



**The Kingdom of God Can Be Built on Earth**—Methodist leaders from the State gathered at the Peachtree Road Methodist Church this week for the tenth annual meeting of the North Georgia Conference, W.S.C.S., for a three-day conference of spiritual study and influence. The inset shows the beautiful church where the sessions will close today. In the upper left are two of the conference pages, Mrs. J. Edwin Gunby, left, and Mrs.

Charles Monroe. In the photo at the right, Mrs. M. E. Tilley, at the left, and Mrs. E. W. Brogdon, are shown after they received their pins as Honorary Life Patronships, the highest honor awarded a member of the society. At the lower left is a portion of the 300 delegates to the conference, as they registered. Seated at the left is Mrs. Clyde Kennedy and at the right is Mrs. W. C. Thompson, register clerks. Standing, left to right, are Mrs. Rowland Bryce, of Tate; Mrs. Frank Hay, of Dallas; Miss Mary Smith, of Canton; Mrs. Peter

Manning, of Dalton, and Mrs. D. F. Miller, of Augusta. Seated in the group, at the lower right, are Mrs. W. B. Stubbs, the new President of the Atlanta East District, and Mrs. Stewart Colley, of Grantville, President of the North Georgia Conference, who presided at the conference. Standing, left to right, are Mrs. John Sneed, new District President of the Gainesville District, and Mrs. Billy Pittman, new conference Secretary of supplies. Mrs. Charles H. Robeson acted as General Chairman for the three-day meetings.

**TENTH ANNUAL MEET**

**Put Kingdom of God in Hearts, Is Plea to World by Methodists**

By YOLANDE GWIN

Establishment of the Kingdom of God in the hearts of the people, and a challenge that these people of the earth claim their heritage as beneficiaries of Christ's bequest for Peace, are being voiced by keynote speakers here at the tenth annual meeting of the North Georgia Conference, Women's Society of Christian Service, now in session at the Peachtree Road Methodist Church.

Hundreds of delegates from the State have joined with local leaders to carry the banner of **The Kingdom of God Can Be Built on Earth** as their theme through the three-day meet and to add their strength, spiritual guidance, opinions and influence to their fellow men.

In a keynote speech to the gathering, Dr. A. E. Barnett, of Garrett Biblical Seminary, Evanston, Ill., urged the people to claim their heritage as God wills it, and added "that conditions of participation in this will be possible for any and all of us."

"Jesus bequeathed us Peace," said Dr. Barnett. "The idea of Him leaving a 'will' seems paradoxical. He left no money, and yet because he lived men have devoted wealth to holier uses. He is timelessly the world's greatest Benefactor because He left humanity the impress of a higher quality of life and so, though poor, he made many rich, as frequently as otherwise, a will creates friction and division. Jesus bequeathed men peace."

"This Peace which Christ wills, rests upon three structural

principals," continues Dr. Barnett. "First, a proper sense of values, for human struggles is focused too largely on secondary things. Second, there is rightly ordered conduct for doing one's best with courage and integrity which contributes to peace. Following right courses of conduct is essential to spiritual health. Third and last, there should be an assured relationship with God, for as the captain of an ocean liner charts his course by the stars, so man needs to orient his life and determine his course with reference to the eternal."

In all, Barnett pointed out, "Peace is no absence of desire, mere placidity, the stagnation of inertia. It is serenity of mind that results from a consciousness of God's approval."

Dr. Barnett sounded off the note which was attuned to the thoughts of all the women, and revealed conceptions of what the average Christian thinks of the

Kingdom of God. As Mrs. Boyd Ozment expressed it:

"I have found evidence, by re-reading scriptures as well as the modern writers, to reconfirm a former concept that the Kingdom of God is within, so it is not a social order. What a relief! We cannot put finger on any type of society and say 'this is the Kingdom of God,' but we can become so possessed of this kingdom that attitudes and actions will reflect themselves in patterns about us. We see the first job is to establish the Kingdom of God in the hearts of the people. Christian movement begins in the human heart, for Christianity is not a rival of isms, it is not a rival faith, but it is within the power of direction of a world caught up in a whirlwind of isms."

And as Mrs. Stewart Colley, of Grantville, summed it up, "The Kingdom of God must permeate every area of life to be permanent."