

Council and Installation.

Rev. George W. C. Hill Officially Becomes the Pastor of the North Congregational Church.

An ecclesiastical council was held in the chapel of the North church Wednesday afternoon preliminary to the installation of Rev. George W. C. Hill as pastor of the church.

The proceedings of the church were read by the clerk and approved. Rev. Mr. Hill then gave a clear, comprehensive and strong statement of his religious beliefs.

Supper was served to the members of the council in the church parlors, and at 7.30 the church was well filled for the installation service.

Organ Prelude, Prelude to the Invocation, Rev. E. E. Grant, Responsive Lesson, Led by Rev. Emily C. Woodruff.

The Apostle's Creed, The Gloria Patri, Anthem, "Cantate Domino in C," Buck Scripture Lesson, Rev. G. B. Kambour.

Hymn 101, Address in Giving the Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. E. G. French.

At the Installing Prayer, Rev. S. G. Barnes, D. D. Response, "Hear Thou Our Prayer," Morrison Hymn 776.

Sermon, Rev. George S. Mills.

Hymn 781, Benediction, The Pastor, Organ Postlude, Postlude, Verdi

The right hand of fellowship, given by the pastor of the Lyndonville church, was as follows:

My pleasant duty on this occasion is to speak on behalf of the churches of our county.

It is more than a formal hand shake that I give you, because to give the right hand is more than a form.

The right hand denotes power and strength. The lawyer poet of Israel sang beside the defeated hosts of the Egyptians, "Thy right hand O Lord, is become glorious in power; and thy right hand hath dashed in pieces the enemy."

And the Psalmist said, "Show thy marvelous loving-kindness, O thou, that saved by thy right hand them that put their trust in Thee."

It signifies also possession, for God said to Jeroboam, "I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and will give thee ten tribes."

Again it signifies help. Manasseh gave Pul, the Assyrian King a thousand talents of silver that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom. And in many a reference it means advice and counsel.

If the hand is so rich in significance, then to give, on behalf of our churches, the right hand of fellowship is to pledge you the power and strength of these churches. It is to the honor of our churches that they are bound together by a tie stronger than any man can make; and in your work as pastors and prophet you will meet the stubborn foes of all mankind. Perhaps at times the fight will seem single-handed and alone, but remember that the allies are ready to march, and from the hills and valleys of this splendid county where live and labor our several churches I pledge you their power and strength.

No other calling is richer in friendships than the ministry of Jesus Christ. Men give us their confidences as they give to no other profession. They take for granted that we are brave men and true. They hunger for the spiritual guidance that they believe us competent to give.

We are to them the interpreters of the life of God expressed in the term of a man. At the cradle we are permitted to consecrate to God the children of their hope and affection. At the altar we receive the pledges of love and bless the sacred vows. At the Lord's table we help to register in high heaven the pledges of duty and faithfulness in the service of God and men. And in the house of affliction we serve for the Man of Sorrows that these stricken ones may know "that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us hereafter."

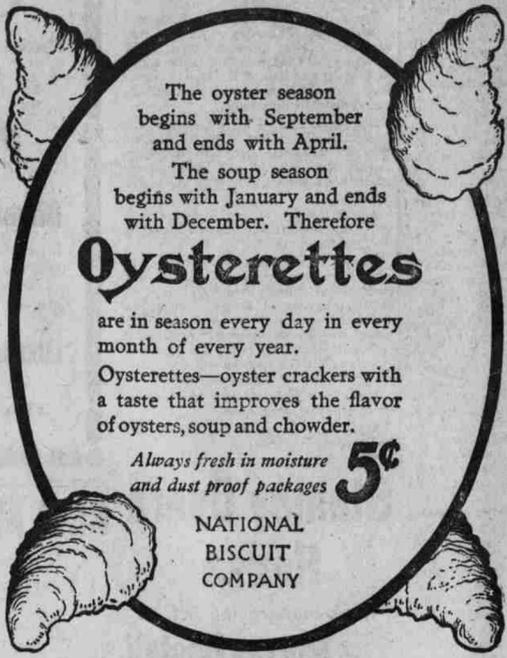
We have no great possessions of houses, lands, bonds, bank accounts, or the cattle upon a thousand Caledonia county hills, but every church and pastor is rich in those possessions that are our peculiar treasure and with my right hand I freely pledge you the privilege to be a sharer in them all.

