

DR. GREGG FINDS WHAT HE'S WORTH.

The Will of His Millionaire Father Cuts Him Off With Ten Dollars.

A MATTER OF CONSCIENCE.

The Testator Thought That the Covenant Church Should Be COMPENSATED FOR ITS LOSS

When His Minister Son Left it for Another Field of Labor.

He Estimated the Value at \$150,000.—All the Children of the Disinherited One Provided for While the Will of His Mother Contained a Provision for Him—His Family Will Get a Quarter of a Million—The Doctor Rather Admires His Father for Keeping His Word—How Other Heirs Fare—Interesting Career of the Brooklyn Divnee.

The will of the late David Gregg, of Allegheny, was filed yesterday. It is dated December 12, 1887, and the document is remarkable for the amount of property bequeathed to children and grandchildren.

Two farms, one in Armstrong and another in Butler county, are left to the wife.

The property at 420 and 522 Wood street is given to Edna M. McFarland, a granddaughter, sine die; to S. A. Sternitz Metheny, a grandson, the property at 102 Liberty street; to D. Y. Metheny, another grandson, two houses and lots, 38 and 60 Federal street, Allegheny; to John N. Gregg, a son, property at 508 Market and 29 and 30 Diamond street; to the children J. N. Gregg, property at 6 Sixth avenue; to his son, Rev. David Gregg, Brooklyn, \$10, which is explained by the fact that the father did not approve of the son leaving the Covenant church; to the children of Rev. David Gregg, property at 902 and 964 Liberty street and 442 and 444 Wood; to his daughter Edna, 425, 441 and 443 Wood street, 47 and 47 Fourth avenue and 543 Smithfield street. The widow, Wm. Gregg, J. N. Gregg and James McKee are the executors.

All About Church Affiliation.

As noted above the testator provides liberally for the children of his son, the Rev. Dr. David Gregg, of Brooklyn, but he cuts off Dr. Gregg himself with a bequest of \$10, "to be paid on demand." Dr. Gregg is the pastor of the Lafayette avenue Presbyterian church in Brooklyn, having succeeded the late Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler in December, 1880.

The trouble between father and son over financial matters dates back to the year 1887, when Dr. Gregg left the Scotch Covenant, or Reformed Presbyterian Church, to accept a call to the Park Street Congregational Church in Boston, whose orthodox doctrine has become so firmly established that the site upon which it stands is often referred to as "Brimstone Corner." The elder Gregg during his entire life was identified with the Scotch Presbyterian Church, and at the time of his death, two weeks ago, was one of the elders of the Central Church, Allegheny City.

Found Out What He Was Worth.

Often he had told his son that in case he left the Covenant Church, the amount that he should otherwise bestow upon him as patrimony would go to the Covenant Church to compensate it for the loss it would sustain in being deprived of his services. This gave Dr. Gregg a chance to see what he was worth in his father's estimation. He finds it to be about \$150,000, which, in the form of real estate, is bequeathed by the will to the church with which he was so long identified.

The Rev. Dr. Gregg was born a Scotch Covenantist. He entered the ministry in 1870, at the age of 23. He became pastor of the Third Reformed Presbyterian Church in West Twenty-third street, New York, succeeding the Rev. Dr. J. R. W. Sloane. But he was too liberal to endure the restrictions imposed by this body. They are conservative and will not permit their members to vote, or hold office under the United States Government, or to serve on juries, because the Creator is not mentioned in the Constitution.

He Refused Several Good Offers.

During Dr. Gregg's pastorate in Twenty-third street, New York, he received several flattering offers from Presbyterian and Congregational churches in different parts of the country, but partly owing to his father's wishes he declined them all. For more than 16 years he remained with the Third Reformed Presbyterian Church, New York, where he received \$3,000, the highest salary paid to any clergyman in the denomination. After 15 years he edited *Our Banner*, the official organ of the church, and for some time he was Moderator of the General Assembly. But in 1887 he accepted the call of the Park Street Church in Boston at a salary of \$5,000, and a few months afterward his father made his will.

Dr. Gregg stayed with the Park Street Church until the death of Dr. Cuyler, when he accepted a call to the vacant pulpit, in Brooklyn, at a salary of \$10,000, although his Boston congregation offered him that sum to remain.

Dr. Gregg has a novel story.

Dr. Gregg was seen last evening in his study in the tower of his church, at Brooklyn, by THE DISPATCH'S New York correspondent, who telegraphs that it reached upon the abodes of more than 2,000,000 people.

It is an idea of Dr. Gregg's, and was fitted up for him by his parishioners last summer at an expense of \$3,000.

"I see it to my sorrow," said Dr. Gregg, "to say that I hope that the clause in my father's will referring to me will not be misconstrued. That not represented his conscience, and his heart was as large as his conscience. With him it was a matter of principle. He wished me to remain in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, but I finally concluded to leave that body, because I con-

sidered that there was a wider field of usefulness for me elsewhere. That was the way I may be looked upon as severe by those who do not know my father, but it was his way of doing what he thought was right."

"Will you claim the \$10?"

"Oh, that is a question that I have not decided," laughed Dr. Gregg.

Not a Very Bad Fishbait.

The elder Gregg left ample provision for his children. He had five sons and two daughters. Two of his sons, one of whom, Robert, is a sophomore in Harvard College. To the four children is left property amounting to \$150,000. During his life the aged millionaire gave his son, Dr. Gregg, property which now amounts to \$75,000 in value, and also deeded to his wife, who has considerable property in her own right, that part of her will which refers to her son, Dr. Gregg, and which provides that some of her most valuable property shall go to him. Dr. Gregg tells THE DISPATCH'S correspondent last night that he estimates that all told his family will receive from his parents \$250,000, so it is not a very bad fishbait.

It is understood that there was a division in his father's family when Dr. Gregg left the Covenant Church, his mother and one of his children, taking sides with him and the other two children taking sides with the father.

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pared to end his earthly existence by testifying his brotherhood, which he tied together and fastened to the trigger of the gun, making a loop big enough to slip over the toe of his shoe. It is thought from the position of the muzzle of the gun in his mouth and pulled the string, which fired the gun and sent his soul into eternity. The flesh around by neck was blasted and burned by powder, but otherwise his features were not much disfigured. His brains were scattered over the ground and bushes for 30 feet around. He was 30 years of age, and worked for Snowden & Hogg, the Brownville coal operators.

FOR A CARGO OF SLAVES.

THE OWNER OF THE TABITHA PROCURES ANOTHER STEAMER.

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