

# BAR MEN FROM WOMEN'S CLUBS

## FEDERATION DECIDES GRAVE QUESTIONS

Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles of Los Angeles is Chosen President by Almost Unanimous Vote

First, there will be no chance for men to ever wedge their way into the sacred precincts of women's clubdom—that is, the club life of California, north and south; secondly, Southern California will boast this year a president from Los Angeles, Mrs. J. E. Cowles, who was elected yesterday with an almost unanimous vote; thirdly, the constitution was amended and officers will be elected annually, instead of biennially, which in itself covers several columns of undercurrent, while innocent on the exterior, and, fourthly, the cause of suffrage, after yesterday's experience, lost some of its staunch adherents.

This quartet of incidents did not tend to court special peace and harmony at yesterday's session, and, in point of fact, no man or woman uninitiated could mistake it for a Quakers' meeting so far as the spirit seemed to move each one of the delegates and alternates to move just when somebody on the platform was busy telling some interesting federation news.

### Amendments to Bylaws

But there were amendments of the by-laws to be considered, a president to be chosen and the great question of changing the title of "women's clubs" to plain "clubs" to be considered.

So it is not to be wondered at that the president, Mrs. George Law Smith, always gracious and pleasing, was taxed sometimes to keep order and that the gavel resounded rather sharply.

The first question of vital importance after the nominating board had issued its ticket was that of amending the article whereby the word annual was substituted for biennial.

This clause relates to the election of officers, and had the biennial gained the victory it would have added honors to the office of president of the state federation as a delegate to the general federation. It was voted down and the state president will be elected for but one year, thus precluding every other president from being a delegate to the general federation except in the event of re-election. This question might be termed a sectional one, as the delegates from the north were unanimous in their vote for the annual and the south for the biennial.

Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles, one of the capable club women of Southern California, gracious and tactful, with a pleasing personality, was the unanimous choice for president of the state federation.

The newly elected officer is widely admired by her legion of friends here, who ever find in her a ready sympathizer, good friend, excellent hostess, as well as a bright, ready talker, with a fund of good humor and wit. The other officers elected by unanimous vote include:

Vice president at large, Mrs. Robert Devlin, Sacramento; recording secretary, Mrs. Frank E. Prior, Los Angeles; corresponding secretary, Miss Anna Meeker of Pasadena; treasurer, Mrs. Emery E. Donoghue of Fresno; auditors, Mrs. C. A. Sanborn of Redlands and Mrs. John Bakewell of Alameda; general secretary, Mrs. George Law Smith of San Francisco. Vice presidents—Northern district, Mrs. W. F. Little of Woodland; San Francisco district, Mrs. F. W. Gorham of Vallejo; Alameda district, Mrs. J. E. Thane of Niles; San Joaquin Valley district, Mrs. J. E. Hughes of Fresno; Los Angeles, Mrs. O. C. Bryant of Los Angeles; San Diego district, Mrs. E. B. Scott of San Diego.

### Hear Reports

Owing to the time occupied over the amendments the program was somewhat delayed and the reports were read through as quickly as possible. Reports were read by Mrs. Geraldine Frisbee, chairman of the committee of nominations; Mrs. Frank E. Prior, on amendments; Miss M. R. Babson, of the Oakland Ebell, on "Reciprocity," and a treatise on the same subject by Mrs. Robert Wallace of the Corona club, San Francisco. The following district vice presidents also submitted reports: Mrs. Victor Montgomery, San Diego; Mrs. Frank E. Prior, Los Angeles; Mrs. E. D. Buss, San Joaquin Valley; Mrs. J. E. Thane, Alameda; Mrs. A. E. Osborn, San Francisco. A discussion followed on the reciprocal obligations of the vice presidents by Mrs. A. E. Osborn and Mrs. E. D. Buss.

Two interesting papers on forestry, prepared by Mrs. J. J. Scoville of the California club, San Francisco, and "The Preservation of Our California Wild Flowers," by Mrs. Alice Merritt Davidson. Music was furnished by the Sunny Southland trio, assisted by G. Allen Hancock, cellist.

