

These Pastors Look for More Women to Fill Vacant Pulpits



Left—Miss Ella J. Nash. Right—Miss Alice M. Whittier.

As a solution of the problem of the pastorless churches in the North Woods of Maine, Baptists have ordained two women ministers, and they are now serving in the pulpit of the picturesque little church at Jay, Maine. While other women evangelists are "helping out" in churches where ministers with large families have not been able to meet the rising cost on an average salary of \$1.57 a day, Miss Alice M. Whittier and Miss Ella J. Nash, so far as known, are the only Baptist feminine evangelists in the whole of New England.

They were ordained in 1917, when the war was making a heavy demand on the man power of Maine. Their first assignment was to the church at Jay, one of the coldest of the state, having a history that dates back 110 years when the congregation met in a fog house. As a rule Miss Whittier takes the morning service and Miss Nash has charge of the evening meeting.

Both were graduated from the Gordon-Bibb College in Boston, and both worked under the direction of the American Baptist Missionary Society. They have served the out-of-the-way settlements in the far north Aroostook County and other sections of Maine, where the people depend on the colporteur for their gospel teaching. They have filled two pastorates of five years each, one at Owl's Head and the other at Jay, where they are at present stationed.

Will the woman pastor solve the problem of the shortage of ministers? Miss Whittier says she will. A woman gifted with the power of ministry, trained in a high class theological in-

situation, and willing to make the combined sacrifices of not only a preacher's wife, but a preacher himself, should be allowed to fill a pulpit, she declares.

According to Miss Whittier, the woman-preacher has come to stay. It is her opinion that very soon a large percentage of clergymen of all Protestant denominations will be women.

The Baptists and the Congregationalists are among the first denominations to admit women to the ministry.

"Will women pastors be content to work on salaries that average less than \$700 a year, as men preachers have been doing for years?" is another question Miss Whittier answered.

She said they decidedly would not.

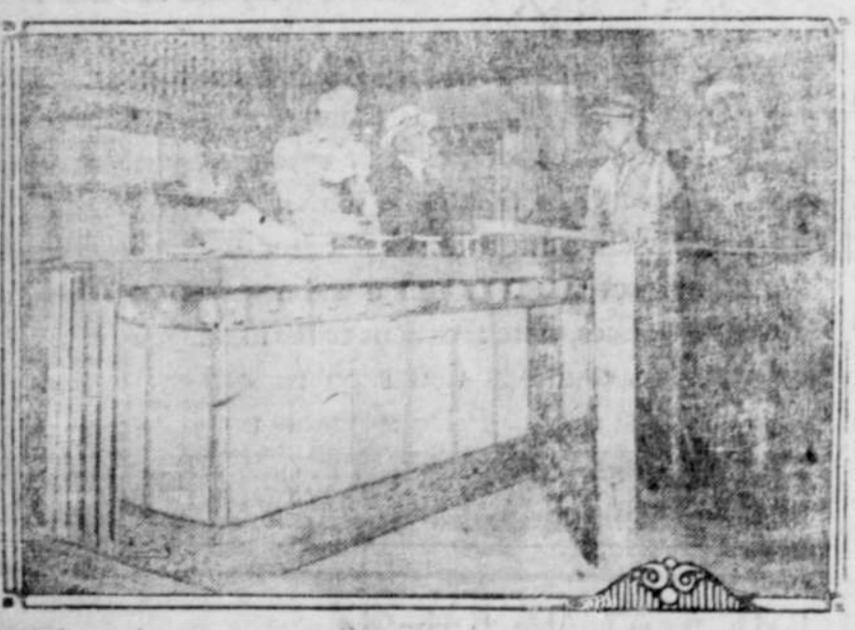
"All over the country," she said "people are realizing more and more the injustice that has been done to the ministers. The time has come, I believe, when pastors are to receive their just due. The country pastor's salary should not merely be raised—it should be doubled. He receives less than an ordinary day laborer and depends on hand-to-hand charity for his support."

Miss Whittier is one of the leaders in Maine of the New World Movement of Northern Baptists. That state has been asked to raise a quota of \$2,000,000. The amount didn't stagger the pastor of Jay.

"Will your congregation be able to come across with their apportionment?" she was asked.

"Certainly, there's no doubt about it," she said.

Buttermilk Replaces Brew; Lumber Men Now Gather in Huts Of Northern Baptist Denomination



Baptist "Bar"—Mission Hut, Powers, Ore.

"What'll it be, boys?" is still a popular query in this Baptist Mission Hut in the Oregon timber lands. And the husky lumberman quaffs his fresh buttermilk, or his hot chocolate with undiminished relish. The bar is still running full force and is one of the many features that the Westerner likes about the "bar." He can get anything there from Bibles to buttermilk—movies to missionary tracts—and above all, he gets what is rare in that lonely country—human companionship.

The establishment of more such Mission Huts is part of the Northern Baptist New World Movement program for which a \$100,000,000 budget will be sought during the week of April 25 to May 2.

