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From New York to Portland the leading newspapers have gone into ecstasies over "Avenging Conscience" the D. W. Griffith "supreme achievement" which will be at the Arcade theatre Wednesday for two days only. Its producer, Griffith, says it is greater than his "Birth of a Nation." It has all the stars in that picture, with Blanche Sweet, in addition. Critics say that Henry Walthall does greater work than at any other time in this picturization of Edgar Allen Poe's "The Telltale Heart" and "Anabel Lee."

Here are some of the criticisms on "Avenging Conscience:"

Baltimore Sun—"The average person will hesitate at paying \$1.50 to see a motion picture, but if packed houses and enthusiasm are any criterion, Baltimore considers the great Griffith picture, 'Avenging Conscience' well worth the money."

Chicago Tribune—"See 'Avenging Conscience' and you see David Griffith's chef d'oeuvre, his finest—his last—his best—and you will agree with Griffith that it is greater than his 'Birth of a Nation.'"

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# FEDERATION TAKES STOCK

### ENTERPRISE INSTITUTION GOES OVER ACCOUNTS.

Money in All Departments But Lack of Interest Shown.

Enterprise, Jan. 7.—The Record-Chiefstain last evening said the future of the Federated church of Enterprise was considered at the watch meeting and annual business meeting held last Friday night. Speakers commented on the strength and weakness of the union and proposed new lines of activity to widen the church's efficiency and usefulness to members and to the community. J. A. Burleigh presided at the meeting.

Rev. A. J. Adams and J. L. Worrell particularly dwelt on the future. In his annual report the pastor referred to the small attendance at services, considering the population of

the territory, at the same time emphasizing the unusual conditions disclosed in the financial reports, with no debts and funds on hand in all departments.

The chief weakness in the federation, he thought, was the indifference of the members. They are interested in other things, in the summer being drawn away by excursions and outings.

"The church," he said, "is not the social center it should be. A gymnasium has been proposed and is needed. It would provide entertainment evenings and draw the community to the church."

The Sunday School is too scattered, different departments meeting in the various churches. All should be centered so that all could work together in closer harmony and could get the benefit of the enthusiasm that comes with a large and prosperous organization.

"The strength of the federation," he said, "lies in the fact we are united and working together. This is one step nearer to the Lord's prayer that all be one. The federation is the best thing found yet to advance that ideal. Let us develop it more fully. We have found we can work together, getting out of the rut of individual churches. The next step is for united

action to bring all together in other ways. Now is the time for action and something along the line proposed should be evolved in the coming year."

Mr. Worrell said he could not understand why the attendance was no greater at the services. But he felt an effort should be made for greater usefulness by the church by providing entertainment for men and making of the church the social center of the town. He referred to Y. M. C. A. organizations in other towns, saying one would be proposed soon for Enterprise, he suggested the church was in a position to start a movement along lines of the associations. He would like to see a gymnasium opened, with pool tables and other games and amusements.

In his annual report, Mr. Adams said he conducted 39 funerals and 53 weddings during the year, certainly a great record for so small a town.

C. H. Zurcher told something of the churches in Enterprise 25 years ago. He recalled attending the first church service held here, in a log cabin by the river, in 1885. The preacher was a Methodist minister of Alder, named Rev. Wood. In the early days, after three churches had been established, he said the attendance was fairly good; there was no other place to go on Sundays.

Speaking on the "Old Year," G. W. Hyatt emphasized the fact that the influence of church had brought reforms, citing the fact that the prohibition law went into effect the next day. He thought people were drawn away from the church by too many outside amusements.

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