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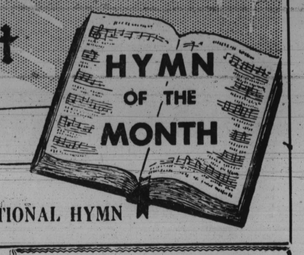

"ALL I NEED"

GO TO THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY

AND JOIN IN WITH YOUR FAVORITE CHOIR SINGING THIS INSPIRATIONAL HYMN

ALL I NEED

Jesus Christ is made to me, All I need, all I need;
He alone, is all my plea, He is all I need.
Jesus is my all in all, All I need, all I need;
While He keeps me I cannot fall, He is all I need.
He redeemed me when He died, All I need, all I need;
I with Him was crucified, He is all I need.
To my Savior will I cleave, All I need, All I need;
He will not His servant leave, He is all I need.
He's the treasurer of my soul, All I need, all I need;
He hath cleansed and made me whole, He is all I need.
Glory, glory to the Lamb, All I need, all I need;
By His Spirit sealed I am, He is all I need.

REFRAIN

Wisdom, righteousness and power, Holiness forevermore,
My redemption full and sure, He is all I need.

In our Churches

The two-week Vacation Bible School of Agnes Methodist Church will begin July 18.

Missionary day will be observed at Union Bethel AME Church, Randallstown, Sunday with the pastor, the Rev. W. N. Edwards delivering a special sermon at morning service.

Guest speaker at the 3 p. m. service will be Mrs. Harrison J. Bryant of Bethel AME Church. Dinner will follow the morning service.

The Rev. Mr. Edwards attended the missionary meeting and the brotherhood meeting of the AME Church in Washington this week.

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SERVICES at Campfield AME Church, Howardsville, will be held Sunday at 7 p. m. with the Rev. Mr. Edwards delivering the sermon.

The Rev. W. L. Evans, pastor, Olive Baptist Church, has just returned from a three-week vacation and will conduct the 11 a. m. services at the church, Sunday.

While on vacation, the Rev. Mr. Evans attended a Baptist convention at Hampton, Va. and also visited friends in West Virginia.

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A RELIGIOUS play, "Dawning," will be presented at Christ Methodist Church, July 24 at 10 a. m. in recognition of World Service Sunday. The play was written by Edgar Stanley, graduate of Coppin State Teachers College. It is being sponsored by the Brown, Allen and Watts law firm and the Avalon Shoe Co.

The Rev. Albert Schipp, pastor, Woodberry Church of the Brethren, will conduct the community summer park services, Sunday, at 6:30 p. m. at Druid Hill Park.

The services are being held under the auspices of the Council of Churches and Christian Education of Maryland-Delaware.

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THE SUNDAY School and BTU state convention is holding its closing meetings, today (Friday) at Leadenhall Baptist Church. The conference opened Thursday.

A Print and Cotton Dress rally will be held at Providence Baptist Church, July 21, at 8 p. m.

OUR GOD'S SALVATION MESSAGE
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Fight All Sin—I Challenge Opponents.
I Pay to the Bearer on Demand—Bonds, Stamps, Dimes, Check, Rig. Bring Rays Fails From Hell. Thinkst Pull Down Evil, 2 Cor. 10:4-5
GAMBLING — A HELL TRAP "One Fool"—Corruptible, 1 cor. 9: 24-26. RACES, CARDS, CRAP HELLIS NUMBERS, Schemes, etc. "As—Beasts perish in their corruption," 2 Pe. 2: 12-15 — Stop now. Amen.
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2329 N. MONROE STREET
9:30 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 A.M.—PREACHING BY THE PASTOR
3:00 P.M.—WORSHIP AT MT. CALVARY BAPTIST.
8:00 P.M.—MUSICAL PROGRAM BY SENIOR CHOIR No. 1.
TUESDAY, 8 P.M. PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
10:00-12:00—WEDNESDAY DAILY BIBLE CLASS.
FRIDAY, 8:00 P.M. FRIDAY VACATION BIBLE CLOSING EXERCISE.
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"THE PRAYING CHURCH"
BOND STREET AND ASHLAND AVENUE
9:00 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 A.M.—MORNING WORSHIP PREACHING BY ACTING PASTOR.
2:00 P.M.—SUNDAY, COMMUNION TOGETHER BAPTISTS CHURCH. CHOIR AND CONGREGATION WILL WORSHIP WITH US. REV. DENNIS BARROW, Pastor
6:00 P.M.—CLOSING SESSION OF BAPTIST TRAINING UNION.
8:00 P.M.—PROGRAM BY THE SENIOR CHOIR No. 2.
WE WELCOME YOU
REV. WALTER E. PAIGE, ACTING PASTOR.