BAPTIST WOMEN TO AID SISTERS IN FAR EAST

Realizing that "Civilization rises no higher than the level of its womanhood," women of the New World Movement of Northern Baptists have pledged \$180,000 for improvements, extensions to equipment, and additional operating expenses for eight colleges and schools in India, China and Japan. This sum will provide for more doctors and teachers to be sent to the Far East during the coming year.

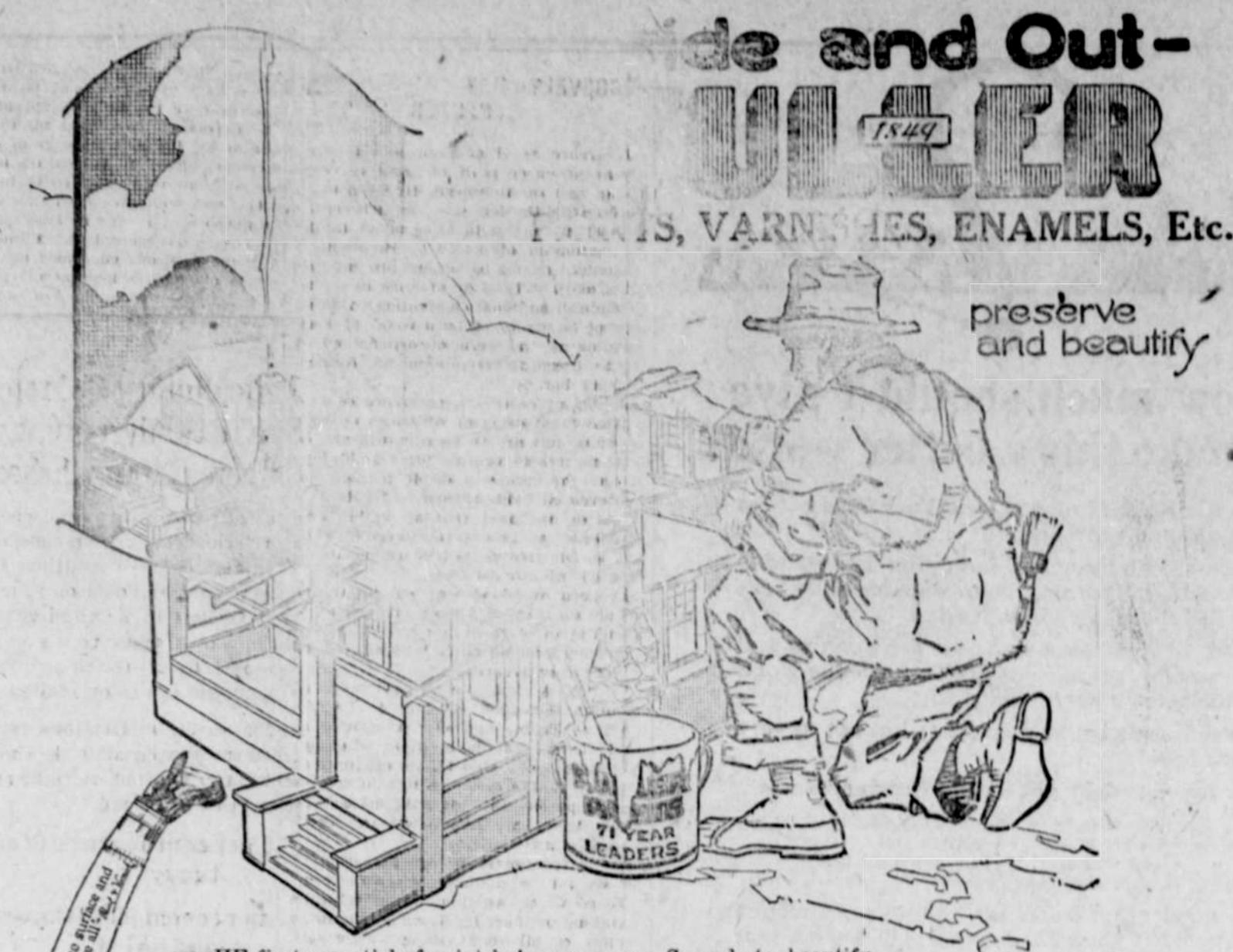
The largest item of this sum is \$50,000 for Glinling College at Nanking, China. The smallest is for Union Christian College for Women at Madras, India. One of the great objectives of the \$100,000,000 campaign of the New World Movement, which begins April 25 and ends May 2, will be to provide greater educational opportunities for women, as in the Far East few have been permitted to attend schools.

VACATION SCHOOLS HELP CHURCH AMERICANIZATION

During late spring blizzards, instructors were being trained to meet problems of the hundreds of daily vacation Bible schools conducted by the New World Movement of Northern Baptists. Training and Bible study, the Northern Baptists in recent years have found this feature of growing importance. Special stress is to be laid on religious education in the \$100,000,000 campaign of the New World Movement.

Baptists in Chicago last summer maintained 38 such schools, while in New York there were 18, numbering 3,000 students and including no less than 20 nationalities.

State training conferences are to be held in seven cities in the next few weeks, and subsequent meetings will continue until the schools open in July.



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