"Buster Brown" Is Played With Too Much Precocity

By James Crawford

Although the comedy is entitled "Buster Brown," the mischievous child of Cartoonist Outcault's art was not the only well-known comic supplement character presented in animated form yesterday afternoon at the Novelty Theater. Among the other familiar exaggerations were the corpulent German, the Hibernian cooklady, the debonnair tramp, the absurd Scotchman and the love-smitten lad and lass. The cast was somewhat suggestive of an old friends' congress.

And the things those people actually did on that stage eclipsed in downright impossibility anything they have been depicted on paper as doing. Just imagine two apparently middle-aged men, in ridiculous Highland garb, pretending to be game chickens and crowing challenges at each other and scratching the earth defiantly as enraged roosters do; and then fancy them abruptly transforming their vocalism into cat calls and arching their backs and otherwise imitating a couple of night-prowling male felines preparing to engage in battle. Yet that was one of the tamest scenes in "Buster Brown."

"Don't you think they're cute?" ecstatically gasped a candy-chewing maiden seated nigh to me and nudging her escort, a stolid-visaged young fellow.

"Cute?" he blurted. "Naw; I think they're darned silly."

"Silly?" she snapped, haughtily. "Of course they're silly. That's what makes 'em cute."

She chewed viciously until he, with evident conviction that his criticism was unwise, feebly forced a smile and said, "Goshed if they ain't funny!" His reward was a silent invitation to partake of her chocolate creams. The impending breach was averted.

To the physically fragile and intellectually abnormal youngster who played the title part my heart went out in sympathy, as it goes out to all stage children. This little chap, billed as Master Percy Helton, probably acted as he was taught, but his tutor had failed to comprehensively grasp the Outcault ideal of juvenile mischief, which is more ingenious than precocious. So this little Buster ranted his lines as if he were a fully-fledged histrion and acted with staginess and sent forth impression that he was too old to be what he was supposed to pretend to be. I don't know his age, nor does it matter. He may be advanced as far in life as was Tommie Russell when Nature asserted herself to the extent of making it judicious for him to shave ere he went on the stage as Little Lord Fauntleroy, or he may be adolescent as Mr. Vincent Crummles represented his Infant Phenomenon to be. The exact age of a stage prodigy is no easier to find out than that of the woman who remains looking thirty.

What I do know about Master Percy Helton is that his impersonation of Buster Brown would appeal more convincingly to both young and old children if it were more childish and less reflective of a boy wonder. I heard him pronounced a "swellhead," which may be defined as a synonym for "prig" by a gentleman in knickerbockers sitting behind me with his father, who seemed to approve the finding.

Of story there is little or none in the play, and what there is of it is frequently interrupted by musical numbers in which chorus girls do most of the work.

The person who plays the dog is, in my opinion, the best actor, probably because he has the least conventional character in the cast.

NEW FEATURES AT ORPHEUM

Of the new features at the Orpheum this week Patrice and Jack Gardner divide the honors, with something remaining for Little Hip, the dwarf elephant. For "Twisted and Tangled" perhaps the better comment was that of the audience—silence, charitable silence. For the clown without the laugh is rather a pathetic spectacle, and the clown in the last number on the bill was of that order. Possibly he is capable of better things.

Patrice has a playlet entitled "Gloria," which is the mellowest melodrama that was ever compressed into one act. The miner's cabin, the lost child and the heroine snatched from her cowboy home to the rank of heiress to millions—Gloria is all this with a subdued purple halo of romance and slow music included. When the lost child discovered the photograph of her lost mother in the pocket of her Wyoming lover from New York, it was to weep. It certainly was.

Jack Gardiner is as happy as when he was last here, and he has the same battered tuba and at least one of the same jokes—the one where he goes hunting for a home where the masculine members of the family is supreme—but it is a good story. He is a bright spot in the bill.

