

5 TRUSTEES MAY FACE POLLS AGAIN

Other Retiring School Board Members Reserve Decisions.

With municipal nomination day only a few days hence, interest is quickened amongst those who have interested themselves in local educational affairs. The six members of the board of education who retire this year are Thomas Coleridge, chairman of the board, Thomas Rowe, Mrs. W. A. Tanner, J.B. Wright, Edwin Smith and David Eggett.

There is a strong movement under way to encourage Trustees Rowe to stand for re-election, while ex-School Trustee A. E. Silverwood will also be asked to allow his name to go before the electors next December. Representatives of the various women's organizations of the city, as well as many other citizens, will urge that he accept the nomination. Mr. Silverwood has also been a member of the industrial advisory committee of the technical and art school for the past six years.

Trustees Smith, Eggett and Wright will, in all probability, also stand for re-election, while Trustees Tanner and Coleridge have not as yet signified their intention.

CHORAL PROGRAM DELIGHTS AUDIENCE

St. Andrew's Choir Sustains Reputation as Clever Musi- cal Aggregation.

A choral program of exceptional merit, presented by the choir and soloists of the church, under the direction of Mr. Charles E. Wheeler, F.C.C.O., and several numbers by visiting artists of outstanding prominence, Miss Jenny Taggart, soprano, and Mr. Arthur Plumptre, baritone, attracted the usual large and appreciative audience Monday evening to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church service of praise.

Throughout the evening the choir sustained its reputation for precision, winning special distinction in the rendition of Cesar Franck's difficult setting of Psalm 150.

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Barton Finds Book That Converted Abraham Lincoln

BY DR. WM. E. BARTON,
Author "The Soul of Abraham Lincoln."
Written Expressly for The London
Advertiser

OK PARK, Ill., Nov. 13.—There lies before me as I write the book that changed the religious thinking of Abraham Lincoln.

It is "The Christian's Defence," by James Smith, published in 1848. I found this book after a long and systematic search through second-hand shops and the attics of libraries, colleges and theological schools from New England to Mississippi.

The story connected with this book had its start back in 1850, when Edwin Baker Lincoln, second son of Abraham and Mary Lincoln, died at Springfield, Ill.

Lincoln Reads the Book.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. James Smith, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, in the absence of Rev. Charles Dresser of the Episcopal Church, of which Mrs. Lincoln was a member.

Shortly after, Lincoln, visiting in Lexington, Ky., picked up a thick leather-bound volume called "The Christian's Defence." He noted that it was written by the Springfield minister who had so recently come into his home.

On his return to Springfield Lincoln borrowed a copy of the book from the author, and became deeply interested in it.

It was the outgrowth of a religious debate between Rev. Smith and an infidel named Gimstead, at Columbus, Miss. Dr. Smith was a Scotchman, who had been a deist. When he was challenged to this debate he took 18 months to prepare for it.

Arguments Unanswerable.

He quoted from Volney's "Ruins" and Paine's "Age of Reason" and showed himself thoroughly familiar with the literature of the opponents of the Christian religion, and then brought in his refutation.

Lincoln, in his early manhood, had read Paine and Volney and had been impressed by their teachings. He had never heard their arguments refuted in this manner. He returned the book to Dr. Smith with the statement that he considered his arguments "unanswerable."

It is remarkable that all knowledge of this book perished from Springfield. The fact that there was such a book came out in connection with the Lincoln Centennial celebration in Springfield in 1909.

The pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Dr. Logan, mentioned it in his celebration address. He had learned about the book from two great-granddaughters of Dr. Smith.

