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DR. BROWN IS OUT FOR THE PRESENT.

He Reconsiders His Expressed Determination to Appear in the Pulpit.

The Pastor Explains That He Did It of His Own Will and Waives No Rights.

PLAIN STATEMENT OF HIS POSITION.

Many Members of the Congregation, However, Abided by Their Decision and Did Not Attend Services.

The Rev. C. O. Brown preached yesterday at the morning services in the First Congregational Church, but he did not preach the sermon. He took occasion to address the congregation, however, and to make it plain that in inviting Professor R. Lloyd to occupy his pulpit he expressed a reserved right to resume the place at any time he saw fit.

The doctor was precise and clear in explanation of his position. He knew, he stated, that some portion of the church, "a small minority," was shaken in its faith in him. For this he did not blame them, and had no rancor in his heart toward them, but he wished it distinctly understood that his present abstention from preaching was only out of deference to their opinion, not a waiver of his right to preach. He, and he alone, he continued, was responsible for the invitation to Professor Lloyd. They Dr. Brown stepped from his rostrum and took his seat in the body of the church.

There were hardly any present—and the church was comfortably filled—that could mistake the meaning of his words. As plainly as if he had said so in many words, the pastor had proclaimed that he alone had the right to occupy the pulpit of the First Congregational Church, and that he proposed to maintain that right until the charges against him had been finally passed upon. In no other manner could he have more directly pointed out his indifference to hostile criticism, while leaving, at the same time, to the sentiment which had inspired it.

A great many were disappointed at this turn of affairs, but very few of them were members of the church. Numbers of strangers had been attracted to the services in the full expectation that Dr. Brown would insist on exercising what he claimed was his right to preach, and many members of the congregation had announced their intention to, and did, remain away in the expectation that the pastor would do as he had announced that he would. The reinforcement of strangers about made up for the defection of members, so that when the organ pealed the processional the church was pretty well filled.

Noticeable in the congregation were several persons who had expressed their sympathize and powerful opposition to the pastor's reappearance in the pulpit. Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper was one of them. She came early in the full expectation that Dr. Brown would carry out his decision of Wednesday night. Mayor Strauss and Mr. and Mrs. James Mason were also in attendance.

Promptly at 11 o'clock Dr. Brown emerged from his study, accompanied by Professor Lloyd, and quickly mounted the steps of the platform. He bowed his head momentarily in prayer, and then lifted his eyes and looked out on the faces before him. All eyes were upon him, searching for a sign on the face to betray the nervousness within, but not a single twitching of a muscle betrayed the thoughts concealed within. The face of the pastor was calm, and the glance was steady as it took in the entire congregation.

As the last notes of the organ died out Dr. Brown advanced to the pulpit, bowed his head and called upon his church to pray. His voice broke clearly and without a tremor on the waiting ears.

"Now down thine ear, oh, Lord, and hearken to us. We thank thee for the light of a new day."

The pastor prayed fervently, his present ones brought into view only by the faintest allusions, more in the tones than in the words, but plainly calling upon divine aid for the better understanding and withstand satisfactory conclusion, the congregation joining fervently with the pastor in the Lord's prayer.

After the opening hymn Dr. Brown read the first eighteen verses of Paul's epistle to the Romans, very plainly chosen as an explanation of the pastor's position, judging from the language of several of the verses and the impressiveness with which the doctor dwelt upon those particular ones.

"For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the Gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers.

"Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you."

And again:

"Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you (but was let hitherto) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles."

Upon a signal from Dr. Brown, Professor Lloyd led in prayer, during the course of which he called upon the Lord to lend his presence to the officers of the church.

"Help the pastor of this church," he continued, "in these times when some people seem to be bound to destroy him. Make him strong to bear his burdens!"

The choir and the congregation joined in singing "Praise God," and Dr. Brown again advanced to the desk to make the usual announcements. He stated that Mrs. Cooper's and Mr. Kimball's Bible classes would meet immediately after the service, that the N. P. S. C. E. would meet in the lecture-room at 6:30 o'clock and that there would be preaching as usual in the evening.

