

PROTESTANTS ARE COMING TOGETHER

Year's Trial of the Federated Council's Plan Meets With Success.

BENEFIT TO SMALL TOWNS

NEW METHOD REMOVES SURPLUS OF CHURCHES IN COMMUNITIES OF SMALL POPULATION—SOME FIGURES OUTLINED.

New York, Nov. 27.—The last year's work done under the completed plan of the federal council of the Church of Christ in America is pronounced successful. One aim of the federation, to which fully 18,000,000 Protestant church people belong, is to bring to an end the surplus of churches of small villages. In Vermont in fourteen towns Methodist, Congregational and Baptist congregations have come together, have closed buildings not needed and have joined in the support of one minister.

In some instances it has been Methodists and Congregationalists who have united; in others Methodists and Baptists; sometimes all three. In a few instances services are held alternately in the different buildings, but in several instances church buildings have been sold and real federation has been entered into. Efforts are now under way to extend this work into other parts of New England, into New York and Pennsylvania, and into the older states of the Atlantic coast.

United in Some Towns.

At Castleton, Vt., the Methodists and Congregational churches are working and worshipping together, with one pastor the Rev. L. L. Garfield, a Congregationalist. They are doing the same at Randolph Center, Vt., the pastor, the Rev. F. A. Wells, being a Methodist. At Randolph the Baptists and Methodists have united, and the pastor, the Rev. H. E. Hinkley, is a Baptist.

Recently it was agreed between the home mission committee of the federal council and the home missions council, the latter a union of the home missions boards, that a particular state should be selected for study and experiment. Colorado was chosen as the state and for six weeks past the Rev. O. F. Gardner has been in Denver assisting in the organization of a city and a state federation. Some experiments are to be made with Colorado as a model, and such as prove successful are to be transplanted into the other states in the west. Later eastern states may be taken for a similar study.

Work in Colorado.

Two lines of work are to be undertaken in Colorado. One is the prevention of overlapping, the other the avoidance of overlooking. It happens often that into some promising center half a dozen religious bodies will go, all within a short time. The result is twice as many churches as are needed.

It happens also that some towns, not regarded as strategic or likely to grow are left almost destitute of religious administrations, hundreds of thousands of dollars can be saved if it is calculated, and many failures avoided by system.

John R. Mott, of the student volunteer movement, was elected to head this federal council, but was compelled to decline the office, giving as his reason certain pledges that he had previously made to the student work in Oxford and Cambridge, in England, and to universities in Russia, especially the University of Moscow. The council is now considering the name of another man.

Federation Formed.

Leaders of the council's work express gratification at the progress made since full organization was effected one year ago. A state federation has been formed in Nebraska, and city federations in Kansas City, St. Joseph and Omaha. There have also been formed federations in many smaller cities. Older federations, especially those in New England, have been strengthened.

Money has been pledged to support a district secretary for what the council calls the department of the interior, with headquarters in Chicago. In Philadelphia a local federation has been formed. Similarly every part of the country is to be organized, and efforts are to be made to carry on temperance, educational, missionary and other common work of all Protestant bodies, under this co-ordinate plan.

From December 7 to 9 the executive committee of the council is to meet in Louisville. This is its first meeting, the council itself having come into full power only a year ago. The chairman of it is the Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts, the Presbyterian minister, and the president of the council is Bishop Hendrix, of the Methodist Episcopal church south.

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News of Surrounding Towns

WILLIAMSBURG, IND.

Williamsburg, Ind., Nov. 27.—Mrs. John Davis, who has been very low with pneumonia, died Thursday morning. Funeral services will be held in Richmond Saturday afternoon. Burial in Earlham cemetery.

Mrs. John Laughlin and little son Ralph, of Fountain City have been visiting Mrs. Mollie Coggeshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Chase Mauser and little daughter Emily of Rushville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Davis.

Mr. Paul Lewis is spending Thanksgiving vacation with his parents.

Miss Eva King of Richmond visited Miss Edessa Kucendall Thursday.

