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Dr. B. J. Smith, Gen. Sec., In Charge. Three Bishops Present Large Crowds

Jackson, Tenn. Jan. 25-(CP) Council of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church ended a two-day session here Fdiday in what has been called "the most forward looking meeting of its kind in the history of Negro churches."

The Religious Educational Counc'l was called by Dr. B. J. Smith, General Secretary-Editor of the Board of Religious Education of the CME church, a position to which he was elected exactly one year ago on the very day strangely coincidentaly, from the day the Religious Educational Council held its first session.

The Council which served a two-fold purpose: a fact-finding and appraisal council, and a program outlining body for the Department of Religious Education, attracted many of the outstanding leaders of the CME chudch. Three bishops were present: Bishop J. A. Bray, A.M., D.D., LL.D., president of the Board of Religious Education and president bishop of the Eighth Episcopal Distriet, Chicago; Bishop J. A. Hamlett, A.M., D.D., S.T.B., president of the General Board of Education and presiding bishop of the Fifth Episcopal district, Kansas City, Kansas. and Bishop J. C. Martin, president of the Board of Kingdom Extension Memphis , Tennessee.

Dr. J. C. Colelough. Editor of the Christian Index, official organ of the CME church, Jackson, delievred a stirring address at the opening of the Council Wednesday morning on the subject, "Clearing the Ground for Kingdom Building." The scholarly Editor's message made a deep impression upon the assemblage. Dr. Colclough used Mathew 6:33 as the principal basis for his scholarly address.

At Thursday's devotional of the Kansas district, Kansas with the presiding cliers and phis. Prayer in the Life of Christ' Luke 11:1 and Luke 17:1 as wide movement proposed for the Scriptural basis for his dis- 1937. course. He said it was imposshow frequently He retired to timed called "Mother Liberty" prayer, ho whe had certain definite places and times for prayer: how He intimately related tion, having been organized serving the people, in that He took the needs and interests of the people to God in His pray- ty Street church, with Rev. P. ers and brought from His pray- E. Brooks, master of ceremoning moments the inspiration, illumination and inspiration He received in His praying moments, and how that prayer Street Choir, Invocation, Rev. was necessary to the meeting J. A. Adams, Selections by the needs of the people whom one is to serve.

Dr. J. W. Nicholson, Chicago, was elected secretary of the Religious Council and rendered invaluable service in that capacity and was highly commended by Dr. Smith and the Council for his service in that capacity.

Other speakers at Thursday's sessions were: Drs. J. F. Lone, Presiednt of Lane College; Mattie E. Coleman, President of the Woman's Connectional Council; J. A. Ragan, General Secretary of Board of Conference Claimants; F. L. Lewis, Secretary of Kingdom Exten-

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dress regarding thier work to the delight of the scores of representatives from various padts Secretary of Kingdom Exten- Education Members: Rev. J. G. ies Society, in a talk with a newsof the church.

sentatives included:

Denominational Boards, Church A. Ragan, General Secretary tucky. Schools, Week-day Religious of Conference Claimants De-Schools, Young People's Organ- partment. Americus, Gaizations, Leadership Training, Christian Social Action, the General Board of Religious Education, The Annual Conference Leadership Training Director, dents and Members: Rev Henry Boards, the Local Boards, Reg- Tyler, Texas; Rev. B. Julian C. Benton, East Florida: Rev. Organizations, Problems of ligious Education, Chicago, Ill. Rev. A. W. Womack, Ohio: Rev. Literature, Promotional Work in the home, urban center and Rev. E. A. Paul, Jackson, Mr. J. M. Pettigrew, South Carrural centers, Young People's Tenn.; Dr. Frank Rodgers, olina. Meetings, (Epworth League) Jackson, Tenn.; C. A. Kirkenand the possibility of Inter- doll, Kansas City, Missouri. Board Cooperation between the Annual Conference Board of Religious Education Board of Religious Education Directors the CME church wtih other de- Revs. J. W. Nicholson, Chicnominational boards of the ago; J. E. Toomer, Muskegee,

the president of the Board: J. C. Clay, Little Rock, Ark .: members immediately charged Miss.; J. W Smith, Idabel, ly Negro whose work is used. Nawith the duty of functioning Okla.; I. C. Nicholson, Dyers- tional known writers and artists ments. Particular emphasis was ton, Texas. placed upon the great improvment made in the quality of the literature now being produced by the Board under their administration .The improvement in the literature was called "a complete transformation."

The Council-also passed by unanimous vote approval of the idea of "holding a church-wide meeting of young people in 1937," under the auspices of the eGneral Board of Religious Eduention. The resolution adopted urged Dr. Smith to memorialhour, the address was delivered ize the Bench of Bishops of the by Rev. C. E. Chapman. presid- CME church and communicate City , Missouri. "The Place of the Annual Conference Boards of Religious Eductaion solicitwas the subject of Rev. Chaping their interest and support man's address, having used in the Young People's courch-

A capacity audeince was presible to study the record of the ent Wednesday night at the life of Christ without noticing Liberty Street church, somebecause of being the oldest church in the CME denominahis praying moments with his here in 1870. An elaborate program of Welcome was sponsored Wednesday night at Liber-

> The welcome program included: Several numbers by Liberty Lane College Glee club and the Merry high school glee club, address by J. S. Blaine who repre sented Bishop Hamlett, presen tation of the program and personnel, Dr. B. Julian Smith, Offertory, Dr. E. A. Paul, Remarks by Dr. T. P. Murchison, Director of Leadership Training, Address by Dr. E. M. Pruet and response to the Welcome address by Bishop J. A. Bray, president of the Board of Religious Education.

Among those here attending the Council sessions were:

Bishops

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inal Committees, Personnel of Smith, General Secretary of Re A. Hawk, Central Alabama

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Okla.; J. R. Cole, Holly Springs, Fitting resolutions were ad. Miss.; D. B. Davis, Denton, Texopted by unanimous vote of the as; P. R. Shy, Athens. Ga.; Council lauding Bishop Bray, R. L. Young, Meridian, Miss.; Mrs. B. Julian Smith and E. P. A. C. Bailey, Kansas City, Kan.; and operating the Board's af- burg, Tenn.; T. C. Little, Tupfairs for their great accomplish- elo, Miss.; L. S. White, Hous-

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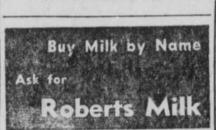
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Greetings and words of regret for inability to be present were received from the following:

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Rev. E. P. Murchison, Jr., of Religious Education Pres-W. R. Johnson, West Florida:

> Kansas Magazine Includes Work Of Colored Poet

Manrattan, Kan., Jan. 25 (ANP) The 1936 edition of the annual Kansas Magazine just published by the Kansas State college press, Murchison, Jr., the two Staff D. M. Montgomery, Tougaloo, "Black Man's Verse," was the onamong the contributors include: Edgar Lee Masters, Thomas Benton, Nelson Anrim Crawford, Dr. Birger Sandzon, and others.

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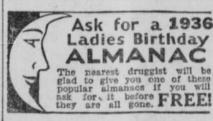
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