CHURCH CALLS OFF ITS SUNDAY SHOW

Messiah Trustees Recall Invitation to Bispham to Stage "Adelaide" To-day.

SABBATH LAW IS FEARED

The musical play "Adelaide" is not to be given at the Church of the Messiah this afternoon, as the pastor, the Rev. Dr. John Haynes Holmes, had hoped. The board of trustees at a meeting overruled the pastor and followed the advice of an attorney, who pointed out that the law might be violated even if the performances were given in a church and without admission being charged.

The play deals with episodes in the life of Beethoven, and its sponsor, David Bispham, who was to have sung in it, at first planned to give it a Sunday night performance at the Harris Theatre, but the Sabbath Society called the attention of Mr. Bispham and the theatre lessees to the fact that the performance would be in violation of the Sunday law.

Then Dr. Holmes came forward with an invitation for a performance in his church this afternoon. The publicity given to the pastor's request and the acceptance of Mr. Bispham to stage the play in the church stirred the board of trustees to action. A meeting was called and an attorney was requested to look up the law. When they came to their decision Dr. Holmes was notified and he in person carried the verdict of the board to Mr. Bispham. The following statement dictated by Dr. Holmes was made public:

"Mr. Bispham and Mr. Holmes announce with great regret the withdrawal of the proposed performance of 'Adelaide' at the Church of the Messiah Sunday afternoon.

"In spite of their best endeavors the technicalities of a ridiculous law were found insuperable and the only performance of the play will therefore be given next Thursday afternoon at the Harris Theatre."

When Mr. Holmes was asked last night about the decision of the trustees he said it was not the result of any action on the part of the Sabbath Society. The board, he said, was in entire accord with him in wishing to have the play produced in the Church of the Messiah. They thought it would be a splendid thing and regretted that the Sunday law seemed to make the giving of the play a violation. He denied absolutely that there was any friction between the board and himself over the matter.

BISHOP WILL DEDICATE.

New Brooklyn Church to Be Blessed This Morning.

Bishop McDonnell of Brooklyn, attended by a score of prelates and priests, will dedicate this forenoon the new St. Athanasius Church in Mapleton, that borough. The rector of the new church is the Rev. Eugene J. Donnelly, formerly attached to St. Francis Xavier's Church and a cousin of Mgr. Donnelly, rector of St. Michael's Church in Flushing, Queens. After blessing the church a solemn high mass will be sung. The celebrant will be the Rev. David J. Hickey, rector of St. Francis Xavier's Church in Sixth avenue, Brooklyn, and the Rev. Dr. William F. McGinnis, president of the International Catholic Truth Society, will preach the dedicatory sermon. The vesper sermon will be preached by the Rev. John T. Driscoll, S. T. L., of Fonda, N. Y.

Father Donnelly founded St. Athanasius parish a little less than two years ago and raised sufficient funds to build the church. The congregation numbers more than 700.

ROUSED BY ATTACK ON CHURCH.

Hartford Citizens Indignant Over Diatribe Aimed at Catholics.

HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 16.—Prominent Hartford citizens were indignant to-day when details became public of a meeting last night at the South Baptist Church. A "patriotic address" by the Rev. Augustus E. Barnett of Philadelphia had been advertised.

After ejecting all newspaper men Catholics and husbands of Catholics the speaker launched into a vicious attack on the Catholic Church, after which he swore in thirty neophytes in an order which he said would be nation wide in scope and would have no connection with the Guardians of Liberty.

The thirty candidates were compelled to kneel with their right hands on the shoulders of those in front of them, the hands of the first in line resting on an American flag on a table. While kneeling they repeated the oaths prescribed by Barnett.

ROUSED TO FORM CHURCH.

Paterson Unitarians, Stirred by Billy Sunday, Unite.

PATERSON, N. J., Oct. 16.—One of the results of the Billy Sunday campaign here last April and May is the formation of a Unitarian congregation which will hold regular services beginning to-morrow evening and probably build a church. For the present services will be held in Opheus Hall.

