VARE FOLLOWERS' 'INDEPENDENCE' HAS M'NICHOL WORRIED

Leaders Refuse to Show Hand on Local Option and Housing, and Downtown Support of Governor Confuses Rival.

Fight Against "Toothless" Measure Led by Vare Man. Politicians Ask How Much Sincerity Is to Be Inferred From Present Attitude.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.] HARRISBURG, March 5.-The action of Vare lieutenants in supporting the Governor on local option when that measure was considered by the House Law and Order Committee on Tuesday and in veting against the "toothless" housing bill introduced in the Legislature at the request of the Republican Organization leaders of Councils has caused almost as much consternation among the members of the McNichol machine on the Hill as did the announcement made by the Governor last Monday night, when he informed the members of the Legislature that he would go into their districts, if pressary, and take the stump against them unless they voted for local option. Have the Vares issued orders to their followers to go along with the Governor on all big questions, including local eption? This is the question that is

up for a final vote in the House.

It is true, however, that Vare men defeated the "toothless" substitute for the existing housing code, and that Repre-sentative John McClintock, of West Philadelphia, the Vare man on the House Law and Order Committee, "flopped" from the "weta" to the local option majority when the committee voted last Tuesday to fol-low the wishes of Governor Brumbaugh. McClintock's action is regarded as having been taken more or less independently, but it is also certain that if the Vares are fighting hard to defeat local option their man on the Law and Order Commit-

troubling every McNichol and Crow fol-

lower in the Legislature. It remains un-

answered, however, and will probably not be answered until local option comes

their man on the Law and Order Commit-tee would have "obeyed orders."

The situation in the committee, when the question of keeping the local option bill in committee until Governor Brum-baugh wanted it reported out came up, was this: the Governor was certain of a majority, so that unless orders to the contrary had been issued, every mem-her of the "wet" contingent could have voted as he personally desired without changing the result.

changing the result.

It is because the Vares have not as yet issued orders to their men to unite in fighting the local option bill, that the men who are leading the fight against the bill are becoming worded. In other words, the Vares have not as yet openly shew their hand in regard to local onshown their hand in regard to local op-tion, and have permitted their followers n the Legislature to line up as they have

The attitude of the Vares on local option is being carefully watched. When the Vares were fighting to elect Ambler to the Speakership, they lined up 25 mem-bers of the Philadelphia delegation. If

claim 85 votes in the lower branch of the Legislature.

The Vares, however, did not favor the "coothless" housing bill which the Mc-Nichol leaders in Councils attempted to substitute for the existing code, and it was because the Vare leaders in the House were told to fight the substitute bill that it was defeated.

The floor leaders in the House, both

on third reading last Tuesday atternoon, that the Governor would not sign the have women assistant judges.

the measure. The other Vare leader, Charles J. Roney, Jr., was absent. When the roll had been finished and Speaker EMERGENCY AID QUART Ambier, who is regarded by the mem-hers as the Governor's representative in the House, had voted against the bill, the vote was almost even. Wilson sent men around the floor of the House, and six members changed their votes and were recorded as voting against the measure The Vares, however, are not defending he existing code. If the planned attempt to draw the "teeth" from the present law by amending it is made the Vare members will all probably be lined up with the McNichol forces behind the

TWO MEN HELD

Both Prisoners Accused of Threaten-

Both Prisoners Accused of Threatenening to Kill Wives,

Two men, each charged with having threatened to kill his wife, were held under \$500 bail each for a further hearing today by Magistrate Belcher, at the 19th and Buttonwood streets station. They are George Stollateiner, of 655 North 11th street, and William E. O'Hara, of 137 Ridge avenue.

Mrs. Annie E. Morell, landiady of the 11th street house, testified that Stollateiner had driven his wife into the street parity clothed, and that she is now in the care of a physician. He came home last night and when he was refused admittance, according to Mrs. Morell, threat-

night and when he was refused admit-tance, according to Mrs. Morell, threat-shed to break down the door and kill his

O'Hara was accused by his wife of having chased her around the house with a knife, threatening to kill her and end his own life.

SNEERS AT GOOSEBONE

Groundhog Also Condemned by Weather Expert Bliss.

George S. Biltis, director of the Pennsylvania Climatological Service, today repudiated goosebone, turnip and groundbeg weather prophets and declared their systems absolutely useless in forecasting of the weather.