Orchard Street Methodist Church
Orchard Street near Druid Hill Avenue
9:45 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL.
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY REV. C. C. NELSON.
6:00 P.M.—METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.
8:00 P.M.—EVENING WORSHIP.
ALL ARE WELCOME
REV. V. T. KEY, Pastor

Hot fight ends AME's convention

- Alma Polk survives uprising
- Election requires six hours

BULLETIN:

Mrs. Alma A. Polk, Director of the Youth Department; Mrs. A. B. Williams, Editor Missionary Magazine; Mrs. M. K. Davis, Associate Editor Missionary Magazine, and Mrs. Daisy Myers, assistant secretary, were re-elected following a stormy election at the final session of the convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the AME Church, Thursday.

By MARY E. STRATFORD

WASHINGTON

A stormy election was under way, Thursday, at Metropolitan Baptist Church, as delegates to the convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Church tried to select four of their officers.

The convention, which began at noon, continued through afternoon, as pandemonium reigned on the floor.

A ballot was touched off when a group of determined voters challenged Mrs. A. Polk, of Pittsburgh, director of the Young People's Department.

The top officials had been elected without incident earlier in the morning.

Amid the noisy, shouting delegates rubbed Mrs. Polk, as she tried to seize the mike and explain that derogatory letters about her had been circulated among the delegates.

The letters, it was rumored, accused Mrs. Polk of using her office to obtain funds for ministers aspiring to be bishops.

Bishop C. H. Phillips, who presided constantly shouted for order, but was unsuccessful.

Asked about the letters by the AFRO, Mrs. Polk refused comment.

The other three persons whose offices were contested were Mrs. A. B. Williams, editor, Missionary Magazine, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. M. K. Davis, associate editor, Missionary Magazine, Houston; and Mrs. Daisy Myers, assistant recording secretary, New Orleans.

An estimated 3,000 church women, 12 Bishops and their wives, and several hundred ministers attended the third Quadrennial Convention of the Women's Missionary Society, which was scheduled to end following the election.

The meetings which began Saturday were held at the Metropolitan and Turner AME Churches, with special programs conducted at Uline Arena and Griffith Stadium.

The Society, believed to be the oldest active organization of non-white women in the U. S., reported $231,000 raised in collections during the past year to sponsor missions and other charitable projects.

During the past 10 years, the Society has spent more than $1,400,000 for these purposes.

The 1,300 delegates attending this year's parley were, from the U. S., Canada, Mexico and several South American and African countries.

According to Host Bishop D. Ward Nichols, it was expected that a fleet of 60 special buses and 500 private cars would be needed for the visitors, because of the transportation problem created by the bus and streetcar strike in the District.

However, the Rev. James Mayo, pastor, Ward Memorial Church, who is chairman of the transportation committee, in a more conservative estimate, said about 35 buses had been rented from a local bus company and approximately 350 taxis.

Highlight of the convention was a pageant held at Griffith Stadium, Wednesday night. About 2,500 persons attended.

The pageant featured the U. S. Army Band, the Columbia Star Elks Band, the Allen University Singers and a 1000-voice choir.

The pageant followed a 500-car motorcade which formed at the Metropolitan AME Church.

Six convertibles were donated by the Ford Company for use on the occasion and seven limousines were provided by local funeral homes for use by the bishops.

Another pageant, sponsored by the Young People's Department, was given at Uline Arena, Wednesday.

Md. Baptist group reelects officers

The entire slate of officers of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Convention of Maryland was reelected with one exception, at the afternoon general session of the group's 29th annual convention Thursday.

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THE CONVENTION is holding its annual session at Leadenhall Baptist Church, 1021 Leadenhall St., with the Rev. T. B. Davis as host pastor.

