



# WAS GREAT GATHERING

That of Presbyterians at Atlanta, Ga.

DR. CARRIER TELLS ABOUT IT

Mingling of Various Church Organizations a Love Feast Much Enjoyed

Editor Freeman:—

At your request I am very glad to give you some account of my recent trip to Atlanta, Ga. It has been an occasion of great interest and inspiration to me. My immediate reason for going was to attend a conference of the college board of the Presbyterian church and the college presidents of the various colleges affiliated with the Presbyterian church; more than thirty of whom were represented by their presidents.

At the same time there was a conference of the southern Presbyterian church college presidents in the same city, and we held some joint meetings, the best of which was a banquet where there was a remarkable manifestation of wit, wisdom and good fellowship. This conference was held at the time the four great divisions of the Presbyterian church of America, who met simultaneously, held their general assemblies in Atlanta.

Some two years ago the Ministerial association of Atlanta conceived the idea of inviting these various churches to meet in this way and this happy suggestion was responded to by all these bodies and the people of Atlanta had the opportunity of demonstrating their unusual hospitable spirit by insisting on entertaining these 2,500 representatives in their homes rather than allowing them to go to the hotels.

Mingling of the Colors

The commissioners were requested to wear little ribbon badges indicating their denomination; the north Presbyterians wearing blue, the southern Presbyterians red, the United Presbyterians white and the Reformed Presbyterians gold. On the special train from Chicago we passed through six states, including Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia. The country was never more beautiful than at this time and as we neared the southland roses and magnolias were in their glory. On the train we found ourselves already well mixed with men wearing all four kinds of ribbons and coming from almost every state west and north.

Evidences of the Floods

In our approach and entrance to the city of Cincinnati we had opportunity to see something of the fearful devastation of the recent floods, where the water mark on the buildings, through miles of the city, was above the top of the cars, showing how factories, stores, freight cars and everything was submerged in the rushing waters.

See Old Battle Fields

We passed through many noted battle grounds and spent some time at the historic city of Chattanooga, where the great battles were fought on Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain and Chickamauga, and where more than 33,000 brave soldiers on both sides were either killed or seriously wounded, and where is the great national cemetery in which lie buried 14,000 soldiers, nearly one-half of the graves of which are marked unknown.

The delightful ride through the bluegrass region of Kentucky and the Cumberland mountains of Tennessee is simply charming.

Demand for "Real Yankees"

Our reception at Atlanta was an unusual demonstration of hospitality; everyone seemed glad to be our host and the beautiful spirit was manifested when a very large percentage of those southern people quite insisted on having for their delegates "real Yankees."

The different assemblies met at their appointed places for business during the day and there was a frequent interchange of delegates, bringing greetings from one assembly to the other, and different proposals were made for some plan of union in the near future. In the evenings the four assemblies met in the great auditorium, seating 8,000, where addresses were made by leading men from the different churches, giving emphasis to some very important questions. On Friday, the 15th, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon these assemblies met in a union communion service in the great Baptist tabernacle, seating nearly 4,000 people, and it was crowded to the very top gallery. The four moderators conducted the services, assisted by forty-eight elders from the different churches and different states. The wonderful music produced by the great organ, inspiring addresses by moderators, the deep devotion of prayer and a hearty joining in singing of "Blest be the Tie That Binds," "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and repeating the 23d Psalm, and the Lord's prayer, produced such an impression as will make it a great memory for a life-time. It was not only a wonderfully inspiring occasion, but I believe, one of greater historic importance than almost any battle fought during the war.

Those 2,500 delegates represented more than a 10,000,000 constituency in the United States and undoubtedly evidenced one of the advanced steps toward the union of these four divisions into one great Presbyterian church.

It was my pleasure on Monday night, the 19th, to attend a reunion of the old veterans in the state capitol building where the Confederate soldiers were the hosts of the Northern soldiers and each seemed to vie with the other in expressing their cordial fellowship, sympathy and brotherly love.

It is the first time the Northern assembly has met south of the Mason and Dixon line since the unpleasantness of 1860. These are days of marvelous progress and there never was a more loyal people north and south, nor a more fraternal spirit existing among all men than there is today,

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## THIRD OF POPULAR SERIES OF SERMONS

Rev. William A. Ganfield, D. D., Discoursing on "Heavenly Harmonies for Earthly Living"

"Heavenly Harmonies for Earthly Living" was the subject of the sermon last Sunday morning by Prof. W. A. Ganfield at the Congregational church. This was the third in the series entitled "A Safe, Safe Solution of our Social Problems." The last of the series will be given next Sunday morning on the subject "The More Excellent Way."

Social disease results from ignorance of or disobedience to the laws and principles of social health. As truly as the individual may disregard the law of the human body and suffer the result, so, likewise, may society violate the principles of health and harmony, and the result will be inevitable social misery. As the physician is concerned with relieving the human body from the suffering entailed by disobedience, or with the larger task of preventing sickness and instructing men in the ways of health, likewise the true prophet is ever busy seeking the ways of social safety and trying to direct society aright. It is an easy task for the minister to grow eloquent discoursing upon the social sins of the Amorites, Jebusites and the many other "ites" of the past, but it is vastly more important that we be made aware of the social sins of the Milwaukeeites, Chicagoites and Pittsburghites of today. It is possible that we may be of some little help to the men and cities of the present. It is impossible to render service to the Amorites. They have been too long time dead.