During the Sunday revival the Unitarians met in this hall, two blocks from the tabernacle, and refuted the charges made by the baseball evangelist, who severely attacked them. The Rev. A. R. Shelander of Passaic and the Rev. E. S. Wiers of Montclair took a prominent part in answering Sunday's attacks. The Rev. John Haynes Holmes, pastor of the Church of the Messiah, New York, will be the preacher to-morrow evening.

TO REPEAT DINNER DANCE.

Waldorf Entertainment Will Be Given Again Tuesday Night.

Owing to the success of the dinner dance given in the Waldorf-Astoria grill room last Tuesday the programme will be repeated on Tuesday night, October 19, beginning at 8 o'clock. It will include the pantomime called "Idylle d'Amour Pathetique," arranged by William F. Farrell, a protege of George C. Boldt, proprietor of the hotel.

Mr. Farrell will again dance and act in the pantomime with Miss Alice Lake and their numbers will include a gavotte, polka, flirtation, hesitation and bacchanal. Miss Gladys Lester will repeat her sailor's hornpipe with a partner and several new numbers will be added.

McKeen Named Nova Scotia Governor.

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 16.—Senator David McKeen of Cape Breton was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia to-day, succeeding Hon. W. J. McGregor, retired. Senator McKeen is prominent financially, being founder of the Dominion Coal Company.

FOURTH WHITE HOUSE BRIDE IS TO BE SOCIAL SECRETARY

Miss Hagner's Engagement to a Wealthy Widower Is Announced.

DR. GRAYSON SLATED NEXT

Miss Isabella Hagner.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—The engagement of Miss Isabella Hagner, social secretary at the White House, to Norman L. James of Baltimore was announced to-day by Dr. and Mrs. Francis M. Hagner. Dr. Hagner is the eldest brother of Miss Hagner.

This is the fourth engagement that has been announced in the White House circle since the Wilson Administration began. First came the engagement of Miss Jessie Wilson to F. Bowes Sayre; then that of Miss Eleanor Wilson to Secretary McAdoo, followed by the announcement of the President's engagement to Mrs. Galt, and now the engagement of Miss Hagner.

There are rumors that another White House engagement may be announced before long. Dr. Cary T. Grayson, the President's physician, will probably be the next in the White House circle to take the step.

The James-Hagner wedding, which will be very small and simple, will take place in Dr. Hagner's home or in St. John's Church. Miss Hagner first entered the White House circle in the Roosevelt Administration. She was a member of a Sunday school class taught by Mrs. Roosevelt in St. John's Church when Mr. Roosevelt was a Civil Service Commissioner.

Mrs. Roosevelt became very much attached to Miss Hagner and their relations developed into a warm friendship. Miss Hagner served with Mrs. Roosevelt as social secretary through two administrations. It was largely through the recommendation of Mrs. Roosevelt that Mrs. Wilson selected Miss Hagner for the post when she entered the White House on March 4, 1913.

Miss Hagner is the daughter of Dr. Charles E. Hagner. Her mother died in her girlhood. She was the eldest of the children and was a great aid to her three brothers, Francis, Charles E., Jr., and Randolph A. Hagner, who are well known in this city.

Mr. James is a wealthy widower with several children and a graduate of Yale University in the class of 1880. He is a member of the Baltimore and the Elkridge Kennel clubs.

AMATEUR THEATRICAL FOR TUXEDO HOSPITAL

First of Midautumn Dances Attracts Large Week End Gathering.

TUXEDO PARK, Oct. 16.—The first of the midautumn week end dances was given at the clubhouse to-night, and many of those who came out from the city for the amateur theatricals last night remained over for the dance, which was preceded by numerous dinners. Among those who entertained were Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hancy and Mrs. J. Murray Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Tilford and Mr. and Mrs. David Wagstaff.

A number of social events are scheduled for next week. On Friday there will be a bridge whist tournament, followed on Saturday with a fancy dress dance and a tombstone golf tournament on Sunday, the proceeds of the three affairs going to the Tuxedo Hospital.

