

WIFE TAKES HUSBAND'S PLACE IN CAMDEN PULPIT

Mrs. Frederick W. Mathews Thinks Woman Should Be Able to "Replace" Spouse if Really Necessary

It is not every minister's wife who can step into the breach when her husband is away—and fill a pulpit, at least for a time. Mrs. Frederick W. Mathews does not stop there; not only does she speak in place of her husband, who is pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, of Camden, but she is in great demand at other times, as well. Sunday night Dr. Mathews was called to preach in this city, and Mrs. Mathews undertook to take his place. Announcements were prepared and distributed to that effect, and when the evening service began the church was filled to overflowing.

Taking for her text a passage from the fourth chapter of St. Matthew, Mrs. Mathews preached on "What a Woman Can Do." When she had finished, the congregation was convinced that a woman can do a lot. Although she is not a professional orator, Mrs. Mathews is no novice at public speaking. As a girl in London she became interested in religious work.

the building's capacity is taxed at every service. In those four months Mrs. Mathews spoke once before in her husband's place, and she was so successful that the congregation was eager to hear her speak again. "I think there should be more of this sort of thing done by the women," said Mrs. Mathews. "They can do so much good, and there is much need of it. I know there are many things that take up a woman's time—housework, children and good works of other sorts—but it seems to me that there is still time to spread the Word of God."

"I do not think that a woman should actually undertake the responsibility of a church. That is too much for any woman with home duties, but there are thousands of women who could do the sort of work that I have mentioned and that I myself am doing." Mrs. Mathews is a quiet, soft-voiced woman of middle age, whose face reflects the seriousness of her purpose. At the same time she has the capable and efficient look of a good housekeeper, and her home is as neat as a pin.

Dr. Mathews is fortunate in having a family that can relieve any situation that confronts a church. His children all sing in choir, and one recently came to the rescue when his soloist was unable to appear. Another can play the organ when the necessity arises. Within the circle of his own household he is protected against any contingency. True enough, his family lacks the numbers to provide an emergency congregation, but if the past is any criterion, that emergency will never arise.

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