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Guthrie's Attack on Rev. Dr. Smith and Reply

Interesting Letters Relating to Incidents Which Occurred while Machine Candidate was Chairman of City Administration of Justice Committee--Statements Concerning Rev. Dr. Smith Never Were Withdrawn

The following is Mr. P. A. Guthrie's attack on representatives of the W.C.T.U. and Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, and Rev. Dr. Smith's reply. This correspondence arose over certain criticisms of Mr. Guthrie's failure to enforce laws relating to public morals in Fredericton when he was chairman of the Administration of Justice Committee. Mr. Guthrie has not yet apologized for this letter nor for the insulting tirade at the announcement of his election two days later. The public has no reason to suppose he has changed.

MR. GUTHRIE'S STATEMENT CONCERNING THE MATTER

To the Editor of The Gleaner:

Sir--It has been openly charged by Rev. Dr. Smith and members of the W.C.T.U. that there was a large number of bawdy houses in full blast in this city, to the discredit of the city and the present council. These charges appear to have been made for a purpose on the eve of an election. So far as the police force, the police committee and the civic officers are concerned, they have no information of the existence of such evils. If they had they would have acted. I do not believe that any such denials of vice as charged exist in this city and I feel that it is unfortunate that at a time when all earnest citizens are doing their utmost to boom the city and keep it abreast of the advancing tide of development, that charges reflecting on the moral standing of this community, charges which are without foundation, should be lightly made and persistently scattered broadcast.

On Thursday evening one of the ladies of the W.C.T.U. called upon me and stated that there was a bawdy house in existence on front street, and that she, together with a couple of other ladies, would be present at the police magistrate's office on the following morning at eleven o'clock to swear out an information so that the police could make a raid on the place and take the inmates in charge. I promised to be present to see that the matter was taken up promptly and attended to.

At eleven o'clock the ladies, Mrs. W. G. Clark, Mrs. Olmstead and Miss Hooper, came to the police office, where the police magistrate, chief of police and myself were waiting, and it was decided that Mrs. W. G. Clark would lay the information, she claiming that she had personal knowledge of the facts. His Honor began to prepare the information, when the ladies stated that they would not care to take up the matter just then, but would let it stand for a while. I explained that I had asked Mr. Gregory, who was engaged with me in a suit, to wait for half an hour or so in order that the information might be laid and asked them to allow the matter to be attended to. Mrs. Clark then stated that the only information she had was what she had received from another woman who had been told by a third woman who had heard from a fourth woman that the two little girls living in the house in question had made a complaint against a boarder in the house of immoral conduct. They stated that they would get the woman in whose house the conversation took place and have the information sworn to in the afternoon, as they were determined to proceed. I consented to this. The ladies also stated that there were seventeen bawdy houses in town and Mrs. Clark would prepare a list and hand to me in the afternoon as well as the list of the children belonging to the house in question.

In the afternoon I called at the police magistrate's office to see if the lists had been left and as they had not been I called up Mrs. Clark to ask about them. Mrs. Clark replied that she had not prepared either of the lists, that she did not know the names or ages of the children in the one case and that she had no information about the seventeen other bawdy house cases personally. When asked about her promise to supply these lists in the morning and as to

her absolute statements that she knew the places and names of the seventeen different bawdy houses, she replied that the committee knew of these things. I then asked her who were the committee and stated that I would obtain the list from them. She first replied that she did not know who the committee were and then stated that even if she did know she was bound in secrecy not to mention their names. I then asked her the names of the women in whose house the little girls had made the statement and this she refused to give, saying that this was a secret and she had promised not to divulge it. I then stated that I would have to subpoena Mrs. Clark herself and perhaps the information which she was withholding could then be obtained under oath. Mrs. Clark then begged me not to take such a step, as it would disgrace her and in any event under oath she would refuse to tell the names of the party.