Mr. Wilfred Griffith has gone to his home in Ghent, Ky., to spend his vacation.

Miss Lucile Helm of Rochester, Ind., is spending a few days with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Helm.

Miss Mae Green has gone to her home in Hanover for a few days.

Mr. Charles Duke of Muncie, spent the day here Thursday.

Mr. Linus Meredith and little daughter Janice of Richmond, were present at the big Thanksgiving dinner here yesterday.

Miss Hazel Oler is home for a few days.

The school here closed Wednesday for the Thanksgiving vacation, but will be open again Monday.

The Thanksgiving dinner held at the Masonic hall Thursday was quite a success, there being two hundred and five present for dinner and about eighty for supper.

Mrs. Louie Hite, 428 Outlen St., Danville, Ill., writes, October 1st: "Foley's Kidney Pills started me on the road to health. I was treated by four doctors and took other kidney remedies but grew worse, and was unable to do my housework, and the doctor told me I only could live from two to six months. I am now so much better that I do all of my own work, and I shall be very glad to tell any one afflicted with kidney or bladder trouble the good results I received from taking Foley's Kidney Pills." Commence today and be well. Do not risk having Bright's Disease or Diabetes. A. G. Luken & Co.

CAMBRIDGE CITY, IND.

Cambridge City, Ind., Nov. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ulrich and daughter Katherine, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hall, of Cambridge City, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Elliot and son Robert, of New Castle, went to Liberty Wednesday evening to remain until Saturday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Newbern, and Fletcher Highly.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hunt spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mrs. Dorra Haskett, of Straubhans.

Mrs. Christina Saus, of Dublin, was a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Beard, Tuesday.

The Misses Flossie and Neva Hazelrigg went to Richmond Wednesday evening to see the musical play, "The Time, the Place and the Girl," at the Gennett theater.

Michael Barrett of Cincinnati, after spending a couple of days with his aunt, Mrs. Mary Barrett, went to Richmond Thanksgiving to visit his cousin, John Barrett.

Mrs. Malinda Leonard of Germantown, visited relatives in this place the first of the week.

George Storch of Connersville was the guest of Miss Frieda Storch and other Cambridge City relatives Thursday.

Mrs. John Hazelrigg has gone to Martinsville, where she will spend several days taking treatment for rheumatism.

Miss Blanche Bird spent Thursday with friends in Anderson.

Mrs. Walter Scott and son, Robert, of St. John's, Mich., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Calloway.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Marston went to Muncie Tuesday to spend several days with Mr. and Mrs. Omar Huddleston. Mrs. Marston attended a party given by Mrs. Ella Cammack Tuesday afternoon.

The Rev. Father Oster, well known in Cambridge City and vicinity is critically ill. In the St. Joseph's hospital of Louisville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. John Starr and daughter Alice, and Miss Eleanor Wood of Richmond, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marston Wednesday.

James Barefoot of Cowan, and Attorney J. C. Dodson and family spent Thursday with Mrs. Barbara Barefoot.

Mrs. Mary Lester of Connersville spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Lester.

Mrs. Max Munte has gone to Connersville for a visit with Prof. and Mrs. F. L. Sanders.

Mrs. Bridget Shirkey one of the oldest residents of Cambridge City, died at her home Tuesday. The funeral services were held in the St. Elizabeth's church this morning.

Mrs. Shirkey was a native of Ireland. She emigrated to America in 1852 and has lived in Cambridge City twenty-four years. Four children survive her—Mrs. Maggie Guerry, of Connersville, Mrs. Winifred Gump, of Indianapolis, Mrs. Mary McGriff and Miss Kate Shirkey.

Mrs. Flora Hastings of Richmond is spending a few days with relatives in this city.