At the evening session at Unity church last evening the big edifice was crowded to the doors, every available seat being filled and many being compelled to stand in the aisles. The following interesting program was given:

Music—Mandolin club, twelve Indian students of Sherman Institute; California History and Landmarks; Report of chairman, Mrs. A. S. C. Forbes, Ruskin Art club, Los Angeles; California writes, Mrs. Robert J. Burdette; Our Public Schools; their artistic betterment, Miss Mary Foy, Los Angeles; California Old and New (illustrated lecture), Mrs. Emma M. Greenleaf,

## MRS. W. J. SCHOLL, WHO HAS CHARGE OF MUSICAL PROGRAM



BELOW, AT THE LEFT, IS MRS. JOSIAH EVANS COWLES, THE NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS. MRS. FRANK E. PRIOR, NEWLY ELECTED SECRETARY, IS AT THE RIGHT, AND BELOW IS MISS KATE WHITAKER, PROMINENT IN DOMESTIC SCIENCE



Contemporary club, Redlands; music, Mandolin club.

At the close of the afternoon session the federation delegates and alternates were the guests of the Ruskin Art club, at their rooms in Blanchard hall at a tea. Yesterday was the birthday of John Ruskin and the affair was given in celebration of that event, the guests of honor being the federation members.

The club rooms were artistically arranged with graceful stillax and cluster of white carnations. Mrs. W. H. Housh, the president of the club, was the hostess and the following women presided at the tea tables: Miss Lynch, Mrs. Dan Murphy, Miss Letha Lewis and Mrs. G. P. Cotter. An informal musical program was given by Mrs. W. F. Kennedy and Mrs. Frank B. Long, both of whom sang delightfully. This afternoon Mrs. George Dobinson will hold a reception in the green room of the Dobinson school for four until six for the federation members.

During the afternoon Mrs. Dobinson, assisted by twenty-six young women will give a scene from "Old Curiosity Shop" and old English music and dances will also be given.

Tomorrow morning the Friday Morning club at its regular meeting will give a morning of music to which the federation members are invited.

Friday afternoon Mrs. Roy Jones will hold a reception to the members on the return trip of the excursion to Hollywood and Redondo, at her pretty home in Santa Monica.

This afternoon Miss Kate Whitaker will give a practical demonstration of domestic science. Miss Whitaker is well known in California, especially in San Francisco where her work in this line has been highly praised.

While there is much to be crowded within a three day limit in a federation, where so much business is to be transacted for the ensuing year, the gravest situation is not without its humorous side.

Yesterday afternoon in the heat of electioneering and the anticipation of casting their ballot according to the rules and regulations of the Australian ballot, the parliamentarian, Miss Fairbrother, who is the autocrat of the federation, was called on many times to settle points of order for the members difficult except to those familiar with parliamentary usage.

When a demand was being made for the ballots and the box to contain the slips therein, together with a cry from all parts for the appearance of the tellers, the autocrat announced that there could be no more ballots cast than there were delegates. If there were, the election would be illegal. Now, it is not to be supposed for an instant that the ballot at a woman's federation would be, as the



men vulgarly term it, "stuffed," but there were one or two who believed in guarding the ballot and being assured of the delegate by her badge.

Consternation, a weakening of the president, autocrat and august board ensued, however, when one rather timid but knowing member announced that most of the delegates had given or sent their badges away within a few hours of their arrival as souvenirs of the occasion.

However, the matter was finally settled.

One of the brightest of the many bright lights who have graced the federation is Mrs. E. J. Thane of Ridge road, Berkeley, one of the vice presidents from Alameda district.

Mrs. Thane is a brilliant woman of the sort who tries to dispel conviction that she is brilliant or witty through sheer good sense and modesty, but who never succeeds in hiding her light under a bushel.

