

TRIAL OF CHURCH PASTOR'S TEXT

Rev. Dr. Dyott Says No Church Nor Person Has Yet Been Perfect.

"The Trial of the Church" was discussed by Rev. Luther R. Dyott, pastor of the First Congregational church, last night. Dr. Dyott took as his text the passage from Revelations II:3, "I know thy tribulation and thy poverty, but thou art rich." In the course of his sermon Dr. Dyott said:

"Amid the misunderstandings, the imperfections, the conflicts and antagonisms of life, the church has endured trials, tribulations, tests, persecutions, criticisms and all manner of difficulties from those outside of this divine institution, as, also, from those among its own ranks.

"No church on earth has ever been perfect. Neither has any person, in any church on earth, at any time been perfect. A church is a society of believers capable of improvement, and living somewhat under the power of an infinite ideal. Among mortals there is always a distance between the ideal and the realized content on the part of those who see the ideal from afar. Hence the ideal of belief and the actual conduct may be altogether incommensurable. Men notice the difference. They observe the contrast. They criticize. But, as a rule, it is the conduct, the meager approximation of the ideal, rather than the ideal itself, that they criticize.

"Sometimes the criticism is fair. Sometimes it is ignorant, cruel, malicious. Sometimes the trial of the church is like that of Christ before Pilate, then it is like Christ before the Sanhedrin, and, again, it is like the withered branches described by Christ, which men gather and cast into the fire and they are burned. They are burned, not by Christ, but by the critics. 'Good, says one, let them burn. They deserve it.' 'Too bad,' says another, 'they are created, not for fuel, but for fruit.'

"In some respects the church of today is on trial, and one of the places where it is on trial is in the court of labor. The wage earners, as such, have little use for the twentieth century church. So it is claimed. It is claimed that the churches of today are exclusive. They are composed, in the main, of the well to do, the prosperous and the rich. It is a rule, it is the top, the poor man to belong to church. The sentiment and the practice of the church are not in keeping with each other. Sentimentally, the church believes in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man and the application of the Golden Rule. But we are told that practically the fatherhood of God is, by the church, applied to the 'regime of status,' the brotherhood of man is thought of with a mental reservation, and all too often, the rule of gold is substituted for the Golden Rule. The church is aristocratic, not democratic. It has been said that in America, where the churches are free, there is a strong suspicion of an insidious commercial control of the pulpit, evidenced by its failure to rebuke wickedness in high places, and by its protection of the criminal, and the social brigand who accumulates a fortune by the legal evasion of the law. The church is felt to be a corporate support of financial sinners."

"Moreover, it is charged that the church tolerates a double standard of morality, 'private' and 'business'.

Lacks Efficiency.

"And, again, the church lacks efficiency and consistency in the social, moral age of the world, it neglects social teachings, and preaches sectarian theology. It is claimed that the ministers

are either ignorant of social conditions or, knowing them, they remain in indifference to them. Then, they are doing little or nothing about the labor problems. There are other minor charges varying more or less according to local conditions.

"In the trial of the modern church in the court of labor, let us hear the other side. First of all, let it be remembered that changes are not of necessity proofs. The witnesses should tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. The truth is that the church is composed of men and women who have come from all walks in life. Taken in its entirety, the membership of the church is composite. There are more poor persons than rich belonging to the church. Some of these do accumulate, and in some respects the church helps them by teaching them to be sober, industrious and provident. There are thousands of churches whose membership is made of the poor, rather than the rich, and even in the church, where there are some rich men, the poor man can, if he wishes, find just as comfortable a home as any other. Every Sunday the rich man hears truth that is just as plain as the working man's truth would reach if he were the minister. Rich men, as such, do not attempt to close the lips of ministers who denounce persons committing that wrong. There is no institution in the world so nearly approximating the ideal of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man as the church. There is no place where the golden rule is so faithfully taught as in the church, and here and there churches are even found teaching the doctrines of socialism in the Sunday school. The best books of social questions are being written by ministers and other adherents of religion. Ministers are studying social questions more than dogmatic theology. They are spending more time in ministering to the poor than the rich. The church has not in all manner of agencies of reform."

"The church stands at the back of all enterprises which contemplate the improvement of the conditions of human society.

Readjustment of Conditions.

"Just now, within the church, there is taking place the readjustment to modern conditions.

"The church has the right message for this age and she is becoming more efficient for the delivery of the same. While the church and her ministry are not perfect, and they will make many mistakes, and they will do many things which are not for the best work in behalf of all the people.

"Working men need a better understanding of the inherent nature and the specific mission of the church. They should know what the church will do when it has the better chance.

