

MISS OVERMAN CONFESSED TO OTHER WOMEN

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SAY MRS. BADDIN EXISTS.

More Startling Details From Gay Mrs. Stockton as to the Pastor.

KISSES AND A BLUNT KNIFE.

Dr. Brown Would Give Money to Find Mrs. Tunnell—At Rev. J. H. Allen's Meetings.

"He kissed me in the study," is the sensational statement made by Mrs. Stockton to a CALL reporter last night when discussing her experience with Dr. Brown.

Scandal upon scandal follows the accusation made on Saturday last by Dr. Brown against Mrs. Davidson. Mrs. Stockton comes forward with a statement in which she denies that the pastor of the First Congregational Church ever paid her \$600 hush money, though she admits that on several occasions he did render her financial assistance.

Following Mrs. Stockton's graphic description of what occurred between her and Dr. Brown comes a story from Mrs. Thurston of Oakland, in which she declares that the statement of Mrs. Davidson concerning Dr. Brown and Miss Overman is essentially true in detail and fact, and that she is willing to substantiate it on the witness-stand.

"Mrs. Baddin is not a myth," declares Mrs. Thurston. "She was a member of Brother Allen's Bible class. Everything that has been said about Dr. Brown can be easily proved, except that portion relating to the payment of money. Mattie Overman told the story to several parties, but Mrs. Tunnell is the proper person to tell it."

One of the strangest developments of the day and one that in a measure is equally sensational as the statements made by Mrs. Stockton and Mrs. Thurston is the mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Tunnell.

It was generally supposed that she was at Dr. Brown's house, secure from intru-

Miss Stockton, preserves a silence on the subject. He positively refuses to talk.

AN OVERMAN CONFESION.

Mrs. Thurston of Oakland Corroborates Part of Mrs. Davidson's Story.

Rev. J. H. Allen of 802 Jefferson street, Oakland, is an evangelist of considerable note. It was at one of his meetings that Miss Mattie Overman confessed conversion and became deeply interested in his teachings on the second coming of Christ. He is not at all surprised at the turn affairs have taken, as he was warned nearly a year ago to get away from the women interested and avoid any chance of becoming involved in anything that might occur. He took the advice and is now congratulating himself that he did. He was seen at his home last evening and told the following story:

"I conducted evangelistic services in the Lutheran Church on Mission street, in San Francisco. These were attended by a large number of people, among them being Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Tunnell, Miss Overman and others. This was in 1894. About the last of the year I had a Bible class at Mrs. Tunnell's, 132 Tenth street. Miss Overman professed conversion at one of the meetings at the church, and became an attendant at the Bible class. She appeared to be a very happy, joyous woman after her conversion, and I had no reason to believe she was not as sincere as she appeared to be.

"Matters went along for awhile, when one day I was notified by a friend that there was a scandal brewing and the best I could do was to discontinue my Bible class at Mrs. Tunnell's, so that when it broke I should not become involved in any manner.

"I questioned the advice and then my friend told me that Miss Overman had confessed that she was in trouble. I discontinued the classes at once and have held them at Holmes' Mission, 1237 1/2 Market street, ever since. I will not say who the friend was or what further was said by Miss Overman, as it was told me in confidence.

"I do not believe it is best to tell in advance the testimony that may be brought out on a trial, as it only gives the other side an opportunity to secure rebuttal evidence, even though they have to manufacture it. If anything I know will help either side I am willing to go on the stand, but I cannot see what help it would be to either party.

"I can say, however, that at the close of our mission, before Mattie Overman went to Tacoma, she was the most happy, joyous Christian woman I have seen, and was very eager for Bible light on the subject of the Lord's second coming. She was then living at Dr. Brown's.

"In fact she had become so imbued with my teachings that she talked about it to all she came in contact with, and was the means of interesting Dr. Brown to such an

extent that he attended several of our meetings. When I next saw her was one day about six weeks ago, and I remarked to a friend that she looked as if she had lost all the joys of her salvation. I have never seen her since."

