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REV. GULLEN ASKS CHANGE

Former Farmington Pastor Requests Transfer But Later says will "Stick"

Monday evening's Detroit News contained an article, which at first glance appears to criticize the Rev. Geo. R. Gullen, former pastor of Farmington M. E. church, and who is universally remembered here.

That the criticism, if such it is intended, is not merited goes without saying, and a few more of the pastors of the city, could well follow in his footsteps, and serve a good cause—one they have never fully served before.

I do not believe that the article was a criticism, however, despite misleading headlines, which were probably written to attract attention.

The article in part follows:

"Burdened by the weight of the city's woes and sins, 'the awful crimes against young girlhood,' which, he says, are frequently poured into his ears and the criticism from his ministerial brethren of his methods of getting into personal touch with the debased victims he seeks to rescue, Rev. George Edgar Gullen, pastor of the West Grand Boulevard M. E. church, recently wrote to his bishop asking that he be transferred to a country charge. Bishop Burt wrote back from Buffalo that he must 'stick.' Rev. Gullen is also warmly supported by his congregation, from which he sought advice before beginning his campaign.

Rev. Gullen is now preaching a series of sermons on "Ten Nights in a Barroom," brought up to date. To gather the material properly, Rev. Gullen disguised himself as a "bum" and nightly visited the docks and low lying alleys of the river front.

Rev. Gullen says he was inspired to do this personal social service work by a story told him by a young member of his congregation of a young woman with whom the young man was "keeping company" being lured into a house that bears all the earmarks of being an evil resort.

FINDS STORY TRUE

"I personally investigated the young man's story and found it true," said Rev. Gullen today. "The girl, who is only 16 years old and with reputable family connections, was seen by me, after she had been lured into the house by a well-dressed female pander. The awful feature of the affair is that she now refuses to leave the place."

Eastern Star Notice

Eastern Star Chapter meets this Friday evening at the usual hour. refreshments will be served. There is special work for the evening.

Harry G. Hooper, well known here and has made this place his home for the past few years, failed to appear in Circuit Court, Pontiac yesterday morning as cited, to show cause why he should not be punished for neglecting to pay alimony for the support of a child now 11 years old. Mrs. Helen M. Hooper, the divorced wife is a resident of Pontiac and is said to be in a critical condition. \$668 is claimed as the total alimony due, it being reported that no alimony had been paid in six years. Hooper's present whereabouts are unknown here.

The D.U.R. station stop formerly known as Fischer and located between Redford and Clarenceville has been abandoned, and a new one further down, and called "Hemlock" has been opened.

LOCALS LOST TO BIRMINGHAM

Fast Game of Wednesday Won, Tied and Lost in Eighth Inning--Six to Four

A fast article of base ball was staged at Birmingham on last Wednesday afternoon, when the local aggregation journeyed to that place and crossed bats with the team representing that city.

Up to the sixth Farmington had the best of the battle, leading 3-0, then 3-2, then 4-3. In the seventh Birmingham tied the score on an error, but with both teams going good. The eighth proved fatal for the locals, when two smashing hits brought in as many runs, with Farmington unable to hit in their half of the ninth, the game winding up six to four.

Both Johnson and Hutchins worked on the mound for the locals, with Maas wearing the mask, Stonenber, Burgess, Pierce, Lapham, Jones and Clark completing the team, the two pitchers alternating at second base. One three base hit was made by Maas.

Apparently Farmington received the bad end of the decisions from the umpire, who refused to give either of the local pitchers the benefit of any corner, but did not hesitate at doing so for his home team.

A return game has been promised, and may be staged during the next week.

The Redford-Farmington game recently postponed will be staged at Redford this Saturday afternoon.

McVein-Gottschalk

A very quiet but impressive wedding ceremony was performed on Wednesday afternoon in the presence of close relatives, at St. Leo's church, Detroit, by Father Dullan of that parish, when Miss Ruth McVein and Alfred B. Gottschalk were united in marriage, the ceremony taking place at 2 o'clock.

The bride is little known in Farmington, and for the past few months has been making her home in Detroit. Previously, however, she lived in Pontiac, where the romance first started. She is of pleasing character and disposition and will be welcomed to Farmington.

The groom is well known to all Farmington, as well as over the D. U. R. lines, and is one of their most valued employees. His genial disposition, hearty laugh, and upright qualifications, have won for him a place and a host of friends.

The newly married couple have returned to Farmington, and are setting up housekeeping here with words of heartiest congratulation and welcome vying with each other for supremacy.

Fred M. Warner has just received word from his son Howard, that with his party they have landed on English soil, after a pleasant voyage, and after a few days rest will proceed on their bicycle tour.

Discharges Old Mortgage

Judge Smith Thursday morning discharged an old mortgage for \$681.50 covering 14 acres of land in Farmington village owned by Walker Hostetter. The mortgage was given by Thomas Armstrong to Ira L. Power and was later assigned to David Loomis. Pelton & McGee appeared for the petitioner.

And while thought of the new fountain is uppermost, just let's remember that the women and children have just as much right to it and its uses as the men, which certainly will not give the latter a right to make a loitering place out of the spot.

The Universalist Church was decorated last Sunday morning with a display of flags and cut flowers. The service was a patriotic one, and the subject of the sermon was in keeping with the day—"Uncrowned Kings". Rev. Olivia Woodman first called attention to the fact that the Presidents of the U. S. have been men who have been reverential in a marked degree, and conspicuous in their expressions of dependence upon God for courage, strength and wisdom. The sermon was preceded by the reading of Woodrow Wilson's prayer.

Christ was an uncrowned king. The superscription above the cross was placed there in division—"This is the King of the Jews." Notwithstanding all the abuses which history and tradition have woven around the word—king—it is still a splendid word. And while we would not declare him King of the Jews, we shall say rather "This is the King of the Race," kingly in his wisdom kingly in his character. The world is ready today to sit at his feet with absolute and perfect trust in his wisdom. When the philosophy of Plato shall have grown old the philosophy of Jesus will still be young; and yet he was an uncrowned king. The world is full of men and women who are uncrowned kings and queens. They are in the common walks of life.

What I wish to leave with you is the thought that these brave hearts and stalwart lives, who are working on and on without any hope of any outward crown, are standing bravely at their posts of duty because they have a vision of Him who lived as never man lived and "spoke as never man spoke" with no other crown, than a crown of thorns. You who are weary, who toil who suffer, who strive without praise, who work without honor, take heart, somehow, somewhere, you shall find your reward.

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