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Contest—Fargo D. T., March 16, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by Hannah M. Thomson against Ebenezer D. Riggs for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 7,600 dated Nov. 20, 1882, upon the northeast quarter section 32, township 148, range 58, in Griggs county, D. T., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that said Ebenezer D. Riggs has wholly failed to plant or cause to be planted five acres of said tract or any part thereof into trees, tree seeds, roots, nuts, or cuttings, during the 2d year after date of his said entry and prior to the date of his contest; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear to appear at this Office on the 13th day of May 1886, at ten o'clock A. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.

E. C. GEARBY, Receiver.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., May 17, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by Hans H. Olson against Franklin M. Warford, failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 6,563 dated March 9, 1882, upon the nw 1/4 of section 28, twp. 148n, range 59w, in Griggs county Dakota, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, contestant alleging that the said Franklin M. Warford has failed to plant or cause to be planted to trees, tree seeds, roots, nuts, or cuttings, five acres of said tract or any part thereof, except three acres, during the third year after date of said entry; and that he has wholly failed to plant or cause to be planted to trees, tree seeds, roots nuts or cuttings, the five acres of said tract required to be planted during the fourth year after date of said entry, which said failure as above set forth, exists at the date of the initiation of this contest. The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 18th day of May, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.

HORACE AUSTIN, Register.

## ARE WE ENTERING ON A PERIOD OF RELIGIOUS REVIVAL?

Portraits of Well Known Revivalists in Several Denominations Who Have Given Their Lives to This Branch of Church Work.

[Special Correspondence.]

New York, March 16.—The almost phenomenal success of the Revs. Sam Jones and Sam Small in bringing crowds to their revival meetings in the large cities has drawn attention to what is being recognized as a general awakening in religion throughout the whole country. These times of increased religious fervor seem to come in periods, like seasons of financial prosperity, and it is believed by many that we are just now passing through one of those revivals. Herewith are presented portraits of a few of the quiet though indefatigable workers in this cause.

The Rev. J. W. Bonham is a remarkable man, from the fact that he unceasingly advocated revivals, or what are termed missions, in the Episcopal church. He has devoted his life to this subject, refusing pastorates and other offices in order that he might be free to pursue missionary work. He has crossed the ocean nineteen times, and traveled through the United States, Canada and Europe, preaching and advocating parochial missions.

The success of the recent missions in New York and elsewhere, in the Episcopal church, justify his advocacy of this method of church work. He is about publishing all the facts on this subject, as well as the many interesting incidents he has met with in his travels, in a book, entitled, "The Church Revived; a Sketch of Parochial Missions in England, Canada and the United States." Like all revivalists, Mr. Bonham is intensely earnest and energetic in his manner, and a pleasant and interesting speaker.

Another of the hard working evangelists is the Rev. George C. Needham. He was born near the lakes of Killarney, Ireland. He is one of four brothers who are preachers. In 1867 he met Mr. Moody, in London, and in 1869 Mr. Needham spent three months with his friend in Chicago in revival work. They have remained warm friends and co-workers ever since.

Mr. Needham has preached in the prominent cities of twenty states, having met with the greatest success in Halifax, Portland, Providence, Philadelphia, Indianapolis, Richmond, Lynn, and other cities in Canada and the United States. Mr. Needham is under the medium height, with a form a little inclined to stoutness. His hair and full, short beard are just sprinkled with gray. His features are expressive and lit up with a pair of pleasant gray eyes. He talks with all the lively fluency of the Irish race. His preaching abounds in illustrations, but he never attempts oratory, and seldom rises above the lecture style. His discourses are of a lively, entertaining nature, and very effective. He seems to make a personal appeal to each one of his hearers, no matter how large is the audience. Like Moody, what he says is never obscure; the meaning is revealed instantly by the felicitous wording. He is now giving much of his time to southern cities, and this winter has engagements in Lynchburg, Raleigh, Selma, Galveston and other distant fields.

Henry S. De Witt, the evangelist, whose face is familiar one to myriads of church goers throughout the country, has preached over 8,000 sermons in all the principal cities.

He is a native of Cayuga county, N. Y., and is in his fifty-first year. From a child he had determined on entering the ministry, and at the age of 16 he joined the "True Reformed Dutch church" of Iwasco. Later he became a Baptist, and accepted a pastorate in Burrill, Ill., in 1857. Since that time he has devoted himself to evangelistic work. For several years, when preaching among feeble churches, his expenses have been paid by a well-known organ builder.

Dr. Brown, of Rochester, says of Mr. DeWitt: "I am not much of an enthusiast concerning evangelists and their methods, but Brother DeWitt's work in Rochester was, on the whole, a successful and healthy one. He has tact, courtesy, sympathy, a pleasant manner, a warm heart. His preaching is largely illustrative. His methods, as such methods go, are simple, direct, and judged by their results, wise. He is not 'greedy of filthy lucre.' Of all the evangelists whose work I have seen, he is the safest. I would, if the occasion seemed to call for such work, be glad to have him again, which is the highest tribute I can pay him."

One of the great, strong leaders of revivals, both in this country and Europe, is the Rev. E. Payson Hammond. He has been called "the children's evangelist," from the influence which he has over youthful minds. Mr. Hammond seems to have long ago realized the value of training the twig, instead of later attempting to bend the unshapely tree. He has been gifted with a simplicity and tenderness which is all-powerful with the young. The editor of The Chicago Interior says of him: "Mr. Hammond was a pioneer in the work among children. The essential idea that little ones can be soundly converted; that the law of spiritual growth, from very feeble beginnings, may be emphasized in religious life, and children trained up for the church, rather than recovered to it after prolonged wandering, is one that will throw heavenly radiance on all the future life of the church."

REV. E. P. HAMMOND.

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