

GOING TO THE BAD

A Rancorous Discussion of Church Wrong Doings IN DIVISION STREET CHURCH

A Private Prayer Meeting Transformed Into a Lively and Racy Debate Over Sin and Worldliness.

A full and verbatim report of last night's informal meeting of the official board of the Division street Methodist church would probably prove very racy and interesting reading to many of the members of that congregation.

In the meeting, however, a few minutes were devoted to the discussion of some needed repairs and renovations in the lecture rooms of the church and the cleaning of the class rooms.

The pastor, the Rev. Gould, opened the discussion or "prayer meeting" with a long and vigorous speech in which he severely scored individual members of his flock for delinquencies in religious duties.

"This church, along spiritual and moral lines has no back-bone or courage." "I believe that a spirit of reckless and irreligious worldliness is the predominant characteristic of this church."

"Extravagance in dress, cards, theater-going and dancing are follies and sins that are blighting and stunting the spiritual life of this church."

"Every Sunday I look over the Sabbath school and there I see open and unrebuked evidences of irreligion in the costly and showy fabrics with which the members of this church clad their children."

"The church is inactive and slothful in Christian work." "I do not believe that any member of this church can be a member of a pedro club and still remain a good and consistent member of the church of the Lord Jesus."

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this vicinity, and many of the district schools are idle for want of teachers. The principal cause for complaint is the small salaries offered. Most of the best teachers have moved away, tempted by higher salaries elsewhere.

GREAT PRESENCE OF MIND.

Horrible Experience of a Georgia Woman With a Mad Dog.

SYLVANIA, Ga., April 18.—Mrs. M. J. Harrington of Hades, had a very narrow and thrilling escape from being bitten by a mad dog at an early hour this morning. Feeling unwell, she was in bed, being alone in the house, when she heard a dog come into the room.

READY TO ENTER TODAY.

The Home-seekers Stand on the Line Ready to Hear the Gun.

GUTHRIE, O. T., April 18.—Several train loads of home-seekers and sight-seers arrived today and a few stragglers are still arriving tonight. Among the sight-seers was James E. Dixon, a member of the English house of lords, who came all the way from Birmingham to see the rush tomorrow.

FEARS OF BLOODSHED.

The Louisiana Elections May Be Held Under Musket Muzzles.

NEW ORLEANS, April 18.—The excitement over the elections tomorrow was intensified this evening when it became known that Governor Nichols issued orders for the southern athletic battalion, belonging to the state militia, to report for duty at its armory tomorrow.

MODUS VIVENDI SUBMITTED.

The Canadians Will Be Paid Damages if We Are Beaten.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The modus vivendi for the protection of the Behring Sea seal fisheries which was laid before the senate this afternoon is a renewal of the agreement of 1891, with the addition of a clause providing for the settlement of damages sustained by the Canadian sealers through interruption to their business in case the arbitration goes against the United States.

STRUCK HIS DAUGHTER.

A Man Crazed with Liquor Fatally Injures His Girl, and Suicides.

NILES, O., April 18.—Samuel Williams, a rolling mill employe, returned from his work this evening, crazed with liquor, and attempted to drive his family from the house. He struck his daughter, aged 20, with a poker, fracturing her skull. He then seized a case-knife, cut his throat, and died in a short time. The daughter cannot live.

Held for a Double Murder.

RAHWAY, N. J., April 18.—The tramps arrested in connection with the mysterious finding of the bodies of two men in the woods near this city have been held pending an investigation.

Victim of a Murderous Crank.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., April 18.—Dr. A. M. Chord, an old and well known physician of this city, died tonight from injuries received at the hands of the mysterious character known as "Jack the Knocker," who the last month has assaulted a number of citizens at night, robbing none of them and apparently having no motive.

Porter May Want to Govern.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., April 17.—Smiley Chambers, who is making an aggressive canvass for the gubernatorial nomination, is looked upon as a dangerous opponent of Governor Chase.

Base Ball Games.

Philadelphia, 4; Brooklyn, 11. All other games of consequence of rain or wet grounds.



UNCLE SAM—THIS IS AMUSING. RHODE ISLAND DEMOCRACY—FRAUD—BOO-HOO—FRAUD.

HURLED IN THE AIR

Seven Men Blown to Atoms in a Terrific Explosion OF A GIANT POWDER FACTORY

People Flew to the Mountains Overcome by Terror for Fear of a Second and More Disastrous Shock.

NEWARK, N. J., April 18.—The works of the American Powder Powder company, a short distance from Landing station at Lake Hopatcong on the Morris & Essex railway, blew up shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon and seven men were blown to atoms. The killed are: J. D. Smith, superintendent of the works; Jacob Carison, William Pierce, James Vagh, A. Johnson, Godfred Water and an unknown Swede.

Besides these, two men were injured. One of them, Benjamin Casamore, will probably die. The works of the company consisted of a number of small buildings scattered at a distance of 300 feet from each other. The nitroglycerine mill was the first building to go up and the shock of the explosion caused six other buildings to be rent asunder by their dangerous contents exploding. The report was terrific and was heard in the surrounding country for many miles.

