

RELIGION IN THE STATE COLLEGES

Subject to Be Discussed at the University of Illinois This Week.

Special to The Journal. Champaign, Ill., Oct. 14.—It has been decided to hold a religious conference at the University of Illinois in connection with the installation of Dr. Edmund J. James, as president of the institution. This gathering, which will be one of the important features of the installation, will occur next Thursday, and will consider as its subject, "The Religious and Moral Education in State Universities."

What Has Been Done. Attempts are already being made among the state universities, to provide for certain forms of religious instruction. For example, at the University of Michigan, Kansas and Missouri, among others, the church of Disciples maintains Bible chairs or church houses. College pastors are maintained in several institutions, the latest instance being a work of this kind supported by the Presbyterian church in the University of Kansas.

Plans for Future. In view of this general interest now manifested the approaching conference promises to be an occasion of unusual importance. The meetings of the conference will be open to the public, and all that are concerned with the subject will be cordially welcomed.

These Who Will Speak. Professor Shailer Matthews, of the University of Chicago, will serve as presiding officer. He is dean of the Divinity school, and editor of The World Today. He is also well-known as author of several of the best known religious tracts. Among the speakers, will be Professor Kelsey of the University of Michigan, who, for more than ten years, has been a student of the University of Chicago, and a student of the University of Chicago.

Conference Statistics. Figures Show Encouraging Condition in Finances and Work Done. Special to The Journal. Frazee, Minn., Oct. 14.—Following is an accurate summary of the statistics of the northern Minnesota conference: Full members, 1,820, and probationers, 1,645, an increase of 714, including full members and probationers. Adults baptized increased to 1,649, an increase of 581 baptized as adults. The value of 213 churches is \$1,053,950, an increase of \$80,000.

There is a decrease on payments of indebtedness and improvements, and the indebtedness is decreased \$1,649. Pastor's salary there is an increase of \$5,912, including house rent. There is a decrease of deficiencies in salary of \$499. President's salary paid \$2,000 more than last year. There was a total increase on pastoral support, including bishops, of \$5,420. The conference claimants received an increase of \$266 and the expenses of the Sunday school increased \$57. There was a slight increase of Sunday school scholars.

Total increase for missions was \$1,847 and for the board of church extension, \$69. The public book collection increased \$345, while the only two serious decreases were the Freedman's Aid—\$149—and the Women's Home Missionary society, \$155, with an increase on supplies of \$510, the deficiencies being in cash receipts.

The amount paid on other benevolences was an increase of \$2,724, and this may have had the Freedman's Aid and the Women's Home Missionary society. Asbury hospital had an increase of \$1,823 and the Episcopal fund was increased \$76. The Sunday school work and the statistics show a steady growth.

ANGELS ALL MEN. New York Herald. Whether angels should be represented at the masculine or feminine gender has caused much discussion among members of the building committee of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, on Morningside heights. Two clergymen of the committee have raised objection because the models for two angels that are to adorn the Belmont Memorial chapel are women angels.

The objectors declare that while the Bible does not contain any direct reference to the sex of the angels, nevertheless they are frequently represented in human form and speaking and acting as men. Several delegates to the recent diocesan convention, who visited the cathedral, were much exercised when they saw the angel of the annunciation and the angel of the resurrection represented as women.

They sought out the sculptor, Dr. J. Gunzton Mothe-Borglum, and told him what they thought of his women angels. They also went to the Rev. Dr. Huntington, rector of Grace church, who is chairman of the building committee, and told him things.

As a result of all this agitation the gender of the seraphim and cherubim in the chapel is to be changed. The tentacles of the angels, which were expression and the graceful forms will show fewer curves. The outlines will be more masculine. These changes, it is said, will allay further criticism.

METHODIST WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE CITY IN CONVENTION



The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church closed its annual convention in Fowler church Friday. Delegates were present from North and South Dakota and the conference reports showed the splendid work that is being carried on. The program included talks from missionaries who told what they were doing in the foreign field, and \$22,000 was pledged to aid them the coming year.