"They should cease knocking the church. In the darkness of ignorance, on this question, at least, they strike at their best friend when they strike at the church. The church is not for the rich alone, nor for the poor alone, but for all the people, and when all give her the deserved chance she will do her duty to all. Therefore, my final plea is for a better understanding of the whole situation on the part of all who are concerned. In the court of labor, the intelligent working man will yet pronounce the verdict with reference to the trial of the church, 'not guilty.'"

Knights Templar Conclave.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 24.—Delegations of Knights Templar from all parts of Pennsylvania and from New York, New Jersey and Maryland as well as poured into the city today for the 55th annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, which will continue for three days. Five thousand uniformed Templars are expected to be in the grand parade tomorrow. Wednesday will be devoted to the business session and the annual election of officers, the conclave closing in the evening with the installation ceremonies in the Academy of Music. Entertainment on an elaborate scale has been prepared for the thousands of visitors.

Official figures place the country's production of salt last year at 4,035,089 tons, a decrease from 1907 or 122,459 tons.

BEN GREET'S PLAYERS APPEAR TO ADVANTAGE IN "THE TEMPEST"

By J. F. S.

"The Tempest" was well played by Ben Greet's players last evening and better played by the Russian Symphony orchestra. The simplicity and absence of distracting features of bad scenery and useless characters were the most attractive parts of the performance, dramatically, and the equally simple and interpretative music as given by the Russian orchestra did much to make the evening's entertainment a pleasure.

There are three or four lyrics in "The Tempest" that are of almost unapproachable beauty and that stand unrivalled even in Shakespeare. Unfortunately these were partially lost, however, in the possibly unavoidable forms of recitation adopted by the members of the company. The strong point of the performance must be admitted to have been its grace and the absence of posing.

Mr. Greet himself played the best Caliban, following the seventeenth century ideal of what personified beastliness is. It was entertaining, but scarcely terrifying, and Mr. Greet's every appearance was greeted with applause from the audience. George Vivian was remarkably good as Ariel. He didn't make him all spirit, nor all good

fairy, which every woman who has played the role invariably has, but he managed to maintain with considerable cleverness the idea of the pleasure-loving spirit.

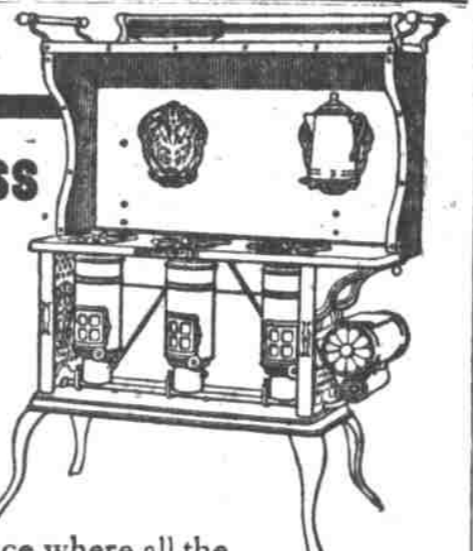
Trinculo and Stephano, the drunks, were very drunk indeed, but called forth enough laughter to show that from Shakespeare's time to ours there are those who consider drunkenness, whether real or simulated, very comical.

The arrangement of tapestries on the stage was excellent and counted a good deal in making the performance effective from the standpoint of visual beauty. The dances and appearances of the elves and spirits were not offensive because they were made subordinate. It is cause for loud and mocking laughter when a whole company draws up at attention to watch the elves perform. These spirits are allowable in a play when they slip in as the shadows, giving the impression of only half reality and it was this effect that was left by the momentary flittings of the sprites last evening.