Final sessions will be held today (Friday) with the principal address of the two-day meeting slated to be given by Dr. J. Carey Taylor, assistant superintendent of public school of Baltimore.

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THE OFFICERS were unanimously recommended for reelection by the nominating committee, when it met earlier in the day. The chairman of the committee is Mrs. Madison Williams of Sharon Baptist Church.

Wardelle T. Richardson, who served as second vice president during 1954, was the only exception to an otherwise unanimous reelection of the officers.

Mr. Richardson declined the nomination because the pressure of personal business makes it difficult to give the necessary time to his office.

Mrs. Mabel Gee, reelected president of the convention, said the nominating committee will sit in session to consider a successor to Mr. Richardson.

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THE REELECTED officers are as follows:

Dr. Miles W. Connor, president-emeritus; Mr. Gee president; Daniel B. Jones, first vice-president; Iola J. Branch, third vice-president;

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LaVALLIS BANKS, recording secretary; Helen Benton, corresponding secretary; Marjorie Washington, financial secretary; P. Estella Holloway, treasurer;

Dr. John L. Tilley, state director of religious education; Eliza Costin, director of Baptist Training Union activities; Florence Copeland, director of Sunday school activities;

Laura Giles, convention choirster; Mrs. Violet Church Chuin Williams, pianist and A. B. Roger, auditor.

At the general assembly, which closed shortly before 1 p.m., the annual sermon was delivered by Dr. J. Logan Kearse, a pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

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DR. KEARSE based his remarks on the theme of the session: "The Church's Fostering Personal Christian Faith in the New World Community."

He told his audience that even though all around man seemed to point to the fact that the "spiritual life is dead," there, this is not true.

If life is dead, he said, morality, the theme for peace and God is dead. However, he added, the man who loses his life for God is really living.

"When we admit that God's way is the only way," the minister said, "we will find real peace. There is no friend to man like the Lord Jesus.

"Man must build his life and his hope on righteousness, because all around us is a sinking land."

The theme of the general assembly was: "Church, Home and School Working Together Through a Coordinated Program of Christian Education."

Mrs. Mabel S. Gee, president of the convention, presided. Mrs. Marjorie Washington and Deacon Isaac Banister, both of Leadenhall Baptist Church, led the worship period.

Others who spoke during the meeting were Dr. A. J. Payne, pastor of Enon Baptist Church; Miss Evelyn Davis, Miss Rose Miles, Dr. Dennis Barrow, first vice president of the convention, and Miss Mabel Dawson.

Leadership training classes and a workshop on human relations were held earlier in the day.

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LEADERS OF the training classes were Mrs. Evelyn Robinson, Mrs. Violet Church Williams and Mrs. Mamye Hall. Haywood Harrison and Dr. John L. Tilley presided at the workshop and Daniel Jones led a discussion on youth problems.

The general assembly was resumed Thursday afternoon, with Wardell T. Richardson, second vice president, presiding. Annual reports were given, along with greetings from Baptist officials and the election of officers.

First Vice President Daniel Jones presided at the Thursday evening session, which featured a youth rally. Miss Deloros Cooper of Fountain Church led a symposium on, "Do you think religion should be taught in public schools?"

LEADERSHIP TRAINING classes and workshops will be resumed Friday morning from 8 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., and then will follow another General Assembly, with Dr. Miles Connor, president emeritus of the convention and president of Coppin State Teachers' College, presiding.

Main speaker will be Dr. J. Carey Taylor, assistant superintendent of Baltimore schools.

Dr. John Tilley will preside at the Friday afternoon session beginning at 2 p.m. Main speaker here will be Rabbi Samuel Glazner, director of the Department of Reform Jewish Education of the Baltimore Hebrew College.

A number of delegates will participate in a Congress Buzz Session scheduled for 3:15 p.m., Friday.

At the 4:30 Friday vesper hour to be held on the campus of Coppin State Teachers' College, 2500 block W. North Ave., the speaker will be the Rev. Robert T. Newbold, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church.

MRS. IOLA J. BRANCH, third vice president, will preside at the closing session which begins Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Speakers will include the Rev. William Tapscott, Dr. Vernon L. Johns, former president of Lynchburg Seminary; Mrs. Marie Washington, financial secretary, who will give a report; and Daniel Jones who will present talent night certificates.

