

PARK BOARD LOOKS TO FUTURE YEARS

Construction and Permanency Are Features of Last Year's Work.

PLAYGROUNDS ARE BUILT

Installation of Tank. Putting in Hardy Shrubs and Making Definite Plan Mark Advance in Plan for Portland Parks.

More has been accomplished since January 1, 1910, in the development of the park and playgrounds than in all the previous history of Portland, according to E. T. Mische, superintendent of the Department of Parks and Playgrounds.

On the other hand, the construction work which has been established is entirely new this year. Five different playgrounds have been equipped and in the last eight months in various parks of the city.

Women physical directors for the girls and men for the boys are kept at all the playgrounds. In keeping with the expertness of the other cities that the playgrounds would prove a failure without competent supervision.

Swimming Tanks Are Free. Only recently the idea has been worked out for the establishment of free swimming tanks in Portland, and last month there was opened the first of these.

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EUROPEAN QUESTIONS

EASTER'S MOTIVES Sensational Charges Against Minister of Sunnyside Church Are Made.

BISHOP ALSO CRITICISED

Strife That Has Torn Congregation for Two Years Reaches Climax When Rev. T. B. Ford Replies to Accusations Against Him.

Peace, peace—but there is no peace in the congregation of the Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church. Accusations and counter accusations have been flying in the little church community of the peaceful name in a turmoil of strife since the Rev. W. T. Euster came from Pendleton and assumed the pastorate in exchange with the Rev. T. B. Ford two years ago, came to a sensational climax yesterday, on the eve of the Rev. Euster's departure for Stillwater, Okla., where he was transferred by the recent Spokane conference, when Dr. Ford gave out for publication a long letter containing charges against the retiring minister based on what he terms "the peculiar business methods of Mr. Euster which have characterized him at other places."

The district superintendent referred to in the letter, which he may have a chance to reply if he wishes and to take any other course he may think proper.

Superintendent Called Hostile. I left Sunnyside Church two years ago with the unqualified testimonial of the official board as to my management of the business affairs of the church and my pastoral ability. I asked to be transferred, partly because I did not wish to be under a man as superintendent who had been my friend as I supposed, but was hostile, doubting and intent on my embarrassment and removal.

I made the exchange with the Rev. W. T. Euster in good faith, but found conditions very different from what they were represented to me. The church would send 800 people the Sunday school room opened into the church, and the pastor would receive 200 sittings in the pews. I saw that my opportunity was not as great as I had supposed.

But the disappointment did not lead to any controversy between me and Mr. Euster, but my medicine and did my work faithfully.

Irregular Conduct Charged. The matter was so far as I am concerned, and I am concerned, that a full month's pay at Pendleton when he was entitled to only two weeks' pay, and his denial in Sunnyside that he had received a full month's pay in the new conference year, and his two ver-

In explaining how he has come finally to bring these charges public Dr. Ford implies criticism of Bishop Smith, who he says refused to give him any hearing before the Sunnyside board or a committee of ministers or laymen, on the charges against him of interfering in the work of the Sunnyside Church.

Silence No Longer Required. "I have known of these complaints for some time, and have given serious consideration to the proper authorities, but I kept out of the newspapers," says Dr. Ford. "While I kept silence, the fire burned. I have sought peace and have used it, but it seems there is no let-up on the part of those who are responsible for these false accusations. The conditions which have controlled my action hitherto no longer require me to keep silent."

"What I have to say I say over my own name," said Dr. Ford in the concluding paragraph of his communication, "and I will not dodge any question by laying it on the reporters. I deny the allegations of these men, and challenge them to the proof. I stand ready to explain every act of mine in relation to this whole matter."

Church Trial May Result. Whether a church trial will be the result of Dr. Ford's charges cannot be said, but all indications point that way. The church has elected a committee to investigate the charges, and the congregation of the church in a bitterly partisan strife during the two years it has been in existence.

The differences between the pastors first sprang into prominence a short time ago when the retiring pastor, according to Dr. Ford, at the instance of Mr. Euster, soon after the new pastor took up his work at the Sunnyside Church, he promptly began a campaign for a new church to cost \$30,000.

Disputes Stop Church. Work had already begun on the handsome edifice when the harmony that had previously marked the undertaking was marred by disputes between the building committee on one side, and the Rev. W. T. Euster, district superintendent, and Mr. Euster on the other.

Just when the building was assuming form and was considered half finished, the building committee stopped work on the ground that it was no longer able to collect funds.

No definite charges were made against Mr. Euster, but he attempted to locate the trouble and fix the responsibility. The result was wider differences and a split that threatened to divide the church into two camps.

It was while the Rev. Mr. Euster was planning his new church that Dr. Ford, in Pendleton, first made charges that conditions there were not as Mr. Euster had represented them to him. Superintendent Hollingshead is said to have collected many letters said to have been written by Dr. Ford to members of the Sunnyside congregation, impeding the work of the pastor and inducing contributors to refuse donations to the church. All the grievances complained of are placed under the general charge of "interference" against Dr. Ford.

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