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More About the Meikeljohns.

Baker City, Or., Dec. 11, 1901.
EDITOR CHRONICLE.

Dear Sir:—Allow me to trouble you farther in regard to the Meikeljohn affair. Will you kindly show this letter to Judge Blakeley.

I hear that Meikeljohn is likely to get the two children back. That would be an awful thing for the children. I have known the family for five years and to my certain knowledge the children were never properly fed or clothed unless the church women got in and clothed them. The children's mother was a most estimable woman, but Mr. Meikeljohn has always been unmercifully severe and has an insane theory that it is wrong to give children all they want to eat. I really believe the man is unbalanced on this subject. He has been a Seventh Day Adventist, of which church I am also a member, and in my mind he utterly misrepresents the church. The bible says "if a man care not for those of his own household he is more than an infidel."

Meikeljohn and his wife were up before the church last spring for beating his little 8-year-old boy and turning him out of his home one cold, snowy morning (March 9th) without his shoes. Mr. Meikeljohn promised to do better, asked forgiveness and we gave him another trial. The little boy came right through town, a mile and a half, to my house in his stocking feet. He was at my house for thirty-six hours and his father did not stir to even locate him. He supposed we Adventists would keep the child and cover up his evil deeds. When he found that trouble was in store for him he came and stole the child while he was in our charge by order of the county court. My husband got the police on his track and we got the little boy back. He was finally taken and turned over to the Aid Society of Portland. About two months after this the oldest boy, aged 9 years, ran away on account of abuse and was taken to the same society by the judge.

If these children are given back to them the whole thing will have to be done over again, for they will not be treated well. We will take action and have him disfellowshipped from the church. It should have been done before this, but we believe every crop ought to be left to go to seed, then you will know whether the fruit is good or evil.

Will inclose a picture of Sydney which was taken about a week after he was beaten. Please return the photo.

Yours Very Truly,

Mrs. C. H. Stuller.

As corroboratory of what Mrs. Stuller says in the above letter, Mrs. S. Ostrander writes under date of Dec. 8th, from San Jose, California to "The Judge who tried the Meikeljohn case," as follows:

Dear Sir:—On my way down here I stopped at Portland to see the Meikeljohn children that I used to know in Baker City, and I found that Mr. Meikeljohn is acting as he did in Baker City, that is to say, trying to feign a look of sincerity and godliness in order to regain the children. At Baker City he tried to soothe the people and make them think he was all right. I am told by undeniable authority that he never fed or cared properly for his first wife and that her life was made miserable trying to protect her little ones from the brutality of their father. He certainly never treated them right although he was three times arrested and fined, and one child taken from him. If these two younger children are returned to him he will slip away as he did at Baker City, and the abuse will go on just the same, as he can keep them out of school. I entreat you to thoroughly investigate the character of this man before you let him have his children again. I enclose a photograph of the boy, Sydney, whom his father so badly abused last April.

The photograph can be seen at this office. The boy's back is pictured from the shoulders down and appears to be one mass of welts. Mrs. Ostrander has written below the picture: "The worst bruises do not show. The front of the boy's lower limbs were as black as a stove."

It will be a comfort to the kindhearted ladies who wrote these letters and have taken so much interest in these abused children, to know that their brutal father will never get them in his possession again. Judge Blakeley has given them over permanently to the Boys and Girls Aid Society.

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IS GUILTY OF MURDER

William H. Dalton Convicted in the State Circuit Court—Jury Required but Ten Minutes to Come to a Decision.

PORTLAND, Dec. 11.—William H. Dalton was found guilty of murder in the first degree this morning. After the instructions of the court, it was a foregone conclusion what the verdict would be, but the ordeal was none the less trying for Dalton.

It was 11:45 when Judge Cleland finished his charge to the jury and Bailiff Waldman was sworn in to conduct the twelve men to the jury-room for their deliberations. Ten minutes later, while the crowd was still waiting, there came a knock from the inside of the jury room, which indicated that a verdict had been reached.

The officer opened the door and spoke with one of their number; then hurried to the judge's private chambers to inform him that a verdict had been reached. All four judges of the state court were on the bench when the jurors took their seats.

"Have you agreed upon a verdict, gentlemen?" asked Judge Cleland.

"Yes," was the response of L. Therkelsen, who had been selected as foreman. The judge then instructed the foreman to hand the verdict to the clerk to be read. Two deputy sheriffs moved closer to Dalton to be on hand in case he should break down, for it was easy to surmise what the verdict was. One of them motioned to him to be standing as the verdict was read, and he arose from his seat, facing the jury.

If he was nervous at the moment, he concealed his feelings well. One watching him closely could see his hands tremble, but otherwise he was immovable.

"Read the verdict," ordered the judge. "In the state circuit court, county of Multnomah, in the case of the state of Oregon vs. W. H. Dalton, and Jack Wade, alias Ewing," read the clerk. "we, the jury, find the defendant, W. H. Dalton, guilty of murder in the first degree."

It seemed fairly to stun Dalton, for he remained standing, and only when addressed by his attorney did he seem to be conscious of what was going on about him.

Mr. Vesie asked that the jury be polled, and this was done, each of the jurors responding that the verdict was theirs. They were then discharged by Judge Cleland from the case and for the term, and court was adjourned until afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Dalton sat with his attorneys, conversing with them in a low tone, and the spectators, fearing to miss something, perhaps fondly hoping that Dalton would break forth in bitter invectives against Wade, or else break down and cry, remained in their places.

Finally Deputy Sheriff George McMillen touched Dalton lightly on the shoulder, and motioned him to follow to the county jail, and then the crowd began to disperse. No action was taken by the defendant's attorneys looking toward an appeal, but it is understood they are contemplating taking the case to the supreme court on technical points.

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