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## Shall The Protestants Clergy Refuse To Marry Divorced People

The problem of marriage is that two people try to live together. They are not one, but two, and two wills can never become one.

Marriage is a civil contract between man and woman with the intent to give rise to husband and wife. Marriage is then a civil and binding contract until one party defaults in marital duty. Marriage is lawful so long as both parties live up to this civil contract. When broken, this unity ends. I am discussing in this brief article what shall be done with the fragments of this broken union.

Marriage without love is the most reprehensible form of debauchery. Human love in many instances is very short. The human heart can be transferred from hand to hand. The civil law of the United States makes possible this transformation by permitting civil authority and clergymen to re-marry those who have found happiness impossible with their present companion. Love is like other things, unless you get the very best brand it sours awful easy. God made man, and finding that he could not care for himself, He made woman to care for him, and she proposes to discharge this heaven appointed duty or know the reason why.

When the clergy refuses to re-marry divorced people it is attempting to compel them to accept a career which is destitute of self-realization, except a very few who make independent careers in the struggle for existence. It is preposterous to attempt to compel people with whom marriage relations have become impossible to continue together in holy wedlock. Furthermore, it is contrary to the laws of nature, contrary to the laws of the land, and a violation of the laws of God to attempt through refusal to re-marry divorced people, and thus compel man and woman to live apart.

I feel that such a refusal on part of the clergy is in a way undermining the laws by refusing to carry them out. When the State gives two people a license to marry it is not mine to question. I feel that when the ministry weakens the law by private legislation against it he is exerting a pernicious attitude, which amounts to an invasion against the civil power.

The laws of every state in the union gives the minister power to re-marry divorced people. This does not mean that the laws of America have given the minister the right to

say who shall, or who shall not re-marry, but it allows him to act on his own judgement. Ministers who agree not to re-marry divorced people assume authority which does not belong to them. In England, with the established church the fact has recently been ascertained that ministers cannot refuse to marry persons who may marry by the civil law as it stands.

Clergymen are given the right to re-marry people by the laws of the state; they are constituted magistrates for that particular act. If they cannot perform this act in the spirit, of the state's law, if on the contrary, they try to circumvent and undermine the law; if they refuse to honor a license duly signed by the city clerk, they ought to have the right to perform marriage taken away from them.

Again when the Christian ministry refuses to re-marry divorced people, it only encourages and increases civil marriages. Civil marriages are on the increase and will be more resorted to as the clergy shows its lack of sympathy with modern ideas. One-third of all the marriage licenses issued in the state of New York, are for civil, not religious ceremonies. These marriages are performed by aldermen, magistrates, and judges. So long as we ministers fail to keep abreast with social conditions and modern institutions, so long will the ministry be called upon less

### WHAT CONSTITUTES A SCHOOL

Not ancient halls, and ivy-mantled towers,  
Where dull traditions rule with heavy hand  
youth's lightly springing powers;  
Not spacious pleasure courts, and lofty temples of athletic fame,  
Where devotees of sport mistake a pastime for life's highest aim;  
Not fashion, nor renown of wealthy patronage and rich estate;  
No, none of these can crown a school with light, and make it truly great.

But masters, strong and wise, who teach because they love the teacher's task,  
And find their richest prize in eyes that open and minds that ask;  
And boys with hearts aglow to try their vigor in their work,  
Eager to learn and grow, and quick to hate a coward or a shirk:  
These constitute a school, a vital forge of weapons keen and bright,  
Where living sword and tool are tempered for true toil and noble fight!

But no wisdom scorn the hours of pleasure in the playing fields,  
There also strength is born, and every manly game a virtue yields,  
Fairness and self-control, good humor, pluck and patience in the race

Will make a bad heart whole to win the honor, lose without disgrace.  
Ah, well for him who gains in such a school apprenticeship for life;  
With him the joy of youth remains in later lessons and a larger strife!

—HENRY VAN DYKE,  
In The Biblical Recorder.

and less to perform marriage.

The question is whether theology or science is to frame our institutions, an ascetic conception, or the experience and the needs of humanity, the living or the dead. All of our institutions are in a period of transition and they will improve not at the hand of a monastic theology but by the illumination of modern knowledge. We do not expect to find twentieth century science in a book 2,000 years old. Then why should we expect to find twentieth century sociology? In turning a deaf ear to humanity's mating cry, you are turning your back upon four hundred years of Protestant handling and have gone back to an earlier Roman Catholic Thesis. We must conserve the family which is the bulwark of society. The refusal to re-marry divorced people only increases illegitimate relationships and the two-family system.