I then called up Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith, thinking I could perhaps obtain the information there. ASKED DR. SMITH IF THE FAMILY IN QUESTION WAS ONE OF THE FAMILIES WHICH HE HAD REFERRED TO RECENTLY AND HE REPLIED, YES. I related to him what had taken place with the W.C.T.U. committee and my inability to obtain information and asked the doctor to supply it. The doctor stated that he had not been in touch with the family since July or August last, when the children used to beg from his place AND COULD GIVE NO DEFINITE INFORMATION. I then asked if the doctor would supply me with a list of the bawdy houses in town, of which he knew and STATED THAT I BELIEVED THE DOCTOR HAD MADE THE STATEMENT THAT THERE WERE NINE BAWDY HOUSES WITH OPEN DOORS IN THE CITY. THE DOCTOR REPLIED THAT HE HAD NOT LIMITED HIMSELF TO NINE, AS THERE WERE MANY MORE PLACES OF VICE OF THIS KIND, well known to everybody as well as to himself and that the police must be stone blind or they would know of these places also. I then stated in reply that neither myself nor the chief of police knew of the existence of houses of ill-fame in the city, and asked the doctor to give a list of the names or location of the places. THE DOCTOR REPLIED THAT HE COULD NOT TAKE ANY SUCH RESPONSIBILITY; THAT IT WAS A SERIOUS MATTER TO URGE AGAINST ANY ONE AND THAT HE DID NOT FEEL LIKE PUTTING HIMSELF IN A POSITION WHERE IT MIGHT BE SAID HE HAD MADE STATEMENTS WITH REFERENCE TO THESE PLACES WHICH WERE NOT CORRECT. I said to the doctor that all I required was the names of the places or their location and that I would not require the doctor to appear in the matter whatever, but would have information laid by the chief of police, so that the doctor's name need not be mentioned and that he would thus be protected. THE DOCTOR REPLIED THAT A COMMITTEE OF THE CLERGYMEN AND THE POLICE COMMISSION SHOULD GET TOGETHER AND HAVE DETECTIVES APPOINTED TO RUN THESE PLACES DOWN. I said in answer that that would take some time and if these places did exist they should be stamped out at once. If I were supplied with the list I would see that the city employed detectives at once and the matter would be taken in hand. I then asked the doctor to supply me with SUCH INFORMATION AS HE HAD AT HIS DISPOSAL TO ASSIST ME AND THE DOCTOR REPLIED THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION AT HAND WITH REFERENCE TO THESE PLACES BUT THAT HE HAD GOT KNOWLEDGE OF THEM THROUGH HIS WORK DURING THE YEAR. I further asked why he had not communicated this information as he had received it to the Police Commission so that steps could be taken and HE REPLIED THAT IT WAS NOT HIS DUTY TO DO SO AND THAT I AND THE CITIZENS' TICKET WOULD GET

THIS INFORMATION ON MONDAY NEXT. I then stated to Dr. Smith that I thought it was not fair or just, or in accordance with the principles of Christianity that the doctor should TREASURE UP THIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE VICE AND IMMORALITY WHICH HE CLAIMED EXISTED DURING THE WHOLE YEAR and then, just before an election, fling it at the heads of the Citizens' Ticket, against whom he seemed to have a grudge. If I had the information as he claimed, where young girls were led away and seduced, it was a shame to have these places still left open so that others could be seduced and ruined, for the sole purpose of accumulating information to charge the present council with misconduct and non-enforcement of the law. Dr. Smith then said that he did not have the information and could not himself supply it but that he knew there must be evil places existing BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN TOLD SO. I then asked Dr. Smith to give me the name of a single place or any number of places and I would immediately take steps towards prosecution. The doctor replied that he could not do this as he did not know where they were situated or who were the parties.

Chief of Police Hawthorn, Colonel Marsh and Dr. McGrath were present when the conversation took place. These are the facts, Yours truly, P. A. GUTHRIE, Chairman Administration of Justice Committee.

REV. DR. W. H. SMITH'S REPLY TO MR. GUTHRIE

To the Editor of The Gleaner

Sir--I regret the necessity of asking for space to reply to a letter from the Chairman of the Administration of Justice Committee, who in your issue of Saturday addressed the public in his official capacity. One would naturally expect a letter coming from such a source to bear some semblance of justice and truth, but when I read his report of my answers to his questions they were so distorted and interwoven with falsehood that I scarcely recognized them. When he states that three gentlemen were present when the conversation took place, he ought to have stated these were with him when he was at the telephone and only heard what he said. Had they heard what I said he would never have published his letter. I may state that my wife and Mr. S. H. McFarlane were present and heard my replies. I am fortunate in having witnesses to substantiate what I now say. I have no particular fault to find with his statement of his questions as they were approximately correct. In order that the public may know what I said it is necessary to follow the report of our conversation.