Hon. Henry U. Johnson, of Richmond, transacted legal business in this place Wednesday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Coffin and family were very pleasantly surprised when fifty or more of their friends unexpectedly entered their home Wednesday evening. The time was pleasantly spent with music and general conversation. It was noticed that as each guest entered a visit was made to the dining room before entering the parlors. A later call to that room revealed the fact that not only those present, but many others were represented by many substantial packages, in various parts of the room. In the short time that Rev. Coffin has been a resident of Cambridge City, both he and his family have gained a strong hold upon the hearts of the people, not

only among the members of his own congregation, but others, as well.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Joslin of Cleveland, were the guests of Mrs. Catherine Wheelan and family Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. John Combs and Master Russell Strickler spent Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kirby, north of town.

Mrs. Joe Bender was among the guests at a card party given by Mrs. Elmer Weaver, of Milton, Tuesday.

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MILTON, IND.

Milton, Ind., Nov. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Passmore spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Price, at Williamsburg.

Miss Cora Bennett was at dinner with Mrs. James Napier and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McGrew and family, of Hagerstown and Mrs. Mason of Centerville, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Will Bolan and family.

Russell Cole, of west of Milton can now beat Ernest Moore's chicken hawk. He killed one in the poultry yard at his home a few days ago that measured 4 feet and 8 inches from tip to tip of its wings.

Mrs. John Murphy, south of town, is sick.

Mrs. Elizabeth Atkinson has been at her son's, Charles Atkinson at Richmond.

Charles Benner of Richmond, spent a short time, Thanksgiving with Mesdames Sills and G. W. Callaway.

Miss Marie Hall and brother Cecil, of Dublin, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Wiley Cook.

Mesdames Will Wallace and Frank Wallace of south of town, made a recent visit with Mr. and Mrs. Mart Porter, near Connersville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baker and family, Indianapolis, spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kirlin and Linville Ferguson of the state university were at Charles Ferguson's Thanksgiving near Bentonville.

Miss Ollie Castetter is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Castetter near Centerville.

Dr. and Mrs. Kinsey entertained O. H. Beeson and family, Chas. Davis and family, with other guests, Thanksgiving.

Marven Mills, of Straubhans, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ferris.

Mrs. Emil Ebert of Cambridge City spent Thanksgiving with her father and brothers, south of town.

Misses Margaret Connell, Miss Alice Connell, Mrs. Morris Connell, of Connersville, Mrs. Ed Maley, of Columbus, Ohio and Andrew Kerber spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Connell and family, south of town.

Miss Lula Faucett was entertained with Mrs. Chas. Hale, Wednesday evening. Mrs. Chas. Coffman, of Williamsburg, is also visiting her sister, Mrs. Hale.

Mrs. John North of Bluffton, is at her daughter's, Mrs. W. H. Brown.

Messrs. and Mesdames Thos. Crist and Elmer Weaver were at Richmond in the automobile, yesterday.

Christian Stonaker exhibits some fine corn that he raised on his farm north of Cambridge City.

A large congregation attended the union religious services at the Christian church, Thursday evening.

The Rev. Mr. Pinnick delivered an able sermon from the text "What Shall I Render to God for all His Benefits." The Rev. Mr. Pinnick began with the thanksgivings of the Bible, brought it up to the Pilgrim Fathers and carried on down to the present and spoke of the future. Our dead are laid away from our sight and we grieve. We should return thanks to God for all the joy and blessings they enjoy.

Mesdames Elias Scott, of Cambridge City and Colyer of Indianapolis and Miss Esther Burroughs, of Hagerstown, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Will Scott.

Will Morris, of Pendleton spent yesterday with friends here.

Mrs. David Nugent went to Dayton, O., yesterday to attend the funeral of her cousin, Miss Esther Widner. The latter died Thursday night of heart failure, suddenly. She was aged upwards of sixty and well known here. She was principal of one of the largest schools in West Dayton, for over thirty years. She leaves two sisters, Mesdames M. E. McKiernan, of Indianapolis and McElhenry of Dayton.

The ladies of the M. E. church realized \$64 from their Thanksgiving dinner.