ELECTRICITY FOR GINNING.

Used for the First Time at the Alabama Agricultural College.

NEW ORLEANS, April 17.—For the first time in the history of the world cotton was last Thursday ginned by electricity at the agricultural and mechanical college of Alabama at Auburn, thus furnishing an entirely new application for that marvelous source of power.

BARON FAVA COMING BACK.

The Kindest Feeling Now Prevails in Italy Towards America.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Prof. F. R. Fava, Jr., son of Baron Fava, speaking of the report that his father had been

COMITY TO BE HAD

The Congregationalists Adopt Resolutions Favoring It ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Interesting Discussion of Important Matters to the Church by Laymen and Clergymen.

Yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock the fifth annual meeting of the Western Michigan Congregational club convened at the Park church, the Rev. I. P. Powell presiding. Routine business was transacted. The initiation fee was reduced from \$2 to \$1, and yearly dues were decreased from \$1 to fifty cents.

The following new members were added to the list: The Rev. William Collier, Cadillac; Professor King, the Rev. D. F. Bradley, J. E. Smith of Grand Rapids; and Messrs. James Provan, Lowell; B. M. Cutcheon, city; Frank L. Moore, Cannonburg.

Dr. James Gallup, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following names for officers, which were favorably considered, the secretary, the Rev. Franklin Noble being instructed to cast the affirmative vote.

First Vice President—Rev. Leroy Cahill, Kalamazoo. Second Vice President—Frank Hamilton, Traverse City. Secretary—James Gallup. Treasurer—Hoyt G. Post.

Executive Committee—F. B. Wallin, chairman; the Rev. Richard Lewis, Grand Haven; Clarence Finster, Rockford; H. A. McIntyre of the Smith Memorial church; J. E. Smith, South Congregational church.

Outlook Committee—George Parsons, Waterbury; the Rev. Leroy Warren, Lansing. Membership Committee—The Revs. C. H. Beale, Lansing; Bastian Smith, Constantine; Demas Coonin, Traverse City.

At 6:30 o'clock a brief recess was taken and the members were served with a delicious supper by the ladies' society of the Park church.

Need of Practical Religion. At the opening of the evening session T. P. Eddy, who was in fine voice, sang a solo, "The Miller of the Dec."

"How can we best determine and promote the real religious needs of this state," was the topic for the evening and the discussion was opened by the Hon. B. M. Cutcheon, who said "The great religious need of the commonwealth of Michigan is to have practical christianity brought into the cognizance of every person in the state."

We have the urban population, the city population and the scattering population of the north woods. The first need as a denomination is to become self-supporting. We should not draw upon the east for any part of our support. Michigan is no longer a young state or a poor state. It is a rich state. It is perfectly safe to say that the taxable property is valued at two and one-half billion.

We must become self-supporting in our christian institution. The next greatest need is to know how to give. That is the next point. Giving is not only a duty, but is a privilege as well. The rich need to give for their own good, that others may be educated. The third need is that while we give of our means to carry out the work of bringing practical christianity to every man, woman and child.

Missing Missionary Money. The Rev. Barton Smith also spoke on the topic of the greatest needs of the state. He referred to the lack of the minutes in giving an accurate account of where and how the missionary money is spent. He did not doubt that it was well spent but if the actual disbursements were known then it would be known where to direct the best efforts. The church is to know its position. Mr. Smith would regard the rights of every church and would pay due regard to practical economy. At the close of Mr. Smith's remarks Mrs. Reuben Peterson sang a pretty Easter song.

The Rev. Mr. Bradley called attention to a printed pamphlet issued by the Home Missionary society which gave the churches which were being helped each year and the exact amounts given. He advocated church extension societies in this city to reach out and gather in the neglected.

Mr. Gallup asked, "How can we get people to feel the need of religion? Haven't we got churches enough here in Michigan to supply the preachers? I have been studying up the meaning of that word comity, and in this connection I have a resolution to offer which may or may not receive your sanction."

Church Comity Desired. Resolved, in view of the great religious needs of the people who are rapidly filling up the lower peninsula, and the imperative duty of the church to supply their needs, and believing most earnestly that all such needs can be met if all the christian forces now organized will work together for the common end, and to the end that the work be not hindered and his treasury dissipated, we the members of the Congregational club of Western Michigan, after a careful consideration of the subject, do most respectfully but earnestly request that the churches of our order at their next annual meeting, to be held in Grand Rapids, take into prayerful consideration this subject. And we suggest for the consideration of the propriety of forming a special committee to be known as a committee of comity between the churches of all evangelical denominations. The work of said committee at first will be to have all the other great religious appoint similar committees, and if so appointed, then to meet with them, and to see that the needs of our people are met, and to see that the needs of our people are met, and to see that the needs of our people are met.

bearded lady and the other freaks in the Wonderland museum were all taking out bail writs against Manager Blitts tonight. Blitts was engaged by Joseph P. Smith of Charleston, and Treasurer Faten says Blitts has ever drawn his account \$1900. He is said to owe over \$2500 elsewhere and more than a dozen attachments were taken out against him tonight. Blitts avoided the officers. He said in the afternoon that he did not owe a dollar, but that the theater had lost money heavily, and that he would go away without a cent in the world.

