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That Conference

As a citizen of Highland Park, interested in its political and moral uplift, I cannot allow those recent meetings in the Brick Church to pass without further notice. It is a young body of Christians in Illinois, and so not over-large, having a total membership of about 6,000. But that Conference brought to light several important things. It revealed a high order of ministerial talent and culture. One of its members preached in the Baptist pulpit "one of the best sermons ever heard" there, was the testimony of those who heard it. I heard some of the discourses during the week of their stay in this city, and though I have attended many similar gatherings of my own and other denominations, I confess that I was greatly surprised and delighted by the ability, the general culture, the thorough up-to-date critical biblical scholarship of the preachers. I never heard or read anything equal to Bishop Hartzler's one hour discourse on "Our Lord's Second Coming." It was strictly biblical, severely so, logical, profoundly reverent and spiritual, and irresistible in its conclusions. It held the large audience spellbound from first to last. Similar things might be said of his Sunday morning sermon on the "Joy in Heaven over a Repenting sinner." What impressed me was the wide range, the firm grasp and profound knowledge of the scripture teachings on the subject shown by the preacher, and all in the manifest tender spirit of Christ. It was good to be there.

Then Bishop Dub's discourse on the "Comparative Authority of Christ and the Apostles" was a masterpiece in every way. His knowledge of his subject was exhaustive, no point escaped, the shallow pated and shallow cultured higher critics were not only driven into a corner, they were corralled and then hoist on their own petard and finally impaled on their own pretended biblical scholarship. Every arrow in the bishop's quiver bore the trademark, "made in Damascus." So of all the others which I did or did not hear; it was a rare and remarkable gathering of talent, scholarship and fervent piety. With a total church membership of 6,000 in the state, they reported over 800 conversions; what denomination in Illinois or anywhere else could make a better showing. Sunday night they raised for missions alone \$3, 74.67, of which sum \$623 was given by the Brick Church people alone. That capped the climax; I never saw anything like it, though in 1864 I saw a jubilee fund for foreign missions of \$30,000, raised, but it was an immense congregation well sprinkled with Baptist millionaires and single subscriptions of \$1,000 each were made.

All in all that Brick Church Conference was a unique, indeed, a remarkable gathering and I fear it will be many a day before I see and enjoy its like.

LEWIS B. HIBBARD.

Mr. and Mrs. Hecketsweiler have adopted a fifteen-month-old girl. The child is described as a beauty, and her name is Marian Margaret Hecketsweiler.

Excels Scenery of Famous Alps

The following, taken from the Sante Fe (N. M.) Mexican, will be of interest to our readers:

"It is magnificent—beyond description. I have never seen finer mountain scenery anywhere and I have traveled the world over. During the summer time the valley must be a veritable garden of Eden.

This is the enthusiastic manner in which Walter C. Hatley, a prominent commission merchant and capitalist from Chicago, began extolling the beauties of the Pecos region, when seen today by a reporter of the New Mexican.

Mr. Hatley has just returned from a trip through the picturesque section at the head waters of the Pecos River. His object in going there was to look around for a suitable location for a summer cottage for himself and family.

Switzerland's famed mountain scenery cannot surpass that which the eye beholds in the vicinity of Sante Fe and thousands upon thousands of people flock to Switzerland during the tourist season simply for a glimpse of the mountains. Switzerland has every comfort to offer the traveler, and the hotel accommodations on the other hand for the casual tourist to the upper Pecos.

"I should think that a first-class boarding house or a small family hotel would be a paying proposition at the mouth of Indian Creek. It seems to me that an industrious couple could make a small fortune there in a few years by simply catering to the tourist trade and advertising the place as a summer resort.

"I rode from Sweeny's ranch through the village of Pecos and into Glorieta. I was in the saddle for eight hours and it was the most exhilarating ride I ever had in my life. Leaving Sante Fe we went over the old Sante Fe trail coming out on the Pecos River at the mouth of Indian Creek. We stopped over night at the Valley ranch where we found good accommodations. If it wasn't its inaccessibility from a railroad which however, is one of its charms to me. I should think that this section be popular with tourists. It has well stocked trout streams and abounds with wild game in addition to unrivaled scenery.

Mr. Hatley and his son Gordon who is with him will leave either tonight or tomorrow morning for Vermijo, where they will be guests for several days of Norman Bartlett.

Announcement

To satisfy all my many friends I wish to say I am in the contest for the office of mayor of Highland Park and to all who want the best and only the best, let me say vote April 16th for mayor, for April 4, 1907.

LEWIS B. HIBBARD.

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A Talk on "Trees"

The Ossoli Club is to give Highland Park a treat by bringing Mr. Enos A. Mills to speak Monday evening, April 8th, at the Grammar School auditorium. Mr. Mills, who is a government lecturer on Forestry, has for twenty years lived the life of a mountaineer, has scaled all the highest peaks of the Rockies, sometimes in midwinter, and his home is a log cabin 9000 feet above sea-level on the slope of Long's Peak.

Mr. Mills is thoroughly conversant with the subject of forestry, and in his desire that the forests of the country be preserved, this lover of the trees has, before gaining the recognition which led to his government appointment, travelled thousands of miles in different States to speak on forest preservation and forest development. In a simple and unconventional manner which captures the audience he makes an eloquent plea for "Our Friends, the Trees," and for a deeper appreciation of their value to mankind.

In his lecture, Mr. Mills will relate several experiences, thrilling or humorous, of his life in the wild, and will give the biography of a great Colorado tree as he found it recorded with unerring exactness in its own structure.

North Shore people are prepared to appreciate this subject, and a large audience should greet the speaker. Everybody is invited. Admission free.

Announcement

Mr. A. Robertson desires to announce that he will be a candidate for the office of Mayor of Highland Park, subject to the decision of the voters at the election to be held Tuesday, April 16, 1907.

A Strange Tail

Because of the effect from the tail of the comet prognosticators assert that a hot summer is in prospect. Nothing so pleasing as a telephone in hot weather. You remain in home or office without exertion. We have rates for any purse.

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At Alden, Iowa, March 19, occurred the marriage of Miss Bell Whalen and Mr. Arthur Newton, of Swea, Iowa. They were married at the home of Mr. Newton's parents, where Miss Whalen made her home for two years while teaching in the Alden schools. Mr. and Mrs. Newton left for Sioux City where they will make their future home. Miss Whalen was formerly a Highwood girl.

Mrs. Judge Hibbard was very tenderly remembered by very many of her friends and neighbors Easter, her sick chamber was a very bower of beauty from the wealth of flowers sent in. As her strength permits she will acknowledge them.