

LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD

The Pioneer Congregational Clergyman in the State of Nebraska.

OMAHA'S PIONEER MINISTER.

Another Chapter in the Early Church History of Omaha—Ordination of a Bohemian Pastor—Secretary Williamson.

Rev. Kenyon Gaylord.

The pioneer minister of the territory of Nebraska was Rev. Kenyon Gaylord, a Congregational pastor at Danville, Ia., who left a desirable charge for the hardships of a life on the frontier in the winter of 1835-6. A history of his life here is a history of the church. Omaha was then scarcely more than a year old.

Mr. Gaylord began preaching immediately to the council chamber of an old state house. He was guaranteed a salary of \$600 per year and a parsonage, and for his meager pitance bore infinite suffering and privation and did some of the noblest and best work of his life.

In the following summer Mr. Gaylord wrote the following enthusiastic outlook for Omaha: "I see unmistakable evidence of energy and enterprise in this city that give promise of progress. When we consider that only a year and a half since there was but one log cabin in Omaha and that now there is a population of 600 or 800 souls, the place gives evidence of a spirit on the part of its inhabitants that will not be deterred by any obstacle that will come in its way."

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Secretary Williamson, W. M. C. A. The board of directors of the W. M. C. A. has chosen Mr. Charles E. Williamson acting general secretary of the association to succeed Mr. Jenner, who has resigned. Mr. Williamson has been acting as assistant secretary for over two years, and although a young man of twenty-six, his friends have implicit confidence in his ability to fill the place.

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Report of the People's Church. The officers of the People's church, of which Rev. Charles W. Savage is pastor, in making their first report present the following interesting facts and figures.

Total. \$1,051 90 An average of \$4 per Sunday has been received in collections.

Total. \$1,051 90 Rev. John A. Gillespie has raised all the money for the church by the sale of the school at the Buckingham.

The report has been circulated that Rev. C. W. Savage is rich, but this is not true. He is a man of moderate means, but he is the support of the church. The bill payable at this time for rent, coal and music amount to \$10.

The Sunday Paper. Rev. T. J. Mackay, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Council Bluffs, says on the above subject: "Am I opposed to the Sunday paper? No, I am not. I recognize the fact that this Sunday paper has come to stay, and that it fills a want that previously was not met."

Mr. Gaylord was compelled to remain in the wretched cabin above referred to, but finally managed to secure a more comfortable dwelling with two rooms. It cost no dollar, and he was able to get Mr. Gaylord paid \$21 per month rental. God had sent him a housewife, and she had bought for \$7. The luxury of butter was scarcely dreamed of.

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The archbishop of Canterbury has astonished his realm by a sudden movement against the dress coat. He objects to it in church. In order to keep it out of church he has decreed that marriage licenses shall not be issued for a later hour than 5 o'clock.

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