Mr. Bliss was the speaker at the noon-Mr. Blies was the speaker at the noon-day juncheon today of the Ocsan City Yacht Club at the St. James Hotel. He declared all climatological directors in the service of the United States are required to maintain an average efficiency in their predictions of 89 per cent. If they do not they are sent to less important stations or dropped altogether. Poreiviling the weather today is a payaical problem, according to Mr. Bliss, who gave an interesting talk on ancient insthods of forecasting. His answer to the objection that the weather bureau sanot tell what is going to happen far example in advance was that the bureau has no control over the changes in the sind.

GOVERNOR URGES LOCAL OPTION FIGHT BIBLE CLASS HOSTS



EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

March 1, 1915,

Rev. George G. Dowey. Inilacolphia, rennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Dowey:-

I have just received your let-ter of February 26th, which explains the absence of the telegram you suggest.

I should like particularly to have the 50,000 men in the Bible Classes of Ihiladelphia definitely organize them-selves into a compact body to bring pressure to bear upon the Thilacelphia delegation in the House and Senate to stand up for the local option bill new before us.

I should consider no service to this grand Commonwealth of Pennsylvania so potential for good as to have this mighty army of clean minded men stand with me for this great moral victory.

· Will you be good enough to say to the men of Ihiladelphia for me that I need and welcome their help in securing the passage of this bill.

Very sincerely yours,

MirBuntury

Photograph of letter written by Governor Brumbaugh to the Rev. George G. Dowey, organizer of the "Billy" Sunday Bible Classes and secretary of the County Sunday School Association, appealing for the help of 50,000 Bible students in bringing about the passage of the bill.

FOUR WOMEN NAMED ASSISTANT JUDGES

Will Conduct Hearings of Girls Under 16 Years Arraigned in Juvenile Court.

Delinquent girls who will be arraigned today in the Juvenile Court will face women judges. These women, as assistant judges, will in the future conduct all hearings of delinquent girls under the age of 16 years. They will make their report of each case to Judge Gorman, who will impose sentence.

bers of the Philadelphia delegation. If they induce 29 of these men to vote for local option, the bill would pass the House, as the local option advocates now dalm 85 votes in the lower branch of the Legislature.

The Vares however, did not favor the control of the House of Detention, in charge of the Province of the House of Detention, in charge of the Province of the House of Detention, in charge of the Province of the House of Detention, in charge of the Province of the House of Detention, in charge of the Province of the House of Detention, in charge of the Province of the House of Detention, in charge of the Province of the P

Vare men, received word from the Governor before the bill came up for a vote on third reading last Tuesday afternoon, cities. St. Louis, Denver and Chicago

measure if it was passed.

A vigorous campaign waged by the Philadelphia Housing Commission had been extremely thoughtful and consider-Inside upu most of the country members ate in all the juvenile cases brought beagainst the bill, and with that strength benind them the Vare leaders in the House had an easy time defeating the bill.

Representative William H. Wilson, a dopt the plan as announced."

EMERGENCY AID QUARTERS

Mr. Blankenburg and Doctor Ziegler on Tour of Inspection.

Mayor and Mrs. Blankenburg and Director of the Department of Health and Charities Ziegler and Mrs. Ziegler got some first-hand information today about the work which is being carried on by the Home Relief Division of the Emergency Aid Committee for the relief of the city's poor and unemployed. The Mayor and his party visited the headquarters in the Lincoln Building and as a result of their inspection it is predicted that the bill passed by Councils appropriating \$85,000 for the amelioration of conditions among the destitute will be signed this afternoon. The visitors shook hands with most of Mayor and Mrs. Blankenburg and Di The visitors shook hands with most of the women in charge of the headquarters

Bible handed out by wayside inns he has visited since he began to "knock around."

"He's some Mayor," said the stranger, exhibiting a pair of badly used shoes. "A fellow I slept with last night told me if I went up to the Morgue I could annex a good pair of 'kicks.' I went up there, but the head gazabo at the deadhouse said he had shout a hundred 'bums' there this week after shoes and he only had about four pairs to give away.

"It must be pretty tough times in philly. The morguekeeper said he had sheen giving away clothes all winter and some of the men who came after them put on the duds as soon as they would take them off the 'stiffs' in the cold weather. I've wore dead men's shoes before and good one's, too. A man can't be particular when he's aimost harefooted."

