

SPOKE ON MISSIONS.

REV. MR. CAVE TO DISCIPLES AT SEVENTH-STREET CHURCH.

CHRISTIANS URGED TO ACTIVITY.

Further Delay Declared to Be Dangerous and Means Death—Mr. Leake to Criticize the Constitutional Convention—Rev. J. T. Tucker Will Remain in Richmond—Big Meeting for Men—Church Notes.

On Sunday evening the congregations of the four Christian churches of the city united in a mass-meeting at Seventh-street church in the interest of missions. A large crowd was present and enjoyed the service greatly. The meeting was held primarily to arouse an interest in the Christian churches all over the world for foreign missions. There is no doubt but that greater interest was stimulated among the disciples by the meeting. Revs. Carey, Mr. Morgan and P. A. Cave made the addresses. Mr. Cave spoke for fifteen minutes and said in part: "I should appear to some of you to be out of order without a Scripture text to call your attention to Acts xvii, 10: 'And after he had said these things, he departed, and many of the Jews believed on him.' We are endeavoring to go into Macedonia, gathering, assuredly that God had called us to preach the Gospel unto them." These words the historian tells us how promptly Paul and his companions responded to the Macedonian call for help. How like Paul was this, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do," he asked of Jesus Christ on the Damascus road, and ever after that unconditional surrender and faith of allegiance, Paul needed only to know the will and wish of Christ and prompt obedience was his. He wanted to go into Asia, but the Spirit said "No." He wanted to go to Bithynia, but the Spirit said "No." So he landed at Troas and waited for orders. They came to him that night in the vision which God gave to his soul's eye, in which a man of Macedonia appeared and "prayed him, saying, come over into Macedonia and help me." A modern preacher might have entered into an argument about the matter with the Lord, but not so with Paul. The Lord had called him to preach the Gospel to the Macedonians; that was the end of all controversy.

"It was not his to reason why Nor his to make reply; But his to do and die."

And immediately they set sail from Troas for Neapolis. "The King's business is his business." The people are perishing "without God and without hope." Life is short, opportunities are waning. Delay means danger, loss, death. Paul felt what we need to feel more keenly, the importance of Christ's redemption. It is his day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Hence, first of all we should respond to the Macedonian call that "come ring the over restless wave," on our Lord's account. He died for the world, and we will men everywhere to come to the knowledge of the truth. Oh how his great heart yearns for their salvation.

Second, we should hasten our efforts to answer the Macedonian call on our own account. Life is too short to waste any of it in mere play. What we do for Christ and the lost world we must do at once, for the night is fast approaching when we can no longer work. The little part we are privileged to play in the world's redemption will be ended. Some of us have wasted too much precious time and money already, and allowed too many golden opportunities to go by unimproved. We should make haste now to amend, if possible, for that which we have left undone and lost.

Lastly, we should hasten to answer the Macedonian call for help. On the people's account, they are dying by the thousands. We should help them, if we can, for them must be done immediately. Soon will the season of rescue be over. Soon will they drift to eternity's shore. Haste then, my brothers; no time for delay.

With the life line and save them to-day. The multitudes are living in ignorance, sin, and misery, without the Gospel. Our knowledge of that fact ought to stir us to greater activity and earnestness in sending them the truth.

TEMPORARY RELIGION. Our religion makes us debtors to all who are in need, and the greater the need, the more urgent and mighty our obligation to answer that need. "Dumb wretchedness in its misery is a stronger appeal to us for help than if it cried in our streets, 'disturb our slumbers with its wailing.'"

An Indian girl asked her mistress: "How long have you known that Jesus loves us and died to save us?" "Oh, a long time," said the mistress. "In fact, I have known it since I was born. And you never told us until now?" "Young man," said an old gray-headed man in Brazil, to a missionary, "what was your father doing all these years, preaching the Gospel and not ever hearing of the Bible?"

"Is it possible," exclaimed a Baptist, "that you Christians have been in possession of these good tidings for hundreds of years, and never made them known to us until now?" "Yes," said the friends, "the Church of Christ answer these questions at the day of judgment? And how will we answer them if we delay and trifle in the matter of our response to the call for help that comes from every quarter of the world to-day?"

