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117TH CONFERENCE.

Vt. Domestic Missionary Society
to Meet in Middlebury.

The 117th annual meeting of the Vermont Congregational conference, together with the annual meeting of the Vermont Domestic Missionary society, will be held at the First Congregational church in this village on May 21, 22 and 23. The following is the programme as arranged by the committee, of which Rev. A. A. Lancaster, pastor of the local Congregational church, is a member:

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

2:00. Organization. Appointment of Committees. Reports of Committees. Committee on Civic Justice, Rev. J. W. Barnett, Barré. Other Reports.

2:30. Fraternal Greeting from other Churches.
2:45. Report of Secretary of Conference, Mr. J. M. Comstock, Chelsea.
3:30. Devotional Service, Rev. W. L. Boicourt, Waterbury. Conference sermon, "The Church an Organization to Fight Evil," Rev. H. L. Ballou, Chester. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rev. H. J. Newton, Bradford, Rev. Chauncey Adams, Irasburg.
6:00. Welcome banquet in the vestry of the church.

TUESDAY EVENING.

7:30. Devotional service, Rev. L. A. Edwards, Newport. Addresses, "Efficiency of Congregationalism." Report of State Advisory Committee, Rev. B. Swift, Woodstock. "The New Polity"—Report of Commission of Nineteen, Mr. Porter H. Dale, Island Pond. "The New Congregationalism," Prof. Williston Walker, Yale Divinity School.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

8:30. Devotional service, Rev. Paul D. Moody, St. Johnsbury.
8:45. Committee Reports and Business.

9:15. General Discussion of Report of Commission of Nineteen. Address, "Matters for Comment in the State," Rev. C. H. Smith Burlington. Open Forum on Non-Resident Membership and other Church Difficulties.
10:00. Annual Meeting of Vermont Domestic Missionary society.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

1:45. Devotional service, Rev. R. G. Woodbridge, Vergennes.
2:00. Reports of the Standing Committees, Addresses, Open Forums. Apportionment and Benevolence. Report of Committee, Rev. D. H. Strong, Milton. Five Minute Addresses on Successful Schemes in the Churches of the State, Rev. Messrs. S. H. Barnum, S. Rose, S. F. Blomfield, W. F. Boicourt, A. P. Pratt.
2:45. Sunday School. Report of Committee, Mr. G. L. Dunham, Brattleboro. Address, "Evangelism in the Sunday School," Mr. A. F. Stone, St. Johnsbury. Address, "The Village Sunday School," Mr. C. D. Howe, Essex Junction. N. B. The address on Thursday morning by Supt. Bailey is under the auspices of this committee.

3:30. Young People. Report of Committee, Rev. F. W. Raymond, Proctor. Addresses, Rev. A. P. Pratt, Bellows Falls, Rev. W. P. Jackson, St. Albans.
4:15. Open Forum and Unfinished Business.
6:00. Brotherhood Banquet. All delegates, both men and women are invited. Brief speeches will be made. Hon. C. C. Pitts will preside.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

7:30. Devotional service, Rev. W. E. Baker, Morrisville. Report of Committee on Brotherhood, Mr. W. J. Van Patten, Burlington. Addresses, "Men and Religion," Mr. Stephen Cushing, St. Albans. "The Church and Boys," Supt. J. N. Bars, Vergennes. "The Forward Movement," Mr. F. H. Brooks, St. Johnsbury.

THURSDAY MORNING.

8:30. Devotional service, Rev. N. O. Bowlby, Swanton.
8:45. Unfinished Business. Roll Call, Minutes, etc.
9:00. Recent Experiments in Church and Community Life. "The Country Pageant," Rev. W. Slade, Thetford. "Social Service in a County," Rev. S.

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TEACHERS' MEETING.

Annual Session to Be Held in This Village.

The tenth annual meeting of the Addison County Teachers' and Patrons' association and Teachers' institute will be held in the Congregational church on Thursday and Friday, May 16 and 17. The meeting will be held under the direction and supervision of the state superintendent of education and it is expected all teachers in Addison county will attend. Teachers are requested to register with the secretary of the association immediately upon their arrival in this village. The program of the meeting follows:

THURSDAY FORENOON.

Prayer
Address of Welcome.
Response by the President,
Arthur W. Eddy
Primary Language,
Miss Bertha H. Burridge
Primary Reading, Learning to Read,
William C. McGinnis
Dinner

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Intermediate Reading, Reading to Learn, Clarence H. Willey
Elimination of Reading Classes by Combining Grades, Mrs. Maude S. Wade
Dramatizing as an aid to Reading,
Prof. Frank W. Cady
The Value of Elementary Physiology, Geography, and History as a reading Exercise, James C. Walker,
Discussion
Supper

THURSDAY EVENING.

Sheridan's play, "The Rivals," will be presented in the town hall by the students of Middlebury college, under the direction of Prof. Caroline Crawford. Those only will be admitted who have membership tickets.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Hand Work in the Rural Schools, Miss Clara Clark
Seat Work in Rural Schools,
Mrs. Bertha H. Burridge
The Message of Literature to the Child, G. Gordon Newell
Readings from Standard Literature, Irving L. Potter
Discussions
Dinner

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Goal of History Teaching,
Prof. Samuel F. Emerson
Business Meeting.

Meeting of School Officials.

The annual meeting of the School Officials of Rutland County (under state direction) will be held in the High school building, Rutland, May 14, at 11 o'clock a. m. The speakers will be: Mason S. Stone, State Superintendent of Education, "School Board Meetings, Records and School Administration," Albert E. Roberts of New York city, "Country Life Development Through the Public School System," Walter H. Crockett, Editor of the Montpelier Journal, "The Development of the Resources of Vermont in its Relation to Education."

An opportunity will be given for the discussion of school matters by the officials of Rutland county. School officials of adjoining counties are expected to be present.

Struck by Lightning.

The large barn of Julius Bottum, who resides about two miles north of New Haven, was struck by lightning about 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon during the heavy storm and totally destroyed. The main barn was 127x40 feet and contained two silos and about 10 tons of hay. All the live stock, with the exception of two calves, was saved. A horse barn adjoining was destroyed as was also a tool house which contained many farming tools and implements. Mr. Bottum estimates his loss between \$5,000 and \$6,000, with an insurance of \$4,000.

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