

WHAT AN EDITORIAL!

In the Lafayette (Ind.) Daily Call.

The Editor of This Newspaper Tells a Strange Story.

And Vouches for its Absolute Truth and Accuracy.

Prominence of Paper and Startling Nature of Facts

Make Article of Vast Interest to the Public.

"Jacob J. Reitemeyer," says the Lafayette (Ind.) Daily Call of Jan. 18th, "the well known composer in the Call news-room, son of one of our oldest and best known German citizens, has a daughter just three years old last Saturday, who almost from her birth has been afflicted with spinal meningitis, and has just experienced a recovery which is little short of miraculous.

"Mr. and Mrs. Reitemeyer were three years ago made the proud parents of twin sisters, one of whom died on the 5th of June two years ago with spinal meningitis. The latter part of the same month her surviving twin sister was attacked with the disease in a most aggravated form. The family had the constant services throughout the whole summer of some of our best physicians, three of whom in turn examined and attended the cases. The child was unable to walk, almost unable to move, and entirely helpless.

"The physicians, one and all, agreed that the case was hopeless, that nothing could be done for this child. Their opinion was that she would never be cured, and probably would soon die. From everything done for her she experienced no benefit, and the physicians, candidly stating that they could do nothing for the cure of the child, were dismissed, and beyond mild domestic treatment, rubbing with alcohol, etc. to alleviate immediate symptoms, nothing was done for her, and the sad hearted parents only waited the summons which they felt must soon come for her final release from her afflictions.

"Thus matters went on for about a year, the little one changing, if at all, only for the worse, and steadily but surely going down. One year, this month, Mr. Reitemeyer informs us, attracted by the advertisement of Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, in the Call, he and his wife finally concluded to try it, though with but very slender hopes of deriving any benefit. There was a decided improvement in the child's condition with the use of the first bottle, which continued during the second, and before the third bottle was all used the child was able to walk upright, and apparently cured. Thereupon the use of the medicine was discontinued, and has not been resumed.

"In the year which has since elapsed the child has grown to be as fat and healthy and active a little one as any parent need wish to see, and Mr. and Mrs. Reitemeyer say they feel beyond a doubt that the use of Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy saved her life. The case is certainly a very remarkable one, and the well known and reliable character of the parties gives it especial importance and significance.

OF LOCAL INTEREST.

At the meeting of the G. A. R. held Saturday evening Commander J. D. Thompson presided. Comrade Kenyon of the New Jersey post was the guest of the evening. There was no muster or roll call, only the regular routine business being transacted.

To-morrow being a legal holiday the usual holiday hours will be observed at the postoffice. The carriers will make only one delivery, which will be after the arrival of the morning mail from New York. The stamp, money order and registry departments will close at noon. The general delivery window will be open from 7 to 8 in the evening.

The young ladies' class of the New Haven Turn Verein announces that their annual ball will take place at Turn Hall Monday evening, October 22.

The new elevator in the county building will begin to run regularly on Monday, and Sherman Warren will be the elevator man.

Mrs. Harrison Weed of 26 Beers street, who has been seriously ill for three weeks, is slowly recovering.

Frederick vonBeren of the firm of Brown and VonBeren, is receiving congratulations on the arrival of an eleven pound boy at his home.

\$1,000 Appropriated. Middletown, Oct. 12.—At the town meeting held last night \$1,000 was appropriated for the use of the Russell Henry. This is the first time the town has appropriated money in aid of this institution. The salary of the first selectman was increased to \$1,200 and that official will do all the work of the board.

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

OF DIXWELL AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OBSERVED.

A Historical Sketch of the Church Society by Rev. Mr. Miller, the Pastor—Some of the Former Pastors—History of the Organization—Sermon by Rev. Mr. Meserve in the Afternoon—Inclement Weather Kept Many Away.

The services at the Dixwell Avenue Congregational church yesterday possessed particular interest for the congregation from the fact that the occasion was the seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of the church society.