At the Theatrical Club on Friday night last two performances were given by the Children's Educational Theatre of New York under the management of Mrs. Alice Hertz Heinger. "The Travelling Man," by Lady Gregory, and "The Vision of the Blind" were presented. Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, Mrs. Charles Henry Coster, Mrs. H. Deacon, Mrs. F. de P. Foster, Mrs. Henry P. Loomis and Mrs. Henry W. Monroe had the affair in charge.

Mrs. C. H. Coster and Miss Maude Coster returned from Newport to-day.

Miss Lillian Talmage, daughter of Mrs. E. Talmage, is a guest of Mrs. J. Murray Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Russell have vacated the Barbary cottage and are now staying at the club.

Among to-day's arrivals were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Derham, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. H. De Mesa, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Forsyth, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Deveaux, Mrs. E. Tiffany Dyer Park, E. Bell, W. Dudley Carleton, Henry C. Weston and Mr. and Mrs. George C. Edwards.

DIVORCE SUIT FACTS SOUGHT.

Mrs. Hunter Wants Husband to Testify Before Trial.

Mrs. Anna Belleville Hunter, who is suing for divorce from Frederick William Hunter, a lawyer, got an order yesterday from Supreme Court Justice Ford directing Hunter to testify before trial in the case in order that she may prove that his denials of the truth of his wife's charges are false.

The papers in the case show that John B. Kerfoot, whose deceased wife was a sister of Hunter and who has been sued for $100,000 damages by Hunter for alienating the affections of Hunter's wife, went on a trip to New Orleans and got evidence on which Mrs. Hunter bases her divorce suit.

Kerfoot said in an affidavit that on the register of the Hotel Grunewald, New Orleans, he found the signature of Hunter, and directly beneath it the name of a New York widow in Hunter's writing. The couple had occupied adjoining rooms at the hotel a few days last February. The name of the corespondent is withheld for the present.

In explaining why she wants to examine her husband Mrs. Hunter said he told her before they separated last fall that he had no more affection for her and that while she could remain as the mistress of his house, he would be her husband in name only. He said he intended to find some other woman who would be more congenial.

Hunter is directed to testify in the case on October 26, but it is expected that he will apply to have the order for his examination vacated.

HUSBAND ASKS NEW DIVORCE.

Sued Twice by Same Man Is Mrs. Erdman's Record.

To be sued by the same man a second time for a divorce is the experience of Mrs. Cordie Lee Erdman of 549 Riverside Drive, who was served yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Burke with papers in an action brought by Frederick Erdman of St. Louis.

The complaint charges abandonment and alleges that the defendant was divorced on June 28, 1911, for "indignities" toward her husband, who got the custody of two sons and two daughters. The couple married again on January 15, 1912, and lived together until the folowing August, when Mrs. Erdman is alleged to have left her husband, although he showed her great kindness and affection.

Masonic Lodge Has Jubilee.

DOBBS FERRY, N. Y., Oct. 16.—Diamond Lodge, F. A. & M., celebrated its fiftieth anniversary here to-day. Athletic games were held on Mackenzie Field followed by a banquet. The speakers included Robert Judson Kenworthy, past grand master; Col. Edward M. L. Ehlers, grand secretary; Supreme Court Justice Arthur S. Tompkins of Nyack and William R. Williams of Yonkers.

LAFAYETTE TO INSTALL MACCRACKEN OCT. 20

Brother of Vassar's New President Also Is a Son of Ex-Chancellor MacCracken.

EASTON, Pa., Oct. 16.—Dr. John Henry MacCracken, whose brother recently became president of Vassar College, will be inaugurated as the ninth president of Lafayette College on Wednesday next.

Dr. MacCracken is a son of ex-Chancellor Henry M. MacCracken, who was long the head of New York University. The inauguration ceremony is to be an elaborate event. Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, will make the only address other than that of the new president.

Following the inauguration a luncheon will be given by the women of Phillipsburg and Easton. The speakers announced are Cyrus H. McCormick of Chicago, Winston Churchill, Dr. Edward K. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina; Dr. Elbert Ross Hill, president of the University of Missouri, and Gov. Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania.

