DECLINES ST. ANDREW'S CALL.

MAYBE THE REV. E. H. HUGHES OF MALDEN HAS HEARD THINGS.

Story of the Discord Which Has Led to Dr. Wilson's Retirement Coming Out —Trustees and Congregation at Odds —Wesleyan May Get Former Pastor.

The Rev. Edwin H. Hughes of Malden, Mass., has declined the call to the pastorate of St. Andrew's Methodist Church of this city, and asks that his name be not considered. Some possible reasons why he does so came out yesterday. These reasons further illustrate the workings of the new system of no limit to Methodist pastorates.

The Rev. Dr. J. O. Wilson, who has announced his intention to retire from the pastorate of the church, the strongest financially in American Methodism, has been asked to become executive secretary of the Wesleyan University fund, and it was said yesterday that he is likely to accept the place. He has gained a reputation as a money raiser.

The details about his retirement from St. Andrew's Church, which came out yesterday, show that this reputation has had to do with the troubles which for two months have disturbed the congregation.

After St. Andrew's was built one church member who had given a note for $6,000 failed in business and was unable to pay. The note was discounted and it became a debt of the congregation. A running deficit increased the debt to $15,000. The trustees undertook to raise this sum, but having got $13,000 declared they could get no more.

Then Dr. Wilson, an expert at money raising of a type which the present era of Methodist fund raising has developed many, was appealed to. He promptly secured the lacking $2,000.

It happened that just at this time, according to the story current in the church, the Sunday school of St. Andrew's, an ambitious if small body, desired deaconesses and an assistant pastor, in order that additional work might be done. If importuned the pastor to preach a sermon asking for money for that purpose. When he demurred, he was told that if he did not do it the school would itself undertake to secure the money. Dr. Wilson preached the sermon, mentioning in it something which many thought touched upon the time limit for ministers, and pleaded for the money in question. He got it.

On the Tuesday evening following the preaching of the sermon a meeting of the church trustees was held. If Dr. Wilson thought that the meeting was held to commend his action he was soon undeceived. Instead, the trustees voted unanimously to ask him for his resignation, that is, notified him in Methodist parlance that they desired pastoral relations to cease at the end of the Conference year.

In the course of the week it was discovered that the trustees possessed no power to take such action. So a second meeting was held on the succeeding Tuesday. The resolution was rescinded, and an apology was offered to Dr. Wilson. A storm in the congregation followed. Some of its members upheld the pastor, a few upheld the trustees, even if they had exceeded their power. There were rumors that the Rev. Dr. Wilson wanted a more active church, that he chafed under aristocratic restraint. On the other hand many said he was perfectly satisfied and had hinted at a permanent pastorate, having himself and St. Andrew's in mind.

At the height of the controversy, the Rev. Dr. Wilson announced his intention of resigning and said he might or might not complete his Conference year. Now Methodists throughout the city are discussing this new development in the working of the no limit to the pastorate period.

The Weather.

There was an area of low pressure of moderate force central over Lake Ontario yesterday, moving toward the St. Lawrence Valley. The winds were brisk and at times high about the lower Lakes and on the coast of New York and New England. Showers and thunderstorms prevailed in northern Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and New England.

There was a second and more energetic storm central over Montana, which developed out of the low pressure over the central Rocky Mountain States. High winds prevailed throughout the Northwest, and rain was falling from the Dakotas to the coast of Oregon. This storm was moving into Canada. It was cooler in the Rocky Mountain States and warmer in about all other sections.

In this city there was rain in the morning and the day was partly cloudy and showery; the wind was fresh to brisk southerly and humidity high; average humidity was 81 per cent.; barometer corrected to read to sea level at 8 A. M., 30.07; 3 P. M., 29.82.

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer and also by THE SUN'S thermometer at the street level, is shown in the annexed table:

	Official		Sun's		Official		Sun's	
	1902.	1901.	1902.		1902.	1901.	1902.	
9 A. M.	68°	83°	72°	6 P. M.	84	78°	81°	
12 M.	71°	78°	79°	9 P. M.	95°	75°	78°	
3 P. M.	78°	68°	80°	12 Mid.	83°	77°	72°	

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For eastern New York, fair in the interior; showers and cooler on the coast to-day; fair to-morrow; fresh northwest winds, diminishing.

For New England, fair to-day and to-morrow; warmer to-day; fresh northwest winds, becoming variable.

For New Jersey and Delaware, showers to-day and probably to-morrow; variable winds, mostly west.

For eastern Pennsylvania, fair in west, showers in east portion to-day; fair to-morrow, variable winds.

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