She is a member of the Country club of Niles, in Washington township, Alameda county, and her report yesterday was interspersed with clever epigrams and an abundance of wit. Singer, writer and speaker, combined with a soul filled with good humor, make her welcome in all circles.

But to her accomplishments Mrs. Thane lays no stress. She has accomplished the publishing of a club book, which under her direction was published last year and to which all contributions were made from the club.

So rare a history is it of the landmarks and early settlers of California and so filled with local color that it has been given a place in the free libraries of the north, a fact which makes it stand out unique in the category of club literature.

# NEW LIGHT COMES INTO MANY LIVES

## THRILLING SCENES ENACTED AT REVIVALS

One Man Comes to the Platform at Temple Auditorium and Accepts Old Faith as He Yields Whisky Bottle

### TODAY'S PROGRAM

9:30 a. m.—Prayer service, First Methodist church, Rev. William Horace Day.  
10 a. m.—Address, "The Holy Spirit in Everyday Life," Rev. R. A. Walton.  
11 a. m.—"The Evangelistic Church Conference," Rev. W. E. Biederwolf.  
12:10—Noonday meeting Blanchard hall, Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman leader.  
3:30 p. m.—Meeting at Temple auditorium, all districts combining, Rev. Henry Ostrom.  
7:30 p. m.—Meetings in every district.  
Temple Auditorium—Speaker, Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman.  
Immanuel Presbyterian Church—Speaker, Henry Ostrom.  
University M. E. Church—Speaker, W. E. Biederwolf.  
Boyle Heights M. E. Church—Speaker, H. W. Stough.  
Asbury M. E. Church—Speaker, John H. Elliott.  
Olivet Congregational Church—Speaker, Tilman Hobson.  
Advance Buggy Company Building—Speaker, R. A. Walton.

With tears streaming down his face and a hand that shook, a man walked to the front of the platform in Temple auditorium last night, and as he extended a bottle of whisky, made one of the most touching testimonies ever heard in the revival meetings.

The man had been a drunkard and the effects of his dissipation were still visible in his face as he made his confession. He had come to the meeting at the request of his wife, but with little hope that he would be in any way affected. He sat in perfect silence during the meeting, but those who were near could see that he was moved by the words of Dr. Chapman, and one of the personal workers led him down to the front as soon as Dr. Chapman had finished speaking. He made his confession and when he had finished dropped to his knees in prayer.

"I will be here tomorrow night," he said, "and this time my wife will be with me."

**Service Most Impressive**  
The whole meeting was one of the most impressive during the campaign, and the earnest words of Dr. Chapman penetrated every corner of the big auditorium.

Previous to the sermon there was a song service in which Mr. Butler sang. Dr. Chapman's text was taken from Luke 18:37—"Jesus of Nazareth passes by." The speaker gave the story of the blind beggar whom Christ met on the Jericho road.

"He is still passing by, this mighty son of God," he said. "He is the central figure in history. It is as easy to prove his existence as that of George Washington. He is here in the person of the Holy Spirit. He makes Christ real, and while we may not see him with our eyes yet he is passing by."

**"Jesus Passes By"**  
"Although we cannot see clearly the things of God, here are the facts: Communities have been transformed by religion, individuals have been completely made over. Question inspiration, the miraculous birth of our Lord and the atonement as much as you please. They have been proved as facts. The blind man could only feel. He knew he was blind and he wanted sight, and then he took a step in the dark. This is what everybody must do if they are ever to come at last into the light."

"What if we should never call upon him as he is passing by? Then life will be a failure, indeed. There will come a time when money will not count, when position will be a failure, when prayer will be impossible, and because of this I plead with all who hear my voice to call upon him while yet he is near."

"Have you noticed that he is represented as passing? This in itself is suggestive and startling. In another place in the New Testament he is represented as standing, not seated, as if he was just ready to depart if the door should not be opened. There are three ways to treat Christ. First, with indifference, and this is not worthy of our manhood or womanhood.