On Tuesday night the students will march in a body from the campus to a local hotel where a trustees' dinner will be held. Dr. John H. Finley, commissioner of Education for New York; President Hibben of Princeton, Principal Phillips of the Westchester Normal School, President Hutchins of Michigan, Vice-President Natt M. Emery of Lehigh, President Sparks of Pennsylvania State College, and Chancellor S. B. McCormick of the University of Pittsburg, are to make addresses. Edward J. Fox, a member of the board of trustees, will act as toastmaster.

On Wednesday morning, previous to the inauguration, there is to be a reception of the delegates at which Prof. Francis A. March, Jr., of the English department, will speak in behalf of Lafayette's faculty. President Thwing of Western Reserve University will reply.

Sperry H. Locke Sued by Wife.

The fact that Sperry H. Locke, who lives at the Waldorf-Astoria, has been sued for a separation by Mrs. Rosina Locke, became known yesterday when an affidavit was filed in the Supreme Court showing that the papers had been served on Locke at the hotel. The papers are not yet on file and the attorney declined to discuss the action.

Bottlers Elect Jersey Man Treasurer.

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 16.—O. T. Hustings of Milwaukee was elected president and J. H. Duffy of Jersey City treasurer of the National Bottlers Association at its convention here to-day. St. Louis was selected for the 1916 convention.

THREE THEATRES IN TOWN SHUT UP SHOP

Lyric, Comedy and Forty-eighth Street Put the Padlocks On.

GOSSIP ABOUT PLAYERS

Three New York theatres slammed their doors shut last night with a bang of relief. These were the Lyric, the Comedy and the Forty-eighth Street. "Two is Company" was the musical play at the Lyric. The Shuberts decided that two might be company but were not enough for an audience. "The Bargain," by Herman Scheffauer, was called off at the Comedy Theatre. The public did not appreciate the fine acting and the study of Jewish life.

"What Money Cannot Buy" also ended at the Forty-eighth Street Theatre. George Broadhurst's play will not be acted elsewhere. The only money concerned in the week's engagement was in the title of the play.

Irene Franklin is resting at the Gedney Farms Hotel and her place in "Hands Up" has been taken by Fanny Brice. The result of the collision of two such artistic temperaments as Miss Franklin and Miss Walton was bound to be fatal. Miss Franklin retired from the cast of "Hands Up" after the first night in Philadelphia. Efforts to discover the real reason for her secession at such short notice failed to produce any satisfactory explanation. All that A. Toxen Worm, who is the manager of the organization for the Shuberts, would say was: "For several weeks Miss Franklin has been under the impression that she was indispensable to the production of 'Hands Up' and that she could take all the liberties she wanted while she was on the stage and do exactly as she used to while in vaudeville, instead of merely confining her efforts to the lines furnished her by the librettist and the songs given her by the composer. When it was necessary to discipline her and to make her understand that she was only a part of the production and not the whole show she got an attack of distemper and refused to appear at the Lyric Theatre in Philadelphia on Tuesday."

Frederick W. McKay, who is manager for Miss Franklin, said on the other side:

"Miss Franklin, as a special favor to the Messrs. Shubert, consented to appear on Monday night. She fainted on the stage and on Wednesday came to New York to rest and then went to the Gedney Farms Hotel. Go back to 'Hands Up'? Why, she couldn't be dragged back."

Expert opinion as to the value of "The Unchastened Woman" is provided by the Drama League, which gratuitously distributes the following:

"The Drama League's latest bulletin on 'The Unchastened Woman' says that this is a play that deserves attention if only for the creation of an important character in American drama—a character perhaps comparable to *Selma* in 'Unleavened Bread.' *Caroline Knolys* is the useless rich woman of society who wantonly preys on the life of others; unscrupulous, unchastened by any life experience, and to the end unchastenable."

Lee Kugel has collected more stars than any other film play ever showed for "How Molly Made Good," in which May Robson, Robert Edeson, Leo Ditrichstein, Lulu Glaser, Cyril Scott, Henrietta Crosman, Henry Kolker, Julian Eltinge, Julia Dean, Charles Ross and Mabel Fenton all appear to help the heroine make good.

