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A PASTORATE CLOSED.

Rev. W. B. Matteson Preached his Last Sermon and has left for Red Bank, N. J.

The present week closed the four years' pastorate of Rev. W. B. Matteson, of the First Baptist church in this city, and has taken from the city one of the brightest pulpit orators who has ever been in charge of an Owosso congregation as well as one of the most clear sighted students of the social and religious problems of the day. Witty, and full of fun, but also deeply in earnest and full of enthusiasm in his work, he was a man whose influence for progress and improvement in social and religious work has been great, and wider than will probably be known for years; an influence which owing to these qualities of the man has been felt among a large list of friends outside of the members of his own congregation.

The services Sunday were not in the nature of a farewell address but two strong sermons were preached which were an inspiration to the large audiences which heard them. In the morning the individualistic phases of Christianity were presented under the subject "The Upbuilding of a Man," and in the evening its social phases received attention under the subject "The City of God." The subject of the morning address he said at its close expressed his aim in Owosso and while he had made many mistakes he had done the best he could.

A reception was given Monday evening in the church parlors to Mr. and Mrs. Matteson and nearly the whole membership and a large number of outside friends were present in spite of the stormy evening to bid them goodbye and to wish them success and happiness in their new home. The parlors had been handsomely decorated with flowers, rugs and easy chairs. Light refreshments were served.

The work of Mr. Matteson in the city, judged from a purely materialistic standpoint alone, has been one of unrestricted success. Four years ago on taking the pastorate of the church here the condition was discouraging in many respects. The church building was badly in need of extensive repairs and entirely unequal to the carrying on of any aggressive work. To think of building, however, seemed almost presumptuous and yet after long and careful planning it was attempted and carried out as all know with the result that in May, 1896, one of the handsomest and most conveniently arranged church buildings in the state was dedicated, and that too, free from debt. The church building cost complete a little less than \$30,000. The membership has increased from about 330 to about 480 during the pastorate while about \$26,000 has been raised and expended for various purposes.

The church to which Mr. Matteson is called is the strongest in point of membership and wealth of any in a city of about 6000, Red Bank, N. J. These figures, however, do not give any just idea of the real size of the place for the surrounding country is so thickly settled that there is practically a population of 20,000 which looks to Red Bank for church accommodations. The city is only about twenty-five miles from greater New York and is delightfully situated, while the fact that Mr. Matteson is an eastern man by birth, was educated in New York and will be among those who were friends of his father in years past, will make the new location still more pleasant and the possibilities for greater work still more sure.

Their many friends in Owosso wish both Mr. Matteson and his charming wife even greater success and happiness than they have had in Owosso. They left Tuesday afternoon for their new home.

Still in Trouble.

Mrs. Ursula Burpee is again telling her troubles, not to a policeman, but to a justice of the peace. This time she is being examined before Justice McCaughn on the charge of deserting an infant which was found Sunday by Charles Speers and wife, of New Lothrop, when they returned home, the baby having been left on their bed. The case is of course a sensational one, though perhaps the chief sensation was the declaration of Mrs. Frank Buzzell, whom Buzzell married about a week ago to settle another case, that Buzzell was not after all the father of the child which has caused so much criminal procedure. The various actions all seem to have Mrs. Burpee as the chief factor and she seems capable of stirring up almost any amount of sensational and nauseating cases. The examination was adjourned for two weeks.

Rathbone Sisters' Picnic.

The Rathbone sisters, about twenty strong, went out to the park Wednesday afternoon and were followed at six by their hungry husbands and others. After supper dancing and card playing were enjoyed, but the ladies were not satisfied with such tame sport and proceeded to raise thirty cents which they put up as a prize for the one winner of a race about the bicycle track. We have the word of the man who came in fourth that there were five entered, but that as Dr. Paippen failed to start there were but four in the race. Our informant says J. H. Robbins and Louis Sanderford were tied for first place. Dr. Willson came in close after them but Louis Hall was declared entitled to third place on the ground that the doctor broke, jumped the fence and ran across lots.