The man finally got a pair of shoes, but was not interested in the attemnts of the committee to get him a jab. He said he was going over to New York, where he "had some work waiting for him."

Suffragist Will Make Candy

A candy-making demonstration under the auspices of the Equal Franchise So-ciety will be given this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Mrs. M. C. Morgan. As well as being an ardeut suffragist, Mrs. Mor-gan has wen fame among her sister workers for the "cause" as an excellent maker of sweets. The demonstration will take place at the society's head. workers for the class as an excelent maker of sweets. The demonstration will take place at the society's head-quarters. 25 South 2th street, on the new gas range recently donated by one of the members. The candles and recipies will be sold and the maney thus raised used in furthering the suffrage sause.

FARMERS TO DISCUSS

VARIETY OF THEMES

Meeting Today in Horticultural Hall, Open to the Public.

Farmers and gardeners assembled this afternoon in Horticultural Hall for the opening session of the Farmers' Institute Meeting for Philadelphia County. The meeting, held under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and the Florists' Club of Philadelphia, will hold four sessions,

closing tomorrow afternoon. It is the first Farmers' Institute held In Philadelphia in eight years, and a number of particularly expert lecturers are taking part in the program. David Rush presided. Robert Craig delivered the address of welcome.

Among the numerous topics to be taken up by the various lecturers are: "Commercial Fertilizer and How to Use It,"

'Roses," "Picture Planting on the Lawn," "The Spraying of Fruit Trees" and "The Best Hardy Plants for the Vicinity of this afternoon.

this afternoon.

Moving pictures and illustrated talks will be the feature of the session tonight. Saturday the speakers will talk about "Sweet Peas," "Co-operation for the Farmers," "The Pig in the Poke," "Pasture," Pen and Parlor" and "Home and Market Cardenias."

and Market Gardening."

There will also be at all sessions informal discussions in which the audience

is at liberty to take part.

The speakers announced include Dr.
Robert Huey, dean of American Rosariam: George W. Kerr, the sweet-pea
enthusiast; Isaac Roberts, an authority
on fine cattle; James Boyd, an expert on old-fashioned hardy flowers, and Robert Pyle, who is to talk on home gardening. All the sessions are free to the public.

ENDS LIFE WITH REVOLVER Charles Bechtold shot himself through the brain last night while his wife beat frantically on the door leading to the apartment in an attempt to prevent him from ending his life. When the police arrived at the home of the couple, 1431 Park avenue, a few minutes after the shooting, Mrs. Bechtold was unconscious in a faint on one side of the locked door and the man's body was found on the other, covered with blood and with a revolver clutched in the right hand.

When Mrs. Bechtold returned from an errand at a nearby store she suspected that something was wrong when she found her husband locked in his room. She hurled herself against the door. The man cried to her to desist, and then the report of the revolver rang out. Bechtold had been acting strangely for some time and his mind is believed to have become unbalanced.

Entire Family Ill From Candy Board of Health authorities and the police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the illness of Mrs. Sarah Renshaw, of 1212 Favonia street, and her Renshaw, of 1212 Favonia street, and her two sons, Charles, 12 years old, and Har-ry, 4 years old, and a young friend, 12-year-old Harry Wilkie, who are at the West Jersey Homeopathic Hospital, as the result of eating a "grab bag" pur-chased at a store near the Renshaw home. According to the police, the patients show ever symptom of police. patients show every symptom of poisoning, but the storekeeper in charge of the place where the candy is said to have been purchased denied selling the candy.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES
Frank J. Smith, 5019 N. 5th st., and Johanna
Miller, 5412 N. 5d st.
John Quint, 1914 Brandywine st., and Wintfred Mericehan, 1914 Brandywine st.
Charles Coblenta, 5030 Marchall st., and
Florence Candidus, 296 Thayer st.
Philip G. Schmidt, 2916 North 6th st., and
Florence E Magol, 2412 N. 6th st.
Owen 6. Yates, 4115 Chestnut st., and Edna
Funcile 149 E Sharoanch st.
Albert Sendrow, 2131 N. Marchail st., and
Rebecca S. Kominesky, 1542 N. 6th st.
Henry Schaefer, 116 Sumac st., and Minnis
A. Reinburd, 5041 N. Percy st.
James E. Adams, 525 E. Hittenbouse st.
Frederick C. Irion, 2527 Poplar st.
Theodore Jackson, 2530 Dover st., and Minnis
Cook, 2230 Dover st.
Frederick M. Ealer, 2530 S. 9th st.
James Miller, 1705 Nausdain st., and Beatrice
Boyer, 5855 Haverford ave. TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

