

**FAVOR REVISION.**

**THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK  
"SPEAK IN MEETING."**

Several Members Spoke Fervently Against the Old Confession of Faith - The Church Needs a Doctrinal Statement That Can be Used and Understood.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of New York the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 67 to 15.

Whereas, The general assembly has asked this Presbytery the following questions:

First—Do you desire a revision of the confession of faith?

Second—If so, in what respect, and to what extent? Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That this Presbytery answer the first question in the affirmative, understanding the word revision to be used broadly as comprehending any professional changes.

The second question was referred to a committee of forty to report to a special meeting of the Presbytery on December 3rd. The sentiment of the Presbytery was not only overwhelmingly in favor of revision, but several of the members spoke fervently in denunciation of the old confession of faith. An expression used by many of the speakers was that "the Presbyterian church was in need of a doctrinal statement which can be used and which can be understood."

The doctrine of irrevocable predestination and infant damnation were repudiated. Many of the speakers declared that the church needs a new creed, a quiet, comprehensive statement containing only what Presbyterians hold that it is necessary to believe. The Rev. Drs. Henry M. Field, Phillip Schaff, Howard Crosby, John R. Paxon, H. J. Vandyke, Richard Harlan and Samuel D. Burchard were among those who voted in favor of revision.

To one not bound by creeds and whose reason is not circumscribed by fixed articles of faith the above suggests some very interesting interrogatories which may not be inappropriately expressed at this time as furnishing food for a little serious reflection.

1st. If the confession of faith was true when originally promulgated, what is the matter with it now, and when did its truths become untrue?

2d. If it was not originally true how can our eminent doctors and divines justify their past course in preaching it to the people and denouncing as heretics and infidels all who dared to reject it?

3rd. If a revision of the confession of faith is now found necessary in order to make it conform to the greater enlightenment and superior intelligence of a more advanced age than that in which it was originally promulgated what assurance have our learned divines that their revised confession may not require another revision in the still more enlightened ages of the future?

4th. If there is a possibility of this all our learned divines of the future be any more consistent than their predecessors have been in requiring implicit faith as essential to salvation in the new creed which in its turn will undoubtedly be displaced by oth-

ers as the world advances in wisdom and knowledge?

5th. Could we not rationally anticipate more rapid progress toward ultimate truth were all minds left free to investigate, to think and to reason untrammelled by man made creeds and confessions of faith, and would not this be more consistent with the enlightenment of the nineteenth century? The experience of the past teaches us that if these confessions of faith are revised, it is only after public sentiment has long outgrown them and their doctrines have ceased to be believed. They remain for long years as drags to the more advanced thought of the church, and until the best thinkers are denounced as heretics for their rejection. Were it not for the formulated creeds the church would keep pace with advanced thought. It would be free to take a step forward whenever new truths were brought to light. The prevailing spirit of bigotry, of superstition and of prejudice would gradually disappear. Men would cease to be persecuted for opinion's sake, and a spirit of inquiry would take the place of the suspicion, the distrust and the prejudice that now prevail whenever differences of opinion exist.

We submit these thoughts as subjects for a little rational and unbiased reflection.

*The Great Meeting at St. Louis. To Delegates to the National Convention of Farmers' Organizations to be held at St. Louis, Dec. 5, 1889.*

As the time will be too short after the arrangements have been fully completed, to give notice of reduced fares on railroads and at hotels, etc. to delegates-elect to the convention to be held in this city December 5, next, I now issue the following notice:

Arrangements have been made already with some roads, and no doubt will be with all, by which visitors to the convention can make the round trip for one and one-third fares. This reduction will be made on the certificate plan: that is when buying tickets of the railroad agent, get from him a certificate that you are coming to the convention. This certificate when properly stamped will enable the holder to purchase his return ticket for one-third fare. If a through ticket to St. Louis is bought, only one certificate is necessary; but if different tickets are bought over different lines, get a ticket from each agent selling the tickets.