"Wednesday evening," he continued, "a meeting will be held after the devotional services, and business will be taken up, the subsistence of which is a preparation for the passage of the resolution previously offered. This was first passed by the Bay Association and the Standing Committee of this church and subsequently by a joint meeting of the Trustees and the Board of Deacons and Standing Committee of the First Congregational Church. These resolutions were presented last Wednesday, and were laid over one week to observe all the requirements of the constitution of this church. Notice is hereby given that they will be put upon their passage next Wednesday."

Dr. Brown passed at this point, slowly folded up the papers from which he had read the announcements and stepped further forward on the platform, as he waved his hand to signify that he had more to say. The silence was almost painful, as the congregation waited for something from the pastor concerning that which was uppermost in all minds. He did not keep the congregation waiting.

"Now," he commenced, "I wish to say a word personal to myself. I have reconsidered the determination which I expressed last Wednesday evening to fill this pulpit for the several succeeding Sabbaths. There was no meeting of Trustees or deacons, as one of the papers of this morning announced, and I have had no advice upon the subject except such as I myself sought of two or three of those who are near to me and whose judgment I honor and whose full confidence I have.

"In saying this I surrender no rights. It shall be my right to return to this pulpit at my will—this evening, if I chose—next Sunday morning, if I chose. I wish, however, to recognize the fact that, after all that has been said in the public press in the last thirty-six days—this is the thirty-sixth day upon which the papers have devoted from a page to a page and a half to my good name and reputation—it is not at all strange that the faith of some is shaken. I do not blame them. I bear them no ill-will. I have no rancor in my heart toward them. I do not want to offend one of Christ's little ones by doing anything in this time of storm and darkness that shall seem to indicate that I disregard in any degree the opinion which they have a right to hold.

"Therefore, in deference to that feeling of a part of this church—a minority of it I know full well—as opposed to the feeling, I shall ask my friend—I do not wish to be understood that the officers of this church invite him—I invite my friend, Professor Lloyd, to supply my pulpit from time to time, until the proper tribunal can pass upon the terrible things that have been said about me.

"I cannot help but express my gratitude, however—for so much has been said about the church being deserted should I enter the pulpit—at the presence of so many who do not seem to have been frightened by the announcement that the pastor would preach."

Dr. Brown immediately left the platform and started for his study, but apparently reconsidered his determination and seated himself in a front pew on the east side of the church, in his own name his congregation, in which place he remained until the conclusion of the services. A number of people, probably visitors disappointed at Dr. Brown's reconsideration of his decision, left the church during the offering.

Professor Lloyd took the first four chapters of Luke as his text, preaching thereon what he called an expository sermon to show that the evangelist taught the way to serve God and to make the world better was to heed the Christian effort on the single subject.

When the congregation had been dismissed, sincerely friends of Dr. Brown gathered around him and shook his hand in approval of the course he had mapped out. The pastor beamed pleasantly and seemed highly gratified.

Dr. Brown would make no statement as to the length of time during which he would refrain from appearing in the pulpit. He appeared in the Sunday-school room during the sitting of the classes, but took no more than his usual interest in the proceedings, which were enlivened by nothing out of the ordinary.

In Mrs. Cooper's Bible class, where it was expected that the least stand of Dr. Brown would come in for some comment, the situation was not once touched upon. The lesson was on "Christ Forgiving Sins," and leader and pupils stuck clearly to the subject. At the close of the lesson Mrs. Cooper, who has been outspoken in her opposition to Dr. Brown's preaching until the charges against him are cleared away, expressed her gratification at the latest statement of the pastor.

"I was very much pleased," she said, "at the announcement of Dr. Brown. It was done in the proper spirit, and was the proper thing to do. I was opposed to Dr. Brown preaching for what I considered the very best reasons, and a load was lifted off my heart when he announced that he had reconsidered his determination and would call upon Professor Lloyd to preach."

Mrs. Cooper's views on Dr. Brown's action were shared by a great many others, but were not expressed in manifest unity last evening.

One look in on the Christian Endeavor meeting in the lecture-room and another on the service in the auditorium presented a state of affairs which certainly had not existed a few hours earlier. In the morning there were those who were willing to remain steadfast to Dr. Brown whether he listened on preaching or not, and there were others who not only said they would, but did, remain away rather than hear him preach pending the disposition of the charges. There was a clear defection in the ranks of the Sunday-school teachers and of the members of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

In the evening there was a marked change. The Sunday-school was called close upon, divided as it might seem to be, as to the guilt or innocence of Dr. Brown. The pastor's announcement that he would call upon Professor Lloyd to supply his pulpit until the charges were investigated had worked the change.