Marin Harvey is going to revive "The Corsican Brothers" when he comes to the United States later in the season.

May Robson will this year revive for the fifth season of its use "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary." This is the play that failed completely to win any praise in this city or even to attract the public. Its success, however, shows the importance of a good central idea in a play.

Richard Ordynski, who came through the revival of "Sumurun" with much success, will make his first appearance as an operatic stage manager here with Anna Pavlowa and her company in "La Muette de Portici." His production of the old opera of Auber was highly praised in Chicago.

Job E. Hedges has been added to the list of speakers who are going to tell what they know about William A. Brady at the banquet which the Friars will give in his honor on next Sunday.

Horace Annesley Vachell, who will soon be represented by two plays simultaneously on view in this city, was for some years a resident of this country. He is said to have founded the first polo club in the West in association with his brother and several other Englishmen. His brother, Arthur Vachell, is still living in Carmel-by-the-Sea in California. The playwright's wife was an American. After her death he returned to England with his two children and he lives now near Southampton. His visit here was made to hunt big game, but he bought a farm and a ranch in the West, which he still owns, and resigning his commission in the army, settled down to farming, which he did most profitably. Vachell did not begin to write until he was more than thirty years old.

GREENBRIER HOUNDS IN FIELD

Party of Twenty See Dogs Capture Gray Fox.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Oct. 16.—The first of to-day's sporting events was a twelve mile hunt by the Greenbrier hounds. The pack drew first cover at Hyde's Top and failing there captured a gray fox at Montagues Park. The field of twenty included Mrs. Lawrence Armour, Miss Ainslie Anthony, Chicago; Quincy A. Gillmore, Philadelphia; Leonard C. Hanna, Cleveland; Dr. Stuart L. Craig, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Percy R. Pyne and Miss Pyne, who reached here this morning, and Roderick Terry, Jr., who had joined Dr. and Mrs. Terry at the Greenbrier. They also were on the links this afternoon. Other players were Mrs. Eugene Hale, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Robert Byron Dula, Mr. and Mrs. Townsend Horner, the Misses Margaret Preston Draper, Jeannie and Marie Emmett, Henry Phelps Case, William F. Seeler and Mr. and Mrs. Quincy A. Gillmore.

Among the hostesses at tea to-day were Mrs. J. N. Field, Mrs. Charles H. Baldwin, Mrs. Charles Locke, Mr. and Mrs. M. Orme Wilson.

Arrivals include Mrs. Auguste P. Montant, Mrs. Charles S. Baylis, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Rodman E. Griscom, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. William W. Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. John Woodwell, Pittsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Burrage; Miss E. A. Burrage and Miss Corrina Searles, Boston.

STONY WOLD BENEFIT.

Fashion Fete to Be Given at the Biltmore November 10.

Auxiliaries 12 and 17 of Stony Wold Sanatorium are to give a fashion fete and ball at the Hotel Biltmore on Wednesday evening, November 10. Gowns by the leading New York fashion houses will be exhibited by women of society acting as models and cups will be awarded the designers of the exhibits voted the most attractive and the gowns will be sold at auction before the ball.

Those in charge of the arrangements are Mrs. J. W. Sidenberg, Mrs. Benjamin Stern, Mrs. Laurent Oppenheim, Mrs. Irwin Untermeyer, Mrs. Hiram C. Bloomingdale, Mrs. Maurice Strauss, Mrs. Walter J. Salomon, Mrs. Allen Lehman, the Misses Nordlinger, Hochstadter and Simon.

VANDERBILT STOCK SOLD.

Hamlet and Hertes, Noted Pair, Bring Only $700.

NEWPORT, Oct. 16.—Oakland Farm, former home of Alfred G. Vanderbilt, is practically stripped of its live stock to-night, following the auction sale held there to-day.

The entire stud was offered for sale and prices secured were considered fair. The total amount received is not known, but it will run into several thousand dollars.

