## THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1907.

# MRS. BASSETT BREAKS DOWN

ong Strain on Witness Stand Eads in Collapse of Plaintiff.

REV. LAWRENCE HUNT RELATES STORY

not be so.

Minister Named in Washington as Corespondent Could Not Recall Using Endearing Terms in Closing His Letters.

The Bassett divorce trial had proceeded scarcely half an hour Thursday morning then Mrs. Bassett collapsed entirely. She was taken from the court room and after half an hour's rest was able to resume. Her cross-examination, which had continued five days, was completed late in the morning. Rev. Dr. Hunt was placed on the stand immediately. The trial pro-ceeded much more rapidly. The minister's quick, concise answers were in contrast to the long, rambling replies which have made the testimony of Mrs. Bassett such a voluminous record.

Dr. Hunt stated he was in the college department of the Young Men's Christian association work prior to beginning active pastoral duties. He related the episode of Christmas, 1998; when, accompanied by his aged mother, he called at the Bassett apartmonts and Mr. Hassett made a scene by snatching from the delivery boy an envelope accompanying a present sent by Dr. Hunt to Mrs. Bassett. INSERT

### Denies Endearing Terms.

Dr. Hunt was kept on the witness stand only about an hour in the afternoon. In nining him Attorney Van Deusen for Mrs. Bassett did not touch upon the numerous incidents which were brought out in Mrs. Bassett's testimony and consequently there was not much for the defense to question him upon. On his cross examination by Mr. Stout, the minister looked the attorney straight in the eye and answered with decision. At only one time was he in dunger of losing his temper. He could not omember just how he closed the letter which he sent with his Christmas remem- able period, the Foreign Mission board brance to Mrs. Bassett in 1903 and which caused an outbreak on the part of Mr. Bassett. Mr. Stout asked:

"Didn't it close this way, 'With my soul's love, Lawrence."

Hunt stared a moment, dumbfounded, and then answered a long drawn and contemptuous, "No."

Dr. Hunt could not recall whether or not he had taken lunch with Mrs. Bassett in her apartments in the summer of 1904. He thought he had called there possibly a dozen times during the summer. At the J. Campbell White of the Laymen's time Mrs. Bassett attempted to commit

suicide, February 18, 1904, Dr. Hunt's mother remained with her constantly for two weeks and Dr. Hunt called every day. "Uncle Lawrence" is what 10-year-old

Chester Bassett called Dr. Hunt, when the boy was permitted to testify yesterday afternoon regarding several alleged incidents in the life of his mother. One of these was the time when, the plaintiff alleges,

her husband came with Ben Fairchild to Atlantic City to kidnap her children. The boy said when the two men came to the several of the delegates, including Dr. une where Mrs. Bassett was staying, Bradt. Fairchild said to Bassett, "Take him, take him. Now's your chance," referring to Chester.

There was much opposition to receiving the testimony of the boy, particularly about Jesus." The effect was electrical and tears an incident which took place five years ago, when he was only five years old. This was the occasion when Mr. Baseett struck Mrs. Bassett, according to her testimony. The boy was finally allowed to relate it. He explained that he remembered the ineldent because he got a spanking from his

Mrs. Bassett's attorneys as to what had ecome of certain letters by announcing he had them in his possession and would produce them. When they were called for he produced amid much laughter an immense suit case literally packed with hun-Areds of letters.

father.

in Washington and that he mailed it there "It'll only take five minutes," said anto her husband, who was also in Washother, and there were similar cries from ington at that time. The letter contains all over the building and in less time than reproaches, but mixed with them a cheerit takes to tell and against the protests of Mr. Bradt and the chairman who stood ful and hopeful view of the future and for their recovery from their debts. A powerless on the platform, twenty men were "disgrace" of some kind is referred to and passing hats through the audience and the of it she writes: "Had you followed the clink of silver was ringing all over the dignified policy of slience through the suf-terings of the past thirteen years it would building.

