Pulpit and Pew

THE CHURCH PRESS

Talk of Its Decline Calls for Much Comment.

THE DENOMINATIONAL PAPER

That Seems to Be Principal Object of Attack—A Variety of Views.

The religious press is receiving rough handling lately. The following paragraph from a newspaper illustrates the opinion in certain quarters of the denominational paper:

Ministers have ceased to act as subscription agents to denominational papers, because the latter did not keep faith. With the sectarian fence banished for the most part, publishers began catering to the generad public, and to discard, or at least greatly to contract, denominational news. Subscribers who paid their money at the instance of their pastor, in order to get denominational news, complained because they found little such, and the pastor, tired of the complaints, quit recommending the paper. It has all been a part of the general decline. Low-priced periodicals, weekly and monthly, well illustrated, have led the religious public away from religious periodicals which, hampered by traditions, have not been able to readjust themselves to new demands.

It is perhaps true that the undenominational religious paper cannot give the news of individual churches, for which the subscribers look, as well as that which is devoted to the interests of one sect, but that is no reason why the editorial columns of the sectarian paper should not be as bright as that of the undenominational, says others.

A Different View.

Percy Bromfield, advertising manager of the Christian Herald, says of the paragraph quoted above:

We know it has become a habit, in certain quarters to speak of "the decline of religious journal[illegible] as though it were an indisputable fact[illegible] statistics are readily available to prove that never in the history of the printing press have so many religious papers flourished as now, and never have they enjoyed such large circulation. With a few exceptions, this is absolutely true of the entire religious press of the country, monthly and weekly.

Requisites of Success.

Mr. Bromfield defines a successful religious paper as follows:

The realy successful religious periodical is such because it is (1) undenominational, catering to no sect or party, and treating all with equal, liberal and generous recognition; (2) evangelistic, giving a broad, orthodox gospel; (3) essentially modern in its treatment of all current topics; (4) social and literary, in the best sense; (5) artistic and attractive, mechanically and otherwise; (6) low-priced, so as to be within the common reach; (7) clean and wholesome; interesting and elevating in every department. Such a periodical, with due enterprise, never fails of wide recognition and appreciation. Every paper of this character can show a record of steady progress in popularity and influence.

A Denial or Two.

The magazine, Profitable Advertising, recently contained a symposium of religious publishers based on the same paragraph. A general denial is entered to all of the propositions advanced. Says the manager of the Church Standard:

We find that our church calls for a strictly denominational paper, giving general news of our churches. For ourselves, we give a large part of our space to such news. We have given this matter very considerable thought, and, after pursuing our inquiries in all directions, we find we are now issuing a paper which is receiving recommendations on all sides.

The manager of the Ram's Horn contributes this:

If we were to diagnose the situation, we would say that the average adherent of the several Christian churches has grown more indifferent to denominational lines and cares less for news matter which is of strictly denominational interest These people have, as a rule, become no less warm in their attachment to evangelical Christianity, but their sympathies have broadened with their intellectual growth, and they have become interested as Christians only in great movements affecting the general Christian welfare and the universal church.

Names to Conjure With.

William Shaw, business manager of the Christian Endeavor World, says of the decline of religious papers:

Never in the history of the religious press were denominational papers so attractive in matter and makeup as at the present time, as a glance at the columns of such representative papers as the Interior, Congregationalist, Advocate, Watchman, Standard, Advance, Evangelist, Observer and many others will show. Compare any recent issue of these papers with an issue of fifteen years ago, and note the marked improvement.

I am specially interested in the interdenominational religious journals (I call them inter, rather than un denominational, as they stand for that which is fundamental in all denominations), such as the Outlook, Sunday-School Times, Independent, Christian Herald, Christian Work and the Christian Endeavor World, and denominational young people's papers, like the Epworth Herald, Baptist Union, Watchworld, etc. These papers have a circulation ranging from 20,000 to 200,000 or more, something absolutely unprecedented in the religious press of the previous generation.

In view of the facts named above, namely, that the circulation is larger, the contents generally improved, and the constituency of the best, and the further fact that the advertising rate per thousand of circulation is as low as the lowest, the points made in the paragraph do not appear to be sustained.

Compliment to Rev. Dr. Shutter.

The July 13 issue of the Rochester, N. Y., Post-Express, contains a long and congratulatory sketch of Rev. Dr. M. D. Shutter, who is in attendance at the Universalist Young People's Union, in that city. During the convention, Dr. Shutter delivered two addresses on two evenings, one of which was a scholarly presentation, at the Lyceum theater, of "Universalism in Modern Thought." In the sketch, special mention is made of Dr. Shutter's connection with Unity Settlement and of the work being done there. This is followed by brief reviews of Dr. Shutter's books, "Wit and Humor of the Bible," "Justice and Mercy," "A Child of Nature" and "Applied Evolution." In this connection, the Post-Dispatch says:

"The doctor's latest work is the most serious of any he has attempted. It is entitled, "Applied Evolution." Following in the footsteps of Lyman Abbott, the late John Fiske and other writers on this general theme, Dr. Shutter has endeavored to apply to religious formulas the principles of the evolutionist."

