

BROOKLYN CHURCH OPENS WEEK'S FETE

***Bishop C. W. Burns Speaks at
St. Mark's Service in Honor
of Adams Memorial Hall.***

The Rev. Dr. Charles Wesley Burns, Methodist Bishop of San Francisco, spoke yesterday morning at the services which began a week's celebration of the dedication and opening of Adams Memorial Hall, the new church house and community centre of St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church, Ocean Avenue and Beverly Road, Brooklyn. The feature event of the week's ceremonies will be community night on Wednesday, and Mayor Walker, President Byrne of the Borough of Brooklyn, Lewis H. Pounds, Treasurer of the State of New York, and others are expected to be present. Next Sunday the church house will be officially dedicated and opened.

Bishop Burns emphasized the importance of the new community centre in furthering the spiritual education of young people.

"It has been said," he continued, "that a cynic is one who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing, and that can be aptly applied to modern civilization. The characteristic American emphasis is upon quantity rather than quality. Bulk, size, speed, in fact, a civilization which is arithmetical rather than spiritual, are all in fashion now.

"Our present-day life is characteristic by the simian quality of chattering; we are concerned with the things of little real value. We must fight materialism tooth and nail and entirely put away those who try to estimate religious values in terms of the market. There must be no price tag on the church."

The Rev. Dr. Robert M. Moore, pastor of St. Mark's Church, and the Rev. Dr. John W. Langdale, Superintendent of the South District of Brooklyn, introduced Bishop Burns and congratulated the congregation upon its efforts in the building of the hall.

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