Included in the sale were Reginald Vanderbilt's pair Hamlet and Hertes, which brought only $700. The cattle averaged from $500 down to $63; brood mares went from $400 down to $110. Moderate bids were offered for sheep and poultry.

TOURISTS BY AUTOMOBILE.

WATERBURY, Conn., Oct. 16.—Automobilists registering at the Hotel Elton to-day include Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Goodman, Boston (Pope-Hartford); Mr. and Mrs. M. Rachlen, Marjorie King, Newark (Buick); Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Martin, Mrs. George E. Martin, Providence (Chandler); Mrs. J. W. Arthur, E. Arthur Flat, Northport (Buick); Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Tatum, Glen Cove (Locomobile); Mrs. Edwin B. Holden, Miss Marion Holden, Mrs. Ira B. Kempshall, New York (Packard); A. A. Campbell, Miss Sylvia Campbell, Paul K. Edwards, Brooklyn (Studebaker); Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Ball, Washington (Apperson); Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCreery, F. H. Fairchild, New York (Peerless); Mr. and Mrs. William H. Judd (Lozier).

Calet Tichnor, Massachusetts; Mrs. Leon Cecil, Mary Woodford, Connecticut (Buick); Dr. and Mrs. Augustus Waldsworth, Albany (Packard); Mr. and Mrs. Butler Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fuller, New York (Knox).

MANCHESTER, Vt., Oct. 16.—Arrivals by automobile at the Equinox House to-day were Mrs. G. H. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Matteson, Providence (Knox); Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Charlton, Brookline (Buick); Mr. and Mrs. Frank Owen White, Brookline (Chalmers); Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Sanborn, Robert A. Sanborn, Hilda L. Sanborn, Boston (Pierce-Arrow); Mr. and Mrs. Chester Guild, Boston (Winton); Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Robbins, New York (Cadillac).

FERGUSON REVIEWS HIS ACTS FOR HILLIS

Plymouth Pastor's Former Financial Agent Gives Account of Stewardship.

DENIES INSPIRING SUIT

To offset three public statements made by the Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of Plymouth Church, reflecting on his management of the clergyman's business affairs, Frank L. Ferguson, former president of the board of trustees of the church, last night gave out for publication a statement of more than 3,000 words, in which he endeavors to prove by extracts from letters said to have been written by Dr. Hillis to his nephews and brother that the pastor had more than $50,000 invested in "prairie and wheat lands" in Canada before he started on his more extensive business ventures.

Mr. Ferguson denied that he instigated one of Dr. Hillis's nephews to sue him for libel and declared that both nephews were inexperienced and that "their experienced uncle was trying to throw the burden of his financial follies upon them."

The statement quotes Dr. Hillis as having written to his brother, the Rev. Whitman A. Hillis, the following:

"I want two or three good coal propositions, from 10,000 acres up. Mr. Angle wishes to take to London a number of large timber propositions. It is perfectly evident that you and I must at once enlarge our plans. I have been discussing the matter with Mr. Harrison Angle and he with Mr. Condit. We are framing up a plan for a New York office and have them become New York and London representatives. All this would have to do with new timber propositions and coal propositions. It would have nothing to do with the investments you and I already have with the timber we hold together, or our copper and the coal."

"Starting with a capital of $5,000," continues Mr. Ferguson, "and by selling forty or fifty timber licenses to his friends, Dr. Hillis was able to send the cheerful Christmas news to his nephew that as a result of their combined efforts during the year the nephew had acquired a fortune in timber, while he himself had 126 sections, the whole of which he believed he would be able to carry for a year, and which represent 76,800 acres, or in terms of timber, 1,800,000,000 feet of timber.

"Mr. Hillis said he was ashamed to tell his congregation how much money he had accumulated as a lecturer and writer, and perhaps for the same reason he did not tell his congregation how much timber he has been able to get hold of by his first year's active operations."

Mr. Ferguson vigorously denied that he was responsible in any way for the libel proceedings brought by Percy Hillis against his uncle. He says that whatever statements he made "regarding Percy's business relations to his uncle were based upon wrong representations concerning Percy, made by his uncle in order to shield himself and appeal for my sympathy and financial assistance."