Rev. Carey E. Morgan Recovering.

The members of the Portland Avenue Church of Christ, Minneapolis, will be interested in the following item regarding their former pastor, which was published in the Richmond, Va., Leader, of last Saturday evening:

"The many friends of Rev. Carey E. Morgan, pastor of the Seventh Street Christian church, of this city, will be delighted to hear that he is rapidly improving and that, unless unforeseen circumstances arise, he will soon be out of danger. His physician, Dr. Taber, said this morning that he is getting better every day."

Professor Haggard Will Speak.

Dean A. M. Haggard of the Bible college of Drake university of Des Moines will speak at the Portland Avenue Church of Christ Sunday morning and evening. Dean Haggard comes at the invitation of the local committee of the first twentieth century missionary convention to be held in this city next October. The committee considers the selection most opportune, as their expected guest is president of the Iowa Christian Missionary Society and was for six years the Iowa state evangelist, thus having a most intimate acquaintance with the Christian church membership of Iowa, numbering nearly 60,000. Not only does the committee expect to send Dean Haggard back thoroughly committed to arouse Iowa for the convention, but will also ask through him that the faculty of Drake university favor and organize a large excursion from that institution. This university has over a thousand students and is controlled and largely patronized by the Christian church. The Christian church membership in Des Moines is claimed to be larger than that of any other church body, numbering over 6,000. Hence the desire of the local committee to interest Des Moines and Drake university in the coming convention. Dean Haggard is one of their ablest speakers of the Christian church, and a cordial invitation is extended to come and hear him.

A Million for Churches.

It is announced in Chicago that some one, whose name is withheld, has deposited in a Denver bank securities amounting to $1,000,000, to be used for the purpose of establishing people's churches throughout the country. It is also announced that the People's church of America has been organized in Chicago and the following officers elected: President, Dr. H. W. Thomas; vice president and treasurer, Professor John F. L. Eberhart; secretary, Percival Hunter; directors, John P. Altgeld, George W. Bowman, W. W. Ormsbee and Jenkin Lloyd Jones. It is said that in September the work of establishing people's churches will begin.

Church Notes.

Open air meetings are held Sunday afternoons on Calhoun boulevard near Lake street. Last Sunday Miss Louise Hollister made a short address to the children.

"The Ideal Young Man in the Estimation of the Young Woman" will be the subject to-morrow at 3:30 at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, to be addressed by Rev. J. B. Helwig.

The Mason Society will hold a gospel meeting at the Thirteenth Avenue M. E. church, Thirteenth avenue and Tenth street S, tomorrow. Praise service at 3:30 p. m.; speaking at 4 p. m.

The Young Ladies' Class of Riverside Sunday school is to be favored to-morrow, at 3 p. m., with a short address by Mrs. W. H. Landis. A cordial invitation is extended to all young women to share in this enjoyable treat.

There will be a sacred concert at the Bloomington Avenue M. E. church to-morrow evening. Among those taking part will be the Imperial quartet, Mrs. C. Cole, Miss Jennie Foster, Mrs. C. E. Bennett, A. Ferguson, Walter Toyne, Arthur E. Smith, W. W. Davis and others.

Rev. T. F. Allen of the Thirteenth Avenue M. E. church will spend the Sabbath in Anoka, a former charge, and preach morning and evening. Rev. T. E. Archer of Twenty-fourth Street and Rev. C. F. Davis of Bloomington Avenue M. E. church will supply his pulpit morning and evening.

At the First Baptist church to-morrow evening Dr. DeWitt will preach upon "The Symbols of Our World Power." The music will be as follows: "O, Come, Let Us Sing," Gilbert, chorus; offertory, duet, Mr. and Mrs. Woodward; quartet, "Saviour, Source of Every Blessing," Holden.

Rev. Marion D. Shutter has returned from the national convention of Young People's unions at Rochester, N. Y., and will occupy his pulpit Sunday morning. This will be the last service of the Church of the Redeemer until Sept. 1. The church will be closed five weeks.

Rev. Mary Lark, the colored evangelist, better known in the south as "the black prophetess," arrived yesterday morning from Chicago, to begin the colored camp meeting at St. Peter's grove, Twenty-second street and Chicago avenue. She is the guest of Mrs. W. S. Brooks, 2205 Ninth avenue S.

The evening services to-morrow at the Bethesda Baptist church, Eighth street, between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues S, will be given entirely to ladies. There will be an address by Mrs. Ione Gibbs on "The Negro in His Northern Home"; Mrs. Linda Burfield Perry (white) will sing and speak on "Go, Tell My Brethren." Miss Neal, Mrs. William Smith and Mrs. Bertha Willson will sing in addition to Mrs. Wheaton's choir. In the morning, at 11 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. M. W. Withers, will preach.

