

**BEAUTY OF NEW HYMNS.**

Dr. David R. Breed Makes Comparison of Church Songs by Unique Method.

PITTSBURGH.—Declaring that the old-time hymns have no monopoly of either musical beauty or the spirit of worship, Rev. Dr. David R. Breed, professor in the Western Theological Seminary, delivered an address in the lecture room of the Spadyside Presbyterian Church, Amberson avenue, urging the adoption and use of new religious songs.

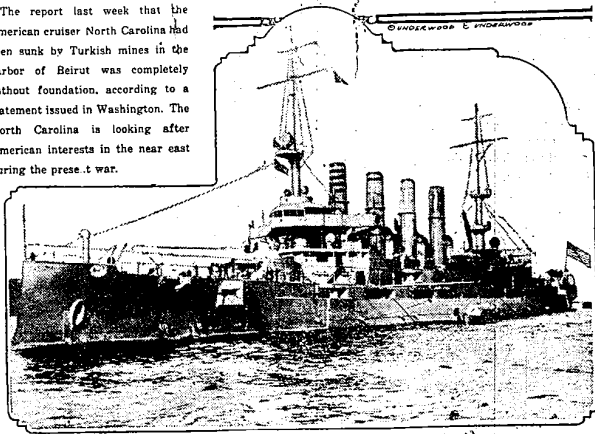
Dr. Breed made the basis of his address praise for the newly-revised hymnal adopted by the Presbyterian Church and a defense of the addition of new hymns and the omission of some of the older ones. The lecture was made unique by the singing of the church choir to illustrate the improved structure of certain new hymns; and also by the singing of the audience on the speaker's request to illustrate that the latest religious songs are suitable for congregational singing, as well as embodying the newest musical ideas.

"The last 30 years have seen the composition of some of the best religious music," Dr. Breed said, "and to him who says only the old-time hymns are worthy to be sung, I would say that only a short time ago what are now the old hymns were new."

The speaker also directed attention to the fact that there is a present tendency to get away from the fugue tunes on the ground that they are unsuitable for congregational singing; a tendency to adopt a simple time, such as four-four time, with the elimination of "floating notes."

**AMERICAN CRUISER IN TURKISH WATERS IS REPORTED SAFE**

The report last week that the American cruiser North Carolina had been sunk by Turkish mines in the harbor of Beirut was completely without foundation, according to a statement issued in Washington. The North Carolina is looking after American interests in the near east during the present war.



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**MATT'S IDEA OF HUMOR.**

Keeps Woman in Suspense for Several Hours—She Gets Even.

CHICAGO.—Matthew Adams' idea of a good practical joke is to keep his wife in the gravest anxiety for twelve hours. Adams, who is a machinist, and who had been ill for some time, left his home at 2634 Washington boulevard Tuesday morning with \$200, saying he was going away to pay his hospital bill and look for work. At noon he called his wife up on the phone, bade her a passionate farewell, sobbed, and fired a revolver. Mrs. Adams became frantic. She notified the police. At midnight Mrs. Adams received another cheery message over the phone from her spouse, who said it was all a joke. The phone call was traced to 705 North Dearborn street. It was learned later that Adams had been there, but left early in the morning.

"If he appreciates a joke of that kind, it's all right with me," said Mrs. Adams. "He and some friends were out together and he got 'picked.' I think I shall be justified if what I am going to do."

**FAITH HEALER'S FAKERY.**

It Gave Him Away At Last, And Landed Him in Prison.

FREESPORT, Ill.—John F. Braun of Rockford, alias Dr. Schiller, faith healer and tumbler of "blessed handkerchiefs," guaranteed to work marvelous cures, suddenly changed from here and entered a plea of guilty to using the mails to defraud after his trial of four days before Federal Judge Landis.

Braun made a pathetic plea from the witness stand in behalf of his wife, Kate Braun, who was jointly indicted with him. He swore that "Mrs. Schiller," who was known as "Lady Sunshiner" to the believers, was forced by him to help sell the "blessed handkerchiefs" and to assist in the ceremonies of laying on hands. Judge Landis directed the jury to free Mrs. Braun, who is the mother of eight children. They were acquitted with her. He directed a verdict of guilty in the case of Braun.

**LIVED ON 75 CENTS A DAY.**

Wife Says Husband Made Her Feed Five Children on That Sum.

NEW YORK.—Mrs. Ida Felt married Barnet Felt on December 27, 1907. He was a widower with seven children, five boys and two girls. Mrs. Felt has been an action in the Supreme Court for a separation, on the grounds of cruelty. She says that in the last year her husband allowed her only 75 cents a day to provide breakfast and supper for a family of five children and that he stopped giving her anything when he found she got along on this. She says he told her he didn't want her any longer, because his children were all grown, and she must go. The children used to assault her, she said. Mrs. Felt says her husband's home is at 28 Louisiana avenue, Brooklyn, that he is a supervising tailor, with a salary of \$25 a week; that he owns \$5,000 worth of realty, has two bank accounts, and has a steady income of \$20 a week from his children.

**Price of Voters in West Virginia.**

HAMLIN, W. Va.—Charges are made of wholesale election frauds in this county, Lincoln, in which women were among the chief offenders. It is said the hoodlums found wives easy prey, and that by paying them cash in advance, they contrived to keep their husbands away from the polls. It is alleged that many voters were bought for a pair of overalls, a pair of shoes, a side of bacon or a barrel of flour.

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