Alfred Kelcy, assisted by Maude Lee, put on a new farce this week which is full of irresistible humor of situation and bright dialogue, and in "Sister Mary from Tipperary" he and Miss Lee score another hit. The holdovers are strong, and Chris Smith, and the Two Johnsons, the dusky artists at the head of the bill, get their full share of the applause—and they deserve it.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PLANS ARE LAID

The St. Patrick's day convention committee held a large and representative meeting yesterday afternoon at Knights of the Red Branch Hall, 1133 Mission street. Chairman John P. Allen announced the appointment of the executive committee, which, after the convention proper, elected the following officers: John P. McGuire, chairman; M. J. Jiles, recording secretary.

It was unanimously agreed that a ball be given Saturday evening, March 16, and a literary entertainment Sunday afternoon. At the latter event an oration will be given.

Following is the personnel of the executive committee:

Rev. Father McMahon, Thomas P. O'Dowd, John Mulhern, Thomas Leary, Michael Casey, John P. McGuire, T. J. Mellott, Mrs. James Smith, John Creedon, James Martin, Miss Minnie McCarthy, T. F. Alford, Miss M. O'Connor, Daniel Harnedy, M. J. Jiles, Richard O'Connor, David Grace, Mrs. C. Morrissy, Thomas O'Connor, Mrs. Maginniss, Patrick Diggins, J. P. Hare, Miss Harriet Goggin, William Boyle, Stephen McCue, J. J. Moriarity, C. J. Collins, James Maginniss, John O'Kane, James J. Brosnan, George J. Lowe, Michael Mahoney, Thomas Bunyon, Miss Sadie Kerwin, Joseph Kelly, Dr. J. Douglass, D. J. O'Hara, Thomas Regan, Martin Walsh, J. D. Condon, James Smith, J. Deasy, James C. Daly, C. Murphy, Patrick Tierney, Mrs. Martin, T. E. Tracey, William Hudson, Miss Mollie O'Connor, Thomas Moffitt, James Flanagan, Mrs. S. McFadden, Mrs. C. Morrissy, John P. Allen, Mrs. William Molloy, M. C. Gorman, Cornelius Herlihy, D. J. O'Hara, William Boyle, Michael Regan and Rev. John T. Nugent.

UNION DAILY PRAYER MEETINGS

The union daily prayer meetings under the auspices of the City Church Federation will be continued this week in the Hamilton Baptist Church on Post street, near Steiner. The meetings open at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon and are for everybody who desires to attend. The leaders are: Today, Rev. F. A. Doane; Tuesday, Rev. William J. Fisher; Wednesday, Rev. I. C. Meserve, D. D.; Thursday, Rev. J. S. Thomas; Friday, Rev. B. F. Sargent; Saturday, Rev. R. L. Cave.

Substantial comfort, good tea and coffee—Schilling's Best.

VETERAN FIREMEN HOLD REUNION

A large number of ladies were the guests of the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association of California at its anniversary dinner last Saturday in the Ferry Cafe. It was one of the old-time reunions of the "boys who ran wid de macheen" before the establishment of the paid department and was as jolly a gathering as there had been since the April days.

After the disposition of the menu Toastmaster Cavanagh caused the orchestra to play one of the enlivening tunes that used to arouse the old vets to greater effort, after which he introduced the president of the association, Stephen Bunner, who spoke to the "Volunteer Department of San Francisco." President Bolo of the Fire Commission responded to the "Paid Department."

Dr. Hubascher spoke pleasantly of "Our Guests." Chief Engineer P. H. Shaughnessy spoke of the chiefs of the paid department who preceded him and paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the late Chief Sullivan. Gus Harquardt spoke of "The Ladies," E. C. Stock paid a tribute to the valor of the members of the "association," and many others were called on.

Between responses there were old-time fire songs by Gus Pohlmann, M. Ryan and Felix Desmond and ballads by W. Ogilvie, Miss Flossie Connor and the Misses O'Brien.

