

WESLEY'S FOLLOWERS

Quadrennial Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church Opens Tomorrow.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GREAT GATHERING

Legislation to be Enacted for Over Five Million Church Members.

HISTORY OF THE WESLEY MOVEMENT

Success of the Church in the Nation, State and City.

SKETCHES OF THE CHURCH BISHOPS

Growth of the Auxiliary Organizations—Important Matters to be Considered by the Conference—List of the Delegates—Tomorrow's Program.

The twenty-first quadrennial session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church opens this Monday...

The proceedings of the general conference will be watched with great interest by Christians of all denominations...

What is a Methodist general or quadrennial conference? The word "conference" in the Methodist Episcopal church is of frequent use...

The next conference to be noted is the district conference, which usually meets at least twice a year and is composed of the pastors presiding in the district...

Then comes the annual conference, which probably interests both pastor and people more than any conference of the church...

Each annual conference, once in four years, elects delegates to the general or quadrennial conference, which is the highest and the law-making body of the church...

The Methodist Episcopal church has a considerable foothold in many of the countries of the old world...

What will this general conference do? It will hear and consider reports from the various auxiliary organizations of the church...

Southern Education society, the publishing houses and official papers connected with the church, the Epworth League and all other branches of the work...

HISTORY OF JOHN WESLEY. Parentage, Education and Wonderful Work of the Great Reformer.

John Wesley, the English Methodist reformer, was born in Epworth, England, in 1703...

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It is a well known historical fact that at the time John Wesley was born, and during the greater portion of his life...

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At the age of 11 John Wesley was placed under the care of Dr. Walker, an eminent scholar, and in three years, by close application, he was fitted for Christ Church, Oxford...

As such things, Long and against discussions arose over these matters between John Wesley and his parents...

Charles Wesley was five years younger than his brother John, and received his primary education at Westminster. He finally entered Oxford, became known as the "Holy Club" among the students of Oxford...

George Whitfield, one of the great contemporaneous preachers, with John Wesley, was eleven years younger than the latter...

Dr. Thomas Coke was the first bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church in America. He was elected in 1784...

Bishop Thomas Bowman, D.D., LL.D., the senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, is a native of Berwick, Pa...

Bishop Randolph S. Foster, D.D., LL.D., was born in Williamsburg, Va. He was educated at Augusta college, Kentucky...

Bishop William N. Nindo, D.D., LL.D., was born in Cortland, N.Y., in 1822, and is the son of a prominent lawyer...

Bishop Stephen M. Merrill, D.D., is a native of Jefferson county, Ohio, where he was born September 16, 1825...

Bishop William F. Mallalieu, D.D., is of Huguenot and Puritan descent. He was born in Sutton, Worcester county, Massachusetts...

particularly fortunate, the laymen did a wonderful amount of good. In the case of one man whom Wesley appointed, Mr. Mixfield, there arose quite a commotion...

It is not possible in limited space to follow the early church through all its struggles and triumphs, but suffice it to say that John Wesley found many converts...

Another remarkable fact connected with his work was the complete revolution of sentiment that took place. Hundreds of churches were closed against him in 1738...

METHODIST BISHOPS. Eighteen Distinguished Men Who Are at the Head of the Church.

Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, D.D., LL.D., is a native of New York, being born in Kingsbury in January 17, 1816...

Bishop John F. Hust, D.D., LL.D., was born in Dorchester county, Maryland, August 17, 1834...

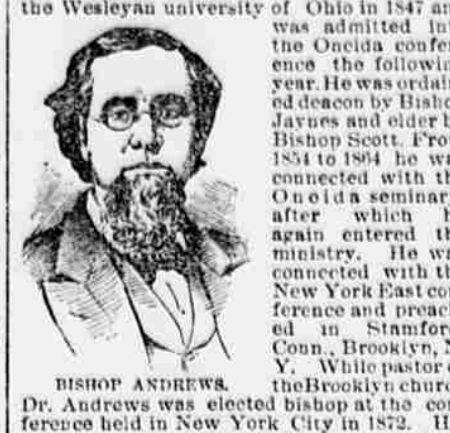
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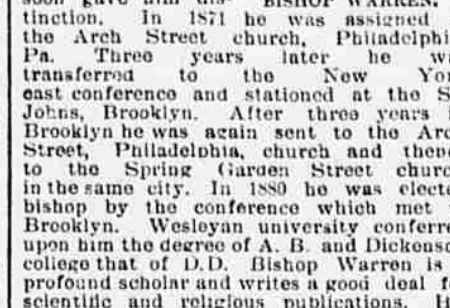
church today. His official residence is Chicago.

Bishop Edward G. Andrews. Bishop Edward G. Andrews, D.D., was born in New Hartford, Ontario county, New York...



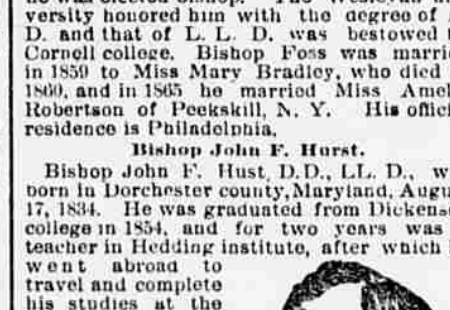
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Bishop Henry W. Warren. Bishop Henry W. Warren, D.D., was born January 4, 1811, at Williamstown, Mass. He was educated at Williamstown, Mass., and at the Wesleyan university...