One of the distinguishing marks of our denomination is that of independency and autonomy; and just now we are searching as never before for the deepest meaning of these words. We do believe in the independency of the individual and of the local church, but it must be an independency, not of separation, but of personality. We believe in the autonomy of the local church, but it must be an autonomy in action and not in purpose.

Neither independency or autonomy are ends to be striven after, but only means to an end. The real end to be sought is the development of human character in the perfecting of the will of God on earth; "therefore no man liveth unto himself and no man dieth unto himself."

We are dependent, each upon the other, to a far greater degree than we realize. It is for this reason that we have our councils, conventions, associations, and fellowship meetings, where we can advise, help, and cooperate with each other.

My brother, we need your help in these ways, and you need ours. We have waited for each other and in behalf of



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our churches I pledge you help and counsel. But I will not forget the fact that the whole is greater than any of its parts.

This church is great, not because it is a Congregational church, but because it is a Congregational church in a fellowship of churches where denominational lines are fast being blotted out.

This church to which you have been called is the eighth, I believe, in point of age in our association of churches.

Already five of our churches have entered upon the second century of service for the Master. We'll need soon to have an old folks' concert at our county convention.

From that humble little beginning in 1825 when 19 souls banded themselves together to form this church and worshipped for two years in an old store fixed into a chapel, to the present membership of over 450 worshipping in this stately and splendid temple is a long step.

This church is in a town that has the unique distinction of having weighed the earth in a balance and found it wanting—more balances. It has had in its membership some of the noblest types of Christian laymen. Its pastors have been men of God, identified with all the best educational, literary and philanthropic enterprises of their time and generation.

This church has always been rated high in the councils of the kingdom, and its traditions and history gather around all that makes a church most useful in the world. I believe, therefore, that you esteem it an honor to receive, as I esteem it an honor to give, the right hand of fellowship upon the pastorate of such a church as this.

In behalf of the churches of our name and of the larger sisterhood of all the churches, I give to you, my brother, the right hand of fellowship into the pastorate of this historic church, into the fellowship of our association of churches, and into the larger fellowship of all the churches for which your experiences have so well fitted you.

We are brethren in all the high hopes, deep longings, noble purposes, searching tests, satisfying successes of the ministry of our blessed Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, and we pledge again our loyalty to Him and to each other.

Rev. Mr. Mills of the Second Congregational church in Bennington preached

from the text found in 2 Cor. 4:5, "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." He announced as his theme, "The Message and the Ministry of the Christian Minister" and gave a strong and scholarly presentation of the duties and privileges of the twentieth century preacher.

He came, he said, "as a relative stranger within a new fellowship, to meet the sacred obligation of a dearly cherished friendship." Referring to the impression that the Christian ministry had lost its power and prestige, he said that changing conditions had made others preachers and today the journalist was preaching, our statesmen were preaching, notably the President, Secretary Root in South America and Mexico and Secretary Taft in the Orient.

"Certainly the press and platform are sharing the distinction which fifty years ago was almost exclusively the pulpit's." The Pauline description of the apostolic or ministerial office is set forth as a two-fold function, that of a message and that of a service. He preaches not himself, but Jesus as Lord. Preaching Christ is preaching light and glory. The minister of Christ must have received the message in his own heart first. Flame is not kindled except by flame. Life alone gives life.

Mr. Mills' closing words were a personal tribute to his friend and were as follows: "I have been speaking impersonally, as I said in the beginning I intended, impersonally, so far as a man may who speaks of his own calling. But it is altogether appropriate to this hour that I offer this tribute of testimony to my brother, dearly-beloved, who would seem to enter under the happiest auspices upon the pastorate of this church of noble repute and of a particularly honored line of ministers—uttering the intimate word out of that knowledge and confidence which was born in cherished seminary days, and confirmed with the passing of fruitful years. Here is a man who will indeed herald the message and practice the ministry of the gospel in the spirit of his consecration after the high and holy pattern of St. Paul. May God yet again and continually shine in the heart of the preacher that he may be able to bring the wonderful illumination to many through the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. "And may God help us every one, my

brothers, whatever the failures or successes of the years to come, to remain in the company of faithful and earnest ministers who strive and pray unceasingly to see the light, and see it still more clearly, and to drink in the glory, that we may draw others to the light and show others the glory."

At the conclusion of the service many went to the front to greet the visiting pastors and especially to congratulate the new pastor of the North church who enters upon his new relations under such favorable auspices.

Trappist Monks in China.

Captain von Berg of the German army has recently visited a part of the mountains about seventy-five miles west of Pekin, that had not been seen by European surveyors till he went there and brought home the material for a map.