"This is enthusiasm in religion with a vengeance," shouted the chairman above the Friday, being a holiday, there will be no happy uproar as the collection went on. session, but the trial will go on Baturday More than \$156 was realized from the immorning., Mrs. Bassett's side of the case romptu col is nearly all in. It will be completed Sat-Rev. Dr. F. E. Hoskins, for twenty-three years a missionary in Syria, and now editor of the Arabic Press in Belrut, spoke on urday and then the arguments as to the legal side of the question will be taken up.

The Syrian Situation." He said in part:

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ago. But progress in Syria is encouraging. Mohamquickly as we can." Another suggestion

quickly as we can." Another suggestion was made that should this money be raised within a year or any other reason-able period, the Foreign Mission board would be handlcapped in finding young men and young women ready to go into the field. Dr. Herron of the Omaha Theo-logical seminary said in response to this suggestion:

"I have an answer right here to that proposition. Twenty-five per cent of the students in the Omaha Theological sem-inary are here in this building now in or-der to have a private conference with Dr. Hasley. This is our answer to the mis-sionary spirit." "Great Throng in Prayer."

the subject of an address by Rev. Dr. brotherhood spoke in a similar strain, as George Alexander of New York, president did Rev. S. M. Jordan, missionary to Persia. of the Board of Foreign Missions.

b. Cambodi spoke in a similar strain, as did Rev. S. M. Jordan, missionary to Persia. After some further discussion one ministication delegate proposed before a final vote was in Ormaha twenty years ago and to the Board of Foreign Missions.
c. The convention devote five minutes to prayer, and then, while standing, vote as God directed.
c. The entire audience of fully 1,800, earnest, prayerful men, arose and stood with bowed heads while brief prayers were uttered by several of the delegates, including Dr. Bradt.
Dr. Bradt put the question, and it was carried by a unanimous vote, and then as of one accord the great audience broke out in the song, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jasus." The effect was electrical and tears streamed from the eyes of scores of the armest men.
The remainder of the recommendations were quickly and enthusiastically adopted. The resolutions as a whole were then adopted unanimously and again the convention broke out into enthusiastic sing. "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."
Dr. Hunter Corbett stated he had an ap-

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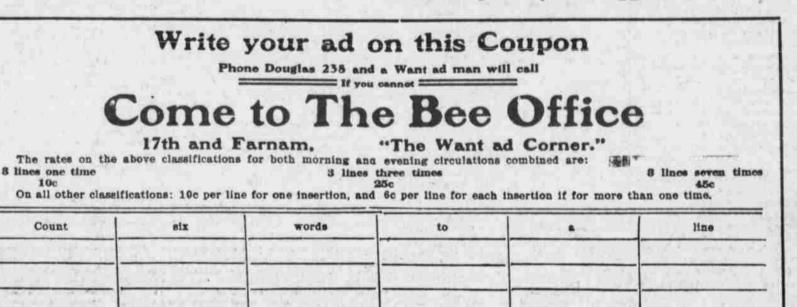
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vehicles, poultry and eggs,



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struments,

While Mrs. Bassett was recovering from her collapse, her attorney read some of her letters to her husband which are relevant of the inside stormy history of the family.

### Letters Between the Bassetts

"I am through with my work and am on my road to hell," wrote Mr. Bassett to his wife at one time when he had completed his field work for the summer and was about to return home. In reply Mrs. Baasett wrote a letter full of encourage ment and hope that they would extricate themesives from their financial difficulties and that Mr. Bassett would obtain some more lucrative position. In places Mrs. Bassett's letters overflow with tenderness. cruelty. Throughout there is the plea for money. In one letter writing for money,

couched in lowing language. She admitted mittee were now out on that mission. He the letter was sent by her to Dr. Hunt asked that suitable laymen be appointed



that this great body has heard with the

The resolution was adopted, and a

making a subscription at once. Dr. Corbett opposed this proposition, as no immediate offering was wanted.

