

## BISHOP WILLIAMS FIFTEEN YEARS AGO A COMIC OPERA. EVENT OF YEAR

### A Large Congregation Gathered at St. James Church Last Sunday to Hear Bishop Williams.

It is about a year and a half since Bishop Williams visited Birmingham, therefore it is not strange that the announcement that he was to preach at St. James Church last Sunday, was sufficient to call forth a large congregation which nearly filled the little church.

The Bishop preached from the words found in Philippians 1:21. "For me to live is Christ." He asserted that many men and women are but little above the animal, or are bundles of appetites and passions; and that their whole time is spent in giving expression to their low ideal of life in a round of pleasure, or in the attainment of money, power, or even knowledge for its own sake.

In contrast to their low ideal of life, he presented the Christian ideal, which while it might seem more knowledge, and power would use them or mean to an end, and thus find its true expression in service and character.

He exhorted his hearers to put on the noblest fashion of the mind on top, and that was the master passion of the soul which finds its expression for a personality which is the expression of all goodness, which the text had in mind when he said: "For me to live is Christ."

Bishop Williams is a great preacher, one of the kind that is no greater because he is a Bishop, but one whom men everywhere would recognize as a big hearted, whole souled man who has a passion for men as he goes about seeking to uplift and help them.

The writer believes that he really meant it, when he said, "God is to be found in riles and sacraments, but in the personality of a human being who is inspired by love, which leads to service unto his fellow men."

The following class were confirmed by the Bishop, and thus became full members of the church: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Piers, Mrs. L. K. Allingham, Mrs. F. A. Gagnon, Francis Shattuck, Mrs. Geo. P. Raynard, Miss Hope Ferguson.

## MRS. HANKS DEAD A BIG BUSINESS

### An Old Resident of Birmingham Passes Away at her Home in Her 96th Year.

Last Friday evening, May 23, Comfort Dent Hanks widow of the late Thomas Hanks of this city, passed away at the advanced age of 96 years 9 months and 23 days. She was born at Bisworth, England, August 1, 1817, and spent her girlhood days in this English village until October 16, 1838 when she married the late Thomas Hanks and a few years later, in the fall of 1841, came with him to Detroit, Mich. Thus this young couple met the fate of two children commenced to build their home and make their fortunes in the western country. They were united in wedded together and their married life extended a little over 66 years, they having celebrated their 86th wedding anniversary on Oct. 16 1903 the day preceding the death of Thomas Hanks which occurred Jan. 14, 1904.

When Mr. and Mrs. Hanks came to this country from England in the fall of 1844, there were no steam vessels such as the modern "Ocean Greyhound", plying the ocean between England and America. All merely the sailing vessels which in their case required over a month in making the passage from Liverpool to New York, and such sailing vessels, too was not equipped with the modern lighted steam and rocket, was provided with but two or three state rooms, so called, and they having secured one of those were required to furnish all their provisions for the passage except only the ordinary necessities, the only food obtainable in the vessel. They spent their early life in this country in Detroit, where Mr. Hanks was engaged in the grocery business and they contract work, he having had the contract for the building of the Griswold and Woodward avenue sewers. About 1860 they moved to Redford about 12 miles out from Detroit on the Grand River Road, and there until about 1874 when having sold their farm they moved to Birmingham.

She leaves surviving her four children, three sons, George, Charles and James and one daughter, Helen, who has given her life and effort to the care and the nursing of her aged parents. Rev. C. E. Wakefield conducted the funeral services. Burial in Greenwood.

Found: a self filling fountain pen, with gold band. Inquire of Marjorie VanZandt.