Sunday services: Sunday school at the Christian, Friends and M. E. churches at 9:15 a. m. Endeavor at the Christian and Epworth league at the M. E. churches at usual hour. Junior league at 3 p. m. at the M. E. church. Preaching at the M. E. church morning and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Joslin of Cleveland, O., were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Lindsay.

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A Question.

"Your mother-in-law's condition is more favorable, sir."

"For herself or me?"—Exchange.

ECONOMY, IND.

Economy, Ind., Nov. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Deck Haxton gave a turkey dinner Thanksgiving day to the following: Mr. and Mrs. John Walker and daughter, Miss Bertha Walker and girl friend of Brownsville, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lamb of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Daugherty and son Robert of West River.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Culbertson and children of Webster ate dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hiatt Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Lantz entertained at dinner Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rakestraw of Loantsville, Mrs. Amanda Lamb and Miss Ida Lamb of Economy, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lamb and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mendenhall were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fenimore of Carlos City, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fenimore entertained at dinner Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Harlie Lontz and children of Hagerstown, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Fenimore and son Howard and Miss Cora Maloney of Muncie.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Williams served a big turkey dinner Thursday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Price and six children, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mullen and three children, all of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Macey of Hartford City, Mrs. Cora Scoville of Ohio, Mrs. Mary Ann Williams of Economy, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Williams and son, Mr. and Mrs. Macey will return to Hartford City Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fleming served roast duck Thursday to their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Dunsenich and three sons of Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Zike of Morristown were Thursday guests of Rev. and Mrs. M. V. Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman Mendenhall had as their guests Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. C. Mendenhall.

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His Suggestion.

The impecunious author passed over the manuscript with a faltering hand. The aged but truthful editor slightly started.

"Er—Mr. Wrightly," he said, with the air of a man who has become saddled with a great thought, "did you ever hear that Walter Scott received the suggestion of his first successful novel while he was washing his hands?"

"I—I believe I read of it," stammered the impecunious author, slipping his hands into his pockets.

A faraway look came into the eyes of the aged but truthful editor.

"I was merely throwing out the suggestion," he said softly.—Exchange.

Very Polite.

"Now, Robby, if you don't want to go to Bessie Huuks' party you must write a note and tell her so, and be sure to let it be polite. You will find some ideas of the proper thing in this book of etiquette," said Mrs. Carhart to her little son.

Robby struggled with the problem for an hour or more and then presented for his mother's inspection the following truthful but somewhat unconventional effusion:

"Mr. Robert Carhart declines with pleasure Miss Bessie Huuks' kind invitation for the 14th and thanks her extremely for having given him the opportunity of doing so."—Liverpool Mercury.

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Wedding Horses.

An old fashioned man who wanted to hire a team for the afternoon saw a nice pair of bays which he thought he would like to drive.

"Can't let you have them," said the liverman. "They are wedding horses."

"What's that?" asked the innocent pleasure seeker.

"Horses that won't shy at old shoes and showers of rice. Some horses seem prejudiced against matrimony. Anyhow they lose their temper if they happen to be hit by any of the good luck emblems that are fired after a bride couple and run away if they get half a chance. Every lively stable, however, keeps two or more horses that take a more cheerful view of the wedding state. They may be literally pelted with old shoes without resenting it. Those bays are that kind. They are slated to head a wedding procession tonight and are resting up for the job."—New York Sun.

Bad Good Enough For Him.

"Son," called the farmer as the aroma of eggs and ham came up through the trapdoor, "why don't you get up?"

"What's the use?" yawned the college boy as he turned over for another nap. "Don't believe in early rising."

"Don't, eh? Well, how about the early bird?"

"Oh, that's a chestnut! The early bird caught the early worm, and the early cat caught the bird, and the early dog caught the cat, and the early dog catcher caught the dog. So there you are. What's the use of getting up early? It doesn't pay."—Chicago News.

Protecting Themselves.

Extract from a letter from Bertie to his friend Percy: "Dear Percy—The Dauncers, with whom I am staying, are awfully decent and do everything they can to make my visit enjoyable. For instance, whenever we go shooting they give me the whole field to myself."—London Punch.

