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TOOK ACTION ON DIVORCE

The Presbyterian General Assembly Takes Important Steps.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 23.—At the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States today the special committee on marriage and divorce made its report and submitted the following recommendations for the consideration and action of the general assembly:

"The assembly enjoins the ministers under its care and authority to refuse to perform a marriage ceremony in cases of divorced persons except such persons as have been divorced upon grounds and for cause recognized as scriptural in the standards of our church.

"Recognizing the comity which should exist between the Christian churches, and believing that it will be desirable and tend to an increase of a spirit of Christianity and union, we urgently advise all ministers under the care and authority of this general assembly to refuse to unite any persons whose marriages such ministers have good reason to believe are forbidden by the law of the church in which such person or persons seeking to be married may hold membership.

"An appeal and address to the inter-church conference is hereby indorsed by this general assembly and commended to the consideration of all our ministers and congregations."

The statement clerk was instructed to issue it in such form and to such an extent as may seem desirable and expedient, and it was requested that it be read by the pastors from their pulpits on some appropriate Sunday.

Telegrams were received and read amid greatest enthusiasm from the assemblies of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Dallas and the Presbyterian church in the United States at Mobile, rejoicing in the probable union of all three bodies.

Remember Thursday is the day to secure some of those choice pictures now on display in the windows at Watson, Durham & Hodges'. 2t

18,000 ARE REPORTED SLAIN

Paris Reports Japan Has Suffered Another Crushing Defeat.

Paris, May 23.—There is a report on the bourse today to the effect that a terrible battle has been fought at Port Arthur, in which the Japanese lost 15,000 men and the Russians 3000.

The Japanese, it is said, attacked the Russian fortress from all sides simultaneously, and the beleaguered garrison beat them back at every point.

The Japanese army attacking numbered 25,000 men, and the Russian garrison consisted of 30,000 soldiers.

The scene of carnage, according to the report, is fearful and the loss of life appalling.

There is no confirmation of the rumor, but Paris is wildly excited, the general belief obtaining that the Japanese have made their great effort to capture the Russian stronghold and have suffered a crushing defeat.

St. Petersburg, May 23.—6 p. m.—According to reports which have reached the Russian headquarters at Liao Yang from Chinese sources, the Japanese have made a land attack on Port Arthur but have been repulsed with heavy loss.

The truth of the report is questioned here.

Church Consecrated.

The new Episcopal church recently erected at Huntsville was consecrated by Bishop Kingsolving on Sunday morning. There were over 200 people in the congregation and the Bishop preached an able sermon on the subject of the "Cleansing of the Temple." The Rev. E. H. J. Andrews, under whose direction the work has proceeded, participated in the service. Miss Kathryn Lee of Palestine was also present. The new church, which was dedicated to St. Stephen, is a beautiful edifice, well lighted with tinted Cathedral glass windows.

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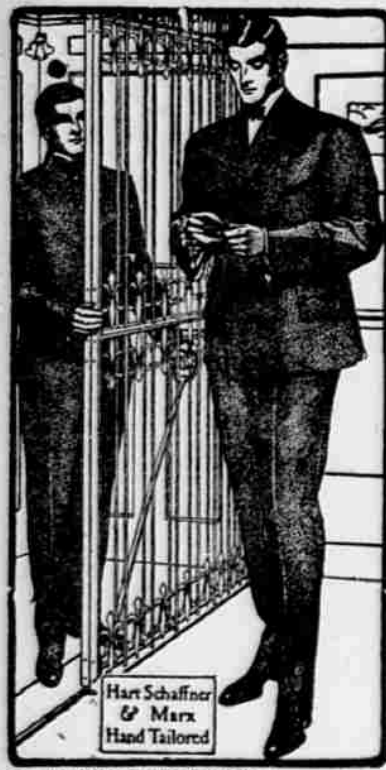
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