### Niram F. Daniels Tells of the Troublesome Times 50 Years Ago--and Our Duties Now.

Fifty years ago we were engaged in a great Civil War and the United States and the flag of our country might be preserved and kept unshaken. In that Civil War there were engaged over 2,000,000 soldiers in blue, the blood of our land. Of this mighty host over 500,000 gave up their lives and sleep in Southern soil that this Nation might not perish. Of these boys in blue over 150,000 graves are marked in unweary Michigan did her part nobly. Only four counties of the State furnished more men than old Oakland county, and the township of Bloomfield furnished more soldiers than any other town in the county, mostly from Birmingham. Good people think of this for Decoration Day, if you do not understand the significance of Decoration Day; about 1868 Gen. John Logan with other comrades scattered the graves of some of their comrades. In 1868 while Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, he designated the 30th day of May for the purpose of strewing flowers and decorating the graves of their comrades who sacrificed their lives to save the Nation. The day of their slumbers, unforgetting their glory, and undying their fame. Later on by an Act of Congress it was made a National Memorial Day for the fallen dead of the Civil War, and at the same time made it a legal holiday for sports but to disappointment all games of sport and to untidely strive to make a Memorial Day long to be remembered by the younger people.

By the ringing of the church bells on the morning of the 4th of July, if it had not been for the boys in blue the 4th of July would have been a dead letter and the Stars and Stripes to-day would have been some other flag.

To live a Sham Battle of Gettysburg would be sacrifice to the thousands of soldiers who gave up their lives in that battle for the Union of States. On the morning of the 4th of July it would look better to ring the bells and lead to the people and the school children and march to the Soldiers Monument and strew flowers for the unknown dead who were killed there what was done at Gettysburg in July 1863.

H. F. DANIELS.

### The Pirates of Penzance by the Choral Society Will be One Grand Musical Event.

The Choral society will present the famous light opera, The Pirates of Penzance, Thursday and Friday nights of next week, June 5th and 6th, at the Family Theatre. This no doubt will prove to be the most popular Concert yet given owing to the fame of the opera.

When the curtain goes up it reveals a merry group of pirates seated about upon a rocky sea coast, singing a rousing chorus, in honor of Frederick, a member of the pirate band, who has reached the age of 21, and is a full fledged member of their band. It seems, however that Frederick when a boy, by his father's orders was to have been apprenticed to a Pilot, but owing to a mistake of his nurse-maid, Ruth, he was bound out instead to a pirate chief of the Pirates of Penzance, celebrated for their gentleness, and who never molested orphans, because they were orphans themselves. Frederick now tells them of his mistake, and tells them too, he must leave them, and seek another occupation. As he is about to leave, Ruth, she requests him to marry her, and she says she has never seen any other woman, but shortly after he meets the daughter of General Stanley picnicking on the seashore, and falls in love with Mabel, Ruth's daughter, and denounces her as a deceitful girl. The daughter of the Major proposes to marry them, but right here the Major General arrives and announces that he is an orphan also, and they relent and let the girl go.

The second act reveals the Major General seated at night in front of his baronial castle, surrounded by his lively fair daughters, lamenting because he has deceived the pirates by calling himself an orphan, which was a lie. Frederick appears and tells Mabel farewell, as he is about to lead an expedition to kill off the pirate band. When he is alone, the pirate King and Ruth visit him, and show him the papers which tell that Mabel is bound to him, until his 21st birthday, "but as his birthday is the 29th of February, he has had but FIVE, led by a strong sense of duty he agrees to go back to the pirates. Then he tells them of the General's offer, which so enrages them they swear vengeance. They come by night to carry off the General, but are overpowered by the police, and are about to be sent to prison, when they confess they are English noblemen. Upon promising to give up their piratical career, they are pardoned and this releases Frederick. The principal number, "When Frederick Was a Little Lad," the "Pirate King's Song," "O! Better Far to Live and Die," Frederick's sentimental solo, "O! Is there not one Maiden Here?" and Mabel's reply, "Poor Wandering One." The dramatic number of General Stanley's "I am the Very Pattern of a Modern Major General," the "Tarantara," of the police sergeant, and the duet between Frederick and Mabel.

All persons holding Associate Membership cards may exchange same for reserve seat ticket at Shain's drug store. Do not fail to exchange these cards for reserve seats, as the cards cannot be taken at the theater.

The cast is as follows: Richard, a pirate chief, Alb' Danham; Frederick, a pirate apprentice, James Duhann.