What Could They Be?

Ovid Register Union: On Sunday last while ye editor and family were driving out to L. J. Kemp's farm, the family pocket book was lost. Fred Gute, an honest farmer living near Burton, found it between James DeWitt's and Frank Alchin's and returned the same early Monday morning. The contents were found undisturbed.

Comment Unnecessary.

Bert Cook, the enterprising young farmer of Maple River, enjoys the distinction of marketing the first load of 1897 wheat. He sold a load Tuesday to the Ann Arbor Milling Co., for 68 cents a bushel. Mr. Cook had a field of 20 acres which yielded 500 bushels, an average of 25 bushels to the acre.—Evening Argus, July 28.

The Ann Arbor Milling Co. yesterday took in the first new wheat at its elevator. The berry was plump and fine, a bushel weighing 49 pounds. The price paid for new wheat is sixty-eight cents—Owosso dispatch the Detroit Free Press, July 28.

Brooks & Son bought the first load of new wheat yesterday, paying 65 cents.—THE TIMES, July 28.

Preparing for Camp.

The members of Company G are now busy getting every thing in readiness for the annual camp at Island Lake. Extra drills have been and will be held until camp, so that as many points as possible may be brushed up, enabling the company to make its usual fine showing. Quartermaster Snelder and his assistants began the work of packing the dishes this week. A week from Monday the advance guard will be sent down to prepare the camp for the company, which will go the next day. A joke on the boys, by the way, who are thus obliged to leave the day before Barnum's show arrives in the city. The camp orders were read to the company at the regular drill Tuesday night.

A Family Feud.

There appears to be considerable bad blood between Groel Speers and Charles McKone, of Hazelton, though enough of it was spilled Saturday morning, so that it would seem there might be hopes for the improvement of what is left. The two families have been at war with each other for a long time and on Saturday renewed the contest in front of McKone's house. Both parties to the affair were placed under arrest. Both men were badly used up, but McKone is disgraced for life, being minus several chunks of flesh, bitten from his face by his antagonist.

Fred Sutphen did his first job of threshing on the 22d for John Friesette. He reports a yield of 150 bushels of wheat from five acres. For Will Williams he threshed 100 bushels of rye from four acres.

Entertained at St. Johns.

Clinton Independent: A very pleasant lawn party was given jointly between Misses Ivah Patterson and Mabel Walbridge, at the home of the former, last Friday evening. It was in honor of Misses Nora and Donna Sherman, of Owosso, who are visiting the two hostesses respectively. Refreshments were served on the lawn to about 20. All kinds of interesting games helped to pass the evening, ending a unique guessing contest. Everyone was supplied with a slip of paper on which was written the name of a popular song. On another piece of paper a drawing was made to represent the song. Then the one guessing the names of all these works of art first received a prize. This, a gold skeleton stick pin, was given to Miss Nora Sherman. After this the center of enjoyment moved indoors, where dancing was the prime factor till it was time not to "linger longer."

Byron.

W. O. Bennett and family were suddenly taken sick one day last week, caused by eating cheese purchased from a local dealer—Mrs. Wm. Lamb spent last week with her mother in Owosso—M. S. Doyle, the Elsie cheese man, was in Byron last week, looking after the interests of his factory here—James Durfee, of Elsie, was in Byron, Wednesday—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Williams are at present on their farm in Oakland county—Attorney A. E. Richards, of Corunna, was here attending a suit last week Tuesday—Mrs. O. W. Stephens, of St. Johns, and Miss Deal Stephens, of Ionia, visited at F. A. Lewis' over Sunday—Mrs. Azalia Rowell and Dr. North, of Lansing, were at A. F. Hunt's the last of the week—Miss Genia Brewster, of Ann Arbor, and Hugh M. Richards, of Corunna, are guests at their grandmother's, Mrs. Jabez Close—Mrs. F. King has joined her husband at Pontiac. Mr. King has been section boss on the Ann Arbor railroad at this place for ten years—Mrs. D. R. Benton is sick with malarial fever—Mrs. Geo. Engle is on the sick list—A. E. Richards was in town Wednesday—Miss Mamie Rideout, of Ovid, is a guest at Dr. Parrish's—Frank Royce and Fred Close were in Detroit Tuesday—Mabel Savage is visiting in Fowlerville this week—William Harper Jr., is spending the week in Deerfield, his old home—C. J. Green went to Brighton and Island Lake, Tuesday—Jacob Lutz, of Saline, is visiting at L. F. Lutz's.