When the Chairman of the Administration of Justice Committee asked if the family in question was one of the families which I had referred to recently I answered, no. I knew that members of the family were begging from door to door and that they were in a wretched condition. I further stated that since leaving the neighborhood I had no personal knowledge of them, but that I understood that it was a case that demanded immediate attention from the department. In reply to his request for a list of the bawdy houses, I replied that I would not give him a list over the telephone. When he said he had heard I had stated there were nine such places I replied that I never mentioned any number, but that there were many places of vice in the city which demanded attention. I told him that whilst I had no personal knowledge of such places there was sufficient evidence to show that something was wrong and that if men were not stone blind they would see things which would inform them of the presence of the social evil. I stated that in my opinion the social evil could not be successfully dealt with as he suggested by sending the police, as just now the matter was before the public and care would be taken to avoid the risk of arrest. I further stated that (Continued on page five.)

MARKET IS CAUTIOUS

Prospect is Favorable But Recovery Is Rather Slow

Large Interests Passive Toward Market at Present Time--Larger Bear Account Desired by Many

New York, Feb. 9--For many weeks past the market has been discounting prospective improvement in business as a result of the world-wide ease in money. The advances which have been witnessed were wholly justified and nothing has developed to suggest that the sanguine expectations upon which these advances were predicted will not be realized. It is but natural however, that large numbers of people who bought stocks at considerably lower prices and who now have substantial profits, should be tempted to realize around the present level.

Other people who were skeptical a few months back but who are now convinced that the prospect is favorable, would like to see a reaction upon which to buy. Large interests to which the financial world habitually turn for initiative advice, seem to have developed a passive attitude towards the market at this level. The long advance has eliminated one important element of strength, viz., the short interest and friends of the market who would like to see a larger bear account than at present exists. These conditions largely account for the recent irregular conditions of prices. Sentiment is now two-sided with respect to the immediate movements of values and it may be well to take the safe course and buy stock only on fair reactions.

S. J. TILDEN CENTENARY CELEBRATED

New York, Feb. 9--The centenary of the birth of Samuel J. Tilden, the widely known Democratic politician and candidate for President of the United States in 1876, was celebrated in this city today with exercises under the auspices of the Samuel J. Tilden Democratic Club. Mr. Tilden was born one hundred years ago today in the town of New Lebanon, Columbia county, N.Y. After graduating from the College of the City of New York he was admitted to the bar and soon became one of the leaders of the legal profession in this city. He served as a member of the New York general assembly and as governor of New York and was instrumental in bringing about the town of "Boss" Tweed and his followers. He was nominated for President on the Democratic ticket in 1876 and at the election in November of that year received a plurality of the popular vote. The electoral vote of several of the states was contested and Congress appointed an electoral commission to decide the dispute. The electoral commission was composed of eight Republicans and seven Democrats. Its decision favored Rutherford B. Hayes, the Republican candidate, who was given one hundred and thirty-five electoral votes as against one hundred and eighty-four for Mr. Tilden.

SEATTLE AUTO-MOBILE SHOW

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 9--The second annual exhibition of the Seattle Automobile Dealers' Association, which opened in the National Guard Armory today for an engagement of one week, is one of the largest and most representative shows of motor vehicle ever held in the Northwest. Several score of completed cars representing fifty different makes are included in the display, together with many exhibits of automobile parts and accessories.

TEMPERANCE CONVENTION MEETS THIS AFTERNOON

BOND-GORE SUIT THIS WEEK

Fifty-Thousand Dollar Action to Begin in Oklahoma Courts

Interesting Case in Which United States Politics is Mixed--Incidents Occurred in Washington

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 9--The fifty-thousand-dollar suit brought by Mrs. Minnie E. Bond against United States Senator Thomas P. Gore, the "blind man eloquent," is docketed to come up for trial in the district court here this week. Few cases in the annals of the Oklahoma courts have attracted more attention than has this suit. Mrs. Bond alleges defamation of character through an attack she alleges Senator Gore made on her in Washington last March. In depositions made before a justice recently, Mrs. Bond gave the testimony which forms the basis of her action. She testifies that she went to Washington last March, taking the references of her husband, Julian R. Bond, who was an applicant for the office of internal revenue collector for the Oklahoma district. Her suit arises from alleged occurrences connected with the interviews with Senator Gore over the appointment. It is understood that Senator Gore will put in a vigorous defence to the charges made against him and will endeavor to show that the whole affair is a plot hatched by his political enemies to prevent his re-election to the senate.