The Christian Endeavor made noticeable in the Christian Endeavor meeting in the lecture-room. There, opposed to Dr. Brown's preaching in his organization had taken occasion during the past week to announce that in the event of his appearance in the pulpit they would not meet at the church on Wednesday evening, when Miss Myrtle Simpson is weekly assigned. During the afternoon the news was spread among the "sessions" that Dr. Brown had given his promise not to appear in the pulpit until the charges were finally disposed of, and the other for the meeting of the Endeavorers was postponed indefinitely.

When the lady had finished Dr. Brown stepped and stated that Mrs. Simpson's reconsideration were in exact accord with his. Once consecrated, he said, was always consecrated, and there was no necessity for a consecration.

"Let us pray again," he continued, "that I was first consecrated, my friends, but I sincerely pray to God that none of you will ever be overcast by the cloud of accusation through which I have passed, and yet I have found that after it all I have remained with my inheritance in tact.

Some other general allusions of this nature were made by the leaders of meetings after he had completed the meeting adjourned, many of those present shaking hands with the pastor.

The services which followed in the church were conducted by Professor Lloyd, who preached a sermon on "Sin and Salvation." The pastor was not in the church at the time of the conclusion of the services, received the congratulations of many of the congregation as they passed out.

The changed ground of the "seceders" in the Endeavor was explained briefly after the meeting by Miss Myrtle Simpson.

"We had decided to have a meeting of those opposed to Dr. Brown's occupancy of the pulpit for the purpose of asking God to be home this evening. There were quite a number of members who had signified their desire to participate in the outside meeting. This afternoon we were informed that Dr. Brown had announced his willingness to allow another to occupy the pulpit until the charges were cleared away. We felt that it was all we contended for. It obviated the necessity for the meeting at my house, and we are all happy now."

This condition of affairs in the church will remain, at any rate, until after Wednesday night's prayer meeting, when the friends of Dr. Brown will certainly make a strong effort to adopt a resolution of confidence laid over from the previous meeting, which have effect the adoption of this resolution will have is not known, but some say it can have no effect other than to renew the temporarily healed breach.

AT THE MORNING SERVICE.

Friends of Dr. Brown and Those Opposed to His Preaching Attend.

The attendance at the morning services in the First Congregational Church, which promised so interesting to Dr. Brown, included some firm to his occupancy of the pulpit during the present difficulty. Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper and her daughter, Mrs. Mason, James Mason and Mayor Strauss were among those. Others present, many of them warm friends of the pastor, were:

Arthur W. Allison, Mrs. L. C. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Bennett, Mrs. Martha E. Blake, Miss Mary E. Blake, John Bonner, Charles S. Bates, Mrs. Mary Bagnall, Mrs. Elizabeth Bagnall, Mrs. Ella M. Clay, L. H. Clement, Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Cronin, Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Cronin, Miss Mabel Cronin, Mrs. Mary E. Downing, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Dexter, Charles S. Bates, Mrs. Sarah F. Evans, Mrs. Marcia S. Evans, Miss Harriet M. Fairchild, Mrs. Katie S. Gates, Mrs. William J. Gunn, Miss Mabel L. Gunn, Theodore H. Hamm, Mrs. Theodore H. Hamm, Mrs. D. Hoffman, Charles Holbrook, Mrs. Charles Holbrook, Miss Ethel Holbrook, Mrs. James Mason, Marcus Strauss, Dr. Jonathan Marcusohn, Joel Merchant, John Mackenzie, Mrs. John Morton, Mrs. W. E. Morton, Timothy Pritchard, Mrs. Ruby Rodgers, Miss Phoebe E. Templeton, Mrs. Jane Tassinoville, George A. Westgate, Mrs. J. Edward Wilson, Mrs. A. Wilson, Mr. and Edward Coleman, James Mason.

CALLED ON THE SEALS.

Thousands Inspect the New Cliff House and Stroll Along the Beach.

Yesterday a Season of Delight for All the Cars Could Carry Oceanward.

FREAK TURNOUTS IN THE PARK.

The Small Boy Was on Hand and Rode on the Roofs of the Sutro Cars to His Amusement.