The person who warned Rev. J. H. Allen to discontinue his Bible class at the little St. Paul's Church on Mission street was found by a CALL reporter last night. She is Mrs. C. E. Thurston, at present residing in Oakland. She and her husband have been two of the best known traveling evangelists in this State for twenty years.

"The story told by her and her husband contains some definite statements regarding points in the Brown-Davidson scandal that have hitherto been obscure.

Mrs. Mattie Overman made a confession to Mrs. Thurston very similar to what she is reported to have told Mrs. Davidson.

Mrs. Baddin is not a myth, but was a member of the St. Paul's Bible class, and kept a lodging-house, not at Sixth and Bryant but at Fourth and Mission.

Mrs. Thurston declines to give the details of what Miss Overman told her, but last night she made use of the following very plain statement:

"Everything that has been said about Dr. Brown can easily be proved, with the exception of that part relating to the payment of money."

Mrs. C. E. Thurston, formerly a resident of San Francisco, moved to Oakland last July. She was a regular attendant at Rev. J. H. Allen's meetings at the church and at Mr. Tunnell's. She is the one who gave him the warning. She knows a great deal, but refuses to divulge details at present, but says she will be ready to go on the witness stand if needed and tell what will substantiate Mrs. Davidson's story regarding the confession of Miss Mattie Overman. She is very adverse to saying anything until she finds it is absolutely necessary to do so.

"I was assisting as a worker at Brother Allen's meetings in the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Tunnell, Miss Overman and others were regular attendants.

"One night Miss Overman professed conversion and was soundly and thoroughly converted. I know she was not at all religious before this, as I knew her. She be-

came deeply interested and attended the meetings regularly, taking an active part. She naturally looked to me for advice on certain matters, which I do not believe would be right at this time to divulge.

"I advised Brother Allen to discontinue his Bible readings at Mrs. Tunnell's, for fear he would become involved in some way with the trouble that I knew must come sooner or later. The greatest amount of information was derived from Mrs. Tunnell, and this is the woman who can tell the secret of all that now appears to be full of mystery. Dr. Brown attended the Bible meetings about three times, but it was not the Holy Spirit that brought him there. This was before Mattie Overman went to Tacoma. She went north about March 11, 1895, if I remember rightly. Anyway, it was at the time Dr. Brown went up on the same steamer.

"At that time I knew everything and I have not seen Mattie since my return. I have often thought of the subject and knew that it must all come out sooner or later. I knew it would make a sensation, but felt that the guilty must suffer the consequences of their sins. I want to see right prevail and want to see the guilty punished. It seems strange that Mrs. Davidson's story should be discredited, as I consider it is borne out by Miss Overman's statements. Mattie is the one who disclosed the affair with Mrs. Stockton. She said that so long as Mrs. Stockton got money she did not see why she should not have such confidence in her.

"If Dr. Brown was on trial instead of Mrs. Davidson I would feel free to speak. It would be an easy task to prove his position. Mattie Overman is a woman of the world and is sharp. She will not be caught if it is possible to avoid it, but she has confided her story to several people and it will not be an easy matter for her to evade telling certain things when the trial comes. I have read the confession which Mrs. Davidson says Miss Overman made to her, and I believe Mrs. Davidson is speaking the truth. I am deeply interested in seeing the matter probed to the bottom regardless of who suffers. The guilty one is an injury to Christianity and the sooner exposed and thrown out the better for the cause.

"This much I can say, it will be a very easy matter to prove that Dr. Brown has figured in the case, just as Mrs. Davidson says he has. Everything that Mrs. Davidson has said can also be proved, with the exception of that part relating to the money.

"I shall watch the case closely, and when I consider the time opportune to save the wronged party I shall make known what Mattie told me. I am here and have no intention of moving, and if Dr. Brown would like me for a witness I will appear, but I have no fear that he will send for me."

Mr. Thurston was present during the interview with his wife and concurred in all that she said.

"That Mrs. Baddin is not a myth," he said. "She was a member of the Bible class and was a very handsome, rather stout, middle-aged woman. She kept a lodging-house at Fourth and Mission streets and was sold out, I believe, about a year ago. It seems strange she should have disappeared."