The Fremont Avenue Congregational church will be enlarged and renovated. The repairs and improvements will cost $3,000. The church will be reopened Sept. 1. In the front of the edifice will be built a ladies' reception and waiting room and in the rear a Sunday school room. In the basement will be a meeting room and gymnasium for boys. Stained glass windows were recently put in the church.

At the meeting of the council last Thursday, called by the First Baptist church, with reference to the ordination of Alfred E. Peterson, one of the assistant pastors, it was recommended that he be ordained. The ordination service will be held at the church next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The following will be the program: Scripture, Rev. George F. Holt; prayer, Dr. W. W. Dawley; sermon, Dr G. A. Cleveland; charge to candidate, Rev. W. B. Riley; welcome to ministry, Rev. H. F. Stillwell; presentation of Bible, Rev. G. H. Gamble; ordaining prayer, Rev. L. A. Clevenger; closing prayer, Dr. O. A. Williams; benediction, Alfred E. Peterson.

The pulpit at Westminster church will be occupied to-morrow, morning and evening, by Rev. John P. Hale, D. D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, of Lafayette, Ind. In the evening, the choir will render the following numbers: Organ, "Andante Cantabile"; anthem, "How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me?" (Pflueger); offertory, "Come, Holy Ghost" (Cortada); response, "Search Me, O God." On July 27, Rev. William C. Covert, of Saginaw, Mich., will occupy the pulpit. C. H. Wilson, of Sag Harbor, N. Y., will preach, Aug. 4 and 11. William Roberts, D. D., pastor of Calvary church, Philadelphia, also state clerk of the general assembly of the church, will occupy the pulpit the following Sunday.

CHURCH SERVICES TO-MORROW

Methodist.

Thirteenth Avenue—Morning, Rev. T. E. Archer; evening, Rev. C. F. Davis.

Trinity—Rev. C. F. Sharpe; morning, "Wells of Salvation"; evening, "Elijah in the Desert."

Central German—Morning, Professor W. F. Finke, of St. Paul Park, Minn.; evening, C. L. Lehnert, "The Tragedy of the Spoil."

Forest Heights—Morning, pulpit supplied; evening, Rev. M. P. Smith.

Franklin Avenue — Morning, "Stray Thoughts on the Kingdom"; evening, Dr. William Fielder, presiding elder, will preach.

Fowler—Dr. A. R. Lambert; morning, "Flying, Running, Walking Christians"; evening, Epworth League.

Broadway—Donald McKenzie; morning, "The Triumphs of the Gospel"; evening, "Three Steps to Sin."

First—Morning, Rev. William Love, Ph. D., "Worldliness and Other Worldliness"; evening, union service at Andrew Presbyterian church.

Richfield—Morning, Rev. W. Burns, Ph. D., "Paul Before Felix"; no evening service.

St. Louis Park—Evening, Rev. W. Burns, Ph. D., "Me a Christian."

Hennepin Avenue—Rev. E. C. Clemans, of Anoka, will preach, morning and evening.

Western Avenue—Morning, Superintendent C. M. Stocking; evening, George S. Beane.

Bloomington Avenue—Rev. Charles Fox Davis, pastor; morning, "The Eden We Gain Through the Eden We Lost"; evening, sacred concert of vocal and instrumental music, with short talk on "Religion and Music."

Wesley—Prof Amos W. Patten, D. D., of Northwestern university; morning, "Why This Waste?"; evening, "Is the Book Trustworthy?"

North—Morning, Rev. David Morgan; evening, Rev. Wm. Love.

Congregational.

Oak Park—Rev. C. B. Fellows supplies in the absence of the pastor on vacation.

Vine—Rev. John S. Rood; morning, "Christian Sympathy"; evening, "A Good Man in a Bad Time."

Como Avenue—Rev. J. M. Hulbert; morning, "Why Some Men Do Not Like Religion"; the evening service at 6:30 conducted by Y. P. S. C. E.

Park Avenue—Morning, Rev. J. E. McConnell of Northfield; 6:15, Christian Endeavor meeting; no preaching service.

Open Door—Morning, Rev. C. J. Swain, "The Faith That Wins"; evening, union service at House of Faith Presbyterian.

Forest Heights—Rev. Adam Murrman; morning, "Daniel's Purpose"; an open-air service in the grove opposite the church; evening, "The First Commandment."

Lyndale—Rev. C. E. Burton; morning, "The Greatness of Submission"; evening, "God in Zoology—Lessons From Frogs."

Plymouth—Morning, Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, D. D., "Thy Gentleness Hath Made Me Great"; 6:50, Christian Endeavor service; no other evening service.

Fifth Avenue—Morning, Rev. W. M. Jones, D. D., of Hyde Park Congregational church, St. Louis, Mo., "The Abundant Life." No evening service.

Pilgrim—Rev. Samuel J. Rogers; morning, "Letters of Commendation"; evening, "Up From the Wilderness."

Fremont Avenue—Rev. Richard Brown; morning, "As Thy Day Is, so Shall Thy Strength Be"; evening, "A Sublime Life."

Bethany—Morning, Maurice B. Morris, "The Slow to Believe and Christ's Mode of Dealing With Him."