Rev. A. P. Miller, the pastor, preached the morning sermon, which was most interesting, as it gave a history of the society, its efforts and things accomplished up to the present time. The pulpit and altar were prettily decorated in the flowers of the season, and despite the inclement weather the congregation assembled was of a goodly size.



MR. MILLER'S CAREER.

Mr. Miller is a graduate of Fisk university and of the Yale Divinity school of the class of 1855. He was born a slave in 1855. He early conceived the idea of getting an education and at the age of thirteen, as soon as he was at liberty to do so, he began learning the alphabet. His entire education was acquired through his own efforts. Through his efficient work the church of which he is at present pastor since 1885 has grown and prospered until at present it has a membership of 200. It was also through his efforts that the present church edifice was constructed.

Mr. Miller is at present besides being pastor of the Dixwell Avenue church, editor and proprietor of the Connecticut Banner, a paper published in this city in the interest of the colored race. Mr. Miller spoke from the text Psalms 26:3: "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." The sermon was as follows: As we meet here to-day to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of our church, as an ecclesiastical organization, it is eminently proper and fitting, and may prove interesting to the members of this church and congregation and friends present to listen to a brief history of our society, whose beginning, as might be supposed, was small, and its early struggles commendable. We are indebted for the facts presented in our historical sketch, largely to Captain Daniel Lathrop of Shelton, Ct., who was for many years church clerk, and whose father, Deacon Luke Lathrop, was for many years a leading spirit in the society.

One thing is very noticeable in the history of the church, as will be seen, and that is the frequent changes in its pastorate.

The church evidently has always stood up for a high type of intelligence and moral character, and some of its ministers having been graduates of some of the best schools of learning in the world, American or European.

Among those who were educated abroad, the most conspicuous are Rev. J. W. C. Pennington, D. D., a pure, full blooded African, whose pastorate was only six months, for which he was paid \$86, and Rev. Francis Cardoza, B. D., a native of Charleston, S. C., who was educated in Edinburgh, Scotland, and was settled over this church in 1862, during the late civil war, and who, at its close, with much reluctance on the part of the people was dismissed in '65, in order that he might go south and work as an educator among his recently emancipated brethren, who, just emerging from the house of bondage, stood in great need of the service, which his eminent ability placed him in a position to render.

I will not be able to enter minutely into the history of every servant of God, who has wrought in this organization from its inception down to the present, but shall endeavor to bring in some of the more salient points, in the hope that we may take new courage and press forward in the work which still calls upon us for our exertion, and self-sacrifice, as servants of the most high God.

So far as we can ascertain from official records on February 8, 1820, what was afterwards called "The African United Episcopal Society," was organized, and its meetings were held when ever the doors of friends were opened to receive its members, who were then, as far as we can learn, as follows: Fred Brinsley, Elias Stanley, Augustus Thomas, John Johnson, Thomas Dixon, Abram Odom, Tom Lanson, Prince Cooper, Benjamin Hampton, Scipio Augustus, William Pardee, Minneas Lyman.

We have with us to-day some of the descendants of these original members of this organization—Mrs. Adeline Lanson Snyder of 52 Bradley street, the

Lyman and a Miss Lydia Augustus. The prime mover in this effort to provide for the religious needs of the colored people in this city at that time was a young white man by the name of Simeon E. Jocelyn, who not only gathered colored people around him, but took steps toward providing for them a place of habitation.

In his efforts to serve this much neglected class in this community he was persecuted and quite often shamefully abused by citizens of this place. His colored disciples many times had to act as a body guard in seeing him home after services. No wonder he became a staunch, uncompromising abolitionist, and hailed with joy the day which saw the sun set upon four millions of these dark children of Africa as "freemen."

In 1878, when preparing to leave this country as a missionary to Africa, I met this venerable son of Connecticut in the rooms of the American Missionary association at New York, and received his blessing as he bade us God speed in our mission to Africa's benighted millions.