MRS. STOCKTON'S STORY. She Gives Her Version of the Visit Paid by Dr. Brown.

Reclining on a couch in the pretty parlor of her home, Mrs. M. A. Stockton yesterday afternoon told a CALL reporter the story of her relations with Dr. Brown during her active membership in the First Congregational Church. She is a handsome blonde, bright and witty. Her manner of conversation is easy and graceful.

"I realize that the time has come when I must defend myself against the charges of Dr. Brown," she said. "In the first place let me deny that I ever attempted to blackmail him. What I say, I say of my own free will.

"I joined Dr. Brown's church over two years ago. My motive in doing so was of the purest. It was Mrs. Sara B. Cooper who introduced me to Dr. Brown. That was my recommendation, and my only one, when I became a member of the church. And that recommendation would admit me into any church in this City. Mrs. Cooper knows me well.

"I was for nearly two years engaged in one of her training schools in kindergarten work—one of her graduates, in fact.

"I wanted to join the church for my own religious comfort and satisfaction, and besides would meet nice people and be enabled to keep up my kindergarten work. These were my purposes in joining the church.

"I expressed a wish to the superintendent of the Sunday-school to the effect that I would like to take a class, as my kindergarten experience would stand me in good stead. Mrs. Dutton, wishing a rest, gave me charge of her classes. My duty was to teach the children's lesson for the day.

"While acting as substitute for Mrs. Dutton, I often consulted with Dr. Brown concerning the lessons. He encouraged me by praising my work. His words were, 'Your work is beautiful.' Up to this time I did not notice that he had any particular interest in me other than a pastor should have toward a member of his flock.

"Now as to Dr. Brown's statement. On the occasion of my sending for him when I was ill, he says that I made advances to him while lying in bed, and that I put my arms about his neck and that I had a feverish, feverish look at the time. I wish to state most emphatically that it is untrue. He did call on me during my illness in his capacity as minister, and at my request, I made no advances toward him, but as he was about to take his leave he leaned over me and kissed me on the cheek of his own free will. We were alone in my bedroom at the time. I did not think strangely of his caress as I was ill and dependent at the time and attributed his act to his sympathetic nature. This incident occurred shortly after I became a member of the congregation.

"I had no reason to suspect Dr. Brown had any infatuation for me, and even if I were as black as he paints me I would not have dreamed of such a thing as making Dr. Brown a victim of my designs.

"I became convinced that Dr. Brown's interest in me was more than a pastoral one, when one evening I called at his study to consult him concerning the Sunday-school work, as I had often done before. As I extended my hand to him on leaving he suddenly embraced me in a most impassioned manner. He only kissed me once. I was greatly astonished. I told him that I did not approve of his conduct and immediately took my departure.

"Dr. Brown met me quite frequently on the street as I was leaving the Surveyor-General's office, where I held a position. He met me so frequently that I told him I thought that he must be neglecting his duties. He usually walked home with me. These walks were interspersed with long and exhilarating streetcar rides to Castro Heights.

"Once we made a little excursion to Rincon Hill, and the doctor expatiated at great length and with usual eloquence

upon the beautiful scenery. As I was a lone woman in the world and shut up in an office during the day, and as the doctor was a most delightful companion, our streetcar rides were greatly enjoyed by me. We were not limited to the dummy, but sometimes took a bobtail car. The doctor always paid the fare. As he was obliged to appear at home for dinner at 6 o'clock, our rides were usually terminated about 5:30 o'clock.

"These rides were always taken at Dr. Brown's invitation. His conversation always showed that he cared a great deal for me.

"It has been stated that Dr. Brown and I were in the habit of frequenting restaurants noted more for their good dinners than their morality. I will say truthfully that on the occasion of our ride to Castro Heights a dinner was spoken of, and the climb had given me a sharp appetite. On our return we went to the Maison Riche, where we had a modest dinner served in a private room upstairs. To the doctor's credit, he said that we drank nothing stronger than tea, and very weak at that. The doctor, with his usual generosity, paid the check, which was not large. He also tipped the waiter.

