

CHURCH AND PASTOR PART

Resignation of Rev. Fisher Is Accepted Unanimously at Cleveland, Ohio

The resignation of Rev. J. Alford Fisher, pastor of the Franklin avenue Congregational church, was unanimously accepted by the members of the congregation at a secret session held at the church last evening. The utmost secrecy was observed at the meeting, and all newspaper men were excluded. The members thoroughly searched the garret of the building and a small ante room opening off the main room, while caution was urged upon all those present to keep the transactions quiet.

About fifty were present, Rev.

Fisher being, of course, absent. The pastor's resignation was put into the hands of the trustees yesterday afternoon and was considered first at last night's meeting. The terms stipulated by Rev. Fisher were that \$300 must be paid to him on or before Monday, March 28, and if these conditions were not agreed to, his resignation would go into effect immediately. The terms were accepted by the congregation without comment, and a standing vote on the question brought every member present to his feet. The request that the minister and his wife be given letters to the first or second Congregational church of Oberlin, was granted. The matter of supplying the pulpit was then taken up. It was at first planned to leave the matter in the hands of the board of trustees acting as a committee, but it was finally decided that a pastoral supply committee be appointed, consisting of Thomas Henderson, A. J. Weeks and T. H. Saunders. In the meantime the pulpit will be filled temporarily by different ministers, in order, it is said that ample opportunity may be given for the avoidance of another error.

It was stated that in connection with the terms of his resignation Rev. Fisher demanded \$500 as the price of his immediate withdrawal, and when this was refused he demanded \$300 and threatened to go to law if it was not granted. Parishioners say he antagonized his congregation by utterances disparaging the character of the members of the church and was not of the sort to allow appreciation of his views. Rev. Fisher himself says:

"I have tried repeatedly to lead the people up to a higher plane of thought and to more advanced theological views, but they seemed to prefer their own narrow, sectarian principles and so I gave up in disgust. On the lecture platform I can give free expression to my thoughts without regard to the limitations of orthodoxy. I am therefore glad that the separation has come and that I am free to choose my themes from life as I see it. Personally, there is no feeling between the members of the church and myself, but is simply a matter of disagreement in thought, so that we are mutually unsatisfactory. My last sermon in the Franklin avenue church will be preached next Sunday and the topic will be 'Liberty.'"

It was not decided last night whether Rev. Fisher would be allowed

to fill the pulpit Sunday or not.—Plain Dealer.

In Defense of Mr. Harris.
Albany Herald, editorial

It is somewhat amusing to find the fact that Mr. Harris has acted as legal adviser for the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company quoted against him, and in the same breath with the charge of inexperience. The Booth-Kelly Lumber Company is one of the strongest manufacturing enterprises in Oregon, or on the Pacific coast, is conducted with acknowledged sagacity and ability, and has done more than all else in recent years toward the development and advantage of Lane county, Eugene and many other towns and sections of this region in which its operations have been conducted. The thing the Herald could wish regarding the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company is that some of the benefits that have come to Eugene and Lane county through its enterprises could attach to Albany and Linn county.

Hard Gale at Newport.
Newport reports the hardest gale last Saturday that has visited that section within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. The gale was almost a hurricane in force and fury. No damage is reported beyond a few broken windows, blown down fences and demolished chimneys. It is surprising how some of the old buildings survived the gale. Over on South beach the old hotel building was moved off its foundation. Reports from the country say there is a great amount of fallen timber, and the roads are badly blocked.

New Music School for Salem.
Sidney Hayes, late of Steinway Hall, Chicago, will arrive in the city Sunday, and will open a school for teaching violin, mandolin and guitar. He has been connected with the Arey conservatory. Persons wishing to secure his services can apply to Geo. C. Will or Frank Meredith.

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