JUST LIKE THE MEN.

Illinois Women Flock to the Polls and Vote for School Officers.

Kewanee, Ill., April 18.—Eleven hundred and sixty-five votes were cast between the hours of 10 and 2 Saturday and fully 500 of them were deposited by women. Mrs. E. V. Eddy, the women's candidate for member of the board of education, was defeated by about 135 votes.

ATONIA, Ill., April 18.—The most exciting school election held here in years was that in the two city school districts Saturday. Over 2,500 votes were cast. The women had a ticket in the field in each district and fully 1,000 of them voted. The candidates of the west side were defeated. On the east side they elected one director.

EVANSTON, Ill., April 18.—About 800 women exercised the right of suffrage at the school election held here on Saturday. It resulted in defeat for the W. C. T. U. ticket, which was composed entirely of women, with Mrs. Gertrude M. Singleton for president of the board. The people's ticket, headed by H. H. C. Miller, was elected. Mrs. Louise B. Stanwood was one of the victorious candidates. A great many women voted against the W. C. T. U. ticket.

MAUNSELL, Ill., April 18.—The school election Saturday was one of the most exciting and certainly the most novel ever held here. The W. C. T. U. women had a ticket in the field and worked for its success with untiring zeal, but were defeated.

MONMOUTH, Ill., April 18.—The largest vote cast at a school election here in years was polled Saturday. Mrs. Jennie Logue Campbell, for many years principal of Monmouth college, was elected president of the school board, receiving 559 votes to 289 for Mrs. J. R. Webster. Mrs. Mary Patterson was also elected director without opposition. No other candidates were in the field. Fully half the ballots were cast by women.

MOLINE, Ill., April 18.—At the school election Saturday the women polled 500 votes and the men 500. Mrs. Gould, the woman's candidate, was elected by 250 majority.

BATAVIA, Ill., April 18.—In election District No. 6 Saturday two women were elected by 27 majority in a total of 384 votes. There were 180 women voted. In District No. 5 twenty-five women voted.

PEORIA, Ill., April 18.—The school election Saturday was the hottest ever held in this city. The women voted in large numbers, and in one instance, in the Fourth ward a woman, Mrs. Coleman, was elected over G. J. Case, the president of the school board and a popular man.

WATERKA, Ill., April 18.—There was an election here Saturday of a president and two members of the board of education. The women turned out and worked like veterans, nearly 500 of them voting. Mrs. Mina Tucker and Miss Nannie Lawrence, with Charles E. Barber at the head of the ticket, were on the republican list. The women received 119 majority and Mr. Barber 86 majority.

ELGIN, Ill., April 18.—Dr. A. L. Clark was elected president and Mrs. M. R. Lowrie, E. S. Eno and W. E. Ohio members of the board of education Saturday without opposition. Mrs. Lowrie was reelected, having already served with credit. There were 319 votes cast, of which 98 were those of women.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., April 18.—The women of Centenary Methodist church assembled and marched in procession to the polls fifty strong, voting solidly for Hupp, a pillar of the church. One thousand votes were cast in the Third ward, of which Rothwell received 535. The total number of women in the city voting Saturday was 455.

BRANDENBURG, Ill., April 18.—The largest vote ever polled at a school election in this city was cast Saturday. It was the first time the women have ever participated in an election here, and while but fifty-nine of them voted they nevertheless held the balance of power. Philip Kuhl was elected president and J. A. Pappeler and J. J. Stubbs members of the board.

DANVILLE, Ill., April 18.—At the school election here last Saturday there was great excitement and out of a total vote of 8,400 the women polled one half. The issue was the removal of Superintendent Latham. John D. Benedict, late assistant superintendent of public instruction, was the rival candidate. Latham was successful by 500 majority.

SHORT SPECIALS.

James H. Mix, of New York, came Horace Greeley's protégé, is suffering from paresis, and is deserted and almost alone. Chief Engineer N. B. Clark, of Washington, inventor of the defective armor new used on the warships of all nations, is dead.

Incendiary fire at San Antonio, Tex., destroyed the offices of the Daily Democrat and Daily News and several other buildings. A company with \$50,000 capital to be formed in Grand Rapids, Mich., which will engage in the manufacture of beet sugar. W. E. Fubell, of Kansas, Ill., a tradesman on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, was fatally hurt at Waukegan, Ill., while making a curling. Maj. William H. Boyle, who was the principal keeper at Auburn prison for the last sixteen years, died of pneumonia, aged 85 years. Meaders in the employ of Chas. & Cunningham, of Kingston, Ont., will strike and the union will boycott the stores made by that firm. The national electoral convention of the Mexican liberals is in session at the City of Mexico. It is considered certain that Diaz will be re-nominated.