"Hark, the cry of distant nations! List that cry comes back again. With its solemn, sad vibration, With its pitious refrain."

"We are dying fast of hunger, Starving for the bread of life, Haste, O hasten, ere we perish, Send the messengers of light," and still—

"The restless millions wait, That light whose dawning maketh all things new."

And Christ is waiting, but men are slow and late. Have we done what we could? Have I have you?"

Next Sunday we are asked to make our annual offering to hasten the coming of our Lord. Remember, friends, Jesus Christ expects every one to do his duty promptly and heartily and worthily. Can you count on you?"

The Christian Endeavor society of the Third Christian church will hold a tea

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DOWN TO DEATH.

A Tragedy of the Nerves.

A poor painter fell 125 feet down to death in one of the gigantic shafts of the Brooklyn Bridge.

He was a superior workman, and his fate is doubly sad from the fact that he had a wife and children.

Work with him was not always plentiful, and he was doing his best to provide for his family while he had an opportunity.

With a chance to work he overworked, as millions of others are daily doing.

In his nervous anxiety to accomplish as much as possible, he forgot himself and the scaffolding which he was in.

His death was quick and tragic.

Dr. GREENE'S NERVURA.

The ever-faithful workman lost his life through nervous excitement.

Had he been strong and fully self-controlled he might have been among the living.

Millions of people, like this poor painter, are destroying their lives by overwork and worry.

Do not neglect the feelings of exhaustion and lassitude. They mean much.

Nervousness, insomnia, morbid fears, dyspepsia and irritability indicate derangements of the nerves and blood which require immediate attention.

Dr. Greene's Nervura remedy for the nerves and blood is the great life-renewer and strengthener, and may be trusted to repair the devastations wrought by the methods and habits of modern life.

If you do not fully understand, write to Dr. Greene, 101 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and secure medical advice, which is given cordially and without charge.

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SYL STOKES ESCAPES.

ONE OF THE LUNENBURG PRISONERS BREAKS JAIL.

ASSISTED FROM THE OUTSIDE.

The Man Obtained His Liberty Friday Morning—An Unknown Friend Prized Open the Jail Door—Stokes Was Recovering from Wounds Recently Inflicted in an Attempt to Commit Suicide.

MEHERRIN, VA., February 24.—(Special.)—S. Y. Stokes, who was a few days ago tried and sentenced to serve four years in the State Penitentiary, and was confined in jail at Lunenburg, suffering from a very severe wound, inflicted in a recent attempt to end his own life, escaped from jail on last Friday morning, with the assistance of an unknown friend.

Stokes, previous to the apprehension of Epes and Hambrick, the negroes arrested in connection with the Faust murder, had occupied a very secure iron cell in the second story of the jail, but for want of room he had been transferred to the first floor, and placed in a room that was kept secure by a common padlock.

Early Friday morning a friend of the prisoner secured a crowbar, went to the prison, and forced the lock from its position. An easy entrance was thus gained.

ONLY ONE PERSON HELPED HIM. It is quite evident that only one person assisted Stokes to gain his freedom. This was seen, for the jailer, who the tracks led in the deep snow that covered the earth were those of two men only.

Epes and Hambrick, confined in the second story of the jail, saw the jailer in conversation at the time of the escape, and are quite sure only one man was present besides Stokes.

Owing to the dangerous wound Stokes had inflicted upon himself, it was thought that it would be impossible for him to even leave the jail, should opportunity be given him.

His physician said he was yet in a critical state, as he improved very slowly.

The fugitive left only one-half pint of whiskey and his purse with 7 cents in his cell. These were found the morning after his departure.

Previous to his trial there were several rumors that Stokes's friends would give him freedom. And therefore the news of his escape causes no great surprise to the people of this vicinity.

No TRACE OF HIM YET. Up to this writing no trace of him is found; and very little excitement exists. It seems quite probable that no vigorous efforts will be used to learn the man's whereabouts.

Nothing new has developed in the Faust murder case. It is quite probable that the two negroes now confined in jail will be released at the next term of the County Court, unless new evidence is obtained.

There is little, if any, danger of a lynching now, unless much stronger evidence is gotten.

