

FOR AND AGAINST REVISION

Presbyterian Commission's First Day's Debate on the Creed.

IMMENSE CROWD APPLAUDS SPEAKERS

Champions of Three Different Causes Grow So Eloquent that Church Proprietors Are Given New Precedent.

PHILADELPHIA, May 23.—With eloquence born of the solemn importance of the question, commissioners to the Presbyterian general assembly today began the debate on the revision of the confession of faith.

Calvary church was not large enough to accommodate the throngs who clamored for admission. Many of the spectators did not leave the church during the noon recess.

The controversy regarding the revision has led to the forming of three groups among the 610 commissioners to the general assembly. At first there is the conservative group, composed of those who oppose any change whatever in the doctrinal standards of the church.

Where Presbyteries Stand. In answer to the questions submitted to the presbyteries, fifty asked the assembly to disclaim the whole subject, one was undecided, four said they neither desired a revision nor a supplemental statement.

The greatest question came before the assembly with the reading of the report of the committee on revision by Rev. Dr. Charles A. Dickey, chairman. This was followed by the minority report, read by Rev. Dr. William McKibben of Cincinnati.

Rev. Dr. John DeWitt of Princeton sprang to his feet, and addressing Dr. Nicolls, said: "How do you know we want to appoint a committee? Suppose we want to disclaim the matter?"

Dr. Moffat moved a substitute motion to adopt the whole of the majority report. Several amendments were offered, but there was so much confusion that Dr. Nicolls withdrew his motion.

To Dismiss Whole Matter. Before the last motion was put Dr. George D. Baker of Philadelphia offered the following: "Whereas, the vote of the presbyteries on creeds, revision indicates an utter lack of unanimity as to what should be done in the matter, and

Resolved, That this general assembly deems it inexpedient to proceed further in the matter of revision at this time, and it hereby disclaims the whole matter.

Three-fourths of the whole number of presbyteries answering the questions," said Dr. Dickey, "replied, 'we want some change.' Why do we not have the answers of all?" He declared the dismissal of the whole question would not answer when so many presbyteries demanded some change. Dr. Dickey thought the assembly

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should be willing to do that which is safe and consistent, which does not reproach the past and which casts no dishonor on the church.

"God's love of the whole world, the influence of the holy spirit and the value of missions should form the foundation of the confession." "They tell us," he continued, "that the committee's report is indefinite. I think it exceedingly clear. The report says the change must be such as not to impair the confession of faith. That is plain. It is claimed that a change might interfere with somebody's liberty. We want the liberty of feeling and knowledge that the confession of faith means that God saves his children and that God's love embraces the whole world."

For the Minority. Dr. Dickey was followed by Dr. McKibben on behalf of the minority report. Dr. McKibben said it was certain that a majority of the Presbyterians favored a creedal change, but in his opinion the church is determined that no change shall be made which shall touch a single fundamental doctrine. No new creed is desired, he said, as only fourteen presbyteries had voted for that proposition. Dr. McKibben said the confession should be made clear on the subject of elect infants. It should be demonstrated to this generation, he said, that God's grace lays hold in the act of faith and glorifies the infant into transfer of baptism when it takes the child from its mother's breast.

Dr. McKibben asked that the resolution be voted down, and made a passionate appeal against the adoption of recommendations of the majority report. This recommendation calls for brief summary of the reformed faith, bearing the same relation to the confession which the shorter catechism bears to the larger catechism, and formed on the general model of the consensus of the presbyteries of 1829, or the articles of faith of the Presbyterian church of England. He strongly urged recommendation C, which asks for the preparation of amendments to several chapters of the confession of faith, either by modification of the text or by declaratory statement, so as to more clearly express the mind of the church, with additional statements concerning the love of God for all men.

Afternoon Session. Two hours recess followed Dr. McKibben's talk. At the afternoon session Rev. Dr. George D. Baker of this city was the first speaker. He declared himself opposed to revision. He said the assertion had been made that the confession of faith was not up to date, and that the love of God is not sufficiently magnified. Those persons, he said, evidently do not know the confession. Some commissioners, the speaker declared, lean towards the adoption of an explanatory statement as an easy way out of the difficulty.

"An explanatory statement," said Dr. Baker, "is an interpretation of the confession of faith by the majority. It must be subscribed to by ministers making their ordination vows and they will thus be deprived of their religious liberty. Is our church losing its hold on the world? Is it a weakening church? It is not getting stronger than ever before? Let us beware how we sell our birthright for a mess of pottage."

Rev. Dr. Herrick Johnson of Chicago presented a careful analysis of the confession, showing why certain statements should be eliminated and asserting that some truths not contained therein should be added. No one would deny, he said, that the confession of faith was a human document, and therefore subject to error.

Its Authors Not Infallible. "I have no attack to make on the creed," said Dr. Johnson in opening his address. "I wish calmly and dispassionately to investigate what it contains and what it does not contain. The authors of the creed are not infallible. They wrote some things in it which we do not believe to be true and failed to write some things which we hold to be true."