The nephew, Mr. Ferguson says, sold his residence in Victoria to pay the debts of the logging camp, and has in his possession documents from the bank in Victoria to prove this assertion.

Mr. Ferguson is positive that his financial account, which he asserts has been in the hands of Dr. Hillis more than six months, shows that as attorney for Dr. Hillis he paid to counsel for Sir Alfred Harmsworth (now Lord Northcliffe) and Pomeroy Burton of London on February 3, 1911, $10,000, and on February 8 of that year three checks aggregating $10,852.21 on their $20,000 investment in the Hillis Logging Company. Dr. Hillis's own investment in that company was more than made good by the sale of Sooketimber, which Percy Hillis is stated to have been interested in.

Dr. Hillis had bought on contract $180,000 stock in Harmsworth timber land and $90,000 was due. The refund to Harmsworth for his investment in the logging company in which Hillis was interested was, according to Mr. Ferguson, made necessary to save the clergyman from financial disaster.

In conclusion Mr. Ferguson denies that he has or ever had any intention of driving Dr. Hillis from his pulpit and asserts that he gave the best that was in him and every dollar of credit he could command to enable his client to "maintain his professional standing and position."

"As to the anguish," remarks Mr. Ferguson, "which this gifted preacher has suffered during the last six months, I may be permitted to quote one of the texts of scripture which he uses frequently: 'He who soweth the wind shall reap the whirlwind.'"

NO BIDDERS FOUND FOR MRS. BELMONT'S VILLA

Auctioneer Disposes of Personal Property and Crowd Eats Fill in Orchard.

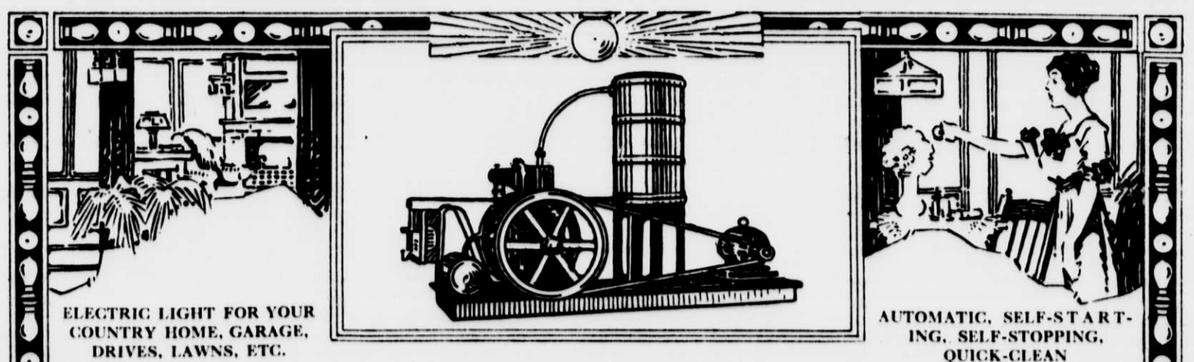
HEMPSTEAD, L. I., Oct. 16.—Brockholt Villa, the country place of Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont at East Meadow Brook, where the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and many other notables have been entertained, was offered for sale to-day at public auction. Joseph P. Day, the auctioneer, announced that the property would be sold to the highest bidder whose bid was in excess of $100,000.

No bids were forthcoming.

A large crowd flocked to the place to purchase the personal property, which was advertised and had been put in the carriage house for inspection and sale. There were many who expected to pick up rare bargains, but they were disappointed as dealers from Manhattan bought all the personal property of value.

The house was closed, but the grounds were open and local residents tramped over them at will. The orchard attracted them and when they found that the bidding was beyond their means they amused themselves by eating the apples with which they had filled their wagons and automobiles.

Much of the furniture sold was of the Louis XV. period. The prices averaged about $30 each for the beds, bookcases, tables and other pieces of antique furniture offered. A dining room rug, 20x25, brought $105, which was the record price of the sale.



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