Notice of reduced rates at hotels and information in regard to the hall for meeting will be published later. But to all who do not see such notice, I will say, call at the office of the *Journal of Agriculture*, No. 9 North 8th St. which is the headquarters of the Committee of Arrangements, and full information will be there furnished.

PHIL CHEW, Chairman,  
Committee of Arrangements.

**A Card.**

I desire to say to the people of Meriden that the report of my milking Mrs. Gish's cow with *evil intent* is false. I did one morning milk a little as she was not up, rather than call her as she had been up so much in sickness.

JAMES PALMER,  
MRS. MARY GIBB.

**OFFICIAL  
PROCLAMATION.**

To the Members of the Farmers and Laborers Union of America, and all State organizations coming under its jurisdiction, and special to State Secretaries, greeting:

We have arranged with J. H. McDowell, chairman of the executive board of the Farmers and Laborers Union of America, to have printed at once fifty thousand rituals, as adopted by the joint sessions of the National Wheel and National Farmers Alliance and Co-operative Union of America, in joint session at Meridian, Miss., December 5, 1888, for distribution to the different State secretaries direct from his office at Nashville, Tenn. There will also be sent out by him to the State secretaries the new secret work in connection with the ritual. The State secretaries shall send to the county secretaries of the Farmers and Laborers Union of America, who shall distribute it to the presidents of each sub-Farmers and Laborers Union of America whose dues are paid up to date of giving same, provided they are not excluded under the eligibility law. (See Ruling No. 1.)

Given under my hand and seal this the 18th day of October, 1889.

EVAN JONES,

[SEAL.] Pres. of F. & L. U. of A.

**RULING No. 1.—ELIGIBILITY.**

The following persons are not eligible to membership under the constitution of the Farmers and Laborers Union of America, and if any such are now members of the Farmers Alliance or Agricultural Wheel, they are not entitled to, and must not be given the new secret work, to wit:

Merchants, merchants' clerks, or any one who owns interest in a dry goods, hardware, furniture, drug-store, or any other mercantile business, unless said member is selected to take charge of a Co-operative Farmers and Laborers Union store; no lawyers who have a license to practice law in a county, district, or supreme court; no one who owns stock in any National, State, or any other banking association.

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We have a large line of Ladies' Misses' and Children's Cloaks, including Ladies' and Misses' Newmarkets Ladies plush coats and jackets. We have marked these goods at prices to sell them out quick. If you are wanting a good garment for a little money, you will consult your own interest by seeing our stock before buying. We will save you money. Prices to suit all. 811 Kansas Avenue North Topeka. N. F. Conkle.

The committee of conference consisting of five members of the Kansas State Assembly of the Knights of Labor, and five members of the Kansas State Farmers' Alliance, to devise and agree upon means of co-operation by the two orders has been appointed and Meriden has been designated as the place of meeting. The time of meeting has not yet been determined, but it will undoubtedly be within a few days.

The following which is the closing paragraph of a letter to the *Kansas Farmer* is quoted as of local interest in our county. It shows that all the "cranks" are not located in Jefferson county:

The resolutions adopted by the Jefferson County Alliance were read at our last meeting and unanimously adopted. We see no reason why every alliance should not adopt such resolutions, for when such a state of things as are set forth in those resolutions is brought about, then we will begin to see out. And why not? If the farmers are for a thing, who can be against it? Wishing success to all farmers' organizations, I close.

ALBERT SMITH  
Severy, Greenwood Co., Kan.

A correspondent writes to inquire what a farm paper can discuss that will have more interest for its readers than money matters. We don't know.—*Kansas Farmer*.

Large stock of new Fall Millinery just received. All the new things out in fall shapes. Popular low prices. We always save you 55 per cent on these goods. Come and see us. 811 Kansas Avenue North Topeka.  
N. F. CONKLE.

**Federation Appointment.**

Geo. R. Barse & Co. of Kansas City have been appointed agents of the "Farmers' Federation to receive all shipments of live stock shipped to the Federation of Kansas City. An agent to receive grain will be appointed this week. Appointments will follow in St. Louis, Chicago, St. Paul, Omaha and other points where the Farmers' Federation conducts its business.

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