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Hazelton.

Miss Alice Perry, who has been visiting friends in this vicinity for the past two weeks, returned to her home in Oakland county, Sunday—Mrs. John Snyder and family, of Saginaw, visited at the home of George Wood, a part of last week—William Wood and Earnie Frasier, called on Flushing friends Sunday—Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Fraiser spent Sunday in Morrice—Most all the people in this vicinity attended camp meeting at Flushing Sunday—Sport Sherman will commence a course in law about the first of September.

Vernon.

Fred Grow, of Chicago, visited his parents here this week—Mrs. Grant Reed's health is still very poor—Miss Elsie Goff, who is attending school at Owosso, spent Sunday at her home—Mrs. Cyrus Case and Miss Maggie Yerkes are visiting their cousin, Mrs. Dr. Barr, of Detroit—Wilbur Nichols is visiting friends here—Miss Clara Harris is entertaining two young lady friends from Bay City—Edward and Victor Holmes returned Tuesday from a week's visit at Detroit and Wyandotte—Mr. Warner died on Saturday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Henry Randolph, in this place. The funeral was held on Tuesday at the house, Rev. Stephens officiating—W. D. and A. Garrison's store was broken into on Friday evening. About one hundred dollars worth of goods were stolen—Miss Myrtle Martin visited her father, in Detroit, Tuesday.

Shafterburg.

Chas. Bartell and family, of Lansing, visited friends here over Sunday—Mr. and Mrs. Jay Marsh, of Swartz Creek, have been visiting their parents here for a few days—Mrs. Gus Sterner is on the sick list—Claude Coryell and Homer Glasser, of Lansing, are painting the grist mill, which will soon be in running order—Mrs. A. C. Hawkins visited with friends in Morrice Saturday—T. L. Baldwin has his new house enclosed. Mr. Harvey is doing the carpenter work—H. Hawkins is having an upright built on the south side of his house. G. C. Coryell, of Lansing, is doing the work—Mrs. Ettie Bailey, of New Lothrop, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso Harkness—Rev. Barnum, of Morrice, will fill the M. E. pulpit here next Sunday at 2:30 p. m.—The Baptist quarterly meeting will be held in the Free Baptist church at Pine Lake, beginning Aug. 5th. Thursday afternoon there will be an address by a professor from Hillsdale college; Friday the young people will give a program and the usual services for the occasion Saturday—The L. A. S. of the M. E. church met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. A. Hoag.

Burton.

Quite a number from this place joined the excursion to Detroit Tuesday—Miss Mildred Yoxen returned to her home in Wayne, Tuesday—Rev. Dr. Dodge, of Adrian College, filled the pulpit of the M. P. church, Sunday evening—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mason, July 24, a daughter—Mrs. Dobbins and two sons returned to their home in Marshall, Saturday—The members of the M. P. church have decided to keep their pastor, Rev. S. S. Fleming, another year—Mrs. Eliza Glover returned from an extended visit with friends in Jackson, last week—Mr. and Mrs. Robt. McWilliams and son, of Blissfield are visiting at E. W. Mason's—Mrs. G. Gibson and daughter, Mrs. Walker, were guests of Mrs. Bagley and Mrs. E. Nesbitt, of St. Johns, Saturday—Farmers have begun threshing in this vicinity—Mr. and Mrs. W. Iveson spent Thursday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mason—Mrs. Ira Stiff is the guest of E. Reed, of Leno—Miss Shirlee Iveson and Miss Bessie Hosmer spent one day the first of the week in Detroit—The Misses Allie and Grace Wright, of Pontiac, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wright—Postmaster Potter and wife entertained Miss Grace Wright, of Pontiac, at tea, Tuesday.