"They wrote of the pope, 'That anti-Christ man of sin and son of perdition.' We repudiate that belief, and why should it be allowed to remain? We have had the creed 250 years and will be following the footsteps of the Westminster divines if we make a new one. The way is open to us to do as our Westminster fathers did. What liberty had they that we do not possess?"

Dr. Johnson then quoted a number of revisions which the creed has undergone since its adoption and said that, as the prevailing sentiment of the church favored some change it was the duty of the assembly to take cognizance of the wish. As to the matter of Dr. Johnson's appeal, he said that when a specific change is desired by two-thirds of the presbyteries the assembly must send down an overture. It has no choice. The assembly also has the power to act when not presented with an overture when 154 presbyteries ask for a change," asked Dr. Johnson.

General Harrison's Suggestion. It was the suggestion of General Harrison that no matter what was taken out of the confession the clause referring to the pope must be eliminated, as there was no reason why it should remain.

The clause referring to the refusal to take an oath Dr. Johnson also thought should be stricken out and that some mention of missions should be made. Regarding predestination Dr. Johnson said: "I do not attract the doctrine of divine election, but to shout mercy up to the elect is to take away its glory. We want nothing but fidelity to the truth. Truth is two-sided. Our confession holds up one side elegantly. Let us get all the truth on our side."

Rev. George T. Purves of New York spoke against revision. He said in part: "I am not an extremist on this question. I am not one who believes the confession of faith is a perfect document. I recognize the fact that it is open to improvement. This assembly is a deliberative and constitutive body, not bound by the presbytery returns. The returns in this case present a hopeless future for any specific plan. As for the poor pope of Rome being anti-Christ, I admit that it is not the proper epithet to apply to him, but bringing up such subjects is picking flies off the great pillar of the confession."

Dr. Nicolls' Views. An address favoring revision which noticeably impressed the commissioners was delivered by Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Nicolls of St. Louis, who declared that the report of scriptural knowledge up to date. "Our fathers, who wrote it, recognized this fact," asserted Dr. Nicolls. "I do not believe in beating ecclesiastical drums. It is my opinion that when a document does not express your convictions the easiest way is to change it."

By the third chapter of the confession we do not mean that God's grace is not to be preached to all men. Salvation is open to all men in the province of Christ. "One-third of the men who died in infancy and the sorrowing mother come to the church. Has the church, as the representative of the gentle Jesus, nothing to say to that sorrowing mother? That is what we ask in this connection."

FREE DELIVERY EXTENDED

Rural Routes Spread Out Over Nebraska and Iowa.

MANY POSTMASTERS GET MORE PAY

Valley Junction, Iowa, is to Have a National Bank-Census Report on Wyoming Industries.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, May 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Rural free delivery will be established July 1 as follows: Nebraska—North Bend, Dodge county; route embraces forty square miles, containing a population of 620; C. H. McConnell is appointed carrier. The postoffice at Mapleville is to be discontinued.

Iowa—Stockport, Van Duren county, route embraces thirty square miles, containing a population of 540; J. J. Donahue is appointed carrier. The postoffice at Veigh will be discontinued and mail sent to Stockport. The salaries of the following postmasters have been increased \$100 each: Nebraska—Franklin, Havelock, Lyons, McCook, Madison, Norfolk, North Bend, North Platte, Oakland, Omaha, O'Neill and Osceola.

Iowa—Arlington, Mason City, Muscatine, Newton, Oakland, Ossa and Ottumwa. J. F. Taylor has been appointed postmaster at Sciota, Montgomery county, Ia.

Hastings Bank Extended. The corporate existence of the First National bank of Hastings, Neb., has been extended until May 23, 1921. A civil service examination will be held at Hastings, S. D., June 19, for positions of clerk and carrier in the postoffice in that city.

The application of J. W. Mallone, Leonard Windsor, Simon Casady, J. H. Windsor and H. A. Miller to organize the First National bank of Valley Junction, Ia., with \$25,000 capital, has been approved. A postoffice has been established at Holmes, Albany county, Wyo., with John R. Cordner, postmaster.

W. N. Trenbeth of Cisco and Charles W. Danney of Des Moines, Ia., appointed assistant inspectors in the Bureau of Animal Industry. These mail contracts have been awarded in Iowa: Prussia to Greenfield, to H. D. Chaney of Prussia; Garner to Concord, to Eddie Hoskins of Garner.

Norman M. Leonard of Waukegan, Ia., has been appointed an observer in the Weather bureau. Director of the Census Merriam today gave out this preliminary report regarding the manufacturing industries of Wyoming, compiled from figures collected by enumerators in that state:

Work Awaits the President. Upon his return to Washington the president will have his hands full for some time in dispensing patronage. The terms of several hundred appointments to be appointed to federal offices four years ago expire during the next few months. As a rule there will be nothing done before the middle of July and it is probable that the majority of places will remain unfilled until Congress meets. In the treasury department have a chance to confirm nominations before new commissions are issued.

