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## BISHOPS REGRET ST. JOHN'S FIRE

**Gailor, Beatty and Mikell Ex-  
press Condolences, Others  
Also Write**

**MOVE DEBRIS SOON**

**Interior Decoration of Audi-  
torium to be Restored After  
Reconstruction**

Messages of sympathetic regret have been received by Rev. Walter C. Whitaker, with regard to the recent fire which destroyed the interior of St. John's Episcopal church. Bishops Gailor and Beatty, of Tennessee, and Bishop Mikell, of Atlanta, expressed their condolence and letters were also received from the clergymen and vestries of the parishes throughout the state.

Plans of rehabilitation are going slowly at present, there being no adjustment of insurance on the damage as a whole. Dr. Whitaker expressed the belief that, as the damage to the rectory and parish was comparatively small, the insurance on these two buildings could be easily adjusted. In the church, however, matters are in such condition that there will be many difficulties to overcome. The vast amount of debris inside the building must be moved and the foundation inspected so as to bring to light any damage not heretofore discovered. Experts must be obtained to appraise the value of the stained glass windows that have been destroyed, and scaffolding must be erected to permit a thorough examination.

Mr. Greenwood, representative of the Hook & Hastings Co., will inspect the organ. Having worked with this, and various other organs in the city, he is thoroughly familiar with the instrument. It is stated, however, that the instrument is badly wrecked. The damage was caused principally by the water which left very little of it in a usable condition.

Hope was expressed, that as soon as the insurance representatives and the church authorities get together matters will be speedily adjusted. The entire west side of the rectory must be rebuilt. The undermining of the foundation by water allowed the walls to drop, rendering the rooms on the west side both upstairs and down untenable.

The rector is of the opinion that the interior decoration of the church as a whole will be restored. The same style of treatment that prevailed before the fire, will be followed.

Dr. Whitaker is elated over the

success of the "Every Member Campaign" and is resolved that the church work shall go on without interruption despite the fact that the inconveniences are great.

The damaged church will not interfere with the reception of the two bishops, which is to take place at a date set by Bishop Gailor. Bishop Beatty has accepted the church's invitation and is waiting upon Bishop Gailor's decision.

**BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ASSOCIATION TO MEET**

"The Ministry of the Holy Spirit" is the subject on which Rev. Lloyd T. Wilson, D. D., will speak at a meeting of the Baptist Sunday School association to be held at the Mountain View Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. This is probably the last Sunday before Dr. Wilson goes to Nashville to take up his work with the state mission board, and all who desire to hear him are cordially invited.

The association has an enrollment of 10,000 in Knoxville and vicinity. It includes the following churches: Bearden, Beaumont, Bell Avenue, Broadway, Broadway Mission, Burlington Calvary Central of Fountain City, Dameron Avenue, Deaderick Avenue, Elm Street, Euclid avenue, Fifth Avenue, First church, Fountain City, Gallahers' View, Gillespie Avenue, Grove City, Immanuel, Island Home, Lincoln Park, Lonsdale, Marble City, Meridian Mt. Olive, Mountain View, Oakwood, River View, Smithwood, South Knoxville, Third Creek, and Valley Grove. R. L. Huff is president; J. H. Bradshaw, vice-president; W. C. Walker, statistical secretary, and W. H. Stapleton, secretary-treasurer.

**IDEAL ECLECTIC  
CHURCH FOR U. S.**

"The Ideal Eclectic Church in America" is the subject of the sermon announced for Sunday morning by Rev. Royal A. Simonds, D. D., pastor of Trinity M. E. church.

This is an unusual subject, but upon a theme concerning which theologians and others have given much thought. It affords opportunity for contemplation of the ideal, and for seeking out the best that is in various theologies. It is Dr. Simonds' purpose, in presenting this discourse, to ignore doctrines and things that pertain to doctrinal convictions and, in fact, to avoid discussion of all issues that make for divisions in churches and differences of creeds. He will pick out the excellencies of the various denominations and church affiliations, seeing only the good that is in each church and creed, and getting the best that it affords. Every church abounds in much that is good, and every creed offers ideals that appeal. These will be combined by Dr. Simonds into a composite conception, that in the opinion of the speaker, would constitute the ideal church for America.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service and it is anticipated that it will attract many from other congregations and denominations because of its great scope as an interdenominational subject.