Pray for Erring Girl.

he would have them asked to send their

names to J. Campbell White, field secretary

LeMoyne block, Chicago,

these starving people."

Dr. Bradt asked the attention of the convention to a request that he had just reand then again she reproaches him for his ceived from a Christian mother in Omaha for the prayers of the convention for a to me wayward daughter who had gone astray,

money. In one letter writing for money, she says: "Was it for this I saved your life four years ago? I appeal to every tinge of your manhood to send me the financial aid I so greatly need." One letter was introduced by Mrs. Bas-sett's attorneys which was written March E. 1905, when ahe was in hiding from her husband in Baltimore. This letter, writ-fen after the birth of her youngest child, makes an appeal for half her husband's makes an appeal for half her husband's Farewell.

members of this centennial committee. and asked for information relative to any person who might intend going abroad soon, that they might be interested in the convention was announced adjourned. natter. He stated that he had already

who have said they will act as members

Student Body Dine Together. Park college has had a large representa-

retary of the laymen's foreign movement, central district secretary board of foreign

CLOSING SESSION OF CONVENTION Great Enthustaum Marks the Evening Excreises.

Nolan R. Best, editor of the Interior presided at last night's meeting. The ville, Mo., by the late Dr. John A. Mcminutes of the entire three days' conven- Afee, father of the present president, has their homes for the entertainment of guests, enterprise. Following this came the report of the

treasurer of the convention, B. F. Brown. hemia, Chill, China, India, Japan, Corea, it showed receipts of \$1,060 and disburse- Laos, Mexico, Persia, Philippine ments of \$1,335, the latter being chiefly for Porto Rico and Siam. One of its foremost advertising and organisation expenses. The missionaries, Dr. Eleanor Chestnut, was expense of the building and other local among those massacred over a year ago necessities was provided for by the local by Chinese at Lien Chow. mittee

The chairman was hurrying the program and others who are residents of Omaha on with all possible speed and pointed out met at dinner Thursday at the Chesapeake, that there was a deficit of \$382 and that an Howard street. The company included who desired to contribute toward wip- these: any

"We haven't time for it now," he said, Wolf of the Latin department: Rev. A. D. Mr. Bradt has made himself responsible Wolf, librarian; Prof. Silas Evans, philosofor this amount." Immediately there was a restless move- trustee; Revs. L. R. Smith, Humboldt, ient in the crowd.

"Take the collection right now," yelled Clark, Gordon; J. H. Salabury, Plattsman.

to do that," said the chairman "Pass the hat." shouled another voice.

Flow." Dr. Hunter Corbett stated he had an an-nouncement he wished to make. "I have just heard that 10,000,000 of my people in China are on the verge of starva-tion from famine," he said, "and I move the adoption of a resolution to the effect that this mean heard with the

Especially impressive was the closing ad sincerest regret of the deplorable conditions dress by Rev. Dr. Hunter Corbett, who left prevailing in that far off land, and that immediately after the convention for China, our liveliest sympathy goes out to them. In where he intends to spend the remainder Axtell, Illinois; Farquahr MacRae, Blue the spirit of the Master we recommend that of his life without returning again. Dr. Earth City, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. the church at once take steps toward se- Corbett came to the front of the platform J. B. curing a donation of grain and money for and the entire audience arose to honor him.

sug- alds. Go Proclaim." was sung and the en- seminary, Chicago; James Fisher and gestion was made that an earnest of the tire audience stood while the venerable Frank LeClara, students at the college now. sympathy of the convention be taken by missionary gave his farewell address. He said in part:

said in part: It has been my privilege to travel around-this world three times, to cross the Facific ocean seven times, to meet missionaries from all countries, and I have yet to meet an unhappy missionary. We must undergo many things which no other thing could persuade us to undergo except the joy of serving God and winning souls. It seems to me the joy of winning souls. It seems to me the joy of winning souls in heathen lands is far greater than winning them at home. We have the joy of unfolding the blessed truths to darkened minds for the first time.