THE WEEK IN CHICAGO

By Martha Anderson Wyman. Chicago, Oct. 13.—The traction companies have submitted their plans for the future in the shape of two similar and largely harmonious ordinances that are now being considered in the council committee and discussed by the public. Mayor Taylor has promised to submit on Monday to the council his views on the traction subject and an ordinance embodying his legislative plans. It seems certain that Chicago will gain improved transportation facilities out of the prolonged agitation, as the companies propose to establish many thru lines, to use a union loop down town and to give transfers and to waive their vagrant one-year claim for definite twenty-year franchises.

Dramatically there will be much in Chicago during the next few weeks that will interest northwestern visitors. Chief among the coming engagements is that of Sara Bernhardt, which will open Nov. 20 at the Grand. The divine Sara announces this as her farewell trip and comes from a European tour. She is to remain a week, giving a different bill at each of the eight performances. Richard Mansfield's engagement is deferred the day after Mr. Wilson's play, entitled "Le Voyage de M. Perrichon," thus vouching for its high character. The play was given by the Alliance Francaise the day after Mr. Wilson opened his engagement and other performance will be given Oct. 17 by the Club Francaise.

While the farce is bright and amusing, the really important dramatic feature of Mr. Wilson's engagement has been the afterpiece, "The Little Father of the Wilderness," which the critics unite in calling a masterpiece of sentiment and acting, comparable to Sir Henry Irving's affecting portrayal of the old sergeant in "Waterloo" and Miss Ethel Barrymore in her great success, "Carrots." In this play Mr. Wilson acts the role of one of the martyrs of the Wisconsin wilderness, a quest of the wilderness in Wisconsin.

The horse show always brings down a large delegation from Minneapolis and the show this year will be held in the Coliseum Oct. 23-28 and promises to surpass all previous shows. A recital of chrysanthemum and flower show is announced for about the same dates. Visitors who remain in the city over Sunday will be interested in knowing the fine program of music now available. Inna's band has begun a series of Sunday afternoon concerts in Orchestra hall which will continue indefinitely. F. Wright Neumann has arranged a series of twenty Sunday concerts at Music hall in the Fine Arts building, although a few of the series will be given in Orchestra hall. The series will open Oct. 22 with a song recital of George Hamlin and the other artists include Mme. Calvé, Mme. Eames, Mme. Gadoxi, Felix Weingartner, Walter Damrosch and the New York Symphony Orchestra, Rafael Joseffy, Pugno, David Bispham and others of like fame.

At the Illinois theater still another series of Sunday concerts will be given by the Chicago Bureau of Music, which will present Jean Gerardy, Henri Marteau, Hans Schroder and others.

The Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs will open in Joliet Oct. 17. Industrial problems will receive much attention, and the women intend asking congress to order a national investigation of the conditions under which women work. The movement for this inquiry was started by Miss Mary McDowell in

the Woman's Trade Union League of Illinois, was then taken before the National Woman's Trade Union League and a committee was appointed, consisting of Miss McDowell, Miss Jane Adams and Miss Lillian Wald of the Nurses' settlement of New York. This committee went to Washington and called on President Roosevelt in regard to the matter, and was assured of his approval and support.

Mrs. Ellen M. Heron will talk on "The History of Industrial Organization Among Women." Miss Agnes Nestor will tell "The Story of the Government's Misconduct in the Bimby Women," and Mrs. Margaret Dreier Robins of New York will speak on "The Domestic in a Democracy."

There is great interest heretofore in what Dr. W. H. W. Boyle, the able and popular pastor of House of Hope church in St. Paul, is going to do about his call to the Lake Forest Presbyterian church. Dr. Boyle will do about what he has done in the past, and it is believed that he will accept the call to this larger field. There has been some talk that the Lake Forest church would wish Dr. Boyle to abandon some of the ideas of practical Christian work which he has put into practice in St. Paul in the form of normal training classes, gymnasium and social settlement work, but this is denied by the Lake Forest committee.