Music at the closing session will be by the Young Adult Choir of New Shiloh Church, Dundalk.

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7:00 P.M.—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLOSING EXERCISES
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL
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9:15 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR. Music by the Senior Choir No. 1 and Jubilee Chorus.
3:00 P.M.—SENIOR USHER SERVICE
8:00 P.M.—EVENING SERVICES. Music by the Senior Choir No. 1 and Jubilee Chorus.
REV. J. R. GRANT, Pastor

Mt. Zion Methodist Church
Riggs Avenue and Gilmor Street
9:30 A.M.—Church School.
11:00 A.M.—Sermon by the Pastor.
8:00 P.M.—Sermon.
Rev. J. J. Barnes, Pastor

Sweet Hope Free Will Baptist Church
219 N. MOUNT STREET
9:45 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL. Mrs. Hessie Burns, Supt.
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR.
3:00 P.M.—SENIOR CHOIR NO. 1 ROBINSON.
6:00 P.M.—YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHRISTIAN LEAGUE.
8:00 P.M.—FIVE ANGELS GOSPEL SINGERS.
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DOLPHIN AND ETTING STS.
9:30 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL.
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR. Subject: "ON GOD'S SIDE."
We Welcome You Rev. Edward G. Carroll, Pastor

Good Shepherd Baptist Church
1827 N. PAYSON STREET
9:30 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY REV. MONTAGUE BRACKETT.
8:00 P.M.—SERMON BY REV. B. J. STAMPER.
PRAYER MEETINGS: Wednesday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 7 p.m.
ALL ARE WELCOME.
REV. EUGENE V. CARTER, Pastor

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
CAROLINE AND PRESTON STREETS
9:30 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY A GUEST SPEAKER.
6:00 P.M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION
8:00 P.M.—EVENING WORSHIP—PREACHING
THE CHURCH WITH A HEARTY WELCOME.
REV. C. EDWARD BROWNE, PASTOR

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DOLPHIN AND ETTING STS.
SUNDAY, JULY 17, 1955
9:30 A.M.—SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL
11:00 A.M.—MORNING WORSHIP — SERMON TOPIC: "CHRIST'S WAY TO INNER CALM."
12:30 P.M.—FELLOWSHIP HOUR.
5:00 P.M.—YOUNG ADULT MEETING.
8:00 P.M.—WEDNESDAY, JULY 20th HOUR OF PRAYER SERVICE.
9:00 P.M.—ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN MEETING.
WE WELCOME YOU
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Rev. Octavius Graham, busy Eastside minister, practices what he preaches

BY SHIRLEY KYLE

In East Baltimore, there's a minister who never hesitates to roll up his sleeves and practice what he preaches.

He is Rev. H. Octavius Graham, pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church which recently celebrated its 25th anniversary.

The short, muscular clergyman who speaks with his native West Indian accent, is too modest to tell of his achievments, but the fruits of his 25 years of hard work are shown in the expansive program of the hugh church and community center located on the corner of Broadway and Gay Sts.

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BEFORE 1930, any East Baltimorean would have said that a Presbyterian Church just couldn't make the grade in this area. Many ministers had tried, but each had gone down in defeat.

Nevertheless, the ever-increasing population in the district forced the Baltimore Presbytery to keep on trying until a church was organized. In 1926, shortly after he was graduated from Lincoln University, the Rev. Mr. Graham was asked to come to Baltimore.

"I was preparing myself to be a missionary and to work in Vicatagua where I received the letter telling me they needed a Presbyterian church in Baltimore," the minister said.

"So I came. I found nothing, but I saw people, lots of people and I knew there was a possibility if I would roll up my sleeves and be all willing to all men."

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BY THIS motto, the Rev. Mr. Graham meant that he would have to do more than merely stand in the pulpit every Sunday and preach the gospel. He would have to go out into the community, visit the residents, learn their problems and needs and then devise a program that would meet these desires.

The children this pet object, needed supervised recreation and study. The adults needed to be organized into community and church clubs to direct them in the line of better living.

The minister's first job was to secure a room in the 1600 block E. Monument St., for the church, which was then a mission. Then he set out to ring doorbells.... to meet his public.

