

WOMEN IN THE SANCTUARY.

The Consequence of the Move to Admit Them to the General Conference.

TWO DIVINES WHO FAVOR THE MOVE.

Two New Pastors Admitted to Omaha pulpits with Interesting Facts About Many Other Preachers.

An important matter to be determined in the Methodist Episcopal church within the next few weeks is the admission of women as lay delegates to the general conference of the church.

Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the leading church paper of the Methodist denomination, the New York Christian Advocate, is slightly in the minority.

On the other hand, such women as Miss Frances Willard, Mrs. Angie F. Newman of Lincoln, Sister John M. Thurston, Mrs. Bishop Newman and many others, supported and encouraged by many of the leading divines and laymen of the church, are making an aggressive fight for the admission of women as lay delegates to conference.

Speaking of the subject to a Bee reporter, Dr. P. S. Merrill, pastor of the First Methodist church in this city said:

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So far as I am concerned, personally, I am in favor of it. I don't see how we can avoid it. We find the hand of woman laying hold of almost every calling in life and entering into competition with man for the same.

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"Do you think that women should be licensed to preach?" "I can think of no great objection to the licensing of women to preach where it would be accomplished by it. We have in our church now several women who are licensed preachers, but they have no license."

"Do you think the proposition to admit the women will be carried by a large majority?" "Yes, sir, I think it will. It is the trend of the times, the outgrowth of this progressive civilization. This matter is sure to be decided sooner or later in favor of the mission and we who oppose it are simply kicking against the pricks."

Rev. Charles W. Sullivan said that he hoped the day would come when women might be ordained to the priesthood as men are. "May the Lord speed the day," he said, "when we shall see women in the world, and I do not believe in restricting their usefulness simply because it has not been customary for women to speak in the pulpit."

Meeting of Directors Y. M. C. A. The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian association was held at the building last evening.

William Fleming, president; Mr. W. W. Slatkoff, dean; Gardner, Dr. W. F. Milroy, W. J. Van Doren, W. E. Drummond, J. V. Phillips, George A. Joplin, A. D. Schermerhorn, Charles E. Williamson and W. H. Russell were present.

The report of the acting general secretary, Hanchett, showed the work of the several departments to be a general upward tendency. The attendance on the physical department is increasing; that at the religious meetings is 30 per cent larger than it was in August.

Considerable routine business was transacted, after which the report of the lecture committee was taken up and after discussion was accepted. The report contemplates a course of entertainments to be given by the "Star course," to consist of seven lectures by well known gentlemen of Omaha, including Colonel T. H. Stanton, Fred. Ames, Hon. Benjamin H. Harbo, Hon. James W. Sweeney, Mr. W. H. Alexander and Bishop Newman.

subscriptions under direction of Mr. Nash, as far as practicable. The directors feel sanguine of the success of the work for the coming year.

The Mission Society. The great mission meeting at Minneapolis last week was attended by a very large and representative body of the Congregational church.

Thanksgiving Services. A call has been issued to all mission workers and charity organizations of the city, requesting them to meet at the Young Men's Christian association building Tuesday evening, October 14, for the purpose of discussing ways and means for carrying out the designs in providing suitable Thanksgiving services, dinner, etc., for the people dependent upon the mission for the support.

The Holy Family Mission. An interesting mission is in progress at the church of the Holy family under the auspices of Fathers Muller and Vander Eerden of St. Louis of the Society of Jesus.

During the past week the evening exercises were devoted exclusively to ladies. The services were held at night with the interest of the men.

The morning at 10 o'clock Father Hillman will celebrate high mass and Father Merrill will give the sermon. The following program will be observed until the conclusion of the mission.

8 o'clock, mass; 9 o'clock, mass; 10 o'clock, mass and sermon; 11 o'clock, mass and sermon; 12 o'clock, stations of the cross; 1 o'clock, mass; 2 o'clock, mass; 3 o'clock, mass and sermon; 4 o'clock, mass and sermon; 5 o'clock, mass and sermon; 6 o'clock, mass; 7 o'clock, mass; 8 o'clock, mass and sermon.

Church Notes. The South Tenth Street Methodist church starts in upon the new conference with about two hundred members and all in good working order.

The First Methodist church will not attempt to dedicate its splendid new building until the next year. The church is now in the process of erecting a new sanctuary on the corner of Broadway and Tenth streets.

Rev. Willard Scott of St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church is a very practical man. He lives a laborer with his hands and feet, and he is a man of many parts.

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Southwest Lutheran church, Twenty-Sixth street, between Pappas and York streets. Rev. Luther M. R. K. will preach at 11 a. m., on "The Veiled Heart," and at 7:30 p. m., on "Companionship in Solitude."

First Presbyterian church, corner Dodge and Seventh streets. Rev. W. J. Harsha, D. D., young people's meeting at 7:30 p. m. on "The Kingdom of Heaven." Sunday school and Emerson class at 12:15 p. m.

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BEN FRANKLIN'S BEQUEST.

How it Has Failed to Realize the Purpose of the Philosopher.

CHANGE IN THE APPRENTICE SYSTEM.

Why the Heirs Propose to Contest the Will—A Talk With One of Them Who Resides in Omaha.

In the orphan's court in Philadelphia recently a petition was filed by the heirs of Benjamin Franklin, praying that the sum of \$100,000 now held by the board of city trusts and known as the Franklin fund be turned over to them, alleging that the provisions of his will are in violation of the rules of perpetuities in common law.

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Dodge school contained the greatest number, 111. Great preparations were made to celebrate the occasion, but at the last moment the prospective bridegroom failed to appear and the bride never heard of him. J. R. Robinson of San Jose, Cal., put a note in two boxes of fruit both of which reached a Chicago firm. Both of the notes were dated at San Jose and one of them read as follows: "If the purchaser of this box of fruit knows of any young woman that wants a good home and husband, one who is not afraid to work, she will do well to give him her name and address. I will be glad to pay for her passage to Chicago."

A French doctor at Winsook, Canada, named Patanael fell in love with Catherine Willis, the beautiful daughter of a farmer. She refused to give him her heart but eventually said one day that he might have it after she was dead. Recently the girl died of pneumonia and was buried in the parish churchyard. Patanael dug up the body in the night, removed the heart and disappeared.

A young couple of Nauvoo, Ill., were to be married, but a lovers' quarrel separated them. The young man went away and nothing was heard from him for three years. This fall the maiden was among the scores of grape pickers employed in the vineyards. She was refused by the box of fruit and in fit of yearning desire wrote on one of the little baskets of grapes the following message: "Come back to me. I love you."

Frank E. Wilson of Des Moines, Ia., some years ago discovered a charming lady there and they lived happily in Capitol park until Mr. Wilson discovered that Frank was paying attention to another woman living near their home. She grew very jealous, and matters were further complicated by a letter from the east from Mrs. Wilson's first husband, whom she had long mourned as dead. Her marriage contract with Mr. Wilson was accordingly annulled and she went to live with her first husband, but for some reason is now living alone in Des Moines.

The North China News relates a case in which a Chinese girl, recently deceased, was married to a dead boy in another village. "It not infrequently happens," the writer explains, "that the son in the family dies before he is married, and that it is desirable to adopt a grandson. The family act about for some young girl who has also died recently, and a proposition is made for the union of the two corpses in the bonds of matrimony. If it is accepted there is a combination of a wedding and a funeral, in the process of which the bodies are buried side by side. The number of bearers to the cemetery of the other family and laid beside her husband. In this case the real motive for the ceremony

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