"Second, we may reject him, and this is heartless. I read a story the other day of a young man who turned his back upon his mother. This is nothing compared with the spirit of that person who, in the face of all that he has done, rejects his offers of mercy."

"Third, accept him, and if we accept him God will accept us and upon no other ground is our acceptance with God possible."

### DISCUSSES NATURE OF HELL

**Tortures Awaiting Disbelievers Are Pictured by Minister**  
"What Is Hell?"

This was the question discussed by Rev. R. A. Walton at the meeting last night in the seventh and eighth district. The speaker treated the subject by presenting the different references to it in the Bible and made the statement

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### that hell was the product of a man's own life.

"The torment of the lost naturally divides itself into two parts—that torment which is without and that which is within. How the soul will be surrounded and what will be the environment is a matter of interpretation and conjecture, and in spite of the many views which have been expressed regarding it, the Scripture does not reveal these things.

"If you accept the literal interpretation of the description of hell fire it would be less horrible and less of hell than to make this language figurative.

We have to consider many special features of the external torment. That of being tortured by demons or old companions is the first.

"It would be little comfort for a parent to meet a child or a child to meet a parent in the place of the lost. It would be a torture to both. There could be nothing else than hell in the meeting between the murderer and the victim.

"To be alone would be one of the worst things that we could conceive. Eternal absence from God and from all good. God has unlimited space at his command and hell could be a place large enough to have every one alone and in utter darkness.

"Whether the literal flames of hell are external we know not. We know of the burning of conscience, but is the flame outside of the soul or inside?

If it is believed that the flame is figurative rather than the real, it is worse than the illustration would indicate. Although we may speculate as to what is the external torment of the soul, there is no doubt of the anguish of the soul internally of those who die without salvation. The eternal friction which sin necessitates goes on in the soul of the unregenerate.

"The regrets, the self accusation, the self crimination, the remorse, the agony of conscience against self. Every affection and inclination out of harmony.

"It is the worm that never dies; it is the fire that is never quenched; it is the wrong that is never righted; it is the eternal sawing between the moral judgment and the old habits of sin and self indulgence.

"If this is not recognized as hell it is because one does not see the sources of torture."

The speaker said in conclusion: "God leaves it to man's choice to accept Christ or turn from him to self rule, self government, self indulgence, and at last eternal self torture.

"The torment of the lost is a self-inflicted penalty of the miserable reign of unrestrained selfishness."

### POINTS DUTY OF MOTHERS

**Dr. Chapman Gives Rules for Spiritual Training of Children**

A special mothers' meeting was conducted yesterday afternoon at the First Methodist church by Dr. Chapman in which he pointed out the duty of a mother to her children and to God.

In the course of his sermon he gave several rules by which the relation of a christian mother to her child should be governed.

First—Set a right example before them. A mother's influence will hold when everything else fails. There is something in a christian mother's kiss which fifty years of contact with the world cannot take away.

Second—Select a favorable time to talk with your children. There is a time in every child's life when a right word spoken by a consistent mother

### would change the whole current of a life.

Third—Pray for and with them. One of the most distinguished preachers in the world testified to the fact that it was his mother's prayer, and she did not know that he was listening, that led him to Christ.

Two or three other things are certainly true concerning mothers, and should never be forgotten.

First—An inconsistent mother has no influence over her children.

Second—A worldly mother will always fail to direct and control the spiritual nature of her children.

### MANY ACCEPT NEW LIFE

**Dr. Stough Believes Boyle Heights People Unusually Good**

At the Boyle Heights Methodist church last night there was the usual large attendance and though Dr. Stough still contends that the Boyle Heights people are more than ordinarily good he succeeds in making a great many persons acknowledge that they desire to lead different lives. The evangelist talked last night on the effect of sin on the conscience and pointed out five facts which he says cannot fail to impress themselves on the lives of those who will heed them.

"Sin defiles the conscience, and is not a safe guide.

"Sin sears the conscience of men and destroys finer parts of the moral nature.

"Sin weakens the conscience.

"Sin shackles the conscience.

