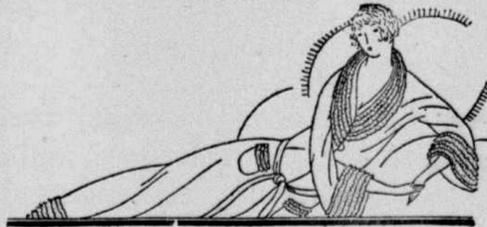
Here are Women's New

### One-Strap Sports Pumps, \$7.90

It is a smart and very practical style with spring heel, rubber sole and broad strap buttoning with two buttons.

There are two styles, one in tan calfskin and one in white buckskin. All have the new shield tip.

SECOND FLOOR



A Dainty Crepe de Chine

### Breakfast Coat, \$14.50

Rows and rows of lace edge the neckline, sleeves and hem of this breakfast coat, giving it a soft and frilly grace that is quite charming. It is made of a fine quality crepe de Chine in shell pink, blue, rose, orchid and periwinkle.

Radium Silk Petticoats, specially priced, \$4.95—A heavy quality of radium silk in all the bright street shades, with embroidered flounce, scalloped at the edge. Extra size \$6.95.

Philippine Nightgowns, \$2.65, \$2.95—You know the things that make Philippine underwear so popular—fine batiste, hand-sewing and dainty embroidery. All these are found in the nightgowns mentioned above.

SECOND FLOOR



### Frocks-and-Capes, \$65

Women's Gown Department

Some fortunate women can wear patterned materials, but some of us, considering ourselves carefully in the mirror, know it is best to choose costumes of one single color and long, slender lines.

For such women we have made a selection of dresses, slim of line, conservative but smart in cut, and developed in all the favored crepes of the season—Canton, romaine, and crepe de Chine. The frocks sketched are matched exactly in color with capes of two cool soft spongy weaves—krepe pasha and velette. These cape-completed costumes are very special at \$65 and may be had in navy, black, brown, henna, beige and grey.

THIRD FLOOR



From Caroline Reboux

### This Green-Almond Hat

The exotic colorings of tropical plants—soft green almond, cactus tones and brilliant yellow—were chosen for this hat by Reboux, who then proceeded to make of it one of the smartest and most beguiling hats of the season.

Maison Lewis is responsible for another of our most original French models, a Chinese turban, whose folds of crepe frame the face, adapting the softness of the Oriental line to our Occidental style requirements.

These Paris houses, and many others of equal prominence have sent many of their most charming creations to our Millinery Department where you may now see them.

Model Hats at Paris Cost

FOURTH FLOOR

### A Soft Sable Scarf, \$49.50

Hudson Bay sable, whose coloring is so flattering, fashions these soft little choker scarves for wear with your tweed or strictly tailored suit. Two skin scarves, \$89.50

Fox scarves in black, brown, taupe and pointed, \$34.50. Mink choker scarves made of silky skins, \$22.50, \$29.50

FOURTH FLOOR

### Terry Cloth Bath Robes for Small Tots, \$2.95

Just like big brother's and sister's. Bathrobes made of heavy Terry Cloth (which is that bath towel material, just in case you should wonder) in light colors. Turn over collar and corded belt—2 to 6 years.

Gay Colored Flannel—brilliant red or orange makes other bathrobes with boldly checked collars. Striped French crepe, natural colored pongee and several other fabrics are also shown in charmingly simple models.

INFANTS' DEPARTMENT—FOURTH FLOOR