The seals were at home to the public yesterday for the first time since the destruction of the old Cliff House. Everybody to town called on the seals. Standing-room was at a premium in the balconies of the new hotel, and the beach was thronged.

The crowds began to arrive early in the morning, and long before noon several hundred people with trunches were gathered at the end of the Sutter-street line. Twenty-two cars of the Sutro road were in operation, and runs were made every four minutes. If double the number of cars had been running, and at intervals of two minutes, all would have been crowded.

The sightseers were in the best of humor, and took the jam as good-naturedly as possible, and the small boy was in the height of his glory as he hung from the railings of the car with his feet suspended in air. Later in the day he changed his tactics and occupied the roof of the coach as his special resting-place. As many as fifteen juveniles rode from Central avenue to the water's edge on top of one car. It was a great day for boys.

Along the beach and about the cliff there was amusement galore. Spielers call of the merits of their wares in the same monotonous tones, divided as it might seem to be, between the Salvation Army and the Salvation Army. Fortune-tellers were there in force, and seemed to be reaping a good harvest. Photographers were busy, and the Chinese were in evidence with their wares. Hundreds of people were photographed with the Cliff House as a background, and the photographers were busy developing the negatives and selling the pictures to the sitters. Photographers were also busy taking pictures of the seals, and the seals were busy taking pictures of the people.

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BITS OF LIFE AT THE PARK AND ON THE BEACH.

DR. BROWN ANNOUNCING THAT PROFESSOR LLOYD WILL SUPPLY HIS PULPIT.
(Sketched by an "Examiner" artist.)

AFFAIRS IN THE MISSION.

Grading Operations on California Avenue Delayed by the Superintendent of Streets—Many Social Gatherings.

The grading operations on California avenue, near Thirty-first street, have been stopped by Superintendent Ashworth. The work was on a public contract, but property-owners on the Mission road objected to blasting after 6 o'clock in the evening. It became necessary for the contractors to file bonds in $40,000 before getting the privilege of blasting. Property-owners say that the work will probably be resumed to-day.

A delightful Leap Year ball was given Friday night under the direction of half a dozen young ladies prominent in Mission circles in Progress Hall, on Twenty-fourth street. The entertainment was very successful. Miss Nellie Cummins acted as floor manager. Miss Stevenson was her assistant. The Misses Minnie and Annie Clifford, Miss Ella Ryan and Miss Mamie Ryan also served as important aids in the management of the affair.

Little street, between California avenue and Mission, has been well paved.

The recent heavy rains caused trouble at the Market-street cariboos. A great deal of water flowed under the large doors and it became necessary to place sacks filled with sand on the outside to keep it back from the boys.

The loop-year ball given by Silver Star Lodge, No. 24, Order of the Werlf, in Harmony Hall proved quite successful.

The Mission Improvement Club, Connecticut Harbord street, between Twenty-ninth and Twenty-sixth, is an excellent addition to the already well-built suburb.

The rains have left the streets of Bartlett and Twenty-sixth streets in a poor condition. Twenty-sixth street, between Mission and Valencia, is in good condition.

Garfield square, on Twenty-sixth street, between Treat avenue and Harrison street, has had its vagrant disposition by a layer of mixed gravel and shell.

The protest outlaws at present under courses of construction in the Mission is that of Bartlett street, between Mission and Bryant, and that of Jerome avenue, from Twelfth street near Folsom, was largely attended.

TO ENTERTAIN ROYALTY.

The Italian Colony Will Give the Duke of Abruzzi a Hearty Welcome and a Round of Entertainments.

The members of the Italian colony are awaiting with eager expectancy the arrival of the cruiser Giovanni Bausan. Among its officers is a Prince of Italy, the Duke of Abruzzi, and his countrymen intend to give him a fitting reception.

At the present time matters are in an undeveloped state, as the date of the cruiser's arrival is unknown, and the Duke, being an officer, is under the orders of the Captain, and it is not known whether he will be allowed to leave the warship whenever he desires to do so. Possibly the principal hospitality extended the royal visitor will be tendered by the Prince Borghese, who is the highest in rank of the Italians in this city. The details of the various Italian merchantmen are in doubt.

The Italian School will entertain the officers of the cruiser on some evening during their stay.

A HEARING REQUESTED.

The Merchants' Association Protests Against the Granting of the Garbage Cremating Franchise.