CONVICTED OF HAVING SOLD LIQUOR WITHOUT A LICENSE

Frank Berry, a Watsonville Saloon Man, Is Adjudged Guilty After Trial Before a Jury

WATSONVILLE, Feb. 3.—The trial of Frank Berry, a saloon-keeper, on a charge of having sold liquor without a license was completed before a jury in Judge San's court last evening and resulted in a verdict of guilty.

The case attracted much attention because it involved two important questions: the right of the Board of Aldermen to grant or refuse liquor licenses without a hearing, and the constitutional right of a citizen to be heard in his own behalf.

Labor Notes

Edited by O. M. Boyle

There is to be a mass meeting of citizens in San Jose on Sunday, February 17, at 2:30 p. m., this being the anniversary of the date when Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone were taken from Colorado to Idaho for the alleged murder of former Governor Steunenberg. The meeting is under the auspices of the trades unionists of San Jose. Speakers from Colorado will address the meeting, besides home talent. There will be an effort to make the gathering a memorable one.

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The workingmen of France are desirous that the labor laws of the land shall be placed in labor's hands to insure a proper enforcement. At present inspectorships of shops and factories are given out, irrespective of fitness, to pay political debts. Newspaper men have been appointed inspectors of machine or tailor shops. A barber is inspecting a printing office, and a printer is looking after carpenter shops. A bill is before the lawmakers to remedy this evil. One reform promised is the appointment of women inspectors for trades mostly in the hands of women. In this way, it is believed, adequate inspection can be made and labor laws enforced to the satisfaction of those for whom they were intended. It is said that in very few cases are inspectors of finished work in French factories recruited from the ranks of labor. Many thus lack mechanical knowledge, and the work is but indifferently performed. Minister of Labor Viviani, who has given many years to the study of labor problems, agrees that inspectors should be drawn from those who have done actual work in the lines to be inspected. He believes that the mechanic will make the best inspector in any given business.

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The regular weekly meeting of the Fishermen's Protective Union of the Pacific Coast and Alaska was held on Friday evening. Ed Anderson was elected chairman. The secretary reported that the conference of the United Fishermen of the Pacific held at Seattle on January 15 decided among other things to use its utmost efforts to have fish wheels and seines prohibited in the upper Columbia River, provided, however, that the settlers in that territory may catch salmon for their own home use. A plan was favored to have the Columbia River a separate district in the State Fisheries Department and that all moneys collected in that district from licenses and fines be expended in that district. It was further decided that a request be made to the Washington State Legislature that the use of fish traps be prohibited in the waters of Puget Sound stretching from Deception Pass to the southern end of Whidbey Island. A weekly closed season for the tributaries of Puget Sound, to run from 6 a. m. Saturday to 6 p. m. Sunday, was also recommended. Special attention will be paid to the organizing work on the Columbia River, as well as establishing locals in Southeastern Alaska.

A committee was elected to confer with the different Alaska salmon packing companies on schedule of wages and percentage for the season of 1907.

A quarterly finance committee was elected. Officers for the ensuing year were nominated. All members in port are requested to attend meetings hereafter.

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The Union Labor Council of Bakersfield has moved to new and handsome quarters, where it will soon give a smoker and entertainment in honor of the progress made during the last year. Events of this kind are taking place in many California cities, which is indisputable evidence of the great prosperity enjoyed by the labor unions of the State.

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To State Labor Commissioner Stafford is due the credit of settling the miners' strike at Grass Valley. Stafford visited Grass Valley and succeeded in bringing the miners and their employers to an agreement within forty-eight hours.

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Milwaukee has awakened to the value of the union label and workingmen in that city are holding meetings with the purpose of furthering its use. All union men there are asked to do what is already being done in San Francisco—that is, requiring the union label on all purchases and also requiring that the clerks in the stores show the union button. This is practical trades unionism.

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Contra Costa County is undergoing a trades union revival and the Labor Council of that section is making an active campaign to strengthen and extend union principles in every direction. A particular fight is being waged against the Chinese laundries in Richmond, with the result that the union laundry workers have been greatly benefited.

