

THE DIVORCE QUESTION

Comes Prominently Before Assembly of Episcopal Bishops in San Francisco—Provokes an Animated Discussion—Ecclesiastical Men of Great Prominence Take Part.

San Francisco, Oct. 11.—The question of marriage and divorce was before the assembly of the bishops of the Episcopal church of America today. The bishops passed canon 37, which provides for the discipline of persons marrying after being divorced. The change made by the substitute was that each person receiving the sacrament of the altar should be subject to the discipline of the church.

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responsibility. He had deep sympathy with the motive beneath the canon as it came from the bishops, but he did not believe it would accomplish the end intended. It was revolutionary legislation in the church. He differed with those who, with the church of Rome, held marriage to be absolutely indissoluble. The canon was unscriptural, he said. He cited Bishop King, of Litchfield, England, as unable to regard marriage as indissoluble. This view was supported by Bishops Lightfoot, Woodworth and Trench. He thought it a proposition to nullify the teaching of Christ.

De Bachus, of Long Island, claimed that the proposed measure did not have the warrant of holy scriptures as found in St. Matthew. Nor did it command the warrant of common sense and moral judgment. Rev. F. A. DeRoset, of Springfield, urged that the prayer-book service already contemplated just what the canon would require.

Rev. Dr. Ashton, of Western New York, also claimed that the law of the church was already defined in the prayer-book as making marriage indissoluble. The Rev. Dr. Foley, of Central Pennsylvania, acknowledged himself a convert since coming to San Francisco to the stricter view of the case, largely because the laity seemed to him to demand it. A firm stand, he said, is now required to influence a public opinion on this subject in the direction of domestic and civic righteousness.

He said the public sentiment of the American people could never be brought into line with the vigorous restrictions here contemplated. This section was an impingement of the American idea of personal liberty, which was in accordance in this matter with the rule of Christ.

Mr. William H. Adams, of Western New York, denounced the laxity of the laws of divorce in most of the states. The church certainly had the right to legislate on stricter lines than those of the civil law, but he regarded the proposed restriction as an unwarranted interference with the rights of the people.

John P. Thomas, Jr., of South Carolina, where no divorces are allowed by the state law, said the law of the church should correspond with the high standard adopted by his state, and always recognized there except during a few years of the reconstruction period. Ex-United States Attorney General George H. Williams, of Oregon, opposed all restrictions upon the subject by the church. He would leave all such restrictions to the civil law.

GREAT PRINCIPLES INVOLVED. E. D. Bassett, of Rhode Island said there were two great principles involved. What can we do for the purity of our homes? And what did our Lord say upon the subject under discussion?

"We find," he said, "that the sanctity of the home has been grossly violated in very many cases. In such cases the guilty should, indeed, be punished, but the innocent should be allowed to go free."

Rev. M. M. Benton, of Kentucky did not think pity for innocent women should influence the house in this matter. Rev. Dr. Huntington, of New York, asked leave to withdraw his acceptance of certain amendments to this amendment, and to speak upon that amendment as originally proposed by him. He said:

MODERN FABLES IN SLANG

George Ade Tells of Fastidious Famine Also of Wesley Fink the Grocery Bill Clerk and of Geneve the Counter Girl.

Fastidious Famine was the name of a girl who had her pencil out and marked down an error the minute it was made. She knew the rules and regulations by heart. She slept with the hand-book of etiquette under her pillow and worked the eagle eye whenever she was in company, looking for misplays. Famine was so grammatical that she made nearly every one tired, and she was so touchy that those who took long chances and started in to chat with her, had to weigh every word.

At least a dozen young men came trailing around at different times, attracted by her cold beauty and the fact that she was the only child of a national bank. Fan put the blue tag on them one by one. The first was six hours late in making his party call, and when he came around he found the gate nailed up. The second wore his dinner jacket and a black tie one evening when he should have worn his long Henry Miller, so Fan wrote to him that he was 90 per cent. Pinky doodle and belonged in a lunatic camp. Another was careless enough to strike a match and light his student's lamp one evening when he was seeing her home. She screamed and called for a cab, for she held that no true gentleman would smoke a cigarette while walking with a lady. A fourth aspirant wrote to her on the wrong kind of paper and put the date at the top instead of the bottom and the answer that he longed for never came. A fifth got the wrong clutch on her, while they were waiting, and after that she couldn't see him, not even with a spy glass.

Thus she threw them into the discard as fast as they lobbed up. One parted his hair on the wrong side and another kept his hands in his pockets, and another walked on the off side of her, when they went up the street. At last she had checked up the whole push and not one would do. And they were so scared of her that when they came near her corner they did a little foot-walk to the other side of the street.

For eight years she sat with the lace curtains parted, keeping a keen lookout for old perfection. She knew that there were some real gentlemen in the world, because she had read about them in Laura Jean Libby. At last she began to lean against the chilly fact that the tide had gone out and left her tangled in side seaweed. So she went out and put up a sign in the front yard: "Man wanted. White one preferred."