L. SPURGEON CLARK.

## CAROLINA CHAT

By GUY SWARINGEN

### COOKE SUCCEEDS GANT

Greensboro.—A Wayland Cooke, democratic nominee for Clerk of superior court, has been appointed by Judge T. J. Shaw as temporary clerk to serve in place of Mason W. Gant, whose resignation was in effect with the appointment. Mr. Cooke, a lawyer of long experience was recommended by practically the entire Democratic membership of the local bar association.

### P. & N. CASE OCTOBER 20

Greenville.—At last the Piedmont & Northern railway is to get a hearing of its suit against the Interstate Commerce Commission to be allowed to extend its lines. Date for a hearing has been set as October 20, at Greenville.

### CAROLINA FLYER HELD IN CHILE

Reidsville.—Up to the latter part of last week, John R. Smith, farmer, had not been officially informed of the detention in Chile, of his son, Reid Smith, with an aviator companion and several revolutionist exiles. For some time young Smith has been located at Santiago, Chile, flying a passenger and mail plane over a mountainous route in Chile, Brazil

and other countries.

### MRS. PALMER TO SEEK SHORT TERM

Raleigh.—Mrs. Katherine Stedman Palmer, daughter of former congressman Major Charles M. Stedman, has announced herself as a candidate to fill out the term of her father, Frank Hancock, Jr., of Oxford, is the nominee for the regular term, opposed by John F. Reynolds of Wentworth, Republican nominee.

### U. N. C. MAN AFTER MORE FUNDS

Chapel Hill.—Some 200 alumni of the University of North Carolina gathered Saturday night, being key men from various sections of the state, and pledged themselves to carry to their communities the appeal of president Frank Graham for such funds to provide for projects of University work as cannot be practically financed by state appropriations.

### JOHNSON FOR GOVERNOR IN 1936

Asheville.—Judge Thomas L. Johnson, recently resigned from the superior court bench, has stated that he will be a candidate for governor in 1936, and denies that he has pledged his support to any of the candidates to come up for nomination in 1932

### KILLED BY TRAP GUN

Page land, S. C.—Charles G. McElroy, 23, of Tampa, Fla., was killed Saturday by the discharge of a trap gun in a filling station near Page land. The young man was an engineer employed on highway construction. According to C. W. Laney, owner of the filling station, McElroy entered to buy cigarettes, but was warned not to open the door of the supply store, where the trap gun was located. Stepping back, he accidentally touched a wire which fired the load into his heart.

### GIRL HELD FOR WOUNDING BOY

Cerro Gordo.—Miss Estelle Ray, owner of Ray's cafe, was held for superior court Saturday under bond of \$3,000, charged with secret assault with a deadly weapon with in-

## Col. Fred A. Olds On Fellowship Week

Travelers on North Carolina highways often ask why all churches and schools do not carry their names, and in case of church, of the particular denomination also. Yet how rare it is to see a church with a name in the rural sections. It has remained for Rev. Herman T. Stevens, the associate director of the "North Carolina Baptist Fellowship Week," to do a positively new thing; that is to say to put a metal rust-proof plate, of ample size, on each of the 2,300 white Missionary Baptist churches in North Carolina, and in plain view of the passing world. This is one of the happy ways of celebrating the century, which begins with 1830. In every one of these churches from the ocean side to the mountains on the line between this State and Tennessee, Fellowship Week will be observed in every association, will have its public service, and the history of every church will be written. And these histories will be placed in the mission rooms in Raleigh. The old record books of these thousands of churches will be placed in fire-proof vaults at Wake Forest College. The manufacture of the metal name-plate is now in progress by a Raleigh firm. They have already been placed in the Cherokee Indian race which is largely in the counties of Swain and Jackson. Nearly all of the Indians are Missionary Baptists.

FRED A. OLDS,  
—The Biblical Recorder.

