

# AT A METHODIST SHRINE

## Pilgrimage To Perry Hall Mansion And Camp Chapel

### DR. JOHN F. GOUCHER PRESIDES

Bishop Galloway, Dr. James M. Buckley and Dr. Charles W. Baldwin Make Addresses.

About 200 persons participated yesterday in the fourth pilgrimage of the American Methodist Historical Society to Perry Hall and Camp Chapel, in Baltimore county, and the affair was a success in every way.

Distinguished men of the Methodist Episcopal Church, North and South, were present and made addresses telling of early Methodism in the lessons suggested by the events which the pilgrimage called to mind.

One of the first contrasts between the past and present was in the two methods of transportation employed. The visitors from the city, who constituted a majority of those present, went in the electric cars out to the terminus of the Belair road line. From that point they were taken in six large omnibuses to their destination. The omnibus procession was marshaled by Mr. Clinton A. Porter, of Bengles. The teams were furnished by Mr. George W. Della.

At Perry Hall Mansion.

Perry Hall Mansion was first visited. It was the home of Harry Dorsey Gough, one of the most prominent men of his day and one of the early converts to Methodism. His wife, a daughter of General, afterward Governor, Ridgely, became a leader of Methodist meetings. In their home the plans were formulated for the Methodist Episcopal Church organized during the famous Christmas conference in the Light Street Church in December, 1784. Bishop Asbury was always entertained at this mansion when he was on his tours in this section of the country. Mr. Gough died at his home in 1808, while the General Conference of the church was in session in Baltimore. A portion of the old mansion and the old jail in which slaves were incarcerated are still standing. The present owner, Mr. William Duntz, threw the house open for inspection and Mr. Jesse D. Clayton, of Fork, Baltimore county, who has lived near the mansion all his life, related many interesting reminiscences.

Dinner At Camp Chapel.

When the visitors arrived at Camp Chapel, which is the site upon which one of the first Methodist churches in the county was located, the Ladies' Aid Society of the chapel, Mrs. Edward Akhurst president, had a sumptuous dinner prepared, and it was thoroughly enjoyed. The visitors were welcomed by Rev. William F. Roberts, senior pastor of the Great Falls Circuit, of which Camp Chapel is a part, and the junior pastor, Rev. Lyttleton M. Ferguson.

The exercises were held in a grove adjoining the church. They were opened by singing "Come, Thou Almighty King." Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Isaac W. Canter, and Rev. Dr. Julius Soper read a lesson from the Scriptures.

Rev. Dr. Goucher presided over the exercises and explained the object of the society. He said its aim was to preserve and perpetuate the history of the church.

Dr. Buckley's Address.

Dr. James M. Buckley, editor of the Christian Advocate, of New York, was introduced by Dr. Goucher, and delivered an address on "Perry Hall and the Organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church." He said, in part:

"Harry Dorsey Gough was a very rich man, worth about \$300,000. Bishop Asbury made frequent visits to the house, and through his efforts Mrs. Gough was converted. He at first objected to her going to the Methodist services, but he was finally persuaded to go himself, and was converted, and his home was used for the holding of meetings, and afterwards the chapel was erected. During the Revolutionary War Gough drifted away from the church, but was brought back again through Bishop Asbury, and died during the session of the General Conference in Baltimore."

Rev. Dr. Charles W. Baldwin spoke on "Methodism and Representative Families in Maryland." He said the old Methodist families of Maryland would ever be remembered in the history of Methodism, as their names and their deeds give tone, standing, character and ability to Christianity. "They laid their vices aside," he said, "and their homes became the homes of the early preachers and their barns were used as chapels."

Bishop Galloway Speaks.

Bishop Charles D. Galloway, of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church, delivered an address on "Early Methodism." He said the chapel erected at Perry Hall was the first chapel to have a bell, and that it was sounded morning and evening to summon the slaves to worship, and that the master and slaves worshiped together. He said Methodism was for the rich as well as for the poor, and that the shining chapter in American history was the work accomplished by the church among the slaves.

The exercises closed by the singing of the doxology and benediction by Rev. Charles A. Bulla, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church South.

The committee in charge of the pilgrimage consisted of Rev. Drs. John F. Goucher, Charles W. Baldwin, William F. Roberts, Frank G. Porter, Isaac W. Canter, William G. Herbert, C. Herbert Richardson and Harry S. France.

Some Of Those Present.

Among those present were:

Rev. Messrs. C. A. Jones, Frank G. Porter, W. A. Keonta, Robert Kolb, George W. Evans, George C. Bacon, R. R. Murphy, Watson Case, D. A. Foard, W. B. Edwards, Hugh Johnston, John Edwards, E. T. Newbray, Julius Soper, of Japan; Osborn Belt, Emory Durham, J. B. Sutt, William L. Macrubbin, D. H. Kern, Stowell Bryant, Washington, D. C.; J. F. Helms, Washington, D. C.; E. H. Lamar, J. W. E. Sunwalt, Joseph Dawson, W. D. Knight, D. G. Miller, J. O. Wrightson, Richard Edwards, Solomon German and Thomas Gortuch.

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Ingram, David Abercrombie, Miss Elizabeth Porter, Leeseroning, Md.; Miss Jennie Richardson, Mrs. Augusta Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Williams, J. E. Flayhart, Mrs. John B. Edwards, James D. Clayton, Lewis M. Bacon, Mrs. Boyd, William J. Porter, Mildred Carr, Mrs. James, Miss Mattie, Mrs. Hayward, Mrs. J. W. E. Sunwalt, Mrs. John F. Goucher, Mrs. Hugh Johnston, Mrs. Rowell Turner, Mrs. Charles Williamson, Mrs. William L. Macrubbin, Edward Stabler, Jr., Joseph Everhardt, B. F. Bennett, Henry Shirk, Jr., Mrs. D. W. Beeson, Mrs. J. T. Wright, Miss Beada Edwards, Mrs. George Coale, Mrs. Rachel Elder, Misses Florence and Ella Elder, Mrs. James K. Dunphy, Mrs. George E. Wright, W. W. C. Stewart, David A. Dancy, John C. Halbert, Mrs. J. B. Sutt, Mr. and Mrs. James Barton, Mr. and Mrs. George Barton, Miss Maud Elliott, James B. Canales, W. W. Smith, James Francis, John D. Bacon, Mrs. D. Tyne Smith and Mrs. N. D. B. Allen.