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BEHIND BRUMBAUGH IN LOCAL OPTION FIGHT

50,000 Members of "Billy" Sunday Movement Cheer Governor on in Battle Against Liquor Interests-Circulate Petitions

Philadelphia Legislators Will Be Lined Up in Struggle for Temperance - Demand for Reform Expected to Be Signed by 100,000 Persons.

Fifty thousand strong, the "Billy" Sun day Bible Classes have sent Governor Brumbaugh word that they are with him heart and soul in his fight for local option; and the Governor has replied that their help is like a new sword in his hand in the battle against the liquor interests. He has appealed to them to work as a unit, and his appeal has been answered,

Five hundred Bible classes in 500 churches of the city are circulating 1000 petitions addressed to the legislators from Philadelphia to lend their aid in making Governor Brumbaugh's county local option measure a law. The petitions are

option measure a law. The petitions are being signed by business men, clergymen, clerks, apprentices, men in every walk of life. When 100,000 signatures are obtained they will be sent to the eight Senaturs and 41 Representatives from Phinadelphia in the Legislature.

Efforts to gain a public hearing on the question before the bill is reported out of committee are being made by the "Billy" Sunfay Bible Classes, together with many other organizations. If the hearing is granted the Bible classes will send a delegation, 10,000 strong, to Harrisburg to throw the weight of their influence for the measure.

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The meeting at which the support of the Bible classes was piedged was held in the Young Men's Christian Association. Saturday night. One hundred committeemen, representing churches in every section of the city, indorsed the local option bill and offered the aid of their respective chases. The meeting was called and user these. bill and offered the aid of their respective classes. The meeting was called and presided over by the Rev. George G. Dowey, organizer of the "Billy" Sunday Bible Classes and secretary of the Philadelphia County Sunday School Association.

That they had not placed their faith in a failing cause was shown the next day, when, in response to an appeal by "Billy" Sunday, 30,000 men rose to their feet in the tabernacie to signify that they would enter the battle against llouer.

BRICKLAYER BROTHER OF RAILROAD CHIEF BURIED

would enter the battle against liquor.

Body Brought From Kentucky Home. Found Rich Kinsman 4 Years Ago. ATHENS, Pa., March 5 .- The body of John T. Markham, of Hopkinsville, Ky. was buried here today, being conveyed from the South in a private car of Charles H. Markham, president of the Illinois Central Railroad, a brother. The accidental discovery four years ago by the aged Kentucky bricklayer that his longlost brother was the head of a great railroad system attracted nation-wide at-

tention. John T. Markham was born 76 years ago in County Clare, Ireland. When a child he came with his family to Clarksville, Tenn. Enlisting in the Confederate army he fought throughout the Civil War. When he returned to Clarkesville the family had moved away.

Four years ago he saw in the papers that Charles H. Markham, president of the Pittsburgh and Gulf Refining Company of Pittsburgh, had been elected president of the Illinois Central Railroad nd wrote him a letter asking him if he the fact that they were brothers was established.

Uncle John" Markham, as he was affectionately known, spent his last years with every luxury at his command.

TRIES TO DIE, THEN BEGS TO BE SAVED "FOR KIDS" SAKE

Man, Out of Work, Takes Poison, Re-

gretting Act at Hospital. Fear that his children would suffer if led made John Banford, 2 years old, of 1747 Dover street, sorry that he had attempted to end his life today when he eached the Northwestern General Hospital after swallowing poison, and he begged physicians to have him.