Chicago is to have a popular lecture course by Dr. Richard Burton, beginning Nov. 23 and lasting a month. Dr. Burton is to give four of twelve lectures on "The Poetic Drama," a course arranged by the study department of the University of Chicago. The lectures are given in Music hall at 4:15 p.m. The general subject of Dr. Burton's lectures will be "The Drama Today," with the individual titles of "Realism or the Stage," "The Drama of Ideals," "The Drama of Problems" and "Leading Contemporary Dramas." The first of Dr. Burton's lectures Prof. Clark, an interpreter well known in Minneapolis, will give three lectures on "The Modern Drama," and after the holidays William Norton Guthrie of California will give the remaining five lectures on "Racial Aspects of the World's Great Dramas." While in Chicago Dr. Burton will deliver a number of other lectures at various university extension centers and elsewhere.

Altho President Harper's guiding hand is still at the helm at the University of Chicago, despite his serious physical condition, his illness and partial disability throws much additional responsibility on Dean Harry P. Judson, formerly of the history department, who is now in charge of the university. Dean Judson represents President Harper whenever the president is unable to attend to the duties of his office.

The practice of exchanging university professors with foreign countries is growing, the purpose being to promote friendly relations between the countries making the arrangement. Last year P. J. Dewey gave the University of Chicago a course of \$2,000 a year for five years to establish a lectureship on German history, life and institutions. The work of the lectureship will begin this fall with the coming of Professor Hermann Oncken from the University of Berlin to lecture during the fall and winter quarters. Professor Oncken was selected by the imperial government to inaugurate the scheme in behalf of Germany.

The work offered by Professor Oncken is a six months' course on "Germany Since 1850," a three months' seminar on the "Introduction to German Historical Investigation and German Historiography," and a three months' seminar on "Exercises in the History of German Unification, 1802-1871."

In return Professor J. L. Laughlin, head of the department of political economy at the University of Chicago, will go to the University of Berlin to lecture. A new course has been arranged at the university that will enable bank clerks and officials an opportunity of giving college work in the line of their interests without interfering with business hours. The banking courses will be given nights and Saturday afternoons at the fine arts building. Dean

NEW ENGLAND LETTER

By R. G. Larson. Boston, Mass., Oct. 13.—Making reciprocity with Canada the issue, the democratic party in this state has begun one of the most unique campaigns in the political history of New England. For the first time the fight is being made on the candidate for lieutenant governor, in fact, which has hitherto been regarded as little more than a possible stepping stone to the higher. Governor William L. Douglas, the Brockton shoe manufacturer, the first democrat to be elected since the days of William E. Russell, was far-sighted enough to see that many of his acts had been unpopular with the leaders of the party, and he refused to again be a candidate. Available candidates were few. General Charles W. Bartlett, a lawyer and member of the governor's staff, was nominated for governor, and Henry W. Whitney, a brother of the late William C. Whitney, secretary of the navy under Cleveland, agreed to run for lieutenant governor. Mr. Whitney is one of the foremost financiers of New England. He has, or had, large interests in Canada. He is a democrat, but a firm believer in reciprocity. In order that he might work more effectively to bring about closer trade relations between the two countries, he accepted the office of president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. Last year he waged a reciprocity campaign as the head of a committee of 100 business men, and succeeded in securing the signatures of something like 60,000 republicans who believe in reciprocity. It is believed that this strong reciprocity sentiment had considerable to do with the election of Governor Douglas, and the republican machine this year turned down the advocates of reciprocity in the convention. Lieutenant Governor Curtis Guild was made the candidate for governor, and Arthur S. Draper, one of the staunchest firm men in the state, and brother of William F. Draper, former ambassador at Rome, is the candidate for lieutenant governor. Mr. Draper and Mr. Whitney, who refused to accept the nomination for governor.

While the election of General Guild is practically conceded, the democrats hope to defeat Mr. Draper, and if they are successful in this, Mr. Whitney will be elected to the office of lieutenant governor. Mr. Whitney is a democrat, and a member of the republican national committee. The death of Mr. Manley at a time when he was about to be elected to the office of lieutenant governor, was a great loss to the republicans. Mr. Manley was a member of the republican national committee, and a member of the Boston city council. He was a man of high character, and a man of high ability. He was a man of high character, and a man of high ability. He was a man of high character, and a man of high ability.