Within a few months he had a congregation of three adults and 25 children.

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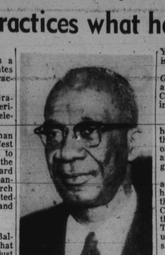
FOR THE next four years, the church moved from one storefront location to another to accommodate the growing congregation.

Knox Presbyterian Church was officially organized, May 20, 1930 while located in a store-front at the corner of Eden and Jefferson Sts. At that tim it had a congregation of 40 members.

And 14 years later, after a long, hard struggle, the church moved into its first building at Ashland and Washington St. where the Rev. Mr. Graham could begin to put his community program to work.

For the youngsters there was the daily Vacation Bible School, the Sunday Church School, the dramatic clubs, Girl's Choir and the Boy Scouts. For the adults there was the Usher Board, Missionary Society, Senior Choir, etc.


REV. H. O. GRAHAM
Serves his community well

AS THE Rev. Mr. Graham says, "It took me a long time, but I knew I could stick it out as long as I saw people."

During this time, however, the church lacked the facilities to serve the community as the Rev. Mr. Graham had planned. Patiently he waited for the day when each door of the church could be opened to meet the needs of its friends and followers.

That dream came true in 1951 when a white Presbyterian Church at Broadway and Gay Sts. decided to move to a new location due to the transition in the population.

The massive grey stone structure with a chapel, sanctuary, office, pastor's study, rest rooms adjoined by the three-story community center with 13 classrooms, three offices, an auditorium, gymnasium and three kitchens, was just the answer to his prayers.

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AN ON April 29, 1951, the Rev. Mr. Graham led his congregation into the present home of Knox Church.

At last, in the words of the pastor, the church could "administer to all areas and needs of a man's life."

When the Pilot Improvement program got underway in East Baltimore in 1953, Knox Church served as the headquarters.

When the Board of Education announced it needed additional classrooms, Knox Church fulfilled the request by renting four rooms in the Community Center to the department.

With the assistance of eight paid workers and numerous volunteer workers the church is able to carry out a seven-day program. Most of the activities are interracial.

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BIBLE SCHOOL and youth activities are taught and sponsored by interracial leaders under the leadership of the present director of the Community Center and Christian Education, Mrs. Mercedes Douglass.

Today the church program has expanded to conduct interracial weekend work camps, Kiddie Kollege for the pre-school children; week day clubs for teenagers; interracial daily Vacation Church School and camp; Teen Council; sports, including basketball, baseball and indoor games; and Scout troops: explorers, sea scout, senior girl scouts, intermediate girl scouts and Brownies.

There's only one qualification for the participants. . . . interest. Your denominational preference is your business.

After all, as the Rev. Mr. Graham says, "denomination is a physical feature in religion. Christianity is spiritual and takes in all denominations."

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TO PROVE he means what he says, the pastor pointed out that his congregation numbers only 300 but over 1500 children and adults participate in the program.

Besides his immediate church affairs, the Rev. Mr. Graham has taken an active interest in the NAACP, the AFRO-AMERICAN Clean Block Campaign, and the Dunbar High School Parent-Teacher Association. And he has urged his followers to do the same.

His days are long and endless. When he isn't busy with one of his church programs, he is out visiting sick members of his congregation or attending a civic meeting or trying to devise another activity to "meet the needs of the community."

Right now he is working on a special adult program with the aid of Mr. Douglass and Mrs. Clorine Patterson, program chairman of the recreation department.

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HE FEELS that the church is top-heavy with activities for the children anh more needs to be done for the adults. First on the list will be the organization of a Mother's club which will be enrolees in the Kiddie Kollege.

Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Douglas are also working out a social recreation program for the parents which will be held during the week.

Besides that, the minister must get ready for his second annual four-week Day Camp. In this program the children will come to the church daily, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with their lunches (the church will supply the milk) and learn arts, crafts, Christian education, and go on excursion trips.

While the Rev Mr. Graham is pleased with his present set up, there is still one problem that disturbs him everytime he steps out the door of his church . . . the cemetery which was used by the former white congregation.

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SIX HUGE burial vaults, many of them over 100 years old, and numerous tombstones mar the church grounds which the pastor would like to transform into a playground for the children.