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"Between courses the doctor said that he considered me a very bright woman and that he admired me exceedingly. The doctor's conduct on this occasion was that of a gentleman and a good fellow.

"He continued to call on me frequently for a short time. He waxed warm in his protestations of love for me and declared that he would leave his wife and family for me except for the disgrace and ruin that would follow, as he would be kicked out of the church and would not be able to get another. I began to doubt his sanctity, as he acted very strangely at times. On one occasion when he came to the house to see me he said that he felt so unhappy with an uncongenial wife and the hopelessness of his love for me ever being reciprocated.

"Suddenly he whipped out a large and rusty pocket-knife and said he had a mind to end his existence. Realizing he could not succeed in his purpose with the rusty knife I advised him to wait until he had had it sharpened and perform the act in a more dignified and effective manner.

"Dr. Brown says I foisted myself upon him. The truth, the solemn truth before God, is that his attentions toward me became so marked as to arouse the jealousy of his wife and attract the attention of certain members of the congregation, which made it very humiliating to me.

"Mrs. Brown spoke to me about her husband's manifest regard for me. We had a stormy interview over the matter. The doctor, in the presence of his wife, confessed his affection for me. I replied that I had no desire to alienate his affections from her and was anxious to retain her friendship. My assurances calmed her and I was invited to dinner at her house on various occasions. Dr. Brown's visits to me discontinued and there were no more street-car rides.

"I emphatically deny that I ever attempted to blackmail Dr. Brown. He voluntarily offered to assist me, as he knew I was in straitened circumstances, and was struggling to get along. This assistance at various times I accepted with gratitude, little dreaming that I would be ever confronted with such a foul accusation.

"The statement has been made that I received \$600 from Dr. Brown through Lloyd Tevis as groundless as the other charges. Mr. Tevis, not being a member of the First Congregational Church, could not very well be interested in its affairs. On account of his great friendship for my father, with whom he crossed the plains in the early fifties, he felt, on his death, that he should take a kindly interest in the family. I know Mr. Tevis in that way, and I am very sorry that his name has been used in this connection. He had nothing to do with the matter.

"I discontinued attending Dr. Brown's church because I lost respect for him. Our relations were discussed by members of the congregation and I thought it advisable to withdraw. On leaving the church, now over a year ago, I severed all communication with it and its pastor, and never by word or deed have sought to injure Dr. Brown, his family, or any member of the congregation.

"To show the public that Dr. Brown would sacrifice another to shield himself I recall that when about to leave for the East I asked him for a letter to another church. He refused on the pretense that it would substantiate the suspicions of those members of the congregation of his infatuation for me as true. It would show that he was what they believed him to be—my ardent admirer.

"The Mr. Bass spoken of I do not know except through hearsay.

"I admit that I received money from Dr. Brown, but he urged me to take it. I flirted with him, it is true; but he ran after me all the time. He was insanely jealous of me. On one occasion, to prove what I say is true, his son Vincent accidentally happened to walk home with me from prayer-meeting. His father saw him in my company and became so insanely jealous of his son that he went to him and told him not to walk home with me, as it was distasteful to me.

"The doctor told his son that I had spoken to him about it. When I next met Vincent he completely ignored me and turned away. As we had been very friend-



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ly I made bold to ask him the cause and he told me what his father had said.

"As to my feelings toward Dr. Brown they are only one of pity, mixed, of course, with regrets when I recall those long rides and the burning words of love that fell from his lips. The doctor admired me even to my dress. He said I displayed excellent taste."

Mrs. Stockton was very happy in her conversation and did not appear to be worried over the statements of her former spiritual adviser.

MRS. TUNNELL IS MISSING.

Dr. Brown Says He Would Pay to Learn Her Whereabouts.

A conference is reported to have been held yesterday in the First Congregational Church between Captain Lees, Dr. Brown and Miss Overman. The purport of the meeting is mere conjecture. Both Captain Lees and Dr. Brown emphatically deny any such occurrence.

