



DESPITE PRESENT BLOODSHED in the Congo, Methodist missionary Dr. Joseph M. Davis is optimistic about the country's future and plans to return there in July.

In an interview with the Courier-Journal, while conducting a revival at Trinity Temple Methodist Church in Louisville, Dr. Davis expressed the belief that things are looking better now in the fields of economics, politics, and the military than they had several months ago. But he expects local uprisings and intertribal wars to continue for a long time.

Dr. Davis, a graduate of Asbury College and Seminary, was evacuated from the Methodist mission at Lodja on August 6—several days after his neighbor and colleague the Rev. Burleigh Law met death at the hands of Congolese rebels.

Of the white people slain in the Congo, Dr. Davis said: "Most of them made an individual decision to stay there," after being warned to get out. Many of the shootings were the result of panic, he said—one person shoots and then everybody follows suit.

Actually, he said, most Congolese "like and admire" Americans because of their involvement in the United Nations work there and because of the American missionaries, who have "built up a reservoir of goodwill."

As hopeful signs for the future of the church, Dr. Davis cited the continuing revival movement in central Congo and the assumption of church and school responsibilities by qualified Congolese Christians.

Dr. Davis, a former editor of The Herald youth page, is the son of Herald circulation manager, Dr. Warner P. Davis.

"NO RESPONSIBLE INSTITUTION except the church charges part of its business costs against the salaries of its staff members," states a new guidebook released this week by the Department of the Ministry of the National Council of Churches.

Death of Mrs. J. H. MacGregor Reported

Mrs. J. H. MacGregor, wife of Rev. J. H. MacGregor, supply pastor of the Pefferlaw, Ontario, Canada, church, died from a recurring heart condition early this month. The funeral was held in the Pefferlaw church, Wednesday, December 9.

Mr. MacGregor served as district superintendent of the Maritimes District until 1959, when he became pastor of the Main Street Church, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The MacGregors were retired, but Mr. MacGregor has been the supply pastor at Pefferlaw, where they have lived since 1963.

OBITUARY

Mr. J. Wesley Weir, of Moncton, N. B., died suddenly on Nov. 11th while on a hunting trip. He was 84 years of age. Brother Weir was a faithful and respected member of the R. B. church of Moncton for almost fifty years. He had rendered a long service as deacon of the church, an office he filled at the time of his death.

The funeral service was held at Tuttle Brothers Funeral Chapel, Moncton, Nov. 14th, conducted by Rev. B. C. Cochrane, assisted by Rev. E. W. Tokley. Favourite hymns were sung by the church choir.

A sampling of approximately 110,000 local parish clergy in 15 predominantly white Protestant communions showed, among other things, that 81 per cent of the 5,623 ministers responding pay a portion of their car expenses; only 18 per cent receive regular annual salary increases; only 44 per cent had their expenses paid to attend denominational meetings in the last four years; and some 15 per cent are forced to resort to "moonlighting" to make ends meet. The wives of 21 per cent of the married ministers responding are employed and one-half of them work full time.

The survey of annual salaries of all ministers responding indicated that \$5,158 is the median, with 50 per cent receiving more and 50 per cent less. "The minister's salary falls far below national averages for most professionals and white collar executives," said Dr. Ross P. Scherer, director of research operations of the NCC Bureau of Research and Survey, which conducted the study under a grant from the Ministers Life and Casualty Union in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Remember Pentecostal Groups in Union Plans, Says Anglican Prelate

LONDON (EP) — Dr. Frederick Donald Coggan, Anglican Archbishop of York, has called for the inclusion of Pentecostal Christian groups in church union plans.

In a sermon preached at St. Paul's Cathedral here, the archbishop urged that Catholic-Protestant discussions be widened to include the "Pentecostal element" whose roots, he said "are in the New Testament, even if some of its fruits are, to our thinking, not always in strict accord with New Testament teaching."

While the fundamentalist groups are not strong in Britain, he said, "in Latin America, four out of five non-Roman Catholic (Christians) are Pentecostal.

"We may complain that they are deficient in many things we hold dear. We may complain that their worship is at times noisy—a complaint that cannot be leveled at most Anglican congregations.

"But to pass by on the other side and neglect what is one of the most extraordinary features of religious life in the 20th century is to show a lack of responsibility, or our unreadiness to face evidence."

Speculating on the rapid growth of Pentecostal groups, Dr. Coggan asked: "Is it possible that they have gifts of the Spirit which we have not?"

WHAT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED as "the

most unusual church in Australia" has been opened at King's Cross, the cosmopolitan quarter of Sydney which is reputed to be "the most densely-populated square mile in the Southern Hemisphere." The new church has been opened in buildings which until recently were used as family apartments. Its main features are a small and beautifully furnished chapel on the ground level, to accommodate about 60 people, and a "Christian coffee shop," open days and night and frequented by an ever-increasing number of people whose various languages make it a veritable modern Babel. The only formal service is held at 10 a.m. on Sunday but the chapel is always open. The service is relayed to the coffee lounge and other rooms by closed circuit television. The telecast is accompanied by simultaneous translations to various rooms in German, Italian and other languages. The minister is the Rev. Ted Noffs.

CAMPUS CORNER

THE EDUCATING POWER OF THE BIBLE

The following excerpts are from an editorial which appeared in "Christianity Today", November 22, 1963, printed by request of the President of Bethany Bible College. The President comments "I consider that this sound and scholarly article says much to the good of Bible colleges like Bethany."

The Bible and education are indissolubly united. To understand something of their relation requires at least passing reference to what each is. The word "education" comes not, as commonly supposed, from the Latin "educere" (to "lead" or "Draw forth") but from educare (to "bear" or "bring up"). The distinction is not minor for the Christian. If education means nothing more than drawing out what is already within the person, then regeneration is unnecessary and the atoning work of Christ may be bypassed. But if to "educate" means to "rear" or "bring up," then the creation of new life within the person through the Spirit's use of the Word of God is recognized, and education becomes in its Christian aspect the nurture of the new man in Christ Jesus.

For this nurture the Bible is by its very nature indispensable . . . (The writer uses scriptural support at this point from 2 Tim. 3:15-17 and 1 Pet. 1:23.)

Such is the essential educating power of the Bible. And without clear recognition of this power there can be no Christian education. Whenever education, even though church-sponsored, departs from a primary biblical frame of reference, it becomes secularized. It is obvious, of course, that by far the greater part of present-day education is divorced from the Bible. Equally obvious but less clearly understood is the not uncommon attempt by religious groups to maintain Christian education with the Bible relegated to a secondary or merely peripheral role. In fact, the low estate of Christian belief on many church-related campuses today may well be the result of undervaluing the educating power of Scripture.

BETHANY STUDENTS TESTIFY

Betty Sanders, Halifax, N. S. says:

"I'm so glad that I have such a wonderful Saviour to depend upon day by day. I thank Him for all the wonderful blessings He has given me: for sending me to Bethany, for Christian fellowship, but most of all for signing my pardon at Calvary. I love Him with all my heart today, and my life is in His hands. Words cannot express the wonderful peace and joy that is in my heart. All I can say is, 'Praise the Lord.'" (Grade eleven student)

Raymond Mitchell, Old Town, Me., says:

"I thank the Lord for saving me from the power of sin and for His grace that is sufficient to keep me in His will day by day. I also thank Him for leading me to Bethany again this year and into the Bible Department. Since returning I have been taught many things that will help me to live my Christian life better in the future. I praise Christ for the privilege of serving Him and my aim is to accomplish His will in my life." (First-year Bible Student)

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