He is working on this project and with the near future he hopes to complete arrangements to have the grave removed and to have the consecration of the playground.

Which he votes at present carries some doubt about the project, one can easily detect his enthusiasm when he sticks-to-itiveness which means that the job will be done.

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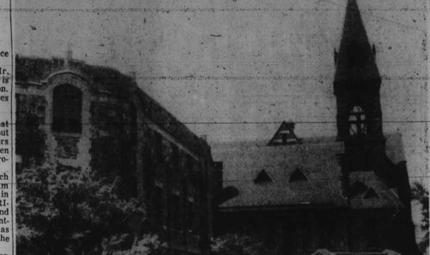
AND WORKING with the Rev. Mr. Graham will be the person who had been with him during the 25 years of hard work and struggle in the church—his wife, Mrs. Janie Graham.

Mrs. Graham is the former Miss Janie Johnson of Madison, the whom the Rev. Mr. Graham married on May 16, 1929.

Commenting on her husband's success, Mrs. Graham said the AFRO: "Frankly speaking, I am proud of his work. I know of the ups and downs he has had and I know of the extreme sacrifices he has made.

"It has been a very hard struggle and at last some of his dreams have come true. Now, if he can get rid of those tombs in the church yard so that he can build that playground for the children, all of his dreams will come true."

The Grahams have two sons, Herman Octavius Jr., who is studying for the ministry at Western Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pa. and Alvin Rossell, a medical student at Meharry Medical School in Nashville, Tenn.


BEACON LIGHT—Knox Presbyterian Church, at Broadway and Gay Sts., pastored by the Rev. H. O. Graham, has an ever expanding program to meet the needs of its entire community in East Baltimore. See feature on Page 1.

3 Bishops

WASHINGTON

At a special secret session Tuesday, of the Bishops' Council of the AME Church, three Bishops were appointed to preside over the Fifth Episcopal District formerly headed by the late Dr. Ormond Walker. The District comprises the Kansas, California and Missouri area.

BISHOP F. D. JORDAN, of the 14th and 15th District, South Africa, will head the Missouri conferences; Bishop H. T. Primm Eighth District, Louisiana, was appointed to the Kansas and Nebraska Conference, and Bishop Joseph Gomez, of the 10th District, Texas, to the California Conference.

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- Contenders appear at women's meet

By MARY STRATFORD

WASHINGTON

Approximately 40 ministers will be candidates for bishops when the AME General Conference fills at least four known vacancies at its meeting in Miami, Fla., in May, 1956.

This information was learned from high sources during the third quadrennial convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the AME Church which ended Thursday in the District.

THE KNOWN vacancies, which have not yet officially been announced, were created by the deaths of four AME bishops since the last general conference held in 1952 in Chicago.

There is a possibility that a fifth vaecancy may occur by the addition of an another District at the Conference, it was learned.

THE BISHOPS who died and whose posts over which they presided were:

John A. Gregg, who district comprised the Florida Conference; John H. Clayborne, who presided over Kentucky, and Tennessee; Lawrence H. Hemingway, formerly of the Washington, Baltiomre, Virginia and North Carolina area, and D. Ward Nichols, who headed the District comprising Kansas, California, and Missouri.

The Second District, which was headed by Bishop Hemingway is being directed by Bishops D. Ward Nichols of New site of unofficial off the record, York City, and Frank M. Reid of Columbia, S.C. until the May election.

THE TOP contenders for these vacant posts, inside sources report, are:

The Revs. A. O. Wilson, Columbus, Ga.; O. Sherman, Arkansas; H. Hickman, Tennessee; J. N. Collins, Louisiana; G. T. L. Dandridge, Alabama; L. M. Bracey, Texas; J. Higgins Wilkiam Ball, Florida; Dewey Robinson, D.C.; and Harrison Bryant, Baltimore.

ALTHOUGH no open campaigns were being conducted among the 3,000 church women attending the convention this week, church politics were quietly being discussed behind the scenes.

One minister was seen with a souvenir which read: "The man of the hour. Elect him, you elect yourself."

The convention was also the announcements made by various ministers that they were "serious" candidates for election.

THE CONVENTION, which began Saturday, met at Metropolitan AME Church and Turner AME Church. Special programs were held at Uline Arena and Griffith Stadium.

