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## REV. ELMER L. WILLIAMS FAILS TO PROVE CASE AGAINST WOMAN HE CRUCIFIED

*Did the "Fighting Pastor" Accept \$5 From Woman He  
Shamed One Week Before Causing Her Arrest?  
Was His Investigator Living on Her?*

"She, 'Mrs. X.,' told me that the Rev. Elmer L. Williams called on her one week before he caused her arrest and asked her to come to his church. She told me that she gave him an evasive answer and that, when he persisted, she gave him a five dollar bill."—From the testimony of Detective Sergeant John J. Harding, at the trial of the woman whom the Rev. Williams crucified before the midnight session of the O'Hara vice commission last Friday.

"She, 'Mrs. X.,' also told me that she kept this 'Investigator' Harris, who testified for the Rev. Williams today, in eating money for several days before she was arrested. Harris at that time was living in Mrs. X.'s rooming house, presumably for the purpose of gathering evidence against Mrs. X. He told Mrs. X. he was broke. Harris is a salesman for Siegel, Cooper & Co."—From a statement of Detective Sergeant John J. Harding to The Day Book after the trial of the woman.

The course of the O'Hara vice commission in repudiating the Rev. Elmer L. Williams, of the Grace Methodist church, and of The Day Book in branding Williams' conduct as not only unchristian and unmanly, but also as outside the law, were fully justified today.

While the O'Hara commission was holding its midnight session of last Friday night, Williams, with two city detectives, the sergeant-at-arms of the commission, and two private in-

vestigators, broke into the private room of the landlady of a rooming house at 1361 North Clark street and dragged the woman and a man from bed and before the commission.

When the commission learned that the case was neither one of commercial prostitution nor of open adultery, it refused to pillory the woman in the case further and dismissed her.

Williams then had the man and woman arrested by city detectives on a charge of adultery. The case was called before Judge Hopkins in the