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A CARD FROM REV. J. WALTER SIMPSON.

Says He Was Denied an Expression Concerning His Motive by the City Aldermen Monday Night.

Mr. Editor: Having been denied by our city fathers Monday night a privilege that the constitution of the State of North Carolina and of the United States grants a petitioner, citizen and taxpayer, viz.; the right of expressing oneself upon a matter of grievance, I beg space in your paper to make this expression to the city board and to the public generally. Now in doing this I am perfectly cognizant of the fact that a man, whether he be preacher or layman, who champions the cause of righteousness or the maintenance of the dignity of the law makes himself liable to abuse and vituperation. It has been so all the ages through, it is so all the world over even now. Go back to the age of John the Baptist. It was perfectly all right for him so long as his ministry was the voice of one crying in the wilderness, but the moment John approached the court and told that high official of his sin he had John beheaded. Today, because of our plain preaching against public evils and for the enforcement of law, civil and moral, an attempt has been made to behead our influence and usefulness as a minister of the gospel by the sharp cutting sword of abuse, vituperation and slander. I ask this space not for the purpose of defending my character—I am only too willing to have the self-respecting, law abiding and moral or gospel loving citizens of Concord serve as jurors, and I am only too proud to abide their verdict.

This space is asked only to make the expression that we had hoped to make Monday night concerning the motive of the petitioners in filing said petition with the city board. It has been said that the motive is altogether one of prejudice, occasioned by Vice Widenhouse being sent to the roads. He went to the roads in September last. Perhaps it is not a matter of common knowledge but it is a fact nevertheless, that this same grievance was lodged with the mayor, city attorney and chairman of the Democratic party two years ago, and after two years of patient endurance the situation is none the better; two hundred or more of the citizens in this section of your city sought to lodge this grievance through the medium of a petition which petition was not even permitted to be read. Wherein is the prejudice? It strikes us that this prejudice comes from a different direction. As a petitioner, I assure you I entertain no prejudice or malice towards any man or set of men, but am endeavoring with all our feeble powers to do our duty as a moral leader in creating and sustaining a healthier moral atmosphere in our city.

Too, it is said that the motive behind said petition is purely one of politics, that is a Republican game. Very much use is being made of the argument. Who was it that lodged the grievance with the above named gentlemen two years ago? A Democrat. Today we deny the charge of it being a political movement with the petitioners. I certainly expected that my party affiliations were known to the people of Concord. Yet I am classed as a Republican. The fact that I am a South Carolinian ought to establish my politics. But if that isn't specific enough, I announce that I am a South Carolina Democrat, simon pure, and I am proud of it. But, I say it candidly, frankly, if Democracy means the forcing of sumptuary laws down my throat in the shape of whiskey barrels, demijohns and privileged blind tigers, I am no Democrat. If Democracy means that I must swallow gambling tables and privileged gamblers, I tell you candidly I am no Democrat. If Democracy means the enacting of laws denying the citizenship the right of free speech upon the matter of grievance, I am no Democrat. The Democracy I stand for and whose banner I would never suffer to be trailed in the dust is that Democracy which assures "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none." No, there is no politics connected with your petitioners, it is purely a movement in the cause of righteousness. And I entered into it with heart and soul, with the fullest assurance that I was doing my duty to God and to the citizenship of our city and was conscious at the time I signed said petition that it meant the sacrificing of friendship on the part of some. As for sacrificing principle for friendship I never have and never shall.

Now, so far as this chapter in the history of our city is concerned, I am done with it, unless, perchance the attorney for the office in question sees fit to carry out the threat he made Monday night when flouting his fist in our faces, and have the petitioners indicted. In such an event I assure him that I hide behind nothing, save the bloody cross, and that I shall be only too glad to be arraigned before the Superior Court or even lie in your county jail or crush rocks upon your public highways and let the world know that I am suffering and enduring it patiently and cheerfully for the moral uplift or reformation of the city of Concord, North Carolina. And doing it, too, with the fullest assurance that right will eventually triumph over the wrong. We may be crucified on the cross of slander, but our last breath will be shed in defense of the home and wives and mothers and children of the land.

THE ELECTIONS YESTERDAY.

Republicans Regain Control of the New York Legislature.—Results in Other States.

Democratic gains party power in districts where heretofore it had been unable to muster a counting vote.

Ohio was another winning ground for the Socialists.

Early returns from the State election in Maryland were inconclusive as between Arthur P. Gorman, Democratic candidate for Governor and Phillips Lee Goldsborough, Republican.

Justice Hughes was seen tonight regarding the association of his name with the Republican nomination, and made it plain that he is in no way to be considered in that connection, that he will not even allow the use of his name for the nomination; in short, that he is out of politics for good.

MATTER OF DRAINAGE.

Those Interested in Drainage of Big Cold Water Before Clerk of Court Tuesday.

A number of the parties interested in the Big Cold Water Drainage district appeared before the Clerk of Court yesterday to discuss the matter of finally declaring the proposed district a regular drainage district.

The morning session was opened by devotional exercises by Miss May White.

At 1 o'clock a delightful luncheon was served at the home of Mrs. W. C. Houston.

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MISSIONARY JUBILEE.

Exercises Commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Work.

Yesterday was a great day for Christian womanhood in Concord. A great missionary jubilee, commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of woman's work in missions was held at Central Methodist church.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Mrs. Z. A. Morris is spending the day in Salisbury.

Mrs. John M. Ross, of Charlotte, is a Concord visitor today.

Mrs. John H. Rutledge has gone to Salisbury on a short business trip.

Mrs. A. J. York has gone to Winston-Salem on a short business trip.

Graded School Notice.

Mrs. Campbell will visit Central School in the morning and will conduct the devotional exercises.

Good, better, best! The best Range on the market is the Globe, say the Bell & Harris Furniture Co.

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Remained uncalled for in the post-office at Concord for week ending November 6, 1911.

When calling for the above please say "Advertised."

M. L. BUCHANAN, Postmaster.

Salisbury Post: There will be fifty-three Sundays in this year, which is rather unusual.

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