\$35,000 LOT AS BRIDAL GIFT

E. W. Clark Buys Tract for Daughter Who Is to Be Married.

A tale of romance is written between the lines of the transfer to E. Walter Clark, the banker, of a \$35,000 piece of property in Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Clark, who lives at Queen street near Wissa-lickon avenue, convinced that William Prentice Willet, his daughter Christine's Prentice Willet, his daughter Christine's flance, had "made good," hought the land on Shore road for a home for the young people, who will be married in June. Several days ago Mr. Clark, with his wife and daughter, were motoring through Brooklyn, along the Narrowe, when they passed the attractive piece of property. Mr. Clark remarked that it would be a fine site for a house, and imwould be a fine site for a house, and im mediately started negotiations, which closed with the sale of the land for \$35,00 yesterday. The deed will be presented to Miss Clark in June as her father's wedding present, and a large, handsome will be erected on the site in a few

Y., family. After his graduation at Harvard he traveled extensively, and it was on one of his trips that he met Miss Clark. To prove to Mr. Clark that he was able to do a hard day's work that he could "make good," Mr. V accepted employment with the E. W. Bliss Projectile Company, in South Brooklyn Since that time either Miss Clark or Mr. Willet has made the trip between Brooklyn and Philadelphia at least once a week.

Confectioners Hold Banquet

More than 200 confectioners from this city, Baltimore, Reading and New York attended the annual dinner of the Philadelphia Jobbing Confectioners' Associa-tion at Mosebach's last night. The speakers were Senstor Augustus F. Dalx, Representatives Frank Croft and W. T. Weir, Jr., John Wockersham, Charles Peters, A. C. Keeley, Fred Wunderles, Fred Cohn, Christian Pfiaum, J. Martin Miller, Louis Wegiein and Joseph Casani.

> Howergram hand Charles Henry Fox Wik 22LSouth Broad St.

NOBODY GETS JOE McBRIDE'S GOAT, ITS OWNER DECLARES



Sagacious Animal Invaluable in Work of Delivering the Evening Ledger to Eager Patrons

"Joe" McBride, who lives down at 1722 | doesn't know you. He tried to chew the South 21st street, has a goat named 'Billy." Nobody is going to get that goat, Joe says, because he puls a wagon that carries Evening Ledgers to ustomers every afternoon.

my of Joe's acquaintance. And further more, besides being a good friend to the 14-year-old merchant, he is a rattling good business man, or, as you might say, a good business goat. Since he joined the newspaper delivery firm two months ago he has doubled the sales. Joe told the story as he walked along the street beside the delivery wagon and got so interested in extelling Billy's tues that he forgot to stop at the next

customer's house. That didn't matter, though, because when J.e thought of business and looked around, there was Billy, standing in his tracks in front of Billy, standing in his tracks in front of the proper place. His driver has no reins. He knows the route like a milk wagon horse and Joe has a chance to study the next day's mental arithmetic walle he trudges along the street, know-ing that Billy will remind him of the places to stop. Billy waits and watches uncil the parer is delivered.

This is all very well as far as Joe is concerned. But wee belde you if Billy

concerned. But woe betide you if Billy

reportorial overcoat yesterday afternoon, and as for "Fatsy" Frances, why, Fatsy was butted across the street a day or se ago because he teased Billy when the boss wasn't around. It is clear that he wouldn't have minded eating that over-coat, because he eats cigarettes and chews plug tobacco, in addition to devouring all Besides, he knows more than most any the apples and cinnamon buns that the neighbors pass out to him. Billy, who is a year old, was bought last Christmas, when Joe had saved \$12.50 out of his earnings, \$10 for the animal

and the rest for the cart. James Irving, who has a stable at 25th and Moore streets, in which Hilly lives rent free, gave a set of harness for the equipage. Young 'Jimmy' Irving, aged 3, goes down to the stable every night after supper and gives the goat a drink of water. rain, snow, clouds or fair weather. They

haven't missed a day since they joined fortunes. Each week they have farther to go, for sales increase. The EVENING LEDGER sale grows fastest of all, Joe

Joe's twin brother is also a newspaper man. He rides a bicycle around his route. "That's too old-fashioned for me," observed Joe, as he said. "Giddup, Billy."

SEES HIGHER LIFE DULLED BY BUSINESS

Rev. George Herbert Toop Deplores Conditions That Weaken Moral Sense.

"It is difficult for girls who spend their time in business life to establish homes of refinement and culture," said the Rev. George Herbert Toop, rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles, in a Lenten sermon in the Garrick Theatre this noon. "The demands of the business world do not leave enough time for cultivating the better things of life."