Lowry Hill—Morning, pastor, "Freedom and the Younger Brothers' Release."

Baptist.

Fourth Baptist—G. F. Holt; morning, "How the Work Was Done"; evening, "No Restraint to the Lord."

Immanuel—Morning, Rev. E. M. Hulett, "Facts, Not Hypothesis, the Basis of Faith"; evening, Rev. G. A. Cleaveland, "A New Life."

Chicago Avenue—G. L. Morrill; morning, "History's Epitaph"; evening, "The Man Who Didn't Care."

Norwegian-Danish—Morning, Rev. Mr. Fredericksen, from Congo, Africa; evening, H. A. Sather, "Quickening of the Soul."

Central—Morning, Rev. W. W. Dawley, "Trust Rightly Placed"; no evening service.

Olivet—Rev. Frank H. Cooper; morning, "Good Out of Evil"; evening, union service at Andrew Presbyterian church.

Tabernacle—Morning, G. H. Gamble, "Business in Religion"; evening, sermon by E. Fagenstrom, state Sundey school missionary.

First—Morning, Dr. G. A. Cleaveland, of Immanuel Baptist church, "As the Mountains Are Round About Jerusalem"; evening, Dr. H. G. DeWitt, "The Smybols of Our World Power."

Berean Branch—Evening, Alfred E. Peterson.

Calvary—Rev. Loren A. Clevenger. The usual service in the morning; open air service on the circus grounds at 7:30 p. m.

Presbyterian.

First—Morning, Rev. J. B. Helwig, "The Supreme Love"; no evening service.

House of Faith—Morning, Rev. Charles Scanlon, "An Impossibility"; evening, Rev. C. J. Swain, of Open Door Congregational, "The Opportunity of the Day."

Shiloh—Rev. Willard S. Ward, morning and evening. Open air services in evening, on the church lawn.

Bethany—Rev. Robert Brown; morning, "Knowing and Choosing the Best Things"; 7 p. m., union meeting with Christian Endeavor Society.

Stewart Memorial—Rev. R. K. Porter; morning, "Harvest Lessons"; evening, "Elements of Weakness in Strong Men."

Highland Park—Rev. Paul J. Stonaker, morning and evening.

Franklin Avenue—Rev. W. O. Wallace. Morning, "Not Weary in Well Doing"; evening, "Gospel Invitation." The evening service will be held on the church lawn.

Oliver—Rev. H. M. Pressly. Morning, "Lessons from the Flood"; evening, "Samson."

Andrew—Evening, a union service.

Universalist.

Church of the Redeemer—Rev. Marion D. Shutter. Morning, "Tempted in All Points as We Are." No evening service.

Tuttle—Morning, Rev. R. H. Aldrich, "Stories in Life."

Christian Science.

First—Morning, "Truth."

Second Church (Lyceum theater)—Morning, "Truth."

Church of Divine Science (418 Second avenue S)—Morning, W. Sidney Fertig, "The Unchangeable Truth."

Episcopal.

Transfiguration—Morning, Rev. Isaac Houlgate. Sunday school at noon.

Disciples of Christ.

Portland Avenue Church of Christ—Dean A. M. Haggard, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, morning and evening.

Adventist.

Advent Christian—Rev. O. M. Owen. Morning, "The Great Day"; evening, "The True Hope."

Spiritualists.

Band of Light—Mrs. Elizabeth Holmes, 3 p. m., grove meeting at Excelsior avenue and Lake street.

Christian Spiritualists (Labor Temple)—Evening, lecture by Professor J. Zeno, "Where Was Christ from the age of 12 to 33?" Tests will be given.

CHANGED HER MIND

Why There Will Be No Separation of One Couple.

Washington Star.

"I will," she exclaimed, "I will not live with you another day!"

"You'll leave me will you?" he calmly asked.

"Yes I will."

"When?"

"Now—right off—this minute."

"You'll go away?"

"Yes, sir."

"I wouldn't if I were you."

"But I will. I defy you to prevent me. I have suffered at your hands as long as I can put up with you."

"Oh, I shant try to stop you," he quietly replied. "I'll simply report to the police that my wife has mysteriously disappeared. They'll want your description, and I will give it. You wear No. 5 shoes, you have an extra large mouth and walk stiff in your knees, your nose turns up at the end, eyes rather on the squint, voice like a—"

"Wretch! You wouldn't dare do that!" she screamed.

"I certainly will, and the description will go in all the newspapers."

They glared at each other a moment in silence. Then it was plain to be seen that she had changed her mind.

AROUND THE WORLD AFOOT.

London Chronicle.

A remarkable traveler has just arrived at Cork, a Russian Cossack, who is journeying around the world on foot. He left his home on the slopes of the Caucasian Mountains in 1892, and set out on a tramping expedition, with the determination of seeing the people and the countries of the world, having been filled with this desire from reading books of travel. During the nine years he has been in Central Asia, Siberia, Manchuria, Korea, Japan, India, Persia, Turkey and the southern countries of Europe. He was in Paris during the recent exhibition there, and subsequently came over to London. He has yet to visit America, Australia and Africa. In the course of his wanderings he has experienced many strange adventures. He has gone days without food, and was obliged to make some of his sea journeys as a stowaway. He has acquired on his journey a fair knowledge of six languages.