"God Be With You" was sung, the aged missionary about to depart for his last journey to China pronounced the benediction, and the first men's foreign missionary

found two capable business men of Omaha PARK COLLEGE FEOPLE RALLY

of that committee. If there are any others. Members of Faculty, Alumni and

of the United Presbyterian church and section at the convention. Among the delegates from this institution are President Allegheny, Pa., or to Charles Edwin Bradt. Lowell M. McAfee, Dr. A. L. Wolf of the Latin department; Rev. Austin D. Wolf. missions of the Presbyterian church, 615 librarian, a few students and many of the alumni, some of whom have recently come across foreign shores on furloughs. Among

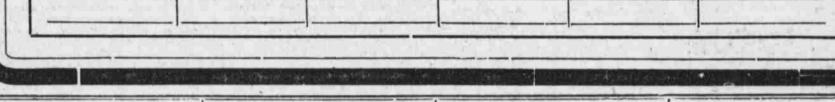
these is Rev. James S. Cunningham, whose work is near the tragic trail blazed through the dark continent by David Liv-Inexton.

tion were read. Charles Edwin Bradt gave today seventy-three alumni on foreign a brief talk expressing the thanks of the fields as missionaries, and its present studelegates to the local committee in charge dent body is composed of young men and women from twenty-sight states of the to the newspapers and other agencies that Alaska, Bohemia, Bulgaria, Japan, Mexico, had worked for the success of the great Persia, Philippine islands, and Siam. Its foreign missionaries are in these lands; Africa, Austria, Australia, Bulgaria, Bo-

islands,

All the Park people at the convention

ing this out could do so after the session. President Lowell M. McAfee, Prof. A. phy: Dr. Henry Bullard, St. Joseph, Mo.



iam Pennhalligen, Decatur, III.: Mawrie Wootan, Omaha; Prof. William Laube, Greek chair at Dubuque seminary; The impressive hymn, "Ye Christian Her- Paul Montgomery, student at McCormick

How Interest and Efficiency is Main-

formation as far as it is obtainable and kingdom of heaven. the inquiry for intelligence is unceasing

and increasing." Rev. Edgar P. Hill, D. D., professor o homilectics in the McCormick Theological seminary of Chicago, spoke upon the subtect of "What Can the Pastor Do to Arouse Interest in Foreign Missions?" He said in part:

part: "What hath thou done for Me?" is the divine inquiry from Christ. The mission for the pastor is to lead men of the church-into the fellowship of Christ: to tell men-how dependent they are upon Him, when-Jesus is everything. Follow the commands of Christ and everything else will come. Arouse the sympathy of the people in the deplorable conditions in foreign lands will do in part. But there are other motives aside from those of sympathy. The Boxer uorising gave a great stimulus to the mis-ingi upon "The Parish Abroad." He said: The message was present abroad." He said: David McConaughy of the prebyterian bard of Foreign Missions, spoke interest-ingi upon "The Parish Abroad." He said: The message was present abroad." He said: Mathematical formation for the aside from those of sympathy. The Boxer aside from those of sympathy. The Boxer and furnished a new inspiration for the aside from those of sympathy. The Boxer aside from those of sympathy. The Mathematical formation for the main for the mission in California, which and furnished a new inspiration for the and furnished a new inspiration for the aside from those of sympathy. The Boxer ingi upon "The Parish Abroad." He said: The message was present was a great stimulus to the mis-tory formation for the main formation for the formation for the formation for the samistance in the prominent figures in the missionary con-vention at the Auditorium. Mr. White was formerity secretary of the men's movement, the bone combine the work of the how secretary of the heathen world. He em-phasized the need for the assistance in the Clinton, Til.: Frank S. Arnold of Kansas

trict secretary of the board of foreign misstons, spoke upon the subject of "How to Finance the Field." He said:

nediately there was a restless move-in the crowd. ke the collection right now." yelled n. 1 don't think we can spare time that." said the chairman. ss the hat," shouled another voice,

many times the cost of this convention. The responsibility of the church is divided into three parts, the local, home and foreign fields of work. The church has not truly and faithfully faced the entire field until it has seriously faced the problem of the evangelization of the world. We cannot feed the foreign field with the crumbs of Lazarus. So unless we feed the starving thousands of the foreign world, they must perish.