Epes and Hambrick still tell conflicting stories as heretofore, and nothing worthy of mention can be gotten from them.

The two negroes were much frightened hearing the person forcing his entrance into the jail, and thought that it was a man entering to take their lives.

It is believed that Stokes has not gone very far.

How Escape Was Made.

LUNENBURG COURTHOUSE, VA., February 24.—(Special.)—When the jailer went to the jail Friday morning about 9 o'clock to feed the prisoners, on approaching the prison he discovered that the window of the guard room had been entered. This room opens into Stokes's cell, there being a door to Stokes's cell, which was broken.

The locks upon Stokes's cell door were broken, and the door forced open. Thus the prisoner was able to pass into the guard room and through the guard room window to the jail yard.

This yard is enclosed by a high plank fence, but a plank had been pulled off this fence in the rear of the jail, through which Stokes escaped.

There were tracks in the rear of the jail, showing that persons from the outside aided in the escape.

There are no new developments in the Faust murder case, and no excitement here now over these prisoners.

HOW THE MAN SLIPPED OUT.

Another Account of Stokes's Escape. WILL DIE FIGHTING.

KEYSVILLE, VA., February 24.—(Special.)—Sylvanus Stokes, who escaped from the county of Lunenburg jail, was under sentence for four years in the penitentiary.

It appears that two men with a crowbar prized off a plank from the high fence on the north side of the jail. They then went to the east side and prized open the window that entered the guardroom. They next went to the west lower cell—Stokes's cell—and unlocked it, secured by a padlock, which they prized open. Then they forced open the inner door, setting the prisoner free.

The escape was accomplished without least expected, for a cold, rainy night, the rain freezing on the snow as it fell, and travelling was almost impossible.

Stokes evidently knew nothing of the intention of his friends to turn him out, as he begged the county physician, Dr. J. T. Morton, who was in the jail that evening, to cleanse and dress the wound on his throat, to let him die.

His escape was made in the absence of the jailer, Mr. Tom C. Fowles, who had gone off to sell his tobacco.

The two negroes who are in jail for trial in the Faust murder case, heard the breaking in about 8 o'clock, but did not give the alarm, as they thought the mob had come for them. They spent their spare moments in prayer. They pray now that their prayers were soon answered, and they were much relieved when they found

Greene and Gaylor Plead Not Guilty.

SAVANNAH, GA., February 24.—In a lengthy opinion to-day Judge Emory Speer, of the United States Court, overruled the demurrer of the defence in the ruled Greene-Gaylor conspiracy case, except as to the last two counts in the indictment. He sustained the demurrer in the counts in which it is alleged that the defendants made a contract with ex-Captain M. Carter as to the division of money. When arraigned to-day the defendants pleaded not guilty, and the case was assigned for trial on its merits March 10th.

Fighting on Montenegrin Frontier.

CETINJE, MONTENEGRO, February 24.—Sixty-four men are reported to have been killed or wounded during the fight which occurred on the Montenegrin frontier between Albanians and Turkish regular troops.

The trouble was due to the recent assassination of an Albanian chief, Mulazaka. The latter's clansmen demanded the surrender of the murderer, falling which they attacked a force of Turkish frontier troops. The fighting continues.

Piles Cured After 30 Years.

Thomas E. Wood, 318 Seventeenth street, Sacramento, Cal.: "One 50-cent box of Pyramid Pile Cure permanently cured me of piles. For a frightful operation, nearly died, but failed to cure. I was unable to walk when I tried Pyramid Pile Cure. The first application relieved me. All subsequent applications cured me. I am now a free man. Quick relief by mail. Pyramid Pile Cure, Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass."

INSURANCE STATEMENTS.

(PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA.)

UNION CENTRAL LIFE-INSURANCE COMPANY.

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1901, OF THE ACTUAL CONDITION OF THE UNION CENTRAL LIFE-INSURANCE COMPANY, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA.

Name of the Company in Full—UNION CENTRAL LIFE-INSURANCE COMPANY.

Location of Home or Principal Office of Said Company—CINCINNATI, O.

Character of Business Transacted by the Company—LIFE INSURANCE.

President—JOHN M. PATTISON.

Secretary—P. MARSHALL.

Organized and Incorporated—1887.