Beautiful Lake Minnetonka, Round Trip Only 90c.

You can leave Minneapolis via Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul railway at 9:30 a. m. (daily), 1:30 p. m., (daily), 6 p. m. (daily), and connect with steamers of Lake Minnetonka Navigation company for tour of the lake.

Trains leave the lake returning at 1 p. m. (daily except Sunday), 4 p. m. (daily), 6 p. m. (daily), and 10:45 p. m. (daily).

Tickets, including tour of the lakes, 90c each. Apply at "The Milwaukee" offices.

You can leave Minneapolis on afternoon trains, take evening dinner and attend hop at Hotel St. Louis and return home at 10:45 p. m. (daily). Minneapolis to Hotel St. Louis (Minnetonka) and return, 50c.

"Cottagers" can reach Minneapolis on afternoon and evening trains, spend the evening and return to the lake at 11:45 p. m. (daily).

For full Minnetonka train schedule see time table in this paper.

Luxury for Elks.

Special Train to Milwaukee Meeting via the "Omaha" Road. On to Milwaukee in the St. Paul Elks' big special train via the "Omaha" road—North-Western Line—Only one fare for the round trip. Leave St. Paul 8:30 a. m. Monday, July 22, arrive Milwaukee 7:00 p. m.

All wide vestibuled coaches, dining car and luxurious observation club cafe car running through Picturesque Wisconsin.

Travel in comfort and go with the big crowd.

North-Western Line city ticket offices, 413 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis; 382 Robert St., St. Paul.

Half Rate to Milwaukee and Return via "The Milwaukee."

July 21, 22 and 23, C., M. & St. P. Ry. will sell round trip tickets to Milwaukee at $9.70, account meeting of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, tickets good to return until July 27th. Extension to Aug. 10th may be obtained by deposit of ticket and payment of 50c.

Four splendid passenger trains daily to Milwaukee (without change of cars) from Twin Cities.

These tickets are good on celebrated Pioneer Limited.

Harvest Sight-Seeing Excursion.

On July 23d the Soo Line will sell tickets from Minneapolis and St. Paul to all points on its lnes in North Dakota for $10.00 round trip. Return limit ten days. Stop-overs will be allowed. City ticket office 119 So. 3rd St.

Pan-American and Return Only $20.

Via Soo Line and the lakes. Ticket office 119 Third street S.

Soo Line's rate to Buffalo and return is only $20.

NORMANNAHEIMEN

WOES OF FINLAND

The Russian Language in the Finnish Public Schools.

OBNOXIOUS ARMY REGULATIONS

The Rumor That Bobrikoff Is to Be Removed Is Looked Upon With Doubt.

Finland is being remorselessly Russianized. Even the most conservative of the better class of Finlanders have been imposed upon in their private homes by the Russian officers and are being compelled to "step around" according to the czar's dictum, very much against their will. The latest is the establishment of the Russian language in the Finnish government schools and the making of a knowledge of Russian an essential to appointment in even strictly local offices. The Russians are at the same time pushing compulsory military service measures designed to rob Finland of the protection of its own citizens in time of war or civil disorder.

A new army measure which has been approved by the Russian council of state provides that the grand duchy shall furnish an army "under the colors," or ready for active service, of 12,000 men, as against 5,600 under the old law, and that the term of service shall be three years with the colors and fifteen years in the army reserve. To these provisions no serious objection would be raised were it not for two additional conditions, which, it is claimed, are in direct conflict with the fundamental law of Finland. The first of these is that not only may the Finnish contingent be called out of the grand duchy in time of war, but may "whenever the service requires it, at the decision of his majesty be located in Russia. It is also proposed that Russian officers be eligible for commission in Finnish regiments, and as a sop to Finnish pride and a concession to the Finnish law,it is provided that upon assignment to command in a Finnish regiment, a Russian officer shall become, or shall, in the eye of the law, acquire the status of a Finnish citizen.

The question of language is being vigorously agitated. In the secondary schools and in the boy's schools the study of Russian forms an obligatory part of the curriculum. In private schools affairs are no better. The other day the governor general refused to grant permission for the opening of a school because the Russian language was not part of the curriculum. This, it is now boldly stated, is the first step in compulsory education in Russian throughout Finland. Another phase of the language question is the attempt of General Kaigorodoff to ineroduce in the provincial governor's office at Helsingfors the use of the Russian language to an extent not authorized by the written law of the land. In these posts knowledge of Russian is not a necessary qualification for the transaction of the duties, and the law does not contemplate that it shall be used, but the governor general has acted arbitrarily. A number of young Russians have recently been assigned to positions that they may become familiar with the routine of Finnish department work. It is expected that this will be followed by a manifesto declaring that Russians shall enjoy equal rights with Finlanders in the Finnish civil service.

