

The Gospel Conference.

The Gospel conference held at the United Evangelical church June 25-27 was well attended. Delegates came from near and far and the interest was good from beginning to end. The subject of Ministerial Hygiene was discussed pro and con. Since health is one of the main necessities of the preacher it was agreed he must take the greatest care of himself. A clerk may suffer in various ways and yet attend to all the duties of his calling, while a simple sore throat often prevents a minister from performing his duties. But on the other hand there are times when special work is demanded and he dare not be critical about the dangers to which his health is exposed. He should have as much concern for the soul of men as doctors have for their bodies. And yet in urgent cases, no matter how fatigued the doctor may be he will answer the call. Rev. E. O. Rife of Aurora, had a paper on Popular Preachers. Many have made themselves a name. No one who has the ill will of his people can be useful: all should be popular. But many a one may for the sake of popularity seek to please everybody and thereby become a useless commodity. To be a successful, useful man a preacher must not fear to preach the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. When people come to divine service, they come to hear a message from God, and other things being equal, he, who is true to his divine Master will be the most useful preacher.

Miss Julia Zahn, of Deerfield, read an excellent paper on The Conversion of Children. The subject was well handled and full of thought. The child can be more readily led to surrender to God than an older person. The spiritual experience and life are as real to them as to older persons. The general testimony of great preachers, who labored among the young is that young converts, with proper care make the most substantial Christians and seldom is a church disgraced by their sinful life. A great mistake is made in allowing their tender years to be spent in folly and sin and then later in life when the heart and life have become defiled, to try to win them for Christ. As teachers of the young to bring them to Christ in early life should be everyone's aim.

D. B. Giuler, editor of the Naperville Clarion, gave an interesting and well-prepared address on "The Teacher's Intellectual and Spiritual Preparation." The teacher should have the lesson at his tongue's end. Let him or her make the best use of all helps and secure as good a command of language as possible. But by all means let him keep in close touch with Christ, the fountain-head. He cannot lead the child or scholar to heights he has not himself reached. If he lack in either preparation, let it be the intellectual rather than the spiritual. A spirit-filled teacher will create spiritual longings in the souls of the scholars and will by God's grace satisfy the soul-longing of those taught.

The address of T. L. Haines in the evening was listened to by a large audience and was much appreciated. He has been a practical Sunday school worker in the city for over a score of years and his address was full of incidents gathered from memory's treasure house. He plead for the "bad boy" and showed how patience and tact have often won the wilful lad or lass and made useful men and women out of those who otherwise might have become criminals in society. The well-known missionary David Morrison, was thus won for Christ.

On Thursday there was a feast of good things. Space forbids the particulars. The evening services were

largely attended and addressed by Rev. W. H. Foulke. His address was principally to the young. The reasonableness and biblical grounds for pledging one's service to God was treated with ability and made very impressive. All callings of life pledges are a necessity. He would find it difficult to get along in life who never wished to pledge himself. No office of trust could be given him and he would not even enter the marriage relation. To object to pledges in our religious life would be as unreasonable as to object to a pledge when about to be married.

The evening services were made more attractive by the presence of the Chicago Empire Quartette which rendered the pieces in a most pleasing manner. Their voices blended in sweet harmony and all present were highly gratified with the singing. We may some day have the pleasure of hearing them again.

"Tanglewood."

Our readers all know as well as we perhaps the Bingham homestead at Dale and Prospect with fine evergreen hedge about it, the old-time New England well with its old oak-en bucket, its trim lawn, choice kitchen garden after the boyhood eastern home. We all remember the happy, refined hospitable Christian home and life there; Mr. Bingham, the strong business man, pillar in the church and model citizen, Mrs. Bingham, the noble wife and mother and mistress, of that choice home, and then "Grandpa," the saint and patriarch. And we remember the changes: how the head sickened and passed away, then a couple of years afterward goodly "grandpa" passed on also, and finally a few weeks ago after these years of sad and lonely widowhood how Mrs. Bingham herself went over to join those on the other side.

For a year or two the dear home, Tanglewood, has stood empty awaiting the sensible, sagacious man of means to purchase it. He came Wednesday of this week, as a reward of the skill, patience and faith of Henry K. Coale, the real estate man. Mr. Coale has all along contended for the real value of Tanglewood and said that by and by the right man would see it also. His sagacity has its reward, for Wednesday he sold the place to Mr. Marvin A Ives, President of the Globe Soap Co. of River Street Chicago, who buys for a home for himself and family. We understand he will take possession immediately, repair and move into it as soon as possible. The consideration was \$14,500 spot cash. Congratulations for Mr. Coale as well as for Mr. Ives.

Southern Illinois is having a unique campaign. John G. Iliff and the Ewing College Trio are making a tour of nineteen counties and promise to swing hundreds of voters into line for the Prohibition party. They are talented and enthusiastic and with the backing of Ewing College, a well-known Baptist school, they will stir Egypt from one end to the other. This combination is under the auspices of the State Committee. A team of real Prohibition horses and a fine surrey have been furnished by the committee for the use of these earnest workers. The Prohibition club at Ewing bought the harness and the board of trustees of Ewing College donated \$10 toward the purchase of the surrey. One of these furnished the rig at less than cost and made a contribution besides. One gentleman contributed a whip and another a lap robe. The horses were purchased below market price. This novel way of campaigning and a practical demonstration of an earnest effort converted three men to the party before the boys had left Ewing. They are

now holding two meetings a day in Franklin county and will next strike Perry county. On July 8th Mr. Iliff and the trio will inaugurate a two week's campaign in Wayne county. The trio is composed of J. A. Campbell, of Marissa, who will represent the New Voice, H. A. Echols, of McLeansboro and M. C. Ingram.

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