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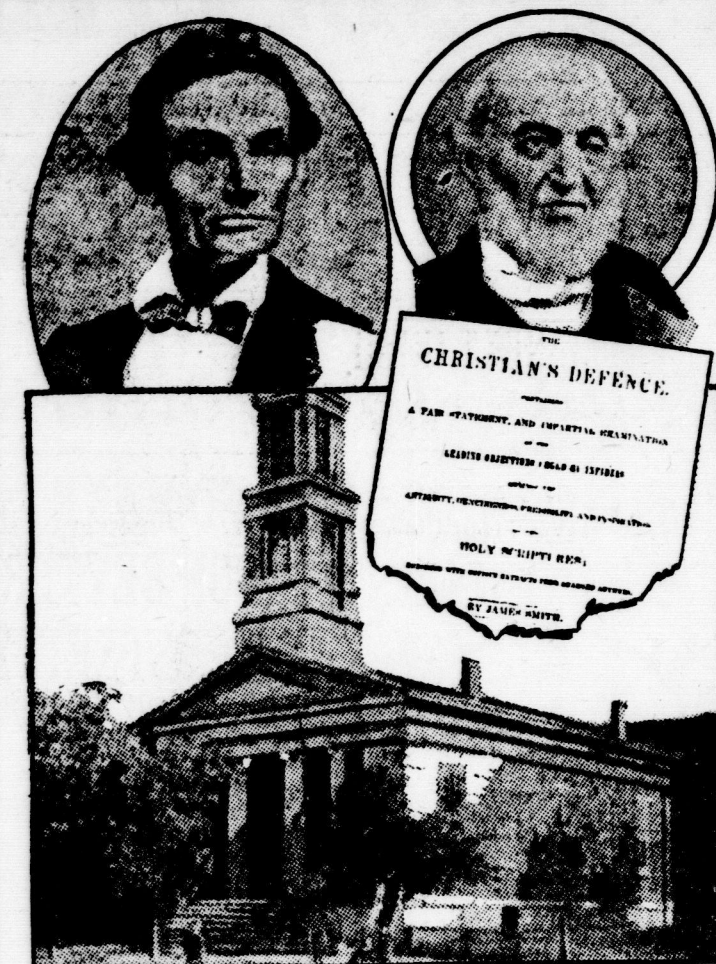
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Above (left) Abraham Lincoln, as he looked at the time he read "The Christian's Defence"; (right) Dr. James Smith, author of the book. Below: The First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Ill., where Smith preached and Lincoln attended. Inset: The cover of the book.

I journeyed to Springfield, met these ladies and examined the book. I also read Dr. Smith's and others' statements of the affair.

Lincoln joins Church.

Among these statements is one written by Ninian W. Edwards, who said that Lincoln had told him: "I have been reading a work of Dr. Smith on the evidences of Christianity, and have heard him preach and converse on the subject, and am now convinced of the truth of the Christian religion."

After Lincoln read the book, Mrs. Lincoln left the Episcopal Church and joined the First Presbyterian Church, and Lincoln rented a pew, paying \$50 a year for it.

After Lincoln became president, he learned that Dr. Smith had retired from the active ministry, and wished to return to his own country. He appointed him United States consul to Edinburgh.

"The Christian's Defence" is printed in two parts, one of 312 pages, the other of 264 pages, and the type is small.

WANTS FREE USE OF CITY SCHOOLS

Mothers' Clubs Contend They Should Not Have To Pay.

A subject for considerable discussion on many occasions in the past, the question of allowing the use of public schools for mothers' club and other meetings will again claim the attention of No. 2 committee of the board of education on Tuesday afternoon.

Not long since, when S. Frank Glass, one of the Federal candidates in East Middlesex, was refused permission to use a school in East London in the interests of his party, the board considered this problem at some length. It already had been decided that the sum of \$10 be charged for any meeting.

The various mothers' clubs were allowed one night a month to hold their regular sessions, but an additional meeting held were to be paid for at the regular \$10 rate. This rate was also placed in effect for all other organizations who wished to hold bazaars, etc.

At the last meeting of the board, however, it was held that the schools might be thrown open for discussion of any questions, municipal or otherwise, that would interest the people, but not for any organization meetings, as the board contended, was the one suggested by Mr. Glass.

Since that meeting, however, the secretary of the board has been in receipt of communications from mothers' clubs, including the Union Club, submitting that as they are a part of the school organization, they should not be assessed. It is the intention of the trustees to decide definitely on this problem on Wednesday.

FIRE DESTROYS BARN ON THORNTON AVENUE

Fire totally destroyed a large barn on Thornton avenue, near St. James street, Monday night. The barn was empty. The origin of the blaze is unknown.

Require Special Data Before Deciding on Salary Revision

As a preliminary move toward a revision of the salaries of the school teachers of London, the salary commission of the board of education held its organizing meeting Monday afternoon.

In order to arrive at some satisfactory basis upon which to work, the commission deems it advisable to obtain a schedule of all teachers' salaries in the entire province. To secure this and other useful data an application will be made to the board for power to procure it.

N. H. L. GOVERNORS FIX NEW PENALTY RULINGS

Teams Must Play Shorthanded When
Players Are "Fenced."

Toronto, Nov. 15.—The new penalty rule adopted by the governors of the National Hockey League at their meeting yesterday is the same as that in effect in the O. H. A., with the exception that fouls are catalogued and a definite penalty for each provided.

This year in the N. H. L. circuit each player who is penalized for a foul of any description will serve his term on the fence and his team will play shorthanded. It does not make any difference how many players are fenced, all will have to serve their penalties as they are inflicted, and the team will suffer. There will be no deferring of penalties.