A late telegram from Berlin has it that the hated governor general, Bobrikoff, is to be removed, the czar having repented, and that several royal concessions are to be instituted in Finland. The recipients of this piece of news are not placing too much stock in it.

IBSEN IN AUSTRALIA

How His Dramas Were Received in Melbourne.

Henrik Ibsen's "Madam Inger of Ostraat," one of his earlier works and not widely read, has recently been presented in Melbourne, Australia. According to the dramatic critic of "The Age" it is not the Ibsen of socialistic ideas, but the romantic Ibsen, which won the hearts of the auditors—Ibensen endowed with the grandeur of the character of nations, and the proud spirit of romance that emanates icily from the North." Continuing "The Age" says:

The drama from a social and moral standpoint is not offensive. It breathes and moves with bland consistency. It is founded on the unchanging element which is the embodiment of life as it is in a world of uncertainties. No one who visited Her Majesty's theater during this engagement could go away without the feeling that the author in his inspired moments had laid hold on his heartstrings and played the grandest symphony of the ages. His broadened insight into the human character, his complete mastery of a situation together with the trend of the dialogue when the mind is lost in cogitation, is masterful. Mme. Inger of Ostraat is pre-eminently the work of a poet and dramatist. This woman of the nobility who struggles with sentiment, is taken from the ideal and transplanted in the real. Mme. Inger is a strong character, but unnatural in her regard of honor. The character of Nils Lykke is crafty and intelligent, with an oriental passion for intrigue. Elina is one of the author's most deserving types, combining the bluntness of the north with the voluptuous spontaneity of the south.

The presentation was all to be desired. Nance O'Neill in the role of Madam Inger read the author's meaning as though it was written for her.

THE CHANGING OF SURNAMES

Interest in the New Wisconsin Law Is Spreading.

The Scandinavian press throughout the northwest is viewing with interest the results of the recent enactment by the Wisconsin legislature regarding the change of surname without cost. It is jokingly stated that the price in Minnesota is $12 (providing the attorney is the "right" kind), while in Wisconsin the cost is ten cents—the price of the legal blanks. "Superior Tidende" declares there is too much Johnson, Peterson, Paulson, Olson, Hanson, etc., etc. The point is exceedingly well taken. The very first man to receive the benefits of the new law was John A. Johnson, author of the bill that was passed. Instead of being saluted as Mister Johnson he is now hailed at Gisholt, that being the name of his father's "gaard," or estate, in the old country. It appears that this change was made to favor Scandinavians, though anyone can avail himself of the opportunity, and whenever the "gaard" name is euphonius it is preferred. In a circular addressed to his countrymen, Gisholt announces that Professor Julius E. Olson, of the University of Wisconsin, will send blanks to anyone upon application. Also that the law has the approval of the following representative men: Nils P. Haugen, excongressman; Peer O. Stromme, journalist; Peter Hendrickson, ex-editor of "Skandinaven;" Storm Bull, University of Wisconsin; J. L. Erdall, ex-assistant attorney general of Wisconsin; Sam T. Swansen, attorney of Madison; O. S. Norsman, city clerk, Madison; Rev. Th. Eggen. The measure has many points of apparent quality and would be of like consequence in other states.

Princess and Bluejackets.

Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark entertained Lieutenant Commander T. N. Hughes of the schoolship Enterprise, United States navy, last week. He was introduced by United States Consul Freeman. Later the crown prince, with his family, visited the Enterprise and smiled on the boys. From the schoolship they were taken to the Hartford, United States navy, where they were welcomed by the royal salute. The consul's daughter amused herself by photographing the officers, and also obtained their autographs for Princess Waldemar's album. The princess, whose father, the Duke of Charters, participated in the United States civil war, is greatly interested in America and Americans. The daughter showed herself as being of the same temperament. Upon seeing fourteen jacktars who had been locked up for bad behavior, she immediately prayed that they might be released. Whereupon her request was granted.

Mrs. Knudson's Piano Recital.

The program for the piano recital to be given by Mathilde J. Knudson at the Norwegian Methodist church on Friday evening, July 26, is as follows:

(a) Nocturne, Op. 25, No. 1............Chopin
(b) "Dreams of Love," No. 3............Liszt
(c) "Caprice"............Raff
Aria, "Lend Me Your Aid," from "Queen of Sheba"............
Sophus M. DeVold.
(a) Two Norwegian Folk Songs..........Grieg
(b) Norwegian Bridal Procession........Grieg
(c) Au den Fruhling..........Grieg
(d) Waltz, Op. 34..........Moszkowski
(a) "Jeg Elsker Dig"..........Grieg
(b) "Du Meine Seele, du Mein Herz"..........Schuman
Sophus M. DeVold.
(a) Nocturne, Op. 37, No. 2..........Chopin
(b) Waltz, Op. 17..........Moszkowski
Polonaise..........Zarembski

Nidaros Lodge Elects Officers.

son; secretary, Lars O. Haug; assistant secretary, Stephen Moe; financial secretary, John Enger; treasurer, B. O. Draxten; regent, J. O. Stenvig; marshal, Teodore Eggen; inside sentinel, Peter Sylow; outside sentinel, Hans Homble; trustees, M. Dyrdal, Iver Olegaard and John A. Lee. At present the lodge has 226 members in good standing and $3,500 in the treasury; $300 has been paid out during the past six months for sick benefits.