Commenced Business—1887.

Name of the General Agent in Virginia—R. S. TUCK.

Residence—RICHMOND, VA.

The amount of capital stock..... \$ 100,000 00

The number of policies and the amount of insurance effected thereby in force at end of previous year..... 80,917 \$148,820,737 00

The number of policies issued during the year and the amount of insurance effected thereby..... 20,154 23,456,523 00

Total..... 101,071 \$172,277,260 00

The whole number of policies in force, and the amount of liabilities or risks thereon at end of year..... 91,696 \$168,064,471 00

RECEIPTS.

The amount of premiums received during the year..... \$5,340,670 43

The amount of annuities received during the year..... 20,415 20

The amount of interest received from all sources..... 1,630,382 51

The amount of all other receipts..... 5,620 56

Total..... \$6,996,908 60

DISBURSEMENTS.

The amount of losses paid..... \$1,092,872 27

The amount of matured endowments paid..... 392,436 71

The amount of annuities paid..... 19,410 83

The amount paid for surrenders values and policies..... 421,137 18

The amount of dividends paid to policyholders..... 305,559 14

The amount of dividends paid to stockholders..... 10,000 00

The amount paid for expenses (including taxes)..... \$1,222,235 1,445,977 29

Total..... \$3,685,105 52

ASSETS.

Bonds, market value..... \$ 412,375 11

Real estate, unencumbered, market value..... 32,582 97

Loans secured by first mortgage on real estate..... 23,765,577 66

Cash in banks, trust companies, and company's office..... 622,823 22

The company's policies, assigned as collateral..... 1,000,000 00

Premiums, notes, etc..... 1,135,326 82

Interest due and accrued..... 911,787 19

Receivables and accrued..... 428 38

Uncollected and deferred premiums..... 450,917 04

All other assets, agents' balances and cash obligations..... 172,873 17

Carried over at market value—Total..... \$29,936,912 61

LIABILITIES.

The amount of losses unpaid (unadjusted, \$59,012; not due, \$12,690; resented, \$81,000)..... \$ 132,012 00

The amount of losses unpaid..... 74,925 00

For instalments (\$113,900), net..... 74,925 00

The amount of liability on policies, etc., in force (S. D. table, on basis of 4 per cent. actuarial mortality table)..... 25,170,222 60

Premiums paid in advance and unpaid dividends..... 96,356 46

Commissions due to agents on premium notes when paid..... 154,395 36

Total..... \$25,622,231 29

BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA DURING 1901.

Number and amount of policies in force December 31st of previous year..... 1,874 \$2,501,442 00

Number and amount of policies issued during the year..... 995 1,700,444 00

Total..... 2,869 \$4,201,886 00

Deduct number and amount which have ceased to be in force during the year..... 276 495,238 00

Total number and amount of policies in force at end of year..... 2,593 \$4,701,548 00

Amount of losses and claims on policies unpaid December 31st of previous year..... 2 \$ 2,501 00

Amount of losses and claims on policies incurred during the year..... 17 27,013 00

Total..... 19 29,513 00

Amount of losses and claims on policies paid during the year..... 13 19,513 00

Amount of assessments, premiums, dues and fees collected or secured in Virginia during the year, in cash and notes or other securities, any deduction for losses, dividends, commissions, or other expenses..... \$157,758 14

(Signed) JOHN M. PATTISON, President.

(Signed) P. MARSHALL, Secretary.

State of Ohio, County of Hamilton—ss: Sworn to February 13, 1902, before WILLIAM F. PATTISON, Notary Public.

It was Stokes who was wanted and not them.

Stokes's whereabouts are not known, but it is believed that he will die fighting rather than be recaptured. He cares nothing for his life, and is determined to attempt to cut his throat with a razor.

The other prisoners are safe in jail, and there are no signs of any trouble.

A MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING.

Unusual Affair in Newport News—Case of O'Boyle.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., February 24.—(Special.)—The police are trying to find a man who was shot last night under the Twenty-eighth-street bridge, and also the man who did the shooting.

There are witnesses to the shooting, who saw the man in the light of a lamp, and after seeing the flash from the shots, they saw one of the men sink to the ground, the other two starting to run.

The latter, however, returned