The Merchants' Association has forwarded a communication to the Board of Supervisors asking for delay and further investigation before the granting of the franchise for a garbage crematory for fifty years for $5,000. In the communication the Merchants' Association expressed opinion that the present method of garbage disposal is out of date, look upon the award of a franchise for such a long term as fifty years as something forever of doubtful benefit to the city, and ask that the matter be subject within not days if expect throwing light on the question, and asks the Supervisors to authorize delay to enable it to do so.

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DO NOT LIKE THE VETO.

Folsom-Street Residents Ask the Supervisors to Reject the Bituminizing Resolution.

The Executive Committee of the Sur Fu-sum-street and South-side Improvement Club has resolved to appeal to the Board of Supervisors to override Mayor Sutro's veto of the resolution ordering the bituminizing of Folsom street, and a communication asking the Supervisors to stand by the South Side and bituminize this matter has been forwarded by the committee.

SHIPPING MEN AT OUTS.

Owners of the W. H. Talbot Demand an Accounting From Their Agents.

Changes Imminent in the Management of Six Vessels Hailing From This Port.

A MEETING WILL BE HELD TO-DAY.

Investigating the Affairs of the Schooners Talbot, Wilder, Irmgard and Winkelman and the Barks Colusa and Sonoma.

The management of the schooner W. H. Talbot and the bark Colusa has passed from the hands of George F. Smith & Co. The owners of the Talbot are asking for a settlement. It is rumored among the waterfront that there will be a change of management in the schooner Irmgard, G. G. Wilder, Mary Winkelman and the bark Sonoma, which are in the hands of Smith & Co.

The day following the arrival of the Talbot a week ago last Tuesday the several owners of the craft demanded a settlement, or at least a statement, from A. H. Paul, who was the only representative of Smith & Co. at that time in the city. As yet, they have received neither settlement nor statement.

Captain Bluhm of the Talbot has been made temporarily managing owner of the vessel. He owns a slice of the schooner, and sent home from Honolulu a draft for $8,000 (?). This was received by A. H. Paul, but the other owners knew nothing of the receipt of the money until the arrival of the Talbot.

"There is yet due for freight money on the Talbot's present cargo $8,000," said Captain Paul, "and I have received money on the hands of the consignees, J. M. Brandenstein & Co. Captain Paul called upon the latter firm for $1,000 on the day the ship arrived, but the money was not paid for the reason that such a transaction would have been irregular.

"Because Captain Paul was asked for an accounting of the money I had sent him he said that it had been paid out for other vessels of which his firm had control, but that it would be made good. Paul has only a one-sixteenth interest in the Talbot and has small interests in the other vessels of which he is manager. The company had a meeting last Wednesday, which was continued until Monday, to enable George F. Smith to be present.

"The second meeting was adjourned until Monday to enable Mr. Smith to have the books examined. We have since endeavored to learn how we stand, but Expert Kittridge has not yet got the books in shape.

"A. H. Paul when sent gave the same explanation regarding the money as he had given to Captain Bluhm. The son of George F. Smith & Co. consists, besides Paul, of George F. Smith, who has been absent at his ranch in Carpinteria for nearly a year, and Mr. Jack H. Schmidt, who left for Mt. Tamalpais two weeks ago Saturday night.

"Mr. Schmidt is overdrawn to the amount of $10,000," said Captain Paul, "but he is perfectly good for it, as the bulk of his father's estate, which will be due in about 18 months, has been left to him.

"Captain Colusa arrived from Puget sound for Pensacola, N. S., and has been there for more than 100 days. Her owners have grave fears for her safety. The Mary Winkelman left the sound for Honolulu three weeks ago, and it is said that $2,000 of her freight money has already been advanced to the managing owners. The Sonoma is now at Port Gamble, Washington, loading and sold to G. Wilder as owned by a stock company, and no action can be taken with regard to them until the vessels reach port, part of the stock being held in the Hawaiian islands. The Irmgard is on her way to Honolulu from Newcastle, N. S. W., with coal, and is bound for San Francisco from Honolulu.

"The Custom-house records show that A. H. Paul mortgaged his interest in five of the vessels to Theodore Meutzer some months ago for $2,000, and on January 24th a second mortgage to Richard Tietjen for $1,000 was recorded. A mortgage will be made to date the latter set aside.

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