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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

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church; to take effect at the earliest date.

For about six and one half years I have labored among you as your pastor; coming to you from a happy pastorate in this State, in response to your repeated call after a lapse of two years. During the time of my labors in your midst, it has been my happy privilege to see the new building campaign carried to a successful conclusion; to see the Seasonal Benevolences of the church increase from \$4,000.00 during my first full year's pastorate to over \$8,000.00 during the last year, just ended; and to be privileged under of God to welcome into the fellowship of this church 233 members, the present membership being 438.

But while we have made material advancement in some directions, during these years, it must be admitted that there is much which we have not done which we should have done. And, in so far as I am personally responsible in this, I acknowledge and deplore before God my short-comings and failures. I have endeavored to faithfully serve on as a Minister of Jesus Christ, to declare unto you the whole counsel of God, and to be your minister and servant in spiritual things.

But I have had a feeling of late that I have not had the loving sympathy and support of some, who, at the time of my installation as your pastor, promised "encouragement and assistance" in the Lord; and it has grieved me greatly to feel that some of the officers of the church were among this number. I do not make this statement with a desire to in-terminate any one, but merely to state to you in all candor and frankness the occasion for my taking this serious step. Of course I am conscious, and have been from the very beginning, that in a community like this one might find a native coldness and spirit of criticism, and proneness to selfishness. But these brethren are not the fruits of the Spirit, and have no place in the Church of God, the body of Christ.

My constant prayer to God has been that I might be used in some small way at least in overcoming this. But I fear I have accomplished little in this regard, and have no doubt myself become chilled and disheartened by this very condition; all of which I sadly confess and deplore before God.

And permit me to remind you, in passing, brethren, that this is not the first time nor the second nor perhaps the third time, in the last 30 years, that your minister has come before you as I do today, with the consciousness that his peace of mind and usefulness as your pastor was at an end, because of this very condition.

But after all, brethren, there is just one remedy for us all; and that is a closer fellowship with our risen Lord and the indwelling of His Spirit and sanctifying power. And let us all pray that His holy presence will so hallow and soften and humble us, that our love for Him and for one another will ever be a consuming and purifying fire.

I have not in any way, been asked to resign as your pastor, but when only last Thursday it was made known to me by friends, that for more than a year there have been those in the church who have evinced and expressed their willful lack of co-operation and esteem, I most promptly decided that at the very first opportunity I would take this step.

And this I do, brethren, without any spirit of malice, or anger or enmity toward any, but in the spirit of love and for the best interests of the Kingdom as I see it.

In these days, when we are hearing so much about the maintenance of national honor and dignity, it becomes an ambassador of God and Minister of Christ to maintain the honor of His Word, and the repute and dignity of this sacred office, even though he sacrifice himself in so doing. And this I am glad to do, if necessary, for the honor of my King and Saviour.

So, with this high regard for my sacred office, and with profound reverence for the dignity of the One in Whose Name I speak; and with appreciation of your love and helpfulness both to me and to all the occupants of the Manse during the past years, and with thanks for the loyalty of the many, I hereby ask that at the annual meeting next Wednesday evening, you join with me in a request to Presbytery that the present pastoral relationship be dissolved. And permit me to add, that nothing that can be said or done will change my decision in this.

This I do with a grieved heart, and with prayers for God's blessing upon this church, and upon every one of you "I cannot do otherwise; God helping me: Amen."

Yours in Christ,
R. Calvin Dobson.

NUMEROUS ELECTIONS DURING NEXT FEW DAYS

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David A. Hustvedt, the present clerk and George C. Kenry, Jr.; for city attorney Otis S. Gooch has no opposition; there are two candidates for city treasurer, Joseph Severson, a former mayor and Raymond Roth; two candidates for police magistrate, George S. Rettig and William E. Cummings. Ray Crandall has no opposition for alderman of the first ward; in the second ward Albert Olson opposes Bonnie G. Loungren; and in the third ward Martin Anderson is running against R. S. Botner.

Deerfield Village Election

In Deerfield there are two complete tickets in the field excepting that Theo. J. Knaak has no opposition for the office of city clerk. The Citizens Ticket is headed by William A. Whiting for President; for clerk Theo. J. Knaak; for trustees J. A. Reichelt, Jr., Lincoln Pettis and Frank Hempstead. On the Independent Ticket appears the name of John C. Ender for president; for trustees, Fred Selig, Ira Gardner and Albert W. Hagl. The election is Tuesday April 17th.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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orized to issue permits upon the following terms: No permit shall be issued excepting upon a written application signed by two resident property owners. A permit for one person shall be issued upon the payment of an annual fee of twenty-five cents, but children under the age of fourteen years may obtain permits without the payment of any fee. In addition to the annual fee above mentioned each holder of a permit shall pay a fee of ten cents whenever he or she makes use of the lockers in the bathing house, provided, however, that nothing will prohibit the use by the holder of the permit, of the balance of the bathing house for dressing and undressing without charge.

All moneys realized from the issuance of permits shall be used exclusively for the upkeep, maintenance and repair of the bathing house and other equipment erected in connection with the bathing beach.

No person shall bathe or swim in the lake adjacent to Highland Park between the hours of 10:20 p. m. and 5:00 a. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union was held in the church parlors Monday afternoon. The great need for missionary work in India and the results of that which has already been done were brought out in short talks given by Mrs. Greene in the "Hindrances to the work of the Missionary," the "Women of the Zenanas" by Mr. Roberts, "Medical Work," by Miss Gaurley, "The Mass Movement," by Mrs. Clow, and stories told by Mrs. Beatty and Mrs. Hamilton. Beautiful thoughts for the devotional hour were suggested by Mrs. Brown as she read from Isaiah, 54th chapter, and it was a pleasure to have Mr. Albert Renning sing "My Task" as a part of this service.

The elementary grades of the Bible School will reopen on Sunday morning at nine thirty, after being closed for two weeks. This includes the Junior Bible School and the Primary and Beginners Department. It is hoped that these departments as well as the rest of the departments of the Bible School will be well attended.

PARENTS AND TEACHERS

A very interesting and helpful lecture was given yesterday afternoon to the members of the P. T. A. in the Elm Place Kindergarten room, by Mr. Henry S. Crane of Chicago. His subject was, "Failure, its results, and how to avoid it." The election of officers took place and the following were elected: Mrs. Ralph Bard, president; Mrs. John McDougall, V. President; Mrs. John S. Reesman, secretary and Mrs. John Bell Treasurer. The installation of officers will take place on May sixteenth. Mrs. McDougall has asked a number of delegates to attend the Illinois Conference of Mothers which will take place in Bloomington, Ill. from May seventh to May tenth.

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