Little did I dream then that I would ever preach in a church, of which he was the persecuted founder, in the city of New Haven. Wondrous are the workings of Providence! Judge Livingston W. Cleveland of our city is a worthy lineal descendant

of this illustrious family, and I sincerely trust before many years shall have rolled away we may have in our church a picture of the founder of this society, Rev. Simeon S. Jocelyn.

Permanent quarters for this new organization were secured, so far as we can ascertain, some time in 1824. Prince Duplex was first clerk of the society. A committee of "ways and means" to look after the material support of the church was duly appointed. Rev. Mr. Jocelyn is not recorded as having received a single penny for his services, reaching through many years.

His relation to his flock seems to have been one of a fatherly character. As early as 1825 the society, because of straightened circumstances, appointed a special agent in the person of one James Ross to enter the collecting field, possibly to secure funds with which to finish paying debt incurred in building its first edifice on Temple street.

Mr. Scipio Augustus, about this time, called on Rev. Dr. E. T. Pritch of Yale to secure drawn up papers, setting forth the needs of the society, to write citizens of New Haven, to whom he appealed for aid. Collector Ross, later on, was paid \$1 a day for his services.

He was also first chorister of the society on a salary of \$12 per year, and very soon we find a full orchestra, with bass viol, etc., in full operation. Music of a high character seems to have been the order of the day, and in 1830 the chorister's salary was raised to \$25 per annum.

In 1835, just fifteen years from time of organization, Rev. Mr. Dudley (white) was called to the pastorate for one year on a salary of \$250, and served five months. Rev. Mr. Smith followed in a short pastorate, after which the society fell back on pulpit supplies. Rev. Dr. Pennington then came and served six months, who remained one year, and was followed by Rev. Richardson, whose pastorate was very brief.

In 1839 Rev. Amos G. Beman, born in Colchester, this state, a man of great natural ability, force of character, and fair education, was settled, as pastor, on a salary of \$400 per annum. With the pastorate of Rev. Beman the little struggling organization seems to have taken on a new lease of life, and immediately entered upon a new era, which continued almost uninteruptedly for sixteen years, during which time there were large accessions to the society. The largest accessions were in 1851, when 59 were added, and in 1854, when 40 were received. During the pastorate of Rev. Beman 158 were added to the society, and in 1844 a new church edifice was erected, constitution and by-laws were formulated and adopted, and the society changed its name from "The African United Society" to "The Congregational Society of the Temple Street Church of New Haven."

In 1845 the church property was mortgaged for \$1,000, and when the note fell due the society was in a most embarrassed, but was saved by the timely and kindly intervention of the late John G. North, through whose efforts and those of the church the debt was liquidated.

Rev. Beman was, undoubtedly, the most popular, and influential pastor who has ever served the church in all its history, and was recognized as a courageous leader by white and black alike.

Like all other men of considerable will power he made his enemies, and doubtless like other mortals had his faults. No man has ever succeeded in pleasing everybody. Mr. Beman relinquished his pastorate in 1857, and preached more or less in different parts of the country, and died in this city in 1870. He left to Yale university a beautiful piece of property on Howe street, in which his daughter, Mrs.

Emma Beman Leitch lives, having in it the most interesting Mt. Beman did spend his days in the anti-slavery cause with Douglass, Garnet, Downing and others, who with him have long since crossed the "sullen stream."

In 1854 Deacon Bias Stanley, one of the founders and best supporters of the society, died, and in his death as in his life, remembered the church in a bequest, which now amounts to \$11,000, two-thirds of the interest of which is used in helping to support this church and society.

Deacon Stanley and his wife were both universally respected. There are many old residents of the city who remember this saintly couple in their neat little home on College street, now No. 129, near by Yale seminary. Mrs. Miller, mother of the Hon. A. Maxey Miller, remembers distinctly Mrs. Stanley, who lived across the street. Deacon Luke Lathrop possibly stood next in point of prominence and influence as a lay member.

Many who were at the fiftieth anniversary services, when Rev. George C. Booth of Yale seminary, was serving as acting pastor, doubtless remember Deacon Lathrop. Rev. Bingham, a returned missionary from the Sandwich Islands; Rev. William T. Catto of Washington, D. C., and Rev. William Mallory of Vermont followed Mr. Beman in short pastorates, during which time the church about held its own.