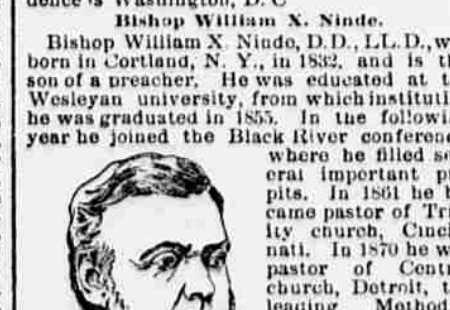
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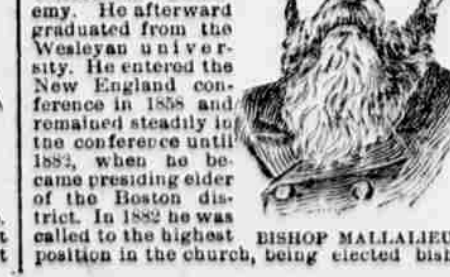
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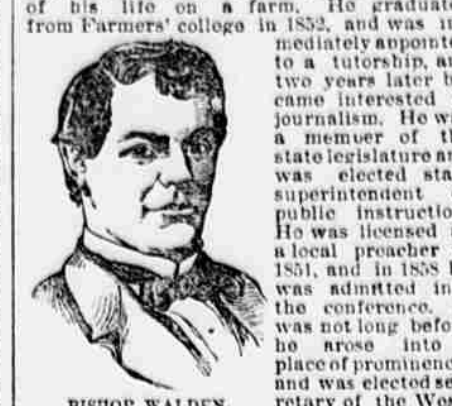
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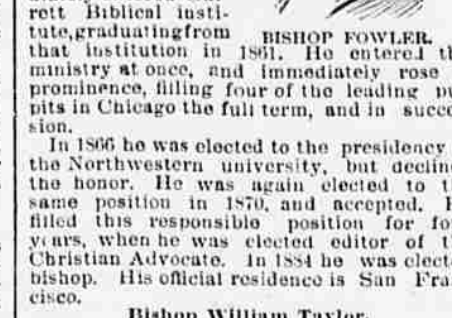
by the general conference of that year. He has been a prolific writer upon temperance and kindred topics.

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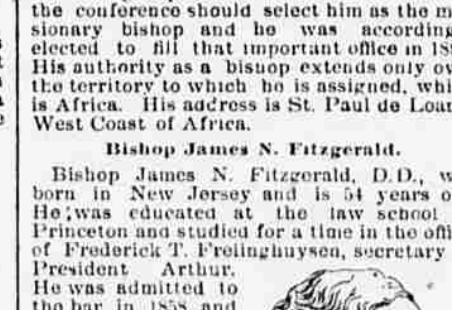
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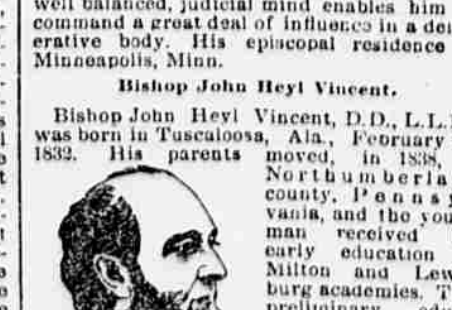
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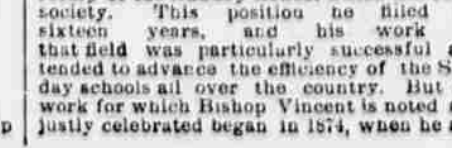
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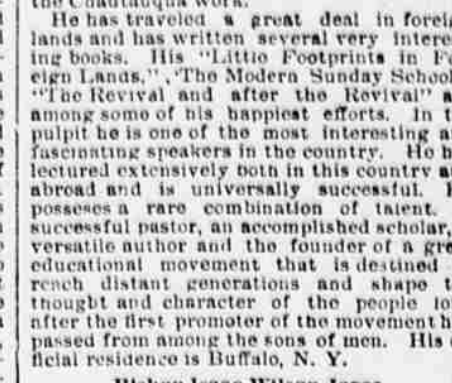
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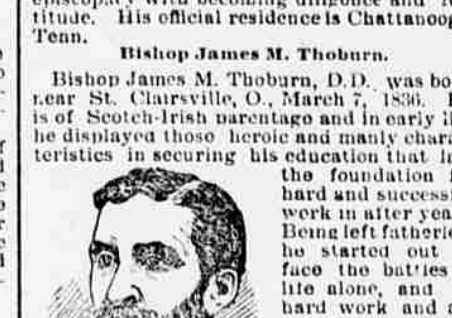
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Lewis Miller, of Akron, O., established the Chautauqua society at Chautauqua, N. Y. This literary and semi-religious society organization has met with remarkable success...



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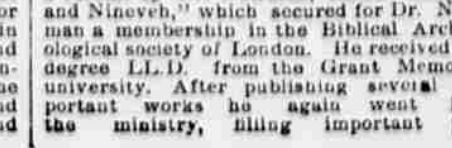
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