

DEFEAT STETSON FORCES

First Church Vote Nearly a Unit Against Deposed Scientists.

ALL INELIGIBLE TO OFFICE

Congregation Adopts Amendment to Bylaws—Strength of Former Leader Nine Votes.

Any hope that Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, the deposed leader of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, at her followers might have of regaining their lost power in the church, was shattered last night at a meeting of the congregation by the almost unanimous adoption of an amendment to the bylaws. The amendment precludes any one from being eligible to office in the church who had been expelled from the church by the action of the Mother Church at Boston. The amendment went further and denied the eligibility to office of any one who had followed or adhered to the teaching or practice of an expelled member of the church.

It had been expected that the Stetson forces would line up against the amendment and control enough votes to keep the present administration from getting the two-thirds vote required for its adoption. When it was said, the Stetsonites would seek to control the coming election of trustees in January. Practically no opposition developed last night and the amendment was carried by a standing vote of 83 to 9.

When Mrs. Stetson and a number of her most ardent followers were deposed from the office of trustees of the local church a year ago, 42 members voted against her dismissal and 22 in favor of it. The vote last night showed that the Stetson faction had stayed away from the meeting or that the voting membership of the church had been materially reduced since Mrs. Stetson was expelled.

The Stetsonites, the first reader of the local church, who superseded Mrs. Stetson, declared at the meeting last night that the expelled membership was several hundred greater than a year ago, and the inference was drawn that the Stetsonites stayed away in order not to revive the old feud and embarrass the harmony of the present administration.

DAVIS, who was counsel for Mrs. Stetson at the time of the dissolution in the church, addressed the meeting from the floor and spoke in favor of the amendment. He said he favored the change in the bylaws because to oppose it would prevent the harmonious action of the church which was the object of the meeting. He was with the mother church in Boston, he said, and he spoke at that time, he said, because he was not permitted to do so in his own church. While at that time he considered himself loyal to Mrs. Eddy and the church organization, subsequent events had proved that he could not be loyal and support Mrs. Stetson, he said. His remarks were received with prolonged applause.

Mr. Stricker added to the harmony of the meeting by announcing that the First and Second churches of Christ Scientist would join in a Thanksgiving service this year. While Mrs. Stetson was in power the leaders in the two churches were for some time entirely out of sympathy with each other. The announcement was heartily applauded.

The church was crowded when Mr. Stricker closed the meeting last night. He commented on the fact that some persons had gained an impression that there was still strife in the church and declared that it no longer existed. A year ago, he said, there might have been some grounds for such an impression, but now the church was united and all good will and affection were restored.

Charles A. Dean, chairman of the board of trustees, and several others spoke in favor of the amendment. There was no dissenting voice when Mr. Stricker asked for remarks before calling for the vote.

NEW ARGENTINE MINISTER

Dr. C. M. Naon Will Represent Republic at Washington.

Buenos Ayres, Nov. 18.—Dr. Clodoveo Miranda Naon, former Minister of Justice, has been appointed the post of Argentine Minister to the United States in succession to Senator Don Ezequiel Portela.

TO GET ESTATE MUSTN'T WED

If Girl Marries She Must Share Father's Property with Kin.

By the will of Charles Van Wageningen, died yesterday, the bulk of his estate, including the bulk of his father's estate, or taking a husband and sharing her part with her sister and brother. Another provision which Miss Van Wageningen must comply with to get her full legacy is that she must not marry, or, if she does, she must share the bulk of her father's estate with her sister and brother.

DICKSON SUE FOR PLAGIARISM

Says That "Judy Forgot" Is an Infringement on "The Simple Life."

Charles Dickson, author of "The Simple Life" and owner of a play by that name, brought suit against Daniel V. Arthur and Avery Hopwood in the United States Circuit Court yesterday for plagiarism in connection with the production of "Judy Forgot" in which Miss Marie Cahill is now playing the lead. The suit was filed by Dickson, through his attorney, Robert L. Turk, sought an injunction restraining Mr. Arthur from further presentation of the piece and he demanded judgment of \$50 for the first performance and \$50 for each subsequent presentation of "Judy Forgot."

GRANT LEAVES ALL TO WIFE

Will of Former Mayor Filed in the Surrogate's Court.

The will of Hugh J. Grant, former Mayor of New York City, was filed yesterday in the Surrogate's Court and disposes of a large estate. Mr. Grant died on November 6 at his home, No. 29 East 72d street.

WRONGLY DIVORCED, SHE SAYS

Accuses Husband of Misconduct Before Final Decree Was Signed.

Mrs. Bessie H. Hunt applied yesterday to Justice Blackmar, of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, for permission to examine a witness in England in connection with her divorce. She did not believe that any one should be allowed to teach them who had not caught the vision of the great industrial revolution. She said that at last it is beginning to be realized that man is not a mere money-getting machine; that he is destined to pass upward through a spiritual world, a world of great ideas, a world where the true individual finds his greatest joy in working for society.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY

Free admission to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Museum of Natural History and the Zoological Garden.

Annual luncheon of the Mount Holyoke Alumnae Association at the Mount Holyoke Hotel, 11th Ave., 11 o'clock.

Annual dinner of the Thomas Hunter Association, Hotel Astor, 7 o'clock.

Dinner at Charles B. Hughes' associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Lotus Club, 7 p. m.

Free lectures of the Board of Education, 3 p. m., at the Public Library, 4th Ave., 3rd floor.

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