In this retired region he was hospitably entertained by the Trappists, whose monastery is situated in a lovely valley, a part of which the Christian monks have turned into gardens and fruit fields.

We had heard of this institution not only as unique among the Christian enterprises in China, but also as the only place around Pekin where Christians lived that the Boxers did not destroy in 1900. They levelled to the ground every village that contained Chinese Christians, but did not touch this abode of the silent monks. Nobody knows why they spared the Yan-kia-ping cloister, but perhaps it was because the gentle and unworldly priests who built it unearthed some cannon from a place of concealment in the monastery and ostentatiously mounted them on the stone walls. The Boxers were undoubtedly surprised by this unthought exhibition of militant Christianity among converts of their own race.

The monks are living there as the devotees of their order live in all parts of the world, speaking no more than is strictly necessary, severely austere in all their ways of life, giving all their years to prayer, meditation, teaching and manual labor. There are twenty-five fathers, of whom eight are European and seventeen Chinese, some fifty brothers and a number of novitiates. It is interesting to hear that even born farmers like the Chinese are studying with profit the methods of cultivation and irrigation which the Trappists have introduced.—New York Sun.

Naval Midshipman.

Congressman Haskins announces that a competitive examination preliminary to the appointment of a midshipman to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis will be held at the Junction House, White River Junction, on Wednesday, November 13, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon. Candidates must be bona fide residents of this second congressional district, between 16 and 20 years of age at the time of final examination, which will take place June 16, 1908, at the Naval Academy, not less than five feet two inches tall, physically sound, well qualified in grammar, school branches, including United States and world's history, algebra and plane geometry. All persons desiring to take this examination should address Hon. Kittredge Haskins, Brattleboro, Vermont.

At the Opera House.

Happy Hooligan, that national character, who by the power of Mr. Opper's pen has been entertaining thousands of fun-lovers in the past through the medium of the newspaper colored supplements, appeared at the Opera House last week Tuesday evening in the person of Eddie DeNoyer, and illustrated by song and story in his own inimitable manner his famous trip around the world. Accompanying Happy on the momentous journey were the uproariously funny Donald McGregor, played by Joe J. Sullivan; Dave Whitley, as the stupid, but entertaining Dutchman; Max Guggenheimer, the sparkling Widow Johnson and retinue, and an excellently balanced chorus. The company was greeted here by an immense crowd and the consensus of opinion was that they had most of the funny plays seen here in the past completely distanced.

A Unique Savings Bank.

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The subscribers, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the district of Caledonia, commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Phebe E. Langmaid, late of Danville, Vt., in said district, deceased, and the term of six months from the 21st day of Oct., 1907, being allowed by said Court to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit and prove their respective claims before us: Give notice that we will attend to the duties of our appointment at the store of Dole & Carrier of Danville, Danville, in said district, on the 9th day of November and the 21st day of April, 1908, next, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on each of said days.

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Oct. 24, A. D. 1907.

Probate of Will. CHARLES BUNDY'S ESTATE.

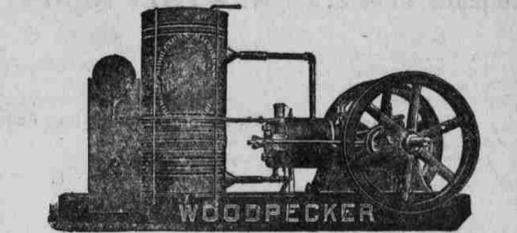
STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia District, ss. In Probate Court, held at the Probate Office in St. Johnsbury, within and for said District, on the 28th day of October, A. D. 1907.

An instrument purporting to be the last will and testament with two codicils of Charles Bundy, late of Sutton, in said district, deceased, being presented to court by Henry A. Blake, the Executor therein named for Probate. It is ordered by said Court that all persons concerned therein be notified to appear at a session of said court, to be held at the Probate Office in St. Johnsbury on the 16th day of November, A. D. 1907, and show cause, if any they may have, against the probate of said will; for which purpose it is further ordered that a copy of the record of this order be published three weeks successively in the CALEDONIAN, printed at St. Johnsbury, previous to said time appointed for hearing.

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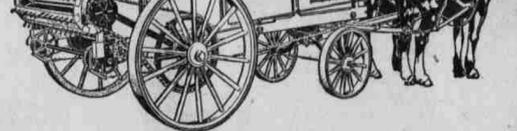
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