Rev. Francis Cardoza and Rev. James Muse also served in brief pastorates, both being unfortunately called away, against the wishes of a people whose confidence and hearts they had won. A malignant fever cut short the pastorate of Rev. Muse, who was a graduate of Oberlin university, and a man of sweet disposition and staunch Christian character.

Aeide from Rev. Beman no pastor made a more lasting impression in the minds of members of this church and society than did Rev. James H. Muse, who is now living in Washington, D. C., unable to work on account of that fever contracted here over twenty years ago. Some of our most useful members joined the church under his pastorate, among them being Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Skinner, and our two senior deacons, Isiah Butler and John R. Godette, and possibly others.

Rev. Christopher Brown and Rev. Bradley served the church in short pastorates, after which Rev. George C. Booth, a student in Yale, came, and during the prosecution of his studies preached to this people and is recorded as a fluent and practical preacher.

Rev. William T. Carr, a graduate of Western Reserve college, and pastor here in '73, and is said to have been highly metaphysical in his preaching, more logical than practical. Efforts of an abortive character, were made several times to move out from quarters on Temple street during the pastorate of Rev. Carr and others, a site on Elm street being in view.

In 1874 Mrs. Clarissa Nettleton, sister of the late Mrs. Flora Butler, whose daughter, Mrs. Mary Bowles, is with us to-day, left a bequest to the church and society of \$748.67, which, according to the church historian, came at an opportune time, as the society was in straightened circumstances.

In 1876-77 Rev. George C. Booth again was called to service of the church, as acting pastor, and after graduating from Yale went west. At the expiration of his pastorate Rev. Matthew Anderson, a graduate of Oberlin and Princeton, was called to the pastorate of the church, but remained only a short time.

He was succeeded by Rev. James E. Rawlings, a gentleman and a fluent preacher. Rev. Rawlings left early in '81, and was succeeded by him who stands before you here to-day, who came to this parish in '81 and has been here ever since, with the exception of one year, endeavoring not only to serve the church and society, but the community and state.

The material and spiritual prosperity of the church and society during the past twelve or thirteen years is too well known to friends in New Haven to need narrating. Our membership has been trebled, our Sunday school doubled, a new church edifice has been erected on one of the most prominent avenues in the city, on a site of which any congregation might be proud, at a cost of nearly \$10,000, and this has been actually paid for, leaving the society absolutely without debt, and self-supporting, with a vigorous young people's society with some fifty members, nearly 200 members right in the city, the largest number received into the church in any one year being between sixty and seventy, the largest number at any one time being fifty-three on the event of the seventh anniversary in my pastorate.

Who can ever forget that day, or that scene, in 1887? How wonderfully hath God blessed us, brethren, and how our hearts ought to overflow with gratitude to Him, who has been so gracious unto us in giving unto us friends who in our struggles and distresses have come to our relief until now our future is secure, if we only remain humble and grateful, ever acknowledging His loving hand that directs and shields us, ever serving with an unselfish devotion Him who Himself said while on earth, "The Son of Man is come, not to be ministered unto, but to minister, to give His life a ransom for many."

We must remember that life is short and that while our little day is fast drawing to a close, we are here to serve our fellow men, to give our lives over to them in works of an unselfish love, not forgetting, if misunderstood, misinterpreted, and if our motives are often misconstrued, Him who assures us that "The servant is not above His Lord."

Let us here to-day, as we look back over the checkered past, and think of our own and the mistakes of those who have gone on before us, ask God, with all the sincerity of our Christian hearts, to make us better men and women because of our superior opportunities for receiving and imparting good.

Surely the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places, and God hath given unto us a goodly heritage. As the old Temple street church and the Rev. Amos G. Beman worked for the abolition of "American slavery" until the "emancipation proclamation" made glad four millions of these once enslaved brethren in the southland, who we not, now that physical freedom has

come, toll on until that freedom comes in the "free emancipation," based on intelligent work and character, which after all should be the end of all living?

