METHODISTS BUY ROME SITE

Will Build a College in Connection with Mission Work.

ROME, Jan. 25.—The Rev. Bertrand M. Tipple, pastor of the American Methodist Church in Rome, has purchased about six acres at the southern end of the historic hill of Monte Mario, one of the most beautiful locations near Rome. He announces that he intends to erect a great modern college, embodying the highest intellectual, patriotic, moral, and physical ideals.

The Rev. Dr. Ezra S. Tipple, President of Drew Seminary, and a brother of the Rev. Bertrand M. Tipple, said last night that his brother had acted in making the Roman purchase as the agent of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America. This was the first step, he said, in the board's founding of a college in Rome for boys and young men. The institution as planned is to be primarily for secular education, but with a religious motive. No religious discrimination, however, Dr. Tipple said, would be allowed.

The purchase price of the land, Dr. Tipple said, would approximate $50,000. Subscriptions for this purpose were taken by the Rev. Bertrand Tipple during a lecture tour which he made last year in this country. In addition to this sum the Board of Foreign Missions expects to raise $100,000 for the college buildings before entering upon the details of organization.

The college will complete the educational system of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Rome, which includes Reeder Theological Seminary and Crandon Hall for girls, which the Women's Board of Foreign Missions established.

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