

To the Editor

Confession of Faith.

Dr. MacGregor Claims Anti-Unionists Sought to Create Wrong Impression in Letter.

Editor of The Advertiser: Sir,—In a recent letter the anti-unionists have charged the confession of faith, if there is any misinterpretation of it is theirs.

Last spring they issued a writ in Osgoode Hall asking the civil authority to override the decision of the church, thus denying one of the fundamental principles of Presbyterianism, namely that in all matters of faith and duty, the church must be free from any other authority in order to be free to obey her Lord.

In that writ the anti-unionists set forth what they call "distinctive principles of Presbyterianism, principles from which when you deduct those which are Presbyterian, and forfeit any moral or legal claim to the property of the church, among these 'distinctive' principles are the following: I shall quote their own words in the writ, lest I misinterpret."

(a) "The confession of faith, chapters 2. 'God has eternally predestinated a fixed number of men and of angels to eternal life.' (b) 'Others God has decreed unto death.' (c) 'While all men are sinners, yet Christ died only for those who shall be saved, i.e. the elect. Those not appointed unto life God passes by.'"

The anti-unionists object to the fact that (a) is omitted from the present basis of union, and in the stead of (b) the article in the basis reads:

"God in the gospel freely offers his all-sufficient salvation to all men."

It is interesting to note that although the anti-unionists were demanding another vote of the people last year, their leaders before the private bills committee, refused to be bound by such a vote. Was it honest to ask for a vote when they never intended to abide by it? What are the church's when they refuse to accept the verdict of the people? They declare that Presbyterians are those who believe certain doctrines, such as the above. If they are honest in saying that the above are distinctive doctrines of Presbyterians, they must incorporate them in the doctrinal statement of any church they organize.

The only Presbyterians I know in the world who accept the above interpretation of the confession of faith are the "Wee Press" of Scotland, and the anti-unionists of Canada. Yours sincerely,

D. C. MacGREGOR, St. Andrew's Manse, London, Dec 20, 1924.

How Union Works.

Pastor at Cobalt Tells of How the Churches Joined Forces There, and Progress Made Since.

Editor of The Advertiser: Sir,—Much has been written about the "union" things that are to follow church union. Your readers may be interested to know how union is working out in Cobalt. I must candidly give you my impressions of the results so far as we can see them here.

The union was brought about after two tries and the atmosphere to some seemed anything but favorable, but happily their fears have not been realized and it would be hard indeed to find anyone in this town of five thousand who would go back to the old days. I would go further and say that I do not believe that you could find any official of either church who held office before the union and are here today who would think of going back to the old days. The church is full to capacity, the combined young peoples' work is a joy to watch, having a combined membership greater than the total of the two groups before the union. Women's organizations were never more active and harmonious, while the combined musical resources are much greater.

Instead of the churches struggling to pay a minimum salary by ladies' aids, etc. the united church pays a salary of \$2,250, plus a bonus of \$250, free furnished house, telephone, light and water, and a month's holiday

