

ZION PASTOR STARTS TERM OF 6 MONTHS

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also spoke briefly: "My whole heart and pocketbook is here in this work. . . . I want to stick to the ship and go all the way."

A comment from Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva was to the effect that "some people in the house of correction in Milwaukee ought to be in the federal penitentiary."

Democratic Resolution

Rev. Dake read a resolution from the Zion Democratic Voters' league during the preliminaries of the evening meeting. It read:

"Rev. Finis J. Dake, Zion, Ill.

"Dear Rev. Mr. Dake:

"At a recent meeting of our organization, the following resolution was offered and unanimously accepted:

"Whereas Rev. Dake has been unjustly persecuted, and whereas he has done a fine work in Zion and surrounding community, and whereas it is our belief that Providence placed him in our midst, and whereas this organization believes in his integrity, Therefore, be it Resolved that this organization go on record with this expression as evidence of our belief in Rev. Dake, and may it be an expression also, of hope that he return to our city to carry out that work which God has given him to do. May he always carry his cross with understanding and Grace.

"Be it further Resolved that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Rev. Dake with a hope that it will in some small degree, help him carry the cruel cross that he has been called upon to bear.

"May your people stand steadfast in their belief in you