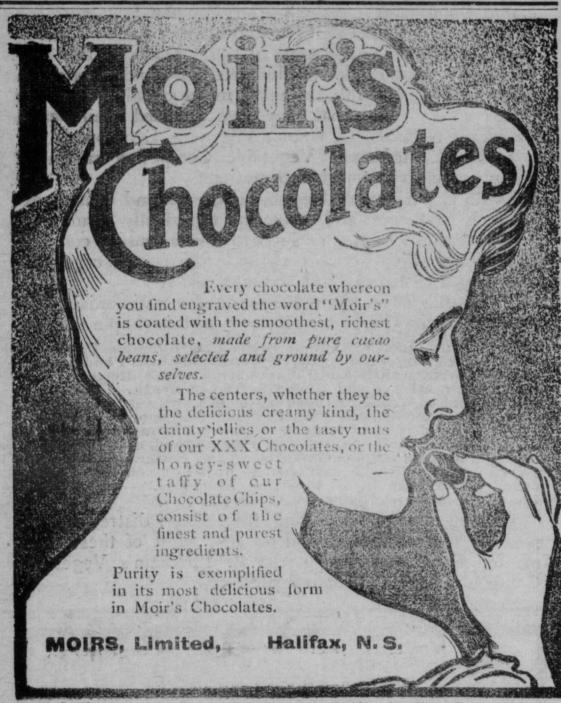


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why the Preacher Failed in His Mission.

'The man you recommended does not fit the bill. He has failed to arouse any enthusiasm; the church is dead.' The spokesman for the committee thus addressed Presiding | abruptly. Elder Hartgrove anent the shortcomings of the pastor of Elmwood

'I am sorry to hear you say that, Mr Critchell,' said the presiding elder gravely; 'McBain has been a thorough siccess at other places. I was intending to ask the bishop to

return him, but if you think ---'I hope you will not do so,' said Deacon Critchell decidedly. 'He might suit other places very well, but he's a dead failure here.'

'In what respects?'

'In nearly all. He doesn't measure up to our standard of a preacher. I've watched him closely Sunday after Sun lay, and not once of late bas he been able to impart the least fire to the congregation. His subjects are hackneyed, and he drones over self evident propositions to an intolerable extent. Then be's lacking in originality of expression, and our congregation notices such things. That's why the attendance has been dropping off so badly. It isn't the hot weather. Our people would sit preacher were talking, but they can't stand for Mr McBain's inanities. He's missed his calling."

The presiding elder was profoundly distressed. McBain was a young man of whom he was peculiarly hopeful. was in him. In his boyhood days he | Herald. had ridden with the cattlemen on the plains, and grew up in accordacco with their simple, rugged style of living. His manner of speech was not elegant, but it was always for cible. He had entered the ministry were expected of him.

The presiding elder who had met with the committee in the church the next day, as the accused preacher was conducting a funera! back in the country. When he returned, the elder met him and told him of the complaint.

McBain was comparatively a young at the age when he could do good for the cause. He flushed and look

'You shall,' returned the elder

'I would like to meet them in the study to morrow morning, and there in your presence I will . ffer my side.'

In the morning the presiding elder study when the committee arrived. Mr Critchell, grim and impressive, took a chair at the head of the table. His associates found chairs near him. From their stern eyes no mercy gleamed. They were there for business, and they felt their cause was

'Gentleman,' said the presiding elder, 'you have told me that Mr Mc. minister. It is fair that he should be heard.'

'It is fair,' said Mr Critchell sober-

'You have said his preaching lacks vigor and originality in thought, and that the congregation are dropping off because of it,' continued the el-

'That is the truth,' said Mr Critchell, and his fellow committeemen

'What have you to say?' asked the elder, kindly, turning to McBain. For reply the preacher took a large envelope from his pecket and handed it to the elder, who pulled out a with a deepening frown.

'It seems you are in debt,' said the

'Yes, sir,' replied the minister. 'You owe a bill of \$25 here for medical attention.

'My wife has been ill.' 'And here are bills from the but-

cher, the grocer, the landlord, and goodness only knows what all-are none of them paid ?'

'No, sir.' 'Will you please tell me why ?'

The elder looked severely at the minister, but the severity was not intended for him. He began to understand the situation. Mr Critchell cleared his throat. His face had become suddenly flushed-

'You see, it's this way, Elder Hart-grove,' he said, uncertainly feeling his way. 'We've had to pay for a new pipe organ, and we've had the church repainted, and this with other heavy ex-

'Has made you take from the preacher's sairy so he's not had enough to pay for treating his sick

It's not that bad, I guess,' said Mr Critchell, lo king at the committeemen for encouragement; 'we've paid him something and we hoped-'

'How much are they behind with you, Mr McBain?' asked the elder 'About \$500, but then-'

'Behind \$500 with a man only getting \$1,000 a year!' exclaimed the elder indignantly, 'and then talking about a man not preaching good. Nor being original! The wonder is

he could preach at all. I never heard of the like. Why-' 'Just a minute, elder,'

Here arose a committeman who had not spoken before-Mr George Warne, a traveling salesman whose business prevented his having such observation of church affairs at Elm-

'I didn't know this thing was running this way, said Mr Warner. 'Now. I'm not here fo the purpose of trying to hedge and make out that I have no hand in this, because I have. I have said 'yes' to all Mr Critchell has said about Mr McBain because I believed it so. But I didn't know we were not paying him his s lary. I've paid to the treasurer all I have been asked to pay, and am willing to doubt that rather thin have it said I was a par y to helping starve the for an hour if you or some other good | minister. Why, suppose my house didn't send me a check for my salary every month? Reckon I could sell my goods? It's due to us to show him that we aren't such skin flints as we look.'

'Gentlemen,' said the elder, with And he had not had the opportuni- twinkling eyes, 'I want you to invite ties for education that were enjoyed | me to stay over Sunday to hear Mr by many others in the Conference, McBain's sermon, and if he doesn't but he had used such as he had and give us something good why, we'll striven hard to develop the best that excommunicate him.'- The Howe

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