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The street carmen of Cleveland have won a notable victory in the new wage and time schedule that has just taken effect on all car lines in that city. The men are to receive 2 cents an hour increase in pay and a system of priority has been inaugurated by which the men who have been long in the company's service get the choice of the runs. Provision is also made for overtime in the new agreement and A. L. Behner, international vice president of the Street Carmen's Union, declared that the organization is now working on a thoroughly satisfactory basis.

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All the labor organizations of San Jose have joined in a call for a mass meeting to protest against the treatment accorded Moyer and Haywood in Idaho. The date for the meeting has not been set, but it will be within the next fortnight.

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A bill aimed to protect the State from the importation of Farleyites in case of a strike is now before the Assembly under the guidance of Frank Devlin of Suisun. This bill aims to stop strikebreakers being brought from without the State. It will be remembered that the character of the strikebreakers who were imported last summer by the United Railroads was very bad. They admitted, many of them, that they were jailbirds and had been imported to raise a disturbance. The proposed measure has the indorsement of the State Federation of Labor and the San Francisco Labor Council. Among its provisions are these: "All watchmen, detectives and guards must be residents of the county for six months and must have at least twelve reputable citizens petition the Board of Supervisors or Board of Trustees of their city, town or county before they can serve. Violations are punishable by a fine of from $250 to $500, or imprisonment for from three to six months." This bill is considered one of the most important organized labor has presented and its progress will be watched by every trades unionist in the State.

Golden Gate Park Casino open again. Carl Leonhardt, proprietor.

CAPSIZED IN SWOLLEN CREEK

REDDING, Feb. 3.—W. H. Schweiter, an employe of the McCormick Saeltzer Company, was nearly drowned on Olney Creek tonight. He was on his way from Anderson, where his buggy was capsized by the high water in Olney Creek. After being washed down the stream for a hundred yards he succeeded in gaining the shore, but the horses and buggy were lost.

More Contestants for Call's Gold Prizes

Stanislaus County Has Two Bright Little Girls as Representatives

TODAY'S SCORES FOR SECOND SERIES OF PRIZES

1—Miss Norma Merani, 5613 Vallejo street, Oakland, Cal	72,200
2—Mrs. J. F. Doherty, 920 Fourteenth street, Sacramento	66,800
3—Sacred Heart College, Fell street, near Fillmore, San Francisco	51,950
4—William Emerson ("Jack the Newsboy"), San Jose, Cal	46,550
5—Emile Iversen, Sausalito, Cal	39,200
6—Christ Church Athletic Club, Sausalito, Cal	22,200
7—Miss Rose Breschini, Blanco, Monterey County	19,900
8—Miss Emilie Hayward, Martinez, Contra Costa County	15,650
9—Mrs. Theresa Coleman, Point Richmond, Contra Costa County	10,150
10—James Anis Quinn, 730 Fell street, San Francisco	9,850
11—Miss Lois B. Pfitzer, Newman, Stanislaus County	7,500
12—Miss Effie Vaughn, Merced, Cal	6,850
13—Miss Gladys Adcock 13 Franklin Square, San Francisco	6,800
14—Mrs. Mary C. Deasy, P. O. box 128, Napa, Cal	6,700
15—Miss Irma Klaumann, Pacific Grove, Monterey County	5,250
16—Miss Elizabeth Bockerman, 1620 Central avenue, Alameda	4,600
17—Mrs. Rosa E. Tracy and Son, B-street station, San Rafael	4,500
18—Miss Hattie Eden, 23 Ritch street, San Francisco	3,950
19—Henry Pope, 1416 Valencia street, San Francisco	3,400
20—Walter Hamshaw, 1320 Oxford street, Berkeley	3,350
21—George H. Angove, Sonoma City	3,350
22—Joseph Fassler, 340 Chapultepec street, San Francisco	3,300
23—Miss Gertrude Briody, 38 Park street, Santa Cruz	2,950
24—Hattie M. Hoppock, Fresno, Cal	2,600
25—Miss Ethel Potter Newman, Stanislaus County, Cal	2,400
26—Miss Anna Skinner, 14 A street, Washington Square, San Francisco	2,300
27—Mrs. Ellen Smith, Walnut Creek, Cal	2,200
28—Miss Magna Steinkamp, Rescue, El Dorado County	1,800
29—Mrs. John Laudon, 164 Silver street, San Francisco	1,000
30—Tobin and Winchester, 67th Coast Artillery, Presidio, San Francisco	900
31—Eugene Forno, 1 Washington Square, San Francisco	400
32—John Sims, 29B Columbia Square, San Francisco	350
33—Miss Pearl Van Meter, Lafayette, Contra Costa County, Cal	300
34—Mrs. A. C. Biedenbach, 400 Gerard street, San Francisco	300
35—Mrs. Carrie M. Amador, Boulder Creek, Cal	200
36—Mrs. F. Johnson, R. F. D. 4, box 85 Santa Rosa	200
37—Miss Ruth Louis, 1810 Jay street, Alameda	200
38—S. Nishimura, 1533 Geary street, San Francisco	100
39—Roy Ibach, 270 Mission street, San Francisco	50
40—David Rosenberg, 1108 Steiner street San Francisco	50