## THE "WIZARD" INVENTOR

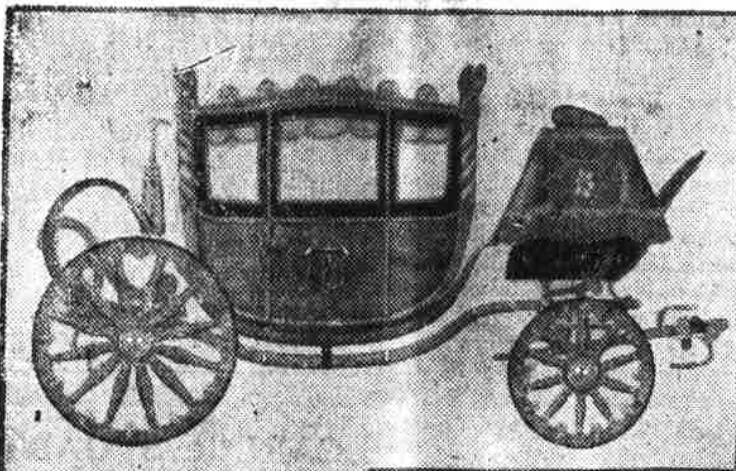
World's greatest inventor people call him. And undoubtedly Thomas Alva Edison is the most versatile and prolific, his inventions including the talking machine, electric light, motion picture camera, kinetophone (talking motion picture), carbon telephone transmitter, quadruplex and other telegraph systems, alkaline storage battery, magnetic ore separator, mimeograph process, etc. He aided in inventing the Universal stock ticker and the typewriter and has effected improvements on many inventions of others, such as the dynamo and the X-ray. In 1875 he discovered the "ethric force," the phenomena of electric waves in free air, which became the foundation for wireless telegraphy—and radio.

Born Feb. 11, 1847, Ohio, of Dutch, Scotch and English ancestry, Edison began his business career at the age of 12 as a newsboy on the Grand Trunk railway. He also printed a weekly newspaper and operated a chemical laboratory in the baggage car. But one day a stick of phosphorous fell from a shelf in his "laboratory" and ignited papers in the car. This so angered the baggageman that he smote young Thomas on the ear and unintentionally made him deaf for life.

Probably the most startling of Edison's inventions was the incandescent lamp. When the first made public his claim scientists pooh-poohed the idea. Why, hadn't they struggled with the problem for many years, and decided that such a thing was impossible, being against the laws of nature? Notwithstanding the know-alls, Edison, then only 32, gave his historic demonstration at Menlo Park, N. J., on New Year's Eve, 1879, before 3,000 witnesses.

The toughest nut to crack in the making of the incandescent lamp was the composition of the filament. Almost every material under the sun was tried, including platinum and iridium wire, but proved satisfactory—until a length of cotton sewing thread was carbonized and tried in the vacuum bulb. When the current was turned on the lamp burned for 40 hours! But, evidently, the cotton filament would not do for a permanent lamp. So the search went on until it was found that palmetto fiber, such as came around the edge of fans, gave an excellent light and was durable. Nine

## U. S. Boys To Model This Coach With "U" Scholarships as Goal



### Newly formed Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild offers \$50,000 in awards to youths

Detroit, Mich. . . . Four university scholarships of \$5,000 each are offered to the boys of America in an announcement today of the organization of the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild, an organization dedicated to a program of education in manual arts and to perpetuate the ideals of the ancient craft guilds.

The scholarships and more than 900 other awards having a total value in excess of \$50,000 will be given to the boys who build the best miniature models of a Napoleonic coach. The contest is open to every boy in the nation between the ages of 12 and 19 inclusive. Owing to the wide age range, there will be two class divisions: juniors aged 12 to 15 years, and seniors aged 16 to 19 years, with equal awards to each group.

The Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild has been organized solely for the purpose of encouraging and stimulating craftsmanship and the development of manual skill among the boys of America. It was felt that with the present trend toward highly developed machinery, there was danger that the next generation would grow to manhood unskilled in any craft and that the extinction of real artisans might result.



Model of Napoleonic coach boys of nation will make in educational contest fostered by the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild. Inset, Dan Beard, national commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America and honorary president of the guild.

through the training received as Guild members, and thereby be enabled to achieve greater heights.

A comprehensive plan has been devised so that it will be easy for every boy in the age limit to enter the contest. To obtain this nationwide accessibility, the entire dealer organization of General Motors, of which the Fisher Body Corporation is a division, has been drafted into service. Each of these 20,000 motor car dealers has been supplied with enrollment blanks with which to enroll the youthful entrants. In addition they will advise and assist the contestants in any questions which may arise.