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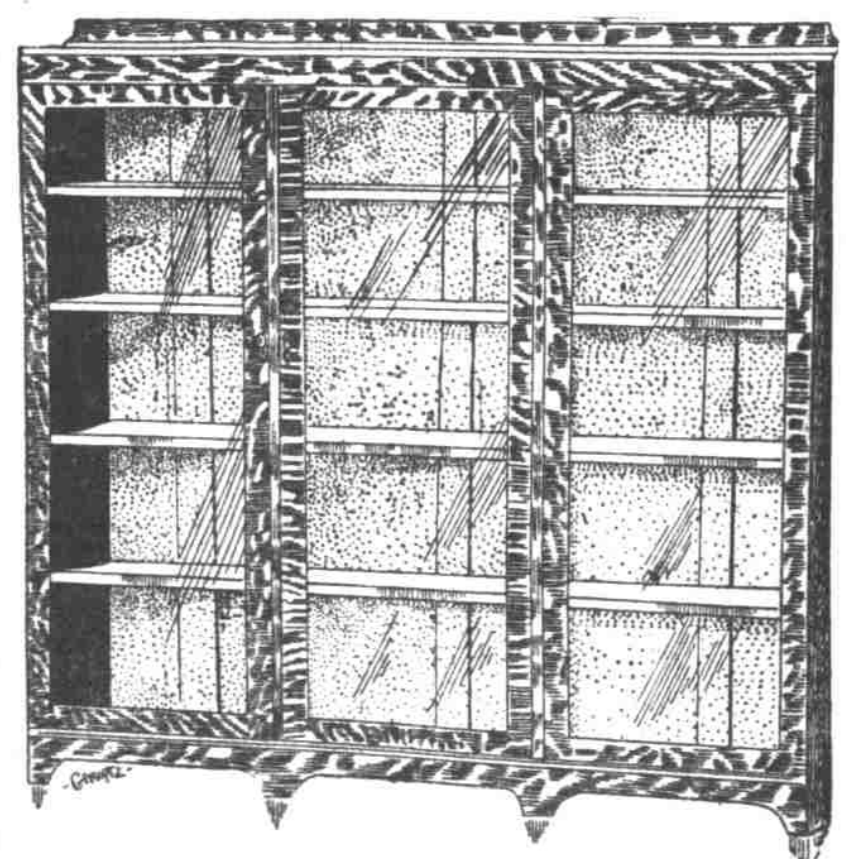
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This morning we opened an extraordinary sale of Fine Library Cases. There are fully 35 different models included in this sale, and, besides the reduction in price, the terms are made so easy to meet that most anyone will be able to add a new library case to their office or home furnishings and not miss the expenditure. To save all annoyance to you, our collectors will call for your weekly or monthly payments. All you need to do is call at our store, pick out the case of your choice, pay down your dollar and have your order booked. We'll do the rest.

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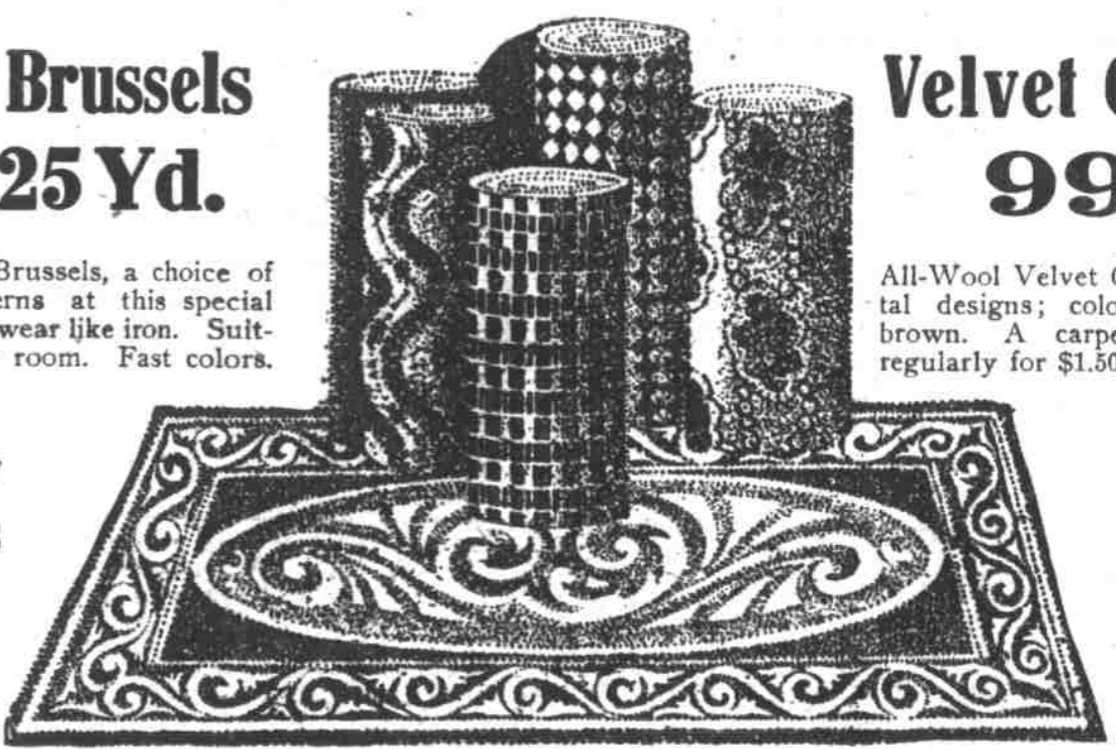
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