Exactly.

"Uncle George, we are studying synonyms in school, and I want to know the difference between 'cute' and 'sneaky.'"

"According to your mother, it is the difference between what you do and what Mrs. Jones' little boy does."—Puck.

FOSSIL CORKSCREWS

QUEER FREAKS OF NATURE THAT ABOUND IN NEBRASKA.

Gigantic Spirals of Mineral Packed So Mathematically as to Be Easily Mistaken at First Glance For Works of Art.

Nobody knows with certainty what the so called "devil's corkscrews" really are. They are found by tens of thousands in Nebraska, most particularly in Sioux county, and some of them are as much as forty feet in height, without counting the gigantic "roots" presently to be described. Quartz is the substance of which they are made, but how they came to be imbedded, numbers of them together, in the sandstone cliffs of that region is more than anybody can tell, unless, perhaps, one theory, to be mentioned later, is to be accepted as correct.

You are traveling, let us say, on horseback through that part of the country, and, as often happens, you see, standing out from the face of a sandstone cliff, a gigantic spiral. If, as geologists have proved, the sandstone rock be chipped away a corkscrew shaped thing of quartz is exposed to view, fashioned so mathematically as to be easily mistaken at first glance for a work of art. The spiral may be free as a sculptor would say, or, in other cases, may be twisted about a sort of axis, as a vine would run around a vertical pole.

Somebody awhile ago gave to these spirals the name "devil's corkscrews" for want of a better and as expressive of the mystery of their origin. Scientists discussed them in vain, and many theories were formed in regard to them. There were authorities who declared they were fossil burrows excavated in tertiary times by gophers of a huge and extinct species. And, to confirm this notion, the bones of some burrowing animal were actually found imbedded in the substance of one of the "corkscrews." This seemed to settle the matter for awhile, until the controversy was started again by the discovery of the osseous remains, under like conditions, of a small deer. Nobody could assert that a deer was ever a burrowing animal, and so that notion had to be abandoned.

Other theorists declared that the "fossil twisters," as some folks called them, represented the prehistoric borings of gigantic worms that lived in the very long ago. Yet others suggested that they were petrified vines, though it was difficult to explain how or why the "poles" on which the alleged vines seemed in many cases to have been trained had been so admirably preserved, or, for that matter, originally erected.

In the midst of so many contradictory theories the problem seemed likely to defy solution indefinitely. The one that held out longest and gained most adherents was that of the extinct gophers. It accounted for the "root" as a shapeless appendage often nearly as big as the "twister" itself and attached to the lower end of the latter—which obviously, as it seemed, had been the nest of the rodent animal, the "corkscrew" representing the spiral hole by which it made its way to the surface of the ground. What could possibly be more easy to comprehend?

Professor E. H. Barbour, however, has declared—and his decision is accepted provisionally until somebody offers a better—that the corkscrews are of vegetable origin. They are, he asserts, the fossil remains of ancient water weeds of gigantic size, which grew millions of years ago on the bottom of a vast sheet of water that covered all of Nebraska. These must have been the biggest aquatic plants that ever existed, and when the huge lake that overflowed the region in question dried up the remains of many of the plants were left behind buried in the accumulated detritus at the bottom.

In the course of time—ages after the bottom of the ancient lake had been converted into solid rock—rivers plowed their way through the land, cutting this way and that and exposing to the view of the modern traveler on the faces of the cliffs the fossil casts of the prehistoric water weeds just as they stood when they grew hundreds of thousands and probably millions of years ago. Their tissues were replaced as they decayed by silica from the water, particle by particle, and thus, as if by magical means, their likenesses have been preserved for the wonder and admiration of the present survivors on the earth.

Such is the theory now pretty well accepted by scientists in regard to the origin of the "fossil corkscrews." Possibly it is not correct, but if otherwise there is room for the exercise of anybody's imagination in the consideration of this veritable romance of the ancient history of the world.—New York Herald.

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