"Thank God sin cannot kill the conscience."

Francis Murphy was present and made a short and stirring talk at the close of the meeting.

### ONE SIN IS UNPARDONABLE

**Preacher Says Worst Offense is to Deny Personality of Holy Spirit**

"The Unpardonable Sin," was the topic of the sermon preached by Evangelist Biederwolf at the University Methodist church last evening to a large congregation. Prof. James A. Patterson rendered a vocal selection, "A Clean Heart, Prof Maxwell also sang.

Dr. Biederwolf took for his text, John 12:39: "Therefore they could not believe." He said in part:

"Whether a sin is pardonable or unpardonable depends upon the viewpoint. There are many things looked at from human standpoint which are unpardonable, but which are pardonable with God.

"What is the meaning of the serious passages in God's word? You know how to pray. Pray for the people. A man once came to me at the close of a service and said he had committed the unpardonable sin. I told him that if he was in that state of mind regarding it, it certainly was not unpardonable. Unpardonable sin is viewed from two points. While you might do some act, it is not the nature of the act as much as the condition of the heart to commit such a sin.

"A man commits the unpardonable sin when he denies the personality of the holy spirit. There is no crime for which Christ's blood will not flow if man only begs Jesus at the hand of God. Unpardonable sin simply marks the line of resistance beyond which a man cannot go.

"There is a consolation to every man and woman unsaved who have thoughts concerning their souls. If a man will not do a thing, there will come a time when he shall not do it. You harden your heart long enough and by the laws of nature it will lose its capacity

### to believe.

"There are remarkable bits of testimony from deathbeds. I do not believe the holy spirit ever ceases to plead with some men. 'My God, if I could believe, but I can't,' said a dying man. Paine and Voltaire died such deaths. There comes a time when it is proved that a man can't say yes to God.

"Oh, men and women tonight, will you not let the voice of God speak to you? Perhaps He has spoken to you through the memory of a promise to a dying mother or some dear friend, or perhaps He has come in some other way, and yet you are unsaved tonight. While the spirit of God is still pleading, will you not come into the christian life?"

Following the sermon a large number asked for prayers. Following this an after-meeting was held, Dr. Biederwolf addressing the men in the Sunday room and Dr. Healy the women in the main auditorium.

During the coming week the afternoon services of this district will be held at Knox Presbyterian church. The evening services will be held at the University Methodist church.

### SACREDNESS OF VOWS

Rev. Hobson who spoke in the Olivet church, Sixth district, took as his text, "Pay They Vows Unto the Lord."

He said: "The world is full of broken vows to God and man. The couple stands before the altar to be united in marriage, the man promises to love, cherish and protect the woman who becomes his wife. Six months pass and she stands before the judge asking to be released because he has been drinking and abusing her. His vows are all forgotten.

"If the curtain could be lifted to-night in this sixth district we would find many skeletons in the closets where there were broken vows.

"Man wonders if death ends all—no, because God breathes into man and he becomes a living soul. He is somewhat of God and can no more cease to live than God can.

"Two friends went to Alaska during the mad rush for gold. They were told there was one very dangerous place they would have to cross on the way there. They built a boat in partnership and with a number of other men started to pass the place of danger beyond which would be safety. In the rapids the boat was overturned and one, two, and three went down and only these two men were left. One of them who was not a Christian fell on his knees, threw up his hands and said, 'God save us; if you will save us I will give up my life for you.' The other man said, 'take your oars, this is the time to work as well as pray.'

"They passed in safety. In less than an hour this man was blaspheming God.

"The man who was a Christian said, 'Here you and I part company; I'll not trust a man who in danger will make a vow to God and cannot keep it.'

**Bible Conference Opens Today**  
Everything is in readiness for the opening of the Southern California Bible conference to be held today and tomorrow in the First Methodist church. The conference promises to be one of the most helpful ever held here. Ministers from all the churches in this part of the state that are taking part in the revival will be present and the visiting evangelists will give addresses,