Heading the group was Mrs. Anne E. Heath, of Philadelphia, Women's Missionary Society president.

Among those attending were delegates from the United States, Canada, Mexico and several South American and African countries.

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by
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Pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church

Many persons have stopped growing. They are neither aware of nor concerned about emotional maturity. This is indeed tragic since most of our contemporary problems — divorce, delinquency, mental illness, crime, etc. — can directly be traced to emotional immaturity.

Such a statement obviously begs the following question: What are some of the signs that indicate when one is moving toward emotional maturity?

One such sign is the willingness and ability to take a healthy look at one's self. Of course this is easier said than done. You see we have been trained since childhood to look at the other fellow.

This was one of the weaknesses of the Pharisees. Jesus clearly pointed it out. They spent so much time in examining the other fellow until they failed to examine themselves.

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ONE OF THE fundamental suggestions of Christianity, however, is that the follower of Christ examine himself under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

A second sign of movement toward emotional maturity is that of dealing with people and situations as they are, and not as we wish them to be nor as we fear they may become.

This does not eliminate the need for help in trying to improve situations. Rather, it is simply to point up the fact that one is not dealing with situations and people in a mature manner if he fails to deal with them, first of all, as they are.

A THIRD SIGN is the awareness of what constitutes childish action as distinguished from adult action. The adult who says concerning his relationship to an organization, "I'll rule or ruin it," is echoing the child who said, "Let me but first, or I'll take my ball and go home."

The woman who pouts because she can't have her way, is going back to her childhood days when she had temper - tantrums because her parents would not yield to her demands.

The man who tries to run away from his problems rather than face them with a view toward trying to solve them is like the child who when faced with difficulty runs from his friends back to his parents.

St. Paul's words take us to the heart of the matter. Said he:

"When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like achild , I argued like a child; now that I am a man, I am done with childish ways." (Moffatt).

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Rites held here for Rev. Morsell

Funeral services for the Rev. Samuel R. Morsell, former secretary of the Druid Hill Branch YMCA, were held Thursday at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Approximately 200 persons attended the services presided over by the Rev. Reginald A. Daniels, pastor of Madison Ave., assisted by the Rev. Cedric E. Mills, rector of St. James P.E. Church.

Active pallbearers were: Dean George Grant, Dr. Houston R. Jackson, Dr. Frank J. Sykes, Edward N. Wilson, Dr. William L. Berry, and John Berry.

Honorary pallbears were: Dr. O. W. Holmes and P. D. G. Pennington.

The Rev. Mr. Morsell died at the home of his son, Dr. John Morsell in Brooklyn, N.Y., on Saturday. He was 82.

Well-known for his YMCA work, he was executive secretary of the Centre Avenue Branch YMCA in Pittsburgh, Pa., for 19 years.

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SON OF A Civil War veteran, the Rev. Mr. Morsell joined the staff of the Druid Hill YMCA in 1930 as executive secretary.

He resigned in 1936 to become secretary and director of sales for the then newly organized Arbutus Memorial Company.

For many years Mr. Morsell and his family resided at 1118 Whitelock St. In 1910 he received his bachelor of divinity degree from Yale University where he was a winner of the second Downs Award.

In addition to his son Mr. Morsell is survived by a daughter Mrs. Justine McClurrin of Washington; two sisters, Mrs. Eliza Jones and Mrs. Alverta Hall of Baltimore; a brother, Joseph Morsell of Baltimore; two grandsons and a granddaughter.

Burial was in Arbutus Cemetery.

Former teacher buried in D.C.

WASHINGTON

Mrs. Lynelr A. Price Grimes of Washington, wife of Ulysses N. Grimes, was buried in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery last Thursday following rites at her home at 1224 Maryland Ave., NE. The Rev. Jerry A. Moore officiated.

The daughter of Mrs. Julia B. Price and the late Dr. Peter Price, Mrs. Grimes attended school in Washington. She was educated at Dunbar High, Howard University, Miner Normal, and Columbia University.

Survivors include three aunts, Mrs. Mary L. Johnson of New York City, Mrs. Rachel Costa of Boston and Miss Ada Price of Washington; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Ola E. Lane; two brothers-in-law, and other relatives and friends.

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