"This is the first time I have heard of such a meeting," said the doctor last evening, and Captain Lees averred that he had seen none of the Brown contingent all day.

A ALL representative visited the Brown residence last night. Miss Overman came to the door and held it partly ajar.

"Are you a reporter?" she asked. "Well, I guess the doctor has nothing to say for the newspapers to-night."

After a minute or two the door opened with a crash and sudden swing and the doctor himself appeared.

"On what subject?" he asked brusquely, and without awaiting a reply added: "I have nothing whatever to say in this matter. My attorneys have forbidden my making any statement at all."

When it was suggested to him that a rumor was afloat to the effect that he had very recently made a statement of the case, he said with some heat, "Those are false charges. I have made no statements and I shall make no statement until the matter comes before the court. My attorneys have forbidden such a thing."

"Why did you allow Miss Overman to make the long statement yesterday?" "I know of no such statement," said he, emphatically. "I have not read anything of the kind. I saw only the flaring headlines last night in the evening papers that the newspapers were crying around town."

"If Miss Overman made any such statement, she did so without my knowledge and when I was away from home."

With regard to the whereabouts of Mrs. Tunnell, the doctor said:

"If you can find Mrs. Tunnell, we will give you a good deal of money. I know nothing of her whereabouts, but we want to subpoena her. She has not been in this house since Sunday night last, and I have not the slightest idea where she can be found."

port, Maine, but cannot remember that he ever knew or heard of a Mary Abbot.

"I left that town when quite young," said he last evening, "and so would know very little about the people there. What I have is only a boy's meager recollection. Mrs. Silsby probably thought I would know as we were little children there, but I left, as I say, quite young and went to sea. Girls would remember, anyway, more of people than boys.

"I think Dr. Brown is innocent, though, and that he will come out of this thing all right."

"TOO MANY STORIES."

Faith of the Flock in the Pastor Shaken by the Stockton Story.

The publication of the story of Dr. Brown's relations with Mrs. Stockton has caused considerable change of feeling among members of his congregation. There are many who, while not friendly to the pastor, on account of past troubles in the church, particularly the Strauss case, were strongly disinclined to believe Mrs. Davidson's story, and were ready to stand up for the doctor's good name.

Meyer Strauss, who was dismissed from the church several months ago and afterward reinstated, has no friendly feelings for Dr. Brown, but will not speak of the case because, as he said yesterday, "a burnt child is afraid of fire." The cause of his trouble with the deacons was over a letter he had written to one of the ladies who taught in the Sunday-school, in which he criticized Dr. Brown in connection with his relations to the Christian Endeavor Society. Over this there was made a wide breach in the church which has not been healed, and most of those who then espoused the cause of Mr. Strauss' cause are still unfriendly to Dr. Brown.

"I have been very thankful, since this scandal came up, that I know nothing of it," said Mr. Strauss. "I don't talk about it," said Mrs. Strauss, "but it even to the other members. I have suffered enough over my own trouble not to care to get into another dispute."

Mr. Strauss said that he knew very little about Mrs. Davidson, and could not judge of the case at all. He hoped for the good of the church that the stain would be removed.

Mrs. French, who is one of the leaders in the congregation, was inclined to criticize some of Dr. Brown's methods in conducting his case. It was at her house that Mrs. Davidson stayed for three days just before Christmas. "Mrs. Davidson came to my house on the Sunday before Christmas," said Mrs. French yesterday.

"She said that she was afraid for her life, and I asked her to stay over night. While she did not evince great fear by her manner, she may have believed that she was in danger. You know Miss Overman has a very vindictive look. On Monday she said that she would like to write out a statement in case anything should happen. She wrote all day Monday, and said nothing about going, and stayed over Tuesday and until Wednesday, Christmas day. I did not want her to stay with us during our Christmas celebration, and had to, as kindly as I could, ask her to go. I suggested, as she said she had a cousin in the City, that she go to him. She did not know where he was, she said, but finally went. I heard nothing from her after that, and on Saturday went down to her room to see if anything had happened. I found her there all right, and so happened to be there when she was arrested. I did not know what she wrote while at my house. She did not offer to read her statement to me.