Moral: Marry him first and remove the kinks afterward. A bill clerk in a grocery house once took part in a production by home talent. Every one who bought a ticket had a friend in the cast. The bill clerk was a glister, but most of the people were wedged in and had to stick. His acting was very hammy. When they gave him a call, he did not know that they were kidding him. After the show they came around and patted him on the back and told him he was great. The paper gave him a notice better than Couquelin ever got. He had himself photographed in costume and began to grow a Margaret cut in the middle of his forehead and keep one hand inside his coat. The mantle of Edwin Booth had fallen on him, but it did not reach to the small of his back. All he wanted was a chance, and he would make Otis Skinner look like a side order of something. He read the dramatic papers and unless he was choked off he arose at evening parties and recited. Then all the girls told him he had wonderful talent, and after he went away they said he was the jakes! piece of punk they ever saw.

The bill clerk began to write letters of congratulation to himself and use powder on his face. He forsook the low-down grocery trade and decided to go on the stage. He changed his name from Wesley Fink to Ormonde Dupont and had "Theatre" painted on his trunk. After that all he needed, in order to be an actor, was an engagement. He packed up and headed for the Rialto, with all the photographs of himself and the notice from the home paper. The managers and agents turned him down and waved him away and kept him sitting in waiting rooms for hours at a time, but they could not drive Ormonde back to the canned fruit business. He was going to act, whether or no.

So finally he signed with a company presenting a problem play entitled "A Wet Dog." In the first act he played the part of a man who brought in the trunk. In the second act he had to walk right out in the glare of the footlights and ask: "Did you ring?" In the third act he was number four from the right end. And now all his old friends in the grocery trade can say that they know some one who is really on the stage.

Moral: A word of encouragement at the right moment often determines a career. While in a department store, white-er he had gone to save 2 cents each

on his collar, a nice man with black lambswool, leaned over the counter and said to Geneve: "The sweet-faced orsleslady. 'Oh, little girl, how I sympathize with you.'"

Geneve looked at him in a startled manner and then her gam fell. "What is biting you?" she asked timidly. "I am so sorry for one who is compelled to toil," he said. "I am thinking of starting a Noon-Day Rest Club, where you and others may come and drink tea and listen to me read advice to the young."

"That would be lonely billiards, wouldn't it?" asked Geneve, as she gave him the chirp. "We don't want to be rounded up and sozzled over on your own leaf lards. The poor working girl draws the line on having a kind-hearted gentleman put her weeps on her. Why should I do the repine? I see more money every week than the average married woman, and when I get on my best clothes, why I put her on the blink, easy. When I want some small change I don't have to coax for it. I go to the ten-twenty-and-thirty several times a week, and I don't have to sit up in any six-by-nine flat waiting until all hours for it. I think I can struggle along without having you come around to hold my hand." The philanthropist walked away deeply grieved at her point of view.

Moral: Any girl with a Geneve kind of a name is not looking for sympathy.

high as \$200. However, a majority of the June departure vessels wrote their first-class accommodations at \$100 per passenger. Freight ran all the way from \$8 per ton, ships tackle to \$50, including lighterage. The value of the freight shipped to Nome from Seattle by this city, save locally all supplied by this city, was now and then a mining machinery consignment from the East, was \$5,500,000. These figures are based on estimates as to the value of the average ton of Alaska freight given by the managers of perhaps the largest wholesale house in this city, and one which has sold more goods for Alaska and British Yukon consumption than any other mercantile institution in Seattle. This man, by reason of his business connections, had made a study of the subject, not from the standpoint of his own lines, but that of others, and he says 5 cents per pound is as near the correct value as it is possible to figure. In reaching this figure he reckons the shipment of almost everything merchantable, from a roll of silk to live stock and mining machinery. So the merchants and transportation companies of Seattle gathered in during the season from the Nome fortune-seekers public \$3,500,000 for goods and \$1,874,000 for transportation, of a grand total of \$5,374,000.

Meanwhile the gold dust receipts to date this season from Nome have been \$3,500,000, with approximately \$1,000,000 now on returning treasure ships. Besides this, from \$500,000 to \$750,000 worth of Nome gold has been consigned direct to San Francisco, swelling the total season's output to \$5,000,000 and better.

The return passenger estimate of \$3,300 includes about 4,000 now en route, or to come on boats soon to leave Nome for this port, leaving a total of perhaps 8,500 to winter in Nome and the tributary districts. It was estimated that 5,000 passed the winter in that region. Probably 1,000 have returned on vessels sailing direct to San Francisco, and as many more found their way to the Klondike and other Yukon districts by river steamers from St. Michael.

London, Oct. 11.—The hearing of the case of Theodore and Laura Jackson, who have been passing under the name of Horos, charged with conspiring to defraud women of money and jewelry by fortune telling, and against whom other serious charges are made, was resumed today. Victims corroborated the opening speech yesterday of Charles W. Mathews, representing the treasury. They detailed the fantastic performances and vows connected with the initiation into the Theosophic Society and the claims of Theodore that he was "Christ returned to earth, and the only perfect man in the world."

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