In the meantime, however, the appointment clerks of the various departments will be kept busy preparing the papers for the president. In the treasury department alone many thousand papers have been received and filed away for reference. In the postoffice department, which is the greatest bureau of the government for patronage, there are on file close to 500,000 documents relating to the 15,000 odd postmasters and postoffices throughout the country. In fact, with the exception of those in the War and Navy departments, every one of the appointment clerks are the busiest men in the government.

Criticism of Seed Distribution. The Agricultural department is coming in for a great deal of censure this year on account of the manner in which the yearly distribution of seeds has been conducted. Heretofore it has been the custom to secure many different varieties of each kind of garden seed, and the recipient was asked to report to the department the result of his test. This year every package of five packets contains "watermelons" and very little else. There are no marks to designate the kind of beans, peas or what ever may be sent, and the whole aim seems to have been to secure the greatest possible amount for the money available without any reference whatever to the character of the seed. The result is that complaints are loud and general.

Careless American Exporters. American consuls in Europe, as well as in South America and Asia, continue to call attention to the carelessness of the American exporters in packing their goods for shipment. It has been pointed out again and again that this carelessness is greatly detrimental to American trade. Valuable machinery is frequently packed in flimsy wrappings, which will not bear the rough handling of roustabouts and stevedores, yet all such warnings seem to have no effect upon the manufacturer, who spends thousands of dollars in working up foreign trade, only to lose it through his own carelessness.

A case in point was noticed a few months ago. The North German Lloyd steamer Hohenzollern was loading at the wharf in Brooklyn for Mediterranean ports. Among the last of the cargo to be taken on board was a consignment of fifty harvesters of a well-known make. The geared wheels of these complicated machines were protected only by a few pieces of thin, untempered crosswise. The tongues were not packed at all and they were thrown in loose, and they lost about 25 per cent of the paint before they dropped into the hold. Great boxes of complicated parts had no hoop protection, and they should have, and three of them were torn all to pieces by the strain of the cable used in lowering them to the hold. Spectators on the deck were willing to wager that the damage to these harvesters would be approximately 25 per cent of their value by the time they reached their destination. There were no takers, because it seemed like a "cliché."

FIVE CADETS GIVEN JOBS. Boys Dismissed from West Point Employed by New York Asphalt Company.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The five West Point cadets dismissed yesterday—Hobbs, Cleveland, Keller, Linton and Mahaffey—will not appeal for clemency to the War

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Men's Black Clay Suits. Black Clay Suits that had no value have been sold so often that the public are suspicious. We offer you for Saturday a sure all wool Clay Suit, honestly made, well trimmed, and right in shape at \$6.75. You need not be afraid of the quality at this price—as they're worth \$12.00—Saturday, at \$6.75.

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department. They have entered the service of the New York Asphalt company. War Survivors Remembered by the General Government. WASHINGTON, May 23.—(Special.)—The following pensions have been granted: Nebraska—Restoration and release—Thomas R. Wyckoff (dead), Harvard, \$12 increase; Thomas H. Leach, Germantown, \$8; Release—Ayers Nisonger, Tilden, \$24; Original widows, etc.—Kate A. Myers, Omaha, \$8; South Dakota—Increase—Hiram Steel, \$10; Original—Francis M. Williams, Soldiers Home, Marshalltown, \$9; special act May 9, Adoniram J. Holmes, Boone, \$6; Additional—Abraham K. Hardenbrook, Sutherland, \$12; Increase—Erastus N. Grant, Soldiers Home, Marshalltown, \$9; Joseph N. Clemmer, Clarksville, \$12; Edward M. Humphrey, Gravelly, \$8; Harry W. Taylor, Brookville, \$12; Benjamin F. Galt, Butler, \$16; Jeremiah Taylor, Clinton, \$9; William Meyer, Fort Dodge, \$8; special May 9, John R. Braden, Medford, \$12; Original widows, etc.—Amanda A. Vought, Livermore, \$5; Mary E. Arnold, Boone, \$8; Catherine Brader, Scanton, \$9; renewal, special act May 9, Elizabeth Healey, Maquoketa, \$9; special accrued May 9—Mary Trask, Chelsea, \$8; Amanda J. Pershing, Mapleton, \$8; Mary E. Price,

Dunlap, \$12. War with Spain, original—Harry S. Dickinson, Ogden, \$5. BATTLE WITH THE TRAMPS. Citizens of Volin Fight Gang of Hobos Who Terrorized the Town. YANKTON, S. D., May 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Citizens of Volin gave battle to a crowd of tramps this afternoon who have been terrorizing the town for several days. A number of citizens were hurt and several tramps badly used up. A telephone to Yankton for help brought the sheriff and a posse and the tramps were overcome and seven of them lodged in the Yankton jail. The Great Scourge of modern times is consumption. Many cures and discoveries from time to time are published, but Foley's Honey and Tar does truthfully claim to cure all cases in the early stages and always affords comfort and relief in the very worst cases. Take no substitute. FREE MEDICAL ADVICE. Write us your symptoms. Our system is the only safe and sure method of curing all Chronic Diseases. Dr. Kay's Renovator is the only perfect system restorer. Free samples and book. Dr. B. J. Kay, Saratoga, N. Y.

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