perish. Preach the gospel to the people now liv-ng. There may be other generations to some, but we will have no part in their work. We must establish a new standard of giving. Jesus said: "Give them to WORK IN THE FOREIGN FIELDS ing. How Interest and Efficiency is Maintained and Financed.
Five interesting and important addresses were delivered at Thursday morning's session of the convention. Rev. A. W. Halsey, D. D., home department sccretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, spoke on 'The Literature Easential to the Comprehensive Understanding of Foreign Mission Work.''
He placed the study of the life of David Livingstone as clearly in the front of missionary biographical literature, and showed that grit, gumption and grace were the chief essential that we should let the chief as scontal field in Persia and in the Philippines, China, Japan and elesewhere,'' and Dr. Halsey, ''and the missionaries from those fields have told us something of that work, but their time was too contracted to tell all that we would like to know. Hence the various fields. It is one of the purposes of this movement to give that in formation as far as it is obtainable and the inquiry for intelligence is unceasing.'' PACE AND WE WILL FOLLEW work.

SET PACE AND WE WILL FOLLOW

Message that Comes from Synodical Meeting in California. Immediately upon the conclusion of Dr. Bradt's address a telegram of greeting was received from the Presbyterian synodical meeting now in session in California, which

do in part. But there are other motives and from those of sympathy. The Boxer uorising gave a great stimuluus to the unis-sionary spirit, but we cannot always have Boxer uprisings. What is needed is to make the world realize that Jesus Christ is the hope of the world. Explain to the prople the needs of the foreign field. No Christian will dare to ismore the last com-s mand of Jesus. Cover the blackness of the heathen world with fluminating glory that springs from the cross. It was a young Chinese convert who said. 'If all the people of China believed in the Bible is twould make China strong.'' Keep your neople informed of the success of the foreign missionsry work in the Pacific erast cities is that they are kent informed of the work and urgent need of foreign inte surrender to the Master Bear wit-weas of Chirst's work and tell to others weas of Chirst's work and tell to the world. Get into real, vital touch with this corretary of the board of foreign mis-tered act we sta state the the whole tout secretary of the board of foreign mis-trict secretary of the board of foreign mis-t

Rev. W. S. Marquis, pastor of Broadway Presbyterian church and synodical chairman of the foreign missionary committee, spoke upon "The Missionary Methods for Men in the Local Church." He said in part:

Rejoice, ye men of Christ, that there is work for you to do for His cause, work which women cannot do. It was to men that He gave the command, "Go ye into all the world." It is men who put the deep, vibrant strain in the churches, as the base

voice fills out the harmony of the anthem or chorus. Women cannot sing bass. Yet women have done their part grandly, nobly and faithfully, and are still doing it. But there is work for men to do. First we must get the officers, leaders and trustees of the church interested; then the congre-gation; then organize a missionary com-mittee from the different church boards and societies who will thus unify the church for the field. Set the sum to be appropriated for foreign missions and divide it up through the working forces of the church. Then let the pastor reach out into the larger field of the congregation that is not in im-mediate touch with the organized church bodies. Finaky establish definite work for the individual church. I trust and believe the day will come when the general board shall say how much shall be raised for this work and apportion it to the different syndos. Then we will have a definite plan to work to. What thy hand findeth to do, do it now. "Tomorrow's a myth, get busy forthwith; today is a fact, act." voice fills out the harmony of the anthem

Dr. Marquis concluded his address with

a short story of an old \$2.50 gold piece that was given him years ago by the widow of a soldier of the civil war. The coin had been given her by her husband and she had for thirty years treasured it as a

keepsake. But when an urgent appeal had been made for foreign missions this widow was so impressed that she took the "Idle gold" coin from its hiding and gave it to him for the cause. He tried to persuade her to keep it, but she would not do so. Dr. Marquis placed \$2.50 in other money in the foreign missionary fund and has since kept the coln. He said: "Its story for the foreign missionary fund and I hope its good offices will not fail me here.'