Two Daughters of Manley to Be Married. An announcement of a similar character, of equal interest in Maine and Massachusetts, is that of the engagement of the two daughters of Joseph H. Manley, who for many years was a member of the republican national committee. The death of Mr. Manley at a time when he was about to be elected to the office of lieutenant governor, was a great loss to the republicans. Mr. Manley was a member of the republican national committee, and a member of the Boston city council. He was a man of high character, and a man of high ability. He was a man of high character, and a man of high ability.

Its Old Employees. An agitation in which a vast amount of interest is being manifested on the entire Boston & Maine railroad, says the Boston Herald, has for its object the introduction of a pension system for employees of more than 60 years of age. This matter has been under consideration for some time, and has been brought to the attention of President Lucius Tuttle. The plan has not reached that stage in which Mr. Tuttle is willing to put it into operation, but the railroad men generally are favorable to it. It is hoped that the road will contribute approximately \$150,000, and the employees raise the balance of the sum necessary to pension on half pay all employees over 60 years of age by the assessment of 1 1/2 per cent of the salary of every employee of the road.

Financial circles in Vermont have been somewhat concerned over the case of the People's National bank. Frank L. Fish, the receiver, has brought suit against former President A. Fairbanks for \$150,000. Ferris is now under \$2,000 bonds on the charge of having misappropriated two notes owned by the People's bank by means of a check drawn on the bank. The suit is made an incorrect report of the bank's condition to the controller of the currency.

Family reunions are becoming more general in all parts of New England. Perhaps the largest gathering is the annual affair of the Fairbanks family, which meets in the ancestral home in Dighton, Mass., and which is attended by hundreds of that name, who

Although Fall River has not yet recovered from the disastrous strike of the cotton operatives last year, the officers of the union have again made demands for restoration of the 12 1/2 per cent reduction, which was the cause of the strike, and which was not restored when the difficulty was arbitrated under the direction of Governor Douglas. The claim is made that conditions in the cotton industry in New England are much better than they were a year ago, and that the manufacturers are in a position to make the increase. Fear of another strike and a repetition of conditions such as existed in Fall River last winter when hundreds of operatives were on the verge of starvation, and hundreds of others left the city never to return, has caused considerable apprehension among the business men of the city, and an effort is being made to have the manufacturers make at least a provisional increase of from 5 to 7 per cent. Of all the textile centers of New England Fall River is the only one in which there has been any serious labor troubles in recent years.

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CHILD IS CLEVER VIOLIN SOLOIST

Elk Point Boasts of an Infant Prodigy Who is Now Touring the Northwest. Little John McDonald, New 5 Years of Age and Appearing Before Audiences. Special to The Journal. Elk Point, S. D., Oct. 14.—Little John McDonald, 5 years of age, is known as the youngest violin soloist in the world. He is now touring the northwest and will visit about fifty of the principal cities before returning home. He has appeared in concert here and before the Mendelssohn club of Sioux City, receiving most flattering press notices. This infant prodigy learned his scales before he was 3 years old, and could write them before he could play them. He has written his own scales and can discuss the fine points of theory and technique like a professional.

His concert work includes "Sara-bande" by Carl Bohm, "A Meditation" written by the boy's grandfather, J. Thaler, and dedicated to the boy.

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LETTER TELLS OF HIS WHEAT DEALS

"Big Bull" Smilingly Talks of His Attempt to Corner the Market.

Journal Special Service. New York, Oct. 14.—Smiling cheerfully, as if he were describing a game of golf, Joseph Letter outlined the story of his famous attempt to corner wheat in 1897 before an audience which crowded Judge Greenbaum's court today. The chronicles of the epic events which gave Frank Norris his material for his novel "The Pit" narrated by the "Big Bull" himself fascinated the spectators and the jury. Mr. Letter appeared before Judge Greenbaum on Wednesday afternoon, a suit brought by William F. Zeller of Alpen, Greer & Zeller, who were his brokers during the historic "corner." Zeller is suing to recover \$52,021.97 with interest since Dec. 15, 1898, on a note given by Letter to settle his account with Zeller's brokers firm after the "corner" collapsed and buried him.