Nidaros lodge, No. 1, Sons of Norway, has elected officers for the coming half year as follows: President. Olaf P. Roer; vice president, Peter A. Russeth; judge, Anton John-

The Daughters Also Elect.

The newly elected officers of Freya lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Norway, were installed last Friday evening. They are: Mrs. Serine Moe, president; Miss Julia Thorp, vice-president; Mrs. Marit Johnson, secretary; Mrs. Clara Brodahl, treasurer; Miss Belle Eggen, judge; Miss Helen Eggen and Miss Elisabeth Klungnes, marshals; Miss Annie Hansen, inside sentinel; Miss Annie Ringstad, outside sentinel; Annie Homle, trustee. Seven applicants for membership are under consideration.

Local Jottings.

Normanna lodge, I. O. G. T., has decided to hold open lodge Friday evening, at the hall, Washington and First avenues S. A special program is being arranged.

Professor Wilhelm Pettersen, of Augsburg seminary, recently, at Chippewa Falls, Wis., collected for the seminary $461.25 in cash. He is now at work in Audubon, Minn. Professor J. L. Nydahl received $500 at Brandon and Fergus Falls. Professor H. A. Urseth reports $500 from Boyd, Minn., of which $117 is cash. Nineteen thousand dollars is required for the new building and $8,000 has thus far been gathered.

Augsburg seminary's new catalogue has just been issued.

A committee is at work arranging a picnic of Viking Leaguers to be held at White Bear Lake one of the first days in August.

Balder lodge, I. S. W. A., at its last meeting, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: G. W. Olson, president; Mike Nelson, vice-president; John A. Lundequist, secretary; Ed Lund, financial secretary; Dr. Jakob Hooslet, treasurer; C. J. Dragseth, instructor; Jens Moen, marshal; Ole Osgaard, inside sentinel; Mike Donaldson, outside sentinel; Henry Lee, trustee.

Dovre lodge, No. 3, Sons of Norway, will hold a private picnic at Lake Johanna, Sunday, Aug. 4.

Enigheden lodge, I. O. G. T., celebrated on Wednesday evening, the meeting of the world's grand lodge, in Utica, N. Y. Among the distinguished visitors were Grand Templar T. W. Davis, Grand Superintendent of the Children's Temple Lizzie Cole, Lodge Deputy Andrew Strand, Chief Templar Martin Olson, also a member of Tordenskjold lodge, in Norway. Enigheden lodge decided to hold its jubilee festival on Wednesday, July 24.

Oslo lodge, No. 2, Sons of Norway, elected, at its last meeting, officers as follows: A. J. Bjornstad, president; Chr. Pedersen, vice-president; judge, Ludvig Arctander; physician, Dr. Ole Lindjer; secretary, Karl S. Kreidt; financial secretary, P. Gunnes; treasurer, Chr. Anderson; marshall, A. H. Thingstad; inside sentinel, P. Saether; outside sentinel. Oslo lodge will soon picnic at Forest Lake.

Ludvig Arctander will deliver an address at the annual meeting of the Independent Scandinavian Workmen of America, at Superior, Wis., Sunday, July 28.

Theodore S. Reimestad, for several years professor at Augsburg seminary, has recently been married in Berlin, Germany. He left Minnesota about a year ago and has since been studying music across the water.

The ministerial conference of the Norwegian synod will convene in Our Savior's church, Aug. 22 to 28. Programs for the entire meeting have been sent to all members of the conference.

Professor E. G. Lund has gone east to visit his daughter. He will be gone several weeks.

A pleasant surprise was given Rev. C. O. Olander and wife, at their home, 231 W Thirty-third street, last Saturday evening, it being the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage.

Professor Wilhelm Pettersen's most recent publication of his poems is entitled "A Little Greeting to the Friends of Augsburg." It is fresh from the printer's hands and will be distributed to those who first call on him. It is a pretty memento of Augsburg.

The Swedish singing society Orpheus will visit Jamestown, N. Y., next week. It will participate in the United Swedish singing societies' festival, which opens July 22.

Rev. Mr. Fredriksen, a returned missionary from Congo, Africa, will speak in the Norwegian-Danish Baptist church next Sunday morning on the mission work in that state.

Everywhere.

"Smuler" ("Crumbs") No. 3, by Herman Wang of St. Paul, Minn., has recently been issued. Its contents are as follows: "Louse Literature," "Oleomargarine and Crumb Butter," "Fear of Death vs. Fear of God," "Jeremiah's Third Epistle," "A Mengsholiade," being a "josh" on the editor of "Nye Normanden," Minneapolis; "Tiny Crumbs."