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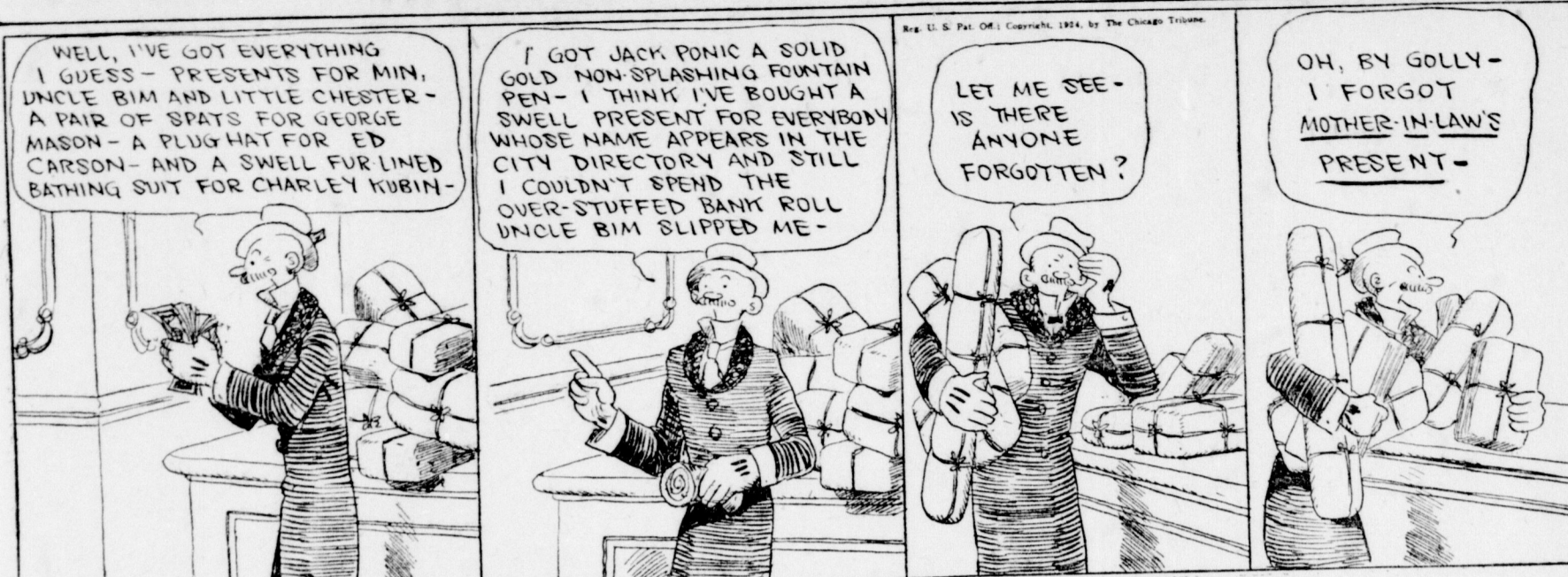
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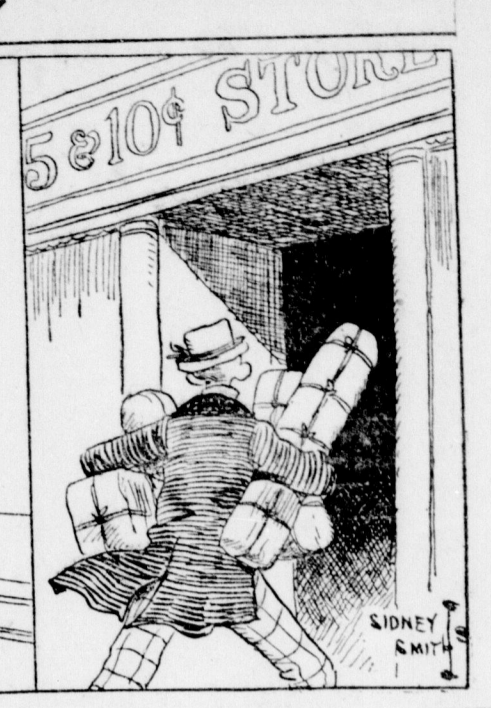
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CHRISTMAS SERMON IS INSPIRING ONE Rev. A. Burgess Speaks in the Egerton Street Baptist Church Last Night. Taking for his subject "From Manger to Throne," Rev. A. Burgess, pastor of Egerton street Baptist church, preached an inspiring Christmas sermon last night. At the close, the minister made an appeal to those who wished to declare themselves to stand for Christ. One man, two women and a girl stood up.



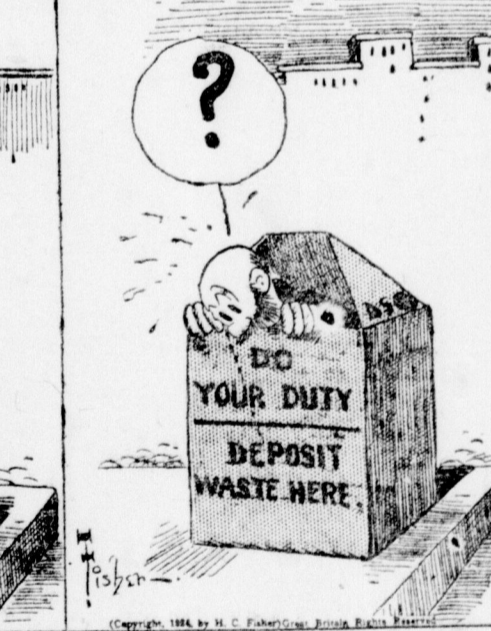
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TOMORROW'S LIST

- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23. (Eastern Standard Time) WEAF, NEW YORK—492. 4 p.m.—Wall Street Journal review. 4:30 p.m.—Women's program. 5 p.m.—Instrumental quartet. 5:30 p.m.—Mount Royal orchestra. 6 p.m.—Cora Griffin, contralto. 7:10 p.m.—Parker string quartet. 8 p.m.—Suzanne Matronomy Page. 8:30 p.m.—Gold Dust Twins. 9 p.m.—Eveready Entertainers. 10 p.m.—Knott's orchestra.