Had "Some" Experience. "Have you had some experience with puts and calls?" he was asked by his attorney. "Some," he answered with a cheerful grin. "How much?" "Well, I sold 100,000,000 calls and 14,000,000 puts."

"And you understand what they mean?" "Indeed I do," with emphasis. "Did you deal extensively in wheat at one time?" "Somewhat. I once held calls on 98,000,000 bushels of wheat," was the quiet response, while the jurors stared in amazement.

Then Mr. Letter told how the room in the Grand Pacific hotel where he and his associates took their lunches in 1897 was furnished with tickers and telephones and that he ate with a receiver in his ear. Controlled Visible Supply. "At one time that summer," he said, "we controlled most of the visible supply of wheat."

"Was there any intention that the wheat called for in these contracts should be delivered to you?" "Not if I could help it."

Then his counsel questioned the legality of the contracts, and the note, asserting that it was the outcome of gambling transactions; that "puts" and "calls" or options in wheat were nothing less than wagers; and that no recovery could be had, therefore, upon the note. Judge Greenbaum declined to dismiss the complaint on this theory, but expressed an intention of looking up the point involved before Monday's session.

It was against him that Mr. Letter explained that he gave the note to his brokers believing he owed them that amount, but that he had been deceived, the falsified and not containing many items with which he should have been credited, the aggregate of which far exceeded the amount of his indebtedness.

come from all parts of the United States. One of the oldest associations in the city, the Eastman family, held its twenty-fifth annual meeting in Concord, N. H., this week, members of the family coming from far and near. Among the most notable of those present was Mr. Rufus Eastman Staniels of East Concord, who is 94 years of age, and is the oldest living descendant of Captain Ebenezer Eastman, the first of the family to settle at Concord. Elmcroft, the old Eastman house at East Concord, was built by Philip Eastman in 1755.

Governor Douglas has nominated Justice Henry N. Sheldon to be associate justice of the Massachusetts supreme court in place of Justice Barker, who died suddenly last week. Judge Sheldon is a Maine man, having been born in Waterville, in 1843, and went one year to Bowdoin college, then entering Harvard, where he was in the class with Mr. Justice Brandeis. Since he was appointed to the superior court, Arthur Lincoln, George S. Dabney, and Boston's former corporation counsel, Andrew J. Bailey.

Before leaving for Europe this week former Judge Henry S. Dewey announced that he would be a candidate for the republican nomination for Judge Dewey to this fall. Boston Judge Dewey's name has been mentioned in connection with this office at different times during the past four or five years. The party leaders have never been very enthusiastic over him, and they have very little to say about his present action. Judge Dewey became widely known throughout New England a few years ago because of his decisions as a judge of the Boston municipal court. Some of his rulings were very original. He soon became looked upon as the "friend of the man in the dock," and on numerous occasions refused to accept the evidence of policemen. Since then he has not been very much in the public eye, although he served as a member of Governor Crane's staff.

Insurance Commissioner Cutting of this state, who was one of the first to call attention to conditions which are now attracting attention in connection with the three big New York life insurance companies, has decided that he would like to take the summary action now proposed by some of the states in connection with these companies. It was by quoting from one of Mr. Cutting's reports that Thomas W. Ferris was able to make his first great point against the present methods of the insurance companies; but the commissioner now finds himself tied by a law which he himself was instrumental in having passed thru the legislature a few years ago.

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INSTRUMENTS OF TORTURE. Philadelphia Press. "Well," said the bridegroom-to-be, "I suppose you'll be sorry Willie, when the time comes for your sister's wedding." "Not much," replied the small brother, "it will times an excuse to chuck her up stairs away."

THE EASY-GOING FELLOW. Philadelphia Press. Mrs. Nagret—Why do you sneer at Mr. Marking because he's so staid? "Marking don't make the man." "Mr. Nagret—No, but his wife's clothes are too good for that. That sort of a man, who