The Michigan Central has posted the following notice: "On and after July 15, all mileage books issued by this company will be limited to expire December 31 and such tickets will not be honored on trains or accepted for passage after that date." This is the first step towards adopting interchangeable mileage books good on thirty-nine roads, to be issued shortly.

The fiction number of Scribner's Magazine has had a wonderful record for a decade. It has made the reputations of many new writers and increased the esteem in which the old ones are held. This issue sustains the well-earned reputation. It contains six complete short stories by Rudyard Kipling, Kenneth Grahame, Frank R. Stockton, Blanche Willis Howard, Molly Elliot Seawell, and Jessie Lynch William; and it appeals to many kinds of taste, for these are, respectively, a railroad story, a story of childhood, a farcical tale, a pathetic story, a fighting story, and a new-journalism story.

Harper's Bazar of July 31 will contain a practical and useful article of particular interest to students of music, on "The Pianist's Left Hand," by Aubertine Woodward Moore, and a clever sketch by Marion Harland, entitled "The Feathered Ishmaelite."

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Sugar Beet Experiments.

The following review of some facts relative to the culture of sugar beets and the production of beet sugar, found in the Grand Rapids Herald of recent date, will be read with interest by those who are looking forward to the production of sugar beets as one of the permanent and important industries of Michigan. Last year six European countries produced \$750,000 tons of beet sugar. Under the stimulus of government protection and export bounties the price of sugar, free on board for export, has declined to about 2 cents a pound. Yet the area of land planted with sugar beets in Germany this year is 1,062,908 acres, against 1,054,184 acres in 1896, and 930,749 acres in 1895. Another important fact is that German farmers get as much sugar from 7-25 units of raw beets as formerly from 13 units. In the United States at present there are three factories in California and two more in course of erection; two in Nebraska, one in New Mexico, one in Utah and one in New York state. A comparison with Europe in this respect creates surprise at the backwardness of our own country. There are in Germany 397 beet sugar factories, in France 356, in Austria 216, in Russia 297 and in Belgium and Holland over 200, a total of nearly 1,500 great factories devoted to one article alone. In climate or soil those countries possess nothing not found in the United States. Yet with the exception of New York state and California and in a lesser degree Michigan, no decisive steps have been taken in the United States to build up this industry. At the last session of the New York legislature an appropriation of \$10,000 was made to promote the culture of the sugar beet, and a state bounty will be paid on the crop. The state department of agriculture has selected 15 tracts in 16 different counties for official tests. Each farmer owning the land chosen is paid \$25 for its use and furnished rain gauges. He is required to make weather observations three times a day, and send weekly reports to state bureau. Sugar beet seeds are supplied to other farmers who agree to send in reports at intervals during the season. By the end of the year New York will have obtained a large fund of information on sugar beet conditions throughout the state, and at a small cost. Michigan anticipated New York state in her move but did so in a much more clumsy and parsimonious manner. Upon the results of these experiments much will depend, but there seems now no good reason why the United States should be sending abroad every year more than \$100,000,000 for sugar.

The casket factory ball club defeated the Durand club at that village yesterday by a score of 11 to 8.

The appointment of J. H. Clark as postmaster at New Lothrop, and V. C. Van Lieu, at Leno, were announced yesterday. Both are excellent selections, the men being splendidly qualified for the positions and highly respected in their communities. Our congratulations are extended to the gentlemen.

Dr. McCormick is spending the week at his old home in Canada. He will return tomorrow accompanied by a sister.

J. B. Wheeler, of Oklaoma, is visiting friends in the city.

Miss Sadie Hershey has returned from a six weeks visit with her uncle, Joseph Hershey, at Gorham, N. Y., and with her mother has been visiting in Chesaning this week.

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