Mention was made in The Sunday Call about the prominent part that young people from the San Joaquin Valley are taking in the gold prize contest. Stanislaus County has two representatives in the race—two bright little girls, Miss Ethel Potter, living in the town of Newman, and Miss Lois B. Pfitzer, living nine miles out in the country from that town. The parents of these ambitious youngsters are close friends and there will be friendly rivalry to see which of them will win the best prize.

Miss Pfitzer wants to win some money to buy a musical instrument in order to gratify her fondness for music. She enters the score list this morning as No. 11, with 7500 votes to her credit, which is a very good start indeed. She has jumped in ahead of Miss Effie Vaughn, the Merced contestant, at the first bound, and is also further advanced in the score than any other San Joaquin Valley contestant.

Miss Ethel Potter, whose picture is presented today, is a charming little girl, only eight years of age, but she feels old enough to win a prize. She has 2400 votes to her credit as a starter and is No. 25 in the list this morning—just within the prize winning limit. Miss Ethel will have to hurry if she expects to catch up with her little rival, Miss Pfitzer.

Newman is the chief trading and shipping point for a very prosperous section of the San Joaquin Valley. It is located on the Southern Pacific, on the west side of the San Joaquin River, just on the border of Merced County. The town and surrounding country have an intelligent, enterprising population, and the two charming little girls of the locality who are striving to win some of The Call's prize money will doubtless find many ready and enthusiastic supporters.

OTHER NEW CONTESTANTS

C. A. Pitkin Jr. of R. F. D. No. 3, San Jose, desires to be enrolled as a new contestant from Santa Clara County. His honesty and good character are vouched for by E. J. Swan and S. B. Hunkins.

Miss Pearl Van Meter, the nine-year-old daughter of the postmistress at Lafayette, Contra Costa County, has made a start as No. 33 with 300 votes to her credit and more to follow. She is the fifth contestant from Contra Costa County.

Mrs. A. C. Biedenbach of 400 Gerard street, University Mound, San Francisco, has also made a start with 300 votes, and intends to try hard to win some of the prize money. She will be assisted by her father-in-law, who is treasurer of the popular German society known as Hermann's Sons. The elder Biedenbach lived in the same house on Silver street for a period of thirty-one years and lost his home in the great fire of last April. The Biedenbach family enjoys a wide acquaintance among the German residents of the city.