"I am deeply grateful to the press for their uniform courtesy shown me, and whether I come out of this disgraceful situation fully vindicated or am made to suffer the consequences of this vile man's strength I shall never forget it. The situation here is not by any means pleasant, but I am supported by Christ Jesus, who tells me that truth will triumph in the end."

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"A great many of the members feel that even if he is not all right herself she may be telling the truth. Many of the statements that have been made by Miss Overman are confirmatory. Still her statements as to Mrs. Baddin should be substantiated.

"Of course, no one believed Dr. Brown guilty in the Stockton case. No one knew then, however, that he had paid any money. Dr. Brown is not the sort of man that any one would expect such charges to be made against, and there has never been the least talk in that direction about him. I am perfectly staggered at it all—and sick of the thought of it."

"Those who knew of the Stockton case believed him innocent, but now to have this second charge come up, one hardly knows what to think of it. It seems very strange that a man should pay \$600 in one case and \$500 in another if there was nothing in it. It looks very black for that Overman girl, whether Mrs. Davidson was in league with her or not. She is not a woman who would fail to take care of herself."

MRS. DAVIDSON CONFIDENT

Says That Truth and Justice Must and Shall Triumph in the End.

Mrs. Davidson is still in the City Prison, though she has strong hopes of securing her freedom to-day. She is confident that the evidence which will be offered by Dr. Brown in his charge of extortion will not be strong enough to warrant the court in holding her. However, should matters turn out differently, the lady has the promise of bail, and will probably occupy her private apartments to-night.

"The theory advanced in a morning paper," she said, "that Mrs. Tunnell and the so-called 'mysterious' Mrs. Baddin are one and the same is absurd. I know Mrs. Tunnell fairly well and I did not know the woman who called herself Mrs. Baddin."

"The latter always visited my house at night and generally came veiled. I would have known Mrs. Tunnell under any circumstances; first because she has a very striking figure, and second because her voice is of such peculiar intonation as not to be forgotten if once heard."

"Confined as I am here it is impossible for me to learn anything new, so all that I could say would be to repeat an oft-told story, and, as God is my witness, all that I have said concerning Dr. Brown, Miss Overman and every one else connected with the disgraceful proceedings is true in every detail. He will find that I am not a woman to shrink from any ordeal when truth and justice are the points at issue. Dr. Brown has brought all this on himself, and now he must take the consequences."

"I am not one bit afraid of the final outcome, though it is barely possible that the man who poses before the world as a Christian gentleman and an expounder of Christ's teachings will triumph temporarily. He is a man full of devices and schemes, and of such strong influence that it would be an easy thing for him to swing both Judge and jury for the time being."

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THE REV. J. H. ALLEN OF OAKLAND. [From a photograph.]

sive reporters. The reverend gentleman stated emphatically last night that Mrs. Tunnell was not at his home, nor had he seen her since Sunday night.

"In fact," said Dr. Brown, "I would pay very handsomely to see her. She is an important witness to me, and it is necessary that she appear in court."

Mrs. Tunnell has a room at 1041 Mission street, but she has not been home since Sunday night. At that time she told the landlady, Mrs. Gray, that she had been summoned to Dr. Brown's house, but would return by 10 o'clock. It was given out Tuesday morning as coming from Dr. Brown that Mrs. Tunnell was at his home, but the emphatic denial of the story adds greater mystery to the already mysterious case.

It was with some difficulty that Mrs. Stockton could be induced to make a statement, but when she did it was made with the utmost deliberation, though without the least hesitancy.

"I realize that the time has come when I must defend myself against the charges of Dr. Brown," she said. "In the first place, let me deny that I ever attempted to blackmail him. What I say, I say with my own free will."

Then in a calm, forcible manner, weighing every word carefully, she told the story. Commencing at the time when she joined Dr. Brown's church, over two years ago, she graphically describes each passing event, telling of numerous rides on the cars, of the first kiss, and then the lovers' kiss, and finally ending with the tragic threat of Dr. Brown to kill himself out of very love for her.

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