Mr. Toop arraigned present-day business conditions. "They are tending," he said, "toward the same dangerous channels as European politics was leading to before they culminated in the present

"The doctrine of business is seeking to divorce personal and business morality. Business men think that when they close the door of an office at night they are were a relative. President Markham im- locking all their transactions from sight. ediately called him up by telephone and But the evidence of these things will inevitably crop out in their lives,

"Rusiness has never been conducted under absolutely moral lines. The busi-ness world winks at practices which would not be tolerated in private life. It is unfortunate that present day life cer tres in business. We have no time for the religi**on**, the culture and the refine ment which our grandfathers had. Mr. Toop contrasted the turnoil of modern metropolitan life, which he designated "The voice of the noise of the city," with "the voice of the temple of the most high God." "The voice of the temple, and not that of the city, will bring the durable benefits," he declared.

HUMILITY A LENTEN THEME Pastor Extols Virtue as the Most Christlike.

Humility was extolled as the most Christiliee of all virtues by the Rev. Harry D. Viets, in the noonday Lenten service at Old St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church, 3d and Pine streets, today. The ancients despised humility, Mr. Viets stated, because it was the characteristic of slaves, and it was Christ himself who made humility a virtue to be sought for.

ought for. Three things, he explained, were necessary for Christian humility—the teach-ableness of a little child, a readiness for service and a willingness to lay aside dignity and come down, to the common level and help our fellows. "Christ." he continued. "raised the virtue of humility from a despised and lowly place to the highest place among the virtues to be desired among all men."

PLEA FOR REAL DEVOTION

Rev. Doctor McKim Warns Against Divided Service. Many of our church members today are

secretly worshiping at the altar of ashion or social ambition, as well as at fashion or social ambition, as well as at the altar of God, said the Rev. Randolph H. McKim, rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Washington, at the noenday Lenien service at St. Stephen's Church, 19th atreet above Chestnut, today, "I appeal," he said, "for a complete consecration to Christ. A divided heart is a bar to peace a hindrance to power.

consecration to Christ. A divided heart is a bar to peace, a hindrance to power, a menace to the Christian life. I appeal against a divided allegiance. The only perfect peace lies in complete consecration of our lives. Therein lies the only perfect freedom, the only real peace the only complete rest, the only rue joy of living. A half-hearted Christian is never that the peace of the only the bar of the only the peace of the only the bar of the only the bar of the only relieved. really happy. He has just religion enough to make him miserable."

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GOMPERS PRAISES FREE SPEECH FIGHT

A. F. of L. Head Leaves Sick Bed to Speak to U. of P.

President Samuel Gompers, of the merican Federation of Labor, left a ick bed in his home at Washington sick bed in his home at Washington against the orders of his physicians, to speak before the students of the University of Pennsylvania, in St. James' Hall, this afternoon. His subject was "The Struggles and Aspirations of Labor." Rather than give the cause of free speech at the University a set-back by not appearing after agitation lasting for reactive Mr. (Geometric Accidents) onths, Mr. GGompers decided to dis-bey his physician. "In view of the conditions surrounding

my address, and the fight the boys had make to obtain the use of a university ilding," said Mr. Gompers, "I felt Is could not cancel my engagement. I have a very bad cold, but I must help the boys in their cause."

"The Free-speech Club proposed by the

leaders has justified itself," said Mr. Gompers in reply to a question as to the value of such an organization. "Provost Smith is a good press agent for me." he ture, half of despair and half of resigna-

tion.
The Pennsylvanian, a college paper, refused to publish any notice of the coming of Mr. Gompers because his appearance here was against the wishes of the

Walter A. Craig, editor of the Red and

Blue, a monthly publication, said that the breach between the students and the trustees had been widened by the refusal of the Pennsylvanian to devote space to the recting. Craig said that when he saw James M. Austin, editor of the Pennsylvanian, the latter said that the Gompers meeting was against the Provost's wishes. "I explained," said Craig, "that wisnes. "I explained," said Craig, "that we were against the general policy of the trustees but not against Provost Smith." In order to curb the propensities of student editors writing editorial articles which do not represent the university or which might get their institution into trouble, an Advisory Committee of four seniors has been appointed with which the editors of the Pennsylvarian the undereditors of the Pennsylvarian, the under graduate daily publication of the University of Pennsylvania, will confer hereafter. This is the policy of James M.

Austin, the new editor-in-chief elected to succeed Winthrop Williams, who resigned the post several weeks ago. SELF-SACRIFICE THE TEST

Rev. Doctor Richardson Points the Way to Christian Life.