Out of the dead and dark past we must under God evolve a living and glorious future.

We cannot do this without fully recognizing the hand of "omnipotence" which hath brought for us, in view of which we should to-day say, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

In conclusion let me say, my dear brethren, that one of our greatest dangers is that of forgetting God, and what He has and is daily doing for us—in leading us down with innumerable blessings. Let us not forget Him in our home and around our family altars. Let us not forget to bring our children up in His fear, and through our own Godly lives lead them to Christ.

If you believe in God and His church serve Him because you love Him. Support the church because it was purchased with His most precious blood. When your children discover in you that sincerity that is always in the child's mind distinguishable from hypocrisy it will be an easy matter for you to bring them up in the way they should go, for "an ounce of practice is always worth a pound of precept."

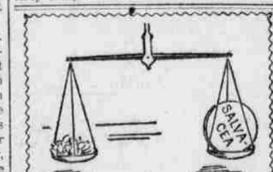
Ours is the fourth Congregational Ecumenical organization in this stronghold of Congregationalism and culture. (Let our standard of Christian living be high and our model—Christ.) Let us keep abreast with the times and keep up with the band. The passover from heaven to us to-day is, "Let your light so shine before the world that they may see your good works and glorify your father, which is in heaven."

It is through our lives, after all, that we make an impression on the world. This is a practical age, and churches must live and bless men, not through their elaborated creeds, but through their living, Christly deeds.

In the afternoon at 4 o'clock Rev. I. C. Meserve of the Davenport Congregational church addressed the congregation of the Dixwell Avenue Congregational church, speaking from the text Acts 18:7: "And He departed thence and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue."

Mr. Meserve said in the course of his remarks that the church is not only a conservative force, but is a progressive one. There is no progress in Central Asia because there is no Christianity there. The church is a witness to God's revelation. Those who believe in God can interpret nature better than those who do not believe in Him, and to the uneducated Godly man the revelations of nature are more potent than to the ungodly scientist. The idea that man is a creature of heredity and circumstances is a false one. The Moslem teaching is an ethical one and the teaching of Christ is righteousness and salvation, and also the revelation of God in the scriptures. The Bible is an earthen jar which contains the water of life; it is the language of God molded into divine song. Christianity does not, however, live in the book, but in the church by the holy spirit. Let the Bible be our bread and wine. It only has its power as it lives in Christian people.

The house of Justus was not probably built close to the synagogue in the Hellenic sense, but the expression means that Justus lived and came as close to Christ as possible. This is the sort of a house for all to enter who wish, as Peter did, to have the Lord know that they truly love Him.



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Financial.

As a Whole the Day's Market Was Featureless and Narrow.

New York, Oct. 12.—No attention was paid to the Americans to-day, London being too much absorbed in its own affairs. Our security prices had, therefore, no impulse whatever from that quarter. The local market hardly moved, and its few changes were of little interest.

The granger stocks were strong, advancing 1/2 to 3/4 on reports of rate adjustments in the west. The general list was disposed to follow, the break in Leather shares, on the familiar industrial profit taking, alone offered variety.

As a whole, the day's market was featureless and narrow. The weekly bank statement made a better showing of local currency contraction than had been anticipated. It reports a decrease in holdings for the week, practically all in legal tender money, of \$2,940,700. The shrinkage in bank reserves, since September's opening, thus reaches a total of \$35,236,000, or 19 1/2 per cent. What this has involved to the banks as mon-

ey lenders is apparent from the continued loan reduction. Outstanding discounts of clearing house institutions have fallen \$18,000,000 in the last four weeks, and as this was contraction irrespective of demand, it must be plain why idle foreign capital has found employment in New York, and why, consequently, sterling exchange rates have declined. If the heavy government pension distribution later in the week had enjoyed their full share in the "average" computation, the bank returns of cash holdings would probably be less favorable. Nevertheless, at least \$4,000,000 was shipped west and south this week.

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