For minor offences players will be ruled off for three minutes, for major fouls five minutes and for match fouls, which are imposed for fighting or deliberately striking a player or an official with the stick, the penalty is 20 minutes at least, and may be banishment for the remainder of the game. The system of fining players for certain offences also remains in force.

The rules were also changed so that a pass from a goalkeeper to a player within the nearest red line will be considered an inside.

Sprague Cleghorn, the former Ottawa defence man, was allotted to Hamilton.

CONCERT GIVEN IN AID OF CHILDREN

War Memorial Hospital Com- mittee Motors to Vanneck.

"All's well that ends well," was the bulletin Tuesday morning from the members of the canvass committee of the War Memorial Children's Hospital and concert party who went out Monday evening to give a concert at Vanneck for the benefit of the hospital.

These autumnal evenings were offered to the party. Of these, two met with accidents before leaving the city, with the result that the artists arrived late and the program did not begin until almost 8 o'clock.

A large audience was patiently waiting, and gave a most enthusiastic reception to the numbers presented by Mrs. Schofield, soprano; Mr. Ed Wilmer, baritone; Miss Topley Thomas, reader; Harvey Metel, violinist; Mrs. Frank Smith was the capable accompanist.

After the concert the artists and members of the canvass committee, including Mrs. John Gemmell (convenor), Mrs. George Macdonald, Miss Mary Grant, T. D. Kilgough, W. D. Christensen and W. R. Jarmain, were entertained at a beautiful supper in the home of Dr. Robson.

A substantial sum was realized for the hospital.

Miss Grant has asked the canvass committee to take out a play in the near future, and efforts are being made to enlist one of the city's clever amateur dramatic companies for this service.

NATIONALISTS IN CAIRO WOULD "BE FREE OR DIE"

Cairo, Egypt, Nov. 15.—After having listened for three and a half hours to a speech by Said Zagloul Pasha, one of the Nationalist leaders, a mass meeting of Nationalists yesterday adopted a resolution embodying the principal points of the address.

"The Nationalists are to live in freedom or die," was one point adopted. The resolution concluded by assuring the foreign communities of the "unalterable goodwill which an independent Egypt pledges to maintain and strengthen."

Thousands of Nationalists attended the mass meeting.

ALICE BRADY TO FILE SUIT FOR DIVORCE

New York, Nov. 15.—Miss Alice Brady, stage and film star, and daughter of William A. Brady, producer, will file today papers in an action for divorce from her actor husband, James L. Crane.

Miss Brady's complaint, it is said, will charge misconduct on the part of her husband in August. Mr. Crane is a son of Dr. Frank Crane, well-known preacher and writer.

FRISCO STEEL MERGER INVOLVES \$25,000,000

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—Announcement was made here last night closing a deal between Utah and California capitalists, which involves a \$25,000,000 iron, coal and steel merger, the primary aim of which, it was said, would be to make the west independent of eastern steel and iron.

FURS---The Royal Gift

In the early days, when kings and queens wished to favor each other, gifts of precious stones and furs were selected. Now, when our friends, fathers, brothers, husbands and others would show special favor, they give Furs.

The present style of Furs lend themselves admirably to gift giving, for they are quaint little Scarfs, Muffs and Neckpieces, and made from such a variety of furs.

It is safe to say that there is not a family in which someone has not wished for some new article of fur this season. In Furs of quality this store has stood first and now is ready to render a Christmas service that will give special pride to the recipient of any article of fur coming from this establishment.



Neckpieces of Sable, Seal, Beaver, Squirrel

Alaska Sable Neckpieces in choker animal, small and large capes and shawls. Prices.....\$29.00, \$40.00, \$45.00, \$65.00 to \$195.00

Alaska Sable Muffs, melon or canteen shapes. Prices.....\$35.00 to \$57.00

Beaver Neckpieces in choker, small capes and shawls. Prices.....\$18.75, \$45.00, \$65.00, \$82.50, \$90.00 to \$155

Beaver Muffs.....\$55.00, \$67.50

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French Seal Neckpieces, small pieces for suits. Prices.....\$13.95, \$15.00 to \$19.00

Hudson Seal Neckpieces, in small novelty pieces or capes or shawls. Prices.....\$25.00, \$35.00, \$47.50, \$75.00 to \$135.00

Grey Squirrel Chokers.....\$19.50

Grey Squirrel Capes and Shawls.....\$80.00, \$90.00 to \$155.00

Fur Scarfs---Squirrel, Beaver Opossum or Mole

Grey Squirrel Scarf of select dark grey skins, four skins wide, 74 inches long, pockets, wide ends finished with fur balls, lined with grey silk meteor prettily shirred. Price.....\$195.00

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