Ten Men to Save City

In the olden time the story runs that Jehovah promised to spare the wicked city of Sodom if ten righteous men be found within the city walls. Give us ten men of the right kind in the right places and we will save the modern city. These ten men may be placed in two groups of five each. In the first group let us place the mayor of the city, the president of the common council, the city attorney, the judge of the Municipal court and the chief of police; in the second group, the minister of the church, the superintendent of the health department, the superintendent of the city schools, the president of the board of education and the city librarian. Give us for these positions courageous, wise, sincere, God-fearing men and the modern city will be transformed.

Men Are Like Ideals

But men are what their ideals are. Doctrines and religious teachings profoundly affect and influence the character of men, and in turn, men direct and shape social activities and policies. The thought of today becomes the dream of tonight, the act of tomorrow, the habit of the future, the character of the man, the destiny of eternity. "Sow a thought, you reap an act; sow an act, you reap a habit; sow a habit, you reap a character; sow a character, you reap a destiny." The words of our lips and the deeds of our hands, the lives that we live, are largely the expression of the thoughts that we think and the ideals that we cherish.

Religion furnishes for man and society the highest ideals. Give a people a false religion, one whose ideals are low, and the race will decline. Give to humanity a religion with noble, lofty ideals, a sublime purpose, a triumphant destiny, and mankind will be inspired and lifted up; for man never rises higher than his highest ideals; he is never better than his best thoughts; never nobler than his noblest purpose and never more holy than his holiest aspirations.

Religion Many Sided

Now truth is a sphere, not a hemisphere. Too often has the church proclaimed and practised a one sided religion. We have thought of religion as being concerned with man's relation to God and have quite forgotten that it has equal benefit for man in his relations to his fellow-men.

The laws of service, sacrifice and love, applied to human life and conduct, give us an entirely new conception. It is no longer our hope that

the greatest total of social welfare will come from each life being lived on the basis of individual self-interest; it is no longer the doctrine of "laissez faire" in economics. As Dr. Josiah Strong well declares, it is no longer the law of supply and demand, but the doctrine of human need and service. Life and all things have become sacred. Wealth, time, talents, the human body are all held in sacred trust. We no longer own things—we are stewards. We are no longer masters—we are servants. "Let him that would be greatest among you become your servant." "The son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister." "As the father hath sent me, so send I you."

Conscience Reform Needed

Apply these principles to our present day problems, and the problem disappears. The problem of municipal administration perplexes us today. Many theories, many remedies, are being proposed, but what is wanted is not so much a charter reform as conscience reform. Let the men in office become faithful trustees of power, sincere servants of the community and the pattern of our institutions, the forms of organization, will matter little.

The temperance problem is both individual and social, but as Dr. Strong says: "Apply the principle of need and service to this problem for just one day and it will be the driest day since man first put his bottle to his neighbor's lips." The same will be found true with respect to every other vexing social question of the present time. Harmony comes from conformity to principles and obedience to laws. There are no rebellious sins. It is only among the sons of men that rebellion may be found and it is only there that discord prevails. The laws of Jesus are no harsh mandate of a cruel potentate. They are great social principles, the observance of which is necessary to the health, happiness or security of human society.

Sees Society Struggling

Society is this day marching up the hill of life. We see them struggle and toil as they pursue the weary climb. We see the bent forms and hardened hands of many men inured to toil; we see the look of hate stamped upon the furrowed face; we see the man whose life is one of luxury and ease but upon his countenance is the look of contempt expressing the feelings of scorn; we see the women, bearing burdens too heavy for womankind, and from the eye flashes the envy and hate for those whose lot is one of ease.

We see the miser carefully guarding his hidden treasure; we see the cruel monster reach stealthy fingers into the pockets of his weaker fellow; we see the legislator with itching palm, and the promoter whose hand is full of bribes; we hear the cries of little children who know not the meaning of the word "play"; and whose little lives and bodies are dwarfed by toil; we see human lives bound down by vice; we see its cruel marks upon many an otherwise charming face; we see factories belching forth their blackening smoke; we hear the chopping grind of the wheels of industry and trade; we see thousands devoured by its terrible power and cover beneath its lash. Upon the faces of men we see discontent and hate, selfishness and greed everywhere writ large. Far up the hill of life, what like a little chapel stands? As we draw nearer it is a cathedral with large and open door. The prophet beckons the throng to come within. We look. The great multitudes are crowding through the doors. Once they are within we think we hear the prophet proclaim the living truth for living men. We feel the hushed silence of the quiet moments of humanity's prayer. The doors are open wide once more, and the masses of men go on the upward climb; but, lo! the look of hate has gone. Still there are men whose hands are hard with toil, and men whose hands are soft and white, but now each greets and grips the other with cheerful, happy smile. There are now women whose burdens are heavy to bear, and whose dress shows signs of wear, and there are women who gown in silk and whose lives enjoy much of ease, but no longer the feeling of contempt or the display of pride. Instead the arm of the strong is about the waist of the weak, and thus they help each other up life's rugged way. No longer from little children the cry of pain, but together they laugh and skip and play; no longer the face that betrays the

killing vice or secret sin. And up from all goes the strain of one glad song:

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds,  
Is like to that above.  
We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.  
Why this change? How this transformation?  
Because the church has a vision of her mission and the prophet proclaimed his rightful message. Because the faithful preaching and the sincere practice of the Christianity of Jesus is a real solution and is the only permanent solution of the social question.

This interests Every Woman

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A Black and White Map of Wisconsin

To have as many Holstein community breeders' associations in Wisconsin

as there are agricultural counties in the state is, according to Andrew W. Hopkins, editor of the Wisconsin Farmer, the ambition of leading Badger state admirers and supporters of his great Dutch breed. Already the state is completely checkered with organizations, associations having



been formed in all the counties shaded on this map, which are doing much in their respective localities to encourage the establishment and improvement of herds of productive and profitable Holsteins.

## FIGHT IN SALOON ON SUNDAY NIGHT

Assault charges growing out of a Sunday night saloon fight occupied Judge Milo Muckleston in Municipal court Monday afternoon. The defendants were Charles Gilbert, automobile driver, August Brennermann, a bartender for Walter Schaezel on Madison street, and a man giving the name of D. M. Cooper, which is said to be the assumed name of a prominent Milwaukee business man.

Attorney M. A. Jacobson represented Gilbert and Cooper, and Henry Lockney represented Brennermann. The first charge was brought by Brennermann, who alleges that Gilbert and Cooper started a fight, and then threw a match safe and a cuspidor at him, inflicting considerable damage with the weapons, as well as pummeling him.

The other two defendants then came back with a counter charge that Brennermann had used language provocative of assault, and constituting an assault under the statute. The case became so complicated at this stage that all the parties and attorneys agreed to an adjournment, Mr. Jacobson asking that the district attorney be present at the trial. The court set the hearing of the case for June 5.

Four or five drunks constituted the rest of the court's work for the day.

## OLDEST LIVING THINGS IN WORLD

Are Great Trees Found in Sequoia and General Grant Parks

Full information regarding the Sequoia and General Grant National parks, which contain the oldest and largest trees in the world, is contained in a circular just issued by the department of the Interior. Within these parks are thirteen groves of sequoia trees, there being over 12,000 trees exceeding ten feet in diameter. In the giant forest in the Sequoia National park the principal trees are the General Sherman, 286 feet high and 36 feet in diameter; the Abraham Lincoln, 270 feet high and 31 feet in diameter; the William McKinley, 291 feet high and 28 feet in diameter. In the General Grant park the principal trees are the General Grant, 264 feet high and 35 feet in diameter, and the George Washington, 255 feet high and 29 feet in diameter. These big trees are the oldest living things in the world, 4,000 annual wood rings having been counted on one of the fallen giants in the Sequoia park. The great pines of the Pacific coast are old in their fourth or fifth century, when the big trees growing beside them are still in the bloom of youth, as they do not attain prize size and beauty before their fifteenth hundred year or become old in less than 3,000 years.

The circular, which may be obtained free from the Department of the Interior, contains information regarding the means of seeing the park, tables showing distances to the principal points, a tourist map, a list of birds, and the regulations that have been adopted for the protection of the forest.

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MAYOR BADING WILL BE THERE

The Waukesha County Holstein-Friesian Breeders' association, which is to hold its summer meeting at Eagle on June 17, has secured as one of the speakers, Mayor A. G. Bading of Milwaukee. Much interest is aroused at this time because of the decision of the United States Supreme court regarding the tuberculosis test as related to the ordinance regulating the sale of milk in Milwaukee, with which case the mayor was intimately concerned, and it is probable that dairymen as well as others will want to hear what he may have to offer on this subject.

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LET'S HAVE GOOD MUSIC AND BY HOME BAND

Editor Freeman:

Are we to have band concerts by our home band in the park this summer? This is a question often asked as the days grow longer and the evenings seem to lack something when music is not heard. Those who are not inclined to go to the park enjoy the concerts from a distance and those who do go are amply repaid by the good music. The investment in money paid the band is surely a good one. Now is the time to agitate the subject of summer concerts and if our home band is to play they will want to get new music and put in many hours of faithful practice. Before our summer guests arrive let's have the band and encourage them by our hearty support.

The following excerpts from a well known musical journal are apropos of the band concert subject:

"No organization in a community is of more importance than the band. It is always a true guide to the progressiveness of any city." You will often hear the remark, "Bingville is a live town; it's full of good people and it has a corking band, best I ever heard for a place of the size." All of which merely goes to show that any locality is judged largely by the company of musicians it keeps.

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