BANQUET OF THE MEN'S LEAGUE

Forty Members Dine with J. Campbell White, Who Speaks.

Forty members of the men's leagues of the United Presbyterian churches of

Omaha and South Omaha met at lunch at the Commercial club Thursday to hear an address by J. Campbell White, one of the

phasized the need for the assistance in the movement of every Christian man. Rev. D. R. Turnbull, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church, presided at the meeting.

BIG REVOLUTION IN THE ORIEVT Even Empress Dowager Ras Taken on

Progressive Ideas. Rev. J. Ashley Fitch, missionary from

the Shan Tung (China) district, is one of the visitors to the convention, having but recently arrived from China.

"My district is in northern China, in Shan Tung province," said Dr. Fitch. "There has been a tremendous revolution

benefits of western civilization and are year 1996. rapidly adapting themselves to the new conditions. The awakening was rude, but it was effective. Even the empresa dowager, who is still living, by the way, has become an ardent progressivist. It should be said in justice to her that she

ideas, but she was surrounded by advisers | Columbia. of the old reactionary party, and to them rather than to her should be attributed the

delay in the awakening of China. nese students are going into Japan by the thousands to become educated to modern ideas. China and Japan are friendly, but still China holds to the old doctrine of China for the Chinese. The whole country is rapidly assimilating progressive ideas and forms, and it is a giant awakened, shaking off the inactivity and prejudices of centuries. It is a mighty land of incalculable resources. The people are patient, industrious and keenly intelligent. The prejudice against the civilizing influences of Christianity is rapidly vanishing and the nation has a mighty future before it. As their nearest neighbors it behooves we Americans to cherish the most friendly relations with the Chinese. They are disposed to be friendly with us. We must send our best men there, that their moral, intellectual and conservative examples may impress the Chinese with our sincerity."

COE COLLEGE GRADUATES MEET

### Hold Banquet at Omaha Club and Talk Mission.

Fifteen graduates and members of the faculty of Coe college, Cedar Rapids, Ia., who attended the missionary convention at the Auditorium held a reunion and banquet Thursday noon at the Omaha club. One of the prime objects of the meeting has been the means of raising over \$1,000 was to consider the responsibility of Coe college in the foreign missionary work. James Adams of the class of '\$8, through whose kindness the club rooms were secured for the meeting, presided. Dr. Stephen Phelps, the first president of the college, was present and was one of the speakers.

Parsons Holds Reunion.

Eighteen graduates of Parsons college, a Preabyterian institution at Fairfield, Ia., took advantage of their presence at the

Clinton, Ill.; Frank S. Arnold of Kansas City, William Kearnes of Beatrice, Carey Moore of Fulton, Ill.; G. C. Berger of Portland, Kan.; Samuel Light of Nebraska. O. G. Dale of Minneapolis, H. W. Reherd of Waterloo, Is.; James Bean of Winfield, Is.; Nutting of the Omaha Presbyterian Theological seminary, J. Ashley Fitch of China. R. W. Taylor of Tekamah, J. W. Day of Des Moines, M. V. Highes of Knox Presbyterian church, this city, and Dr. A. C. Brown, the one layman, of Council Bluffs

Tes Standards Re-Established

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 .- Upon the recommendation of the board of government. tes experts the secretary of the treasury in sentiment in China since the Russian has established the same tea standards war. The people are now awakening to the for the year 1907 as were in force for the

### **Prohibition Bill Killed.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 .- The house com mittee on the District of Columbia has decided that it will make no report on the Webber bill to prevent the manufacture personally always did lean toward modern, and sule of liquor in the District of

Bee Want Ads for Business Booster