Rev. K. Bjorgo and wife of Red Wing, Minn., have just celebrated their silver wedding. The members of Trinity Lutheran church assembled and congratulated their pastor. He is moderator of the Norwegian synod's Minnesota district. Mr. and Mrs. Bjorgo received two bulging purses. One from the district's pastors and professors and the other from Trinity congregation.

The Norsemen are flocking to western Canada. A large number of immigrants from the most northern parts of Norway are settling in the dominion. A new journal, the Winnipeg Skandinav, is just out.

Rev. Kristian M. Ekhoff, chaplain at the district prison in Christianit, Norway, is visiting in the United States. The pastor is interested in prison work and expects to visit Minneapolis, Chicago, Decorah and Washington. He is also secretary of the Norwegian Missionary Society and a member of the World's Christian Students' Federation.

A rival publication quite similar to Lindegren and Wrangel's work, "The Royal Houses of Europe," is published in London. The most recent portrait of King Oscar is printed in colors, as are the portraits of other rulers. But the text accompanying it is beyond comparison. It relates that "King Oscar comes from the dynasty instituted by Napoleon to govern the kingdom of Norway, which was united to Sweden in 1814."

The Norwegian basso, Oscar Gronseth, who has recently been en tour throughout the northwest, is visiting in St. Paul. He is studying with Mrs. Inga Olund.

Stockholm is the Mecca for tourists these midsummer days. The beach is frequented daily by thousands of promenaders and bathers. Upwards of 25,000 pleasure seekers have visited the Swedish metropolis this season.

Stockholm's population is now placed at 301,000, against 297,148 a year ago. An increase of 3,900.

Holger Drachmann, the Danish playwright, after three weeks' stay at Skagen, will go to Norway and will reside in the suburbs of Moss. He appears to be sick in soul and body and is seeking a rest.

An English syndicate has purchased a conserving factory in Stavanger and intends operating so as to absorb others in the future. The price paid for the purchase is thought to be about 2,000,000 kroner.

Bjornstjerne Bjornson is busily engaged in installing an electric light plant on his resitate, Aulestad.

The Carrier Pigeon Post is the name of a new publication in Denmark. It is the organ of the Carrier Pigeons' Improvement Association.

A fund is being collected in Norway for a statue to the musician and composer Nordack. It has already reached the mark of 667.54 kroner.

Norway has sent over 100 ships to the northern seas to engage in seal and whale fishing.

June 24 marked the close of the third year since the Sverdrup expedition left for the coast of Greenland in quest of the pole. The expedition was fitted out for five years. There is hope that the intrepid voyager will send some message home next fall.

The king and queen will visit Norway this summer spending part of the time at Skinnarboe.

In Helsingborg, Sweden, a painting has recently been found which is said to have been painted by the famous Vandyke. Connoisseurs from Stockholm and other cities have seen it and are interested. A German art dealer has offered 12,000 crowns for it.

John Ericsson's monument in Stockholm is nearing completion and will be unveiled early in the fall.

The army of Norway has some faithful forty years; a carpenter, Abel, thirty-fiveyears; blacksmith by name of Amundsen has served forty-three years; a wood turner, Jacobsen, 40 years; a carpenter, Abel, thirty-five years; a harness-maker, Larsen, thirty-five years, and a gunsmith, Halvorsen, thirty-four years.

It now seems quite probable that Kringsjaa, the most up-to-date and aggressive magazine in Norway, is to be absorbed by the Norwegian press syndicate (Norske Aktiebolag), says Oplandenes Avis.

The sharpshooters' tournament in Copenhagen, Denmark, gives results as follows: Dr. L. J. Madsen, Copenhagen, No. 1, with 486 points; No. 2, N. P. Nielsen, Aarhus Amt, with 485; No. 3, Hagen, Trondhjem, 466; No. 4, Frydenlund, Hylden, 465. The international contest resulted as follows: Denmark, No. 1, with 225 points; Norway, No. 2, with 218 points; Sweden, No. 3, with 208 points.

The Danish railway commission has been re-formed and it in turn re-forms the entire railway system of the country. According to the plans the head of the railway department will not be vested in one man, but in seven, elected by the houses of the rigsdag and constituting a board of directors. The auditing department, which has never been satisfactory, is now running in such a way that none of its members can have other affairs on the outside. Mileage has been advanced from 6.35, 4 and 2.35 ore, according to class, to 6.80, 4.30 and 2.50 per kilometer. It is believed the gain will reach 2,153,400 kroner, the saving to the administration 115,000 kroner, while the increase in payroll will be advanced to 350,000 kroner.

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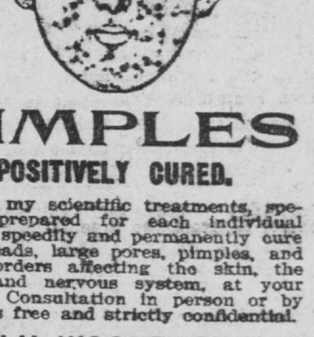

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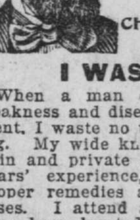

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