Master George H. Angove of Sonoma has entered the contest with a spirit and vim that will win in the end if he keeps up his courage, and if the people of his town and county give him the support that he deserves, for George certainly is an exemplary boy and has the stuff in him that counts in the making of a man. "I still am working after school hours," says George in a recent letter, "but have not been very successful so far. I am not at all discouraged. The contest is very interesting. I am always anxious to get the paper every day. I hope to send in some more votes very soon."

"Jack the Newsboy" of San Jose has gained 6350 votes since Saturday morning and has many more in prospect. "Jack" is gradually outdistancing Emile Iversen and catching up with Sacred Heart College.

Miss Rose Breschini, the Italian-Swiss candidate of Blanco, received a contribution of 5200 votes from Salinas Saturday. The loyal Swiss throughout the State are rallying to Miss Breschini's support and she has already gained seventh place in the score list.

Joseph Fassler of Bernal Heights, the boy who "wears the smile that won't come off," also has some claim on the Swiss vote. His parents are of the German-Swiss nationality, and Joseph has already secured subscriptions from some of their German-Swiss compatriots.

CONVINCED OF FAIRNESS

John Souther, a popular water front transfer man, who lives at Elmhurst, Alameda County, won a prize of $40 in the first period of the contest, and received the money promptly, contrary to his expectations. Souther is no longer skeptical as to The Call's fair dealing with the contestants, as the following letter testifies:

Elmhurst, Cal., Jan. 25, 1907.

Contest Editor, The Call.

Dear Sir—I take this means of thanking you and The Call for the prize I was permitted to compete for and won. I wish to state that I was rather skeptical as to the fairness of newspaper contests, but am pleased to be able to say that The Call could not have been any fairer in the distribution of prizes. I also wish to thank my friends who helped me out in the contest. Hoping the second and third contests may be even more successful than the first, I remain, very respectfully, JOHN SOUTHER.

The contest is divided into three periods, consituted as follows: First, November 19 to January 13, eight weeks; second, January 13 to March 3, seven weeks; third, March 3 to April 14, six weeks.

There are twenty-five prizes to be competed for during each contest period, consisting of twenty-five purses of gold coin, ranging in amount from $20 up to $500, and making a total of $2000 for each period.

There will also be twenty-five special purses or grand sweepstake prizes for the twenty-five contestants making the best scores during the entire contest, the largest of these purses being $1000 and the smallest $40, and amounting to $4000 in the aggregate.

The final distribution of the prizes will be made on April 18, the first anniversary of the San Francisco fire.

The twenty-five purses for each of the three contest periods and the twenty-five special sweepstake prizes make a grand total of 100 prizes, amounting to $10,000, to be distributed among the winners.

HOW AWARDS WILL BE MADE

Subscribers to The Call will have the privilege of electing the winners of these prizes by preparing their subscriptions for any length of time that may be convenient, each prepaid subscription counting for a certain number of votes that may be cast in favor of any contestant whom the subscriber may desire to assist in getting a share of the money. The contestant receiving the highest number of such votes during any contest period will receive the largest purse; the one receiving the second highest number of votes the next largest purse, and so on until the number of prizes allotted for that peperiod is exhausted. The same rule will apply to the final distribution of the larger prizes given for the highest aggregate scores.

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7 Months	5.25	4.75	1250
6 Months	4.50	4.00	1000
5 Months	3.75	3.50	750
4 Months	3.00	2.75	500
3 Months	2.25	2.00	300
2 Months	1.50	1.50	150
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VISITING PASTORS OCCUPY PULPIT

Missionary and Stewardship Conference Held by the Local Baptist Churches

AWAKENING IN ORIENT

A missionary and stewardship conference was held by the local Baptist churches yesterday under the direction of the missionary secretary for the coast, Rev. A. W. Rider. He was assisted by Rev. C. A. Cook of New York, Rev. John M. Dean of Seattle, and Ella D. MacLaurin of Boston.

A mass meeting held in Emanuel Church yesterday afternoon was presided over by Rev. Mr. Rider. Rev. Mr. Cook spoke on the necessity for reviving a sense of Christian stewardship. It was not only a question of stewardship of money, but of the Gospel of Christ. Right stewardship of money consisted not only in giving a portion of it to the Lord, but in administering all of it in his name. Out of twenty-five billions of property just seven million were given to the evangelization of the world. He flayed those who consider that it is enough when they give the widow's mite to the church, not remembering that the widow gave all she had. We trained the children to give pennies and sang about it in Sunday school, he said. We had mite societies and thought we were doing something great when we gave the smallest coin we had to God.

Rev. Mr. Dean spoke of the great opportunities for mission work in our days. He told of the great awakening in the Orient, mentioning that in Tokio alone there were 18,000 Chinese students, and that in one publishing house in Shanghai there were fifty cases of books, mostly translations of English scientific books, put out daily. In Chinese schools the New Testament was placed side by side with the ethics of Confucius. Even Thibet was now open to missionaries, and indeed it was hard to find any place in the world where a man could be a martyr for preaching Christ. He criticised the indirect means of raising money by socials and asserted that the only way to give money to missions was to give it directly.

Yesterday morning and evening the visiting pastors occupied the pulpits of the local churches.

This morning the Baptist Ministerial Union will meet at 10:45 o'clock at Hamilton square.

There will be a mass meeting at 8 o'clock in the evening at Hamilton square, preceded by a Bible class and a business men's tea and conference in the same place at 6:30 o'clock.

DR. RADER ADDRESSES MEN

Clergyman Draws a Lesson From "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"

Rev. William Rader addressed the Sunday afternoon meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association yesterday at the rooms of the organization, 1220 Geary street, drawing the illustration for his remarks from the uncanny story of Robert Louis Stevenson, "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." His text was taken from St. Paul's epistle to the Romans, "When I would do good, evil is present with me."

Dr. Rader pointed out that Stevenson's fiction was a sermon on the power of sin to transform a life. Good and evil, he held, were inseparable in man, intermingling as the colors in the rainbow and that the evil in us is a punishment inflicted. Mr. Hyde was the punishment of Dr. Jekyll. In the Stevenson tale the transformation was made through the use of a drug. The speaker declared that sin is the force which causes the change in man. Beauty, he insisted, was in purity and morality; evil is ugly.

The meeting was well attended and in addition to the address there was a song service and prayers.

In the morning Dr. Rader spoke to his congregation at the Colonial Theater on the life of Tolstoy, the Russian author and philosopher, showing that in his youth the writer had violated the commandments of God, but later had, by a study of Christianity, become a leader of spiritual force.

HOLD MEETING FOR MEN

Speakers of Episcopal Missions Address Gathering at Trinity Church

A mass meeting for men was held at Trinity Church yesterday afternoon under the direction of the visiting mission speakers from the East in connection with the ten-day mission observed by the Episcopal churches about the bay. Rev. Endicott Peabody, who has been visiting at Trinity, and Rev. G. C. Stewart, the mission speaker of St. Stephen's, occupied the pulpit and addressed the large assembly of men who answered to the call.

Dr. Peabody spoke against riotious living, immorality and jealousy, while his colleague chose "Christian Manly Service" as his text. The first speaker dwelt at some length on temptations and evils that beset a young man about to enter the struggle of the world. He told of the various bad types of humanity which the youth meets and especially condemned the moral hypocrite.

Rev. Stewart deplored the scarcity of young men who intend entering the ministry and quoted statistics to prove his point.

In the evening a union service was observed at St. Stephen's Church on Fulton street, near Fillmore. Dr. Peabody and Rev. Mr. Stewart again occupied the pulpit and addressed the combined congregations of St. Stephen's and Trinity churches.

BODY FOUND IN BAY

The body of an unidentified man was found yesterday morning by P. Desmond, a boatman, floating in the bay off Broadway wharf. The remains were taken to the morgue. The body had been in the water about twenty days, and from the appearance of the clothing the deceased was probably a laborer. There were no letters or cards or other evidence as to his identity.

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