Way to Christian Life.

Self-sacrifice is the supreme test of a Christian, the Rev. Dr. George L. Richardson, rector of St. Mary's Church, West Philadelphia, declared today, when he spoke on "The Crucifixion of Christ" at the noonday Lenten services in Old St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3d street below Walnut.

Walnut.
"Friday is the day," he said in the course of his talk, "we observe the memory of the crucifixion. While there are a variety of theories as to the manner of the death of Christ, the church has no theory. It sets before us the facts of 1900 years of Christian experience, and testifies that the facts have influenced

the lives of thousands of the noblest leaders and helpers of men. "The practical thought is that Christ calls us to follow in His footsteps. Christ says, 'Deny yourself; take up your cross and follow Me.' The test of the Christian is to bring into human life that heroic self-sacrifice of which Christ is the supreme example."

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LAYMEN BEG ACCESS TO "INNER CIRCLE" OF CHURCH WITH CLERGY

Methodist Episcopal Pastors Asked to Share Responsibility of Working Out Destiny of Institu-

Steps Are Taken to Raise \$400,-000 for Pension Fund for Superannuated Ministers. Reports Show Liquor Traffic Is "On the Run."

ATLANTIC CITY, March 5.—Pleas of the laity to be admitted to the "Inner circle" and permitted to have a real part in working out the destiny of the church, adoption of a plan whereby worn-out pastors with small salaries may look forward to retirement upon a pension guar-anteed to them under church law, and the enthusiastic reception of reports which declared the days of the saloon in New Jersey are numbered were stirring notes of the New Jersey Conference here today.
William Child, of Red Bank, presented

to the laymen's convention a plea for equal lay representation in conference. PENSION FUND TAKEN UP. The consideration of the Conference

Claimants' Fund to relieve the worry and embarrassment of retired ministers when

embarrassment of retired ministers when age or liness compels them to give up work, was the big item of business taken up at this morning's session.

The aim of the committee is to raise \$400,000 within the next seven years as the conference's share of the proposed \$5,000,000 general fund. The proposition to appoint a field agent who will present the cause of the preachers to the various congregations was adopted. Several ministers declined this position and the bishop may take the selection in his own hands.

Pastors from all parts of the conference

Pastors from all parts of the conference made indignant denial of the charge of Mayor Riddle, of Atlantic City, that ex-cise law enforcement in the larger centres of population in New Jersey is a sham and a pretense,
"Camden is closed tighter than a drum

and the excise laws are enforced vigor-ously in Trenton," and the Rev. Melville E. Snyder. Doctor Snyder refused to credit the Mayor's charge that Long Branch is "wide open." FAREWELL STATEMENT READ.

In a statement, embraced in his annual report, left unfinished when he died a week ago, the late Rev. Percy Perin-chief, district superintendent of Trenton, sent a farewell message to the New Jersey Conference. When read aloud it affected visibly the crowded church.

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"This has been a strenuous year for me. My physician tells me that if I am to live I must rest. I have given 20 years of service to the Methodist Episcopal ministry. I am now going back to the soil and the sea. I expect to live and regain my health. If I do, I am at your command. If I do not, I am going to heaven, and when you come you will find my mansion on the boulevard and there will be no lock on the door. God bless you all."

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Assemblyman Charles A. Wolverton, Camden, speaks this afternoon on the need of a closer relation between district need of a closer relation between district superintendents and the lay element. Dr. Grafton E. Day, Collingswood, will talk on "A Plan of Work." Temperance will be the big topic for the conference tonorrow.

The Trenton district report, presented by the Rev. J. W. Marshall, showed church improvements aggregating \$18,000,

the mortgage indebtedness of \$17,500 reduced and 3000 conversions.

"We are pounding away at the rum traffic," reported the Rev. George H. Neal, superintendent of the Bridgeton district. "But for two taverns, Cumberland County would be activaly day. South land County would be entirely dry. South Jersey is ablaze with religious enthu-siasm. 'Billy' Sunday sermons published in newspapers have added fuel to the fire. Feuds have been healed and hun-dreds taken from the saloons."

The expected denunciation of Mayor William Riddle, open Sunday advocate, came today in the report of the Rev. Sanford M. Nichols, Presiding Elder of Camden district, including Atlantic City.

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