Major General Stanley of the British Army, . . . . . Norman Patterson; Samuel, the pirate chief's lieutenant, . . . . . Floyd Duchann; Edward, sergeant of police, . . . . . Oliver Ferguson; Ruth, a practical maid-of-all-work, . . . . . Mrs. H. S. Barnard; Mabel, General Stanley's daughter, . . . . . Miss Rhoda Saarr; Edith, another daughter, . . . . . E. E. Leonard; Kate, . . . . . Miss Elizabeth Floyd; Pirates, police, General Stanley's daughters, . . . . . The Choral Society.

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### Birmingham's Bravest and Best Turn Out En Masse to Enjoy Life and Aid the Fireman's Fund.

Last Monday night was a feature evening indeed. The evening's entertainment furnished by, and under the direction of Mesdames. Hewitt and Gordon was most successful in every respect. The financial end was greater than the greatest. The entertainment was interesting and entertaining from start to finish and as the finish did not come until after eleven o'clock everybody got their money's worth, full measure, pressed down and running over. The pictures were fine. With electric lights, colorful lights and Homer Leonard were are now quite metropolitan at the Family Theatre.

Salzer's Orchestra, of 18 pieces gave great satisfaction and filled the bill. In Gasp pantomime and nursery dances the little Misses Charlotte Wardell, Katherine Ferguson, Virginia Hupp, Lucile Shepherd, Janette Brown, and Katherine Brown were a scream and were loudly encored. The Brown sisters although the tiniest of all were Stars of the greatest size in the act. Master Carpenter Hewitt proclaimed himself an orator and proved it. He certainly is the coming man. Miss Mary Sibley with a cultured and pleasing voice generously responded to a hearty encore. The Louis Eaters, Teunson's famous poem, with Mrs. Grace Gordon, reader, and artistically played in several tableaux by the Misses Ferguson, Shaw, Hays, Berg, Mc Clellan and Wooster was most classical and enjoyable. Expression groups by nearly all of this body of maidens was equally as good and roundly applauded. Margarette Wooster sang "Dear Old Girl" illustrated with pictures very finely and Mrs. L. Virginia Hewitt gave "Laska" in a manner far from amateurish. Seems to us she was right at home on the stage. The crowd number fine, and our hopes of Heaven have been renewed. A Collo solo finely rendered by Prof. Hendricks pleased musicians and Mrs. A. E. Peters in dark face monologue took the house as she gave "The Old Clock of sweetened water did to him. He is led by the Temple if he keeps on in this line of work. The closing act: "Mike and Genie" was a sell and a success. From the stage, Richard B. Hewitt was Mike the gardener. Mary B. Hewitt was Frances Shattuck, Slave, the Mudie Bros. Al and Harry and the Genie, Mrs. Lou Erwin. This was good, better, best, and Mike with the help of the Genie and her slaves rose from a plodding Irishman to wealth untold, got the best of Mary, the wife, and then lost it all. The audience dispersed with faces framed in joy from a smile to a gasp. The Hat "Haw!" Profits for the fund reached \$50.

### A FINE SERVICE

A Large Congregation Gather to Greet Rev. C. A. Salyer Former of B'ham Baptist Church.

There was a large congregation present last Sunday morning at the Baptist church. The former pastor, Rev. C. A. Salyer preached an excellent sermon on "Glorious in the Cross of Christ."

His old friends were glad to meet him and have this opportunity of again hearing him preach. The missionary program of the Bible school was also of special interest. In addition to a short program by pupils of the school, one of the missionaries attending the Northern Baptist Convention was present, Miss Peck of Burmah, who gave a very interesting talk on her work among the Karens. Also Rev. E. H. Shanks of Pittsburg, Pa., an old friend of Pastor Conroy was present. Formerly Rev. Shanks was engaged in evangelistic work in Australia with Tarry and Alexander. He also spent several years in Honolulu and Fiji Islands. His talk to the school of the wonderful transformations that the Gospel has wrought among those fierce cannibal tribes of the islands will not soon be forgotten. The services throughout were greatly enjoyed. The attendance of the school numbered 147 and the missionary offering of the school was over six dollars.

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