SOCIETY EVENTS

Mrs. Ross Thompson entertained on Friday afternoon at a large bridge party. Mrs. James Sproul and Mrs. Wesley VanWart were the prize-winners.

Mrs. Brown Maxwell entertained on two occasions last week. The first party was Thursday afternoon, when Mrs. Harold Babbitt captured the prize. The same evening Mrs. Maxwell entertained at a large bridge, when Miss Burdeman of St. John, was the prize-winner.

Dr. and Mrs. Carter entertained at a delightful musical on Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Burdeman of St. John, who is their guest.

Miss Burdeman played several beautiful selections on the piano, which were very much enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Good, Mrs. Peacock and Miss Gibson sang several pretty solos as did Mr. Cooper, Mr. Brown, Dr. McDonald and Mr. Smith.

Miss Hazen Palmer and Dr. McInnis played duets on the violin and clarinet and Miss Everett and Miss Walker rendered a duet on the piano.

Mrs. J. C. Allen entertained the Monday afternoon Club last week. Mrs. Fred Chestnut won the club prize and Mrs. W. C. Crockett won the guest's prize.

Mrs. W. S. Thompson entertained the Auld Lang Syne Club on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison were visitors to St. John this week.

Mrs. Ross Thompson has invitations out for a bridge on Monday evening next.

Miss Christine Crawford of St. John is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. S. Thomas.

The Assembly Chamber, which has been decorated for the Rose Ball with pink roses, presents a most attractive appearance. Garlands of roses have been festooned from the chandelier to the galleries and about each pillar. All of the lights have pretty pink shades. The supper-room is most artistically decorated also, and the ladies are doing everything to make the ball quite the most notable event of the season. Bridge tables have been placed in one of the rooms for those who do not enjoy dancing.

Called to Discuss Temperance Matters as Connected With Present By-Election--Ministerial Association's Endorsement of Candidature of James M. Scott Declared Illegal on Protest of Dean Schofield

A largely attended convention of temperance workers representing all parts of York County is being held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall this afternoon. The convention, although called on forty-eight hours' notice, is representative. It has been called for the purpose of deciding what attitude temperance workers will take in the present by-election.

Saturday afternoon the Fredericton Ministerial Association met in special meeting to consider the temperance situation in connection with the present by-election in York. At a previous session the association, by resolution, stated that the nomination of a second candidate in the by-election in York County would be viewed by it with satisfaction. At Saturday's meeting the candidature of James M. Scott was endorsed by resolution.

This afternoon, at another meeting of the Ministerial Association, Saturday's meeting was declared illegal and the endorsement invalidated by the protest of Dean Schofield on the ground that he had not been notified. It is said that the telephone was used to notify the Dean but that the notice failed to reach him.

Dean Schofield asked at this afternoon's meeting to have recorded his protest against the endorsement of any candidate by the Ministerial Association as such.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the close of the temperance convention.

BOARD OF TRADE DINNER THURSDAY NIGHT

Premier Flemming Expected to be One of the Speakers--Good Program

Arrangements are being rapidly completed for the annual Board of Trade dinner which will be held at the Y.M.C.A. Hall Thursday evening starting at 6.30 o'clock. Although it has not been definitely decided yet it is understood that Premier Flemming and several other prominent men will be asked to speak at the dinner.

The committee in charge of the musical end of the program have secured an excellent selection. Ryan's orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music. There will also be selections by a quartet and solos and readings.

The Ladies Aid of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church have complete charge of the catering. Tickets are now on sale at \$1.00 each at the drug stores of G. Y. Dibblee and C. Fred Chestnut.

WOMAN DELIVERS CONVOCATION ADDRESS

Iowa City, Ia., Feb. 9--At the fifty eighth convocation exercises of the State University of Iowa today the address of the graduates was delivered by Miss Anna M. Klingenhagen, dean of the woman's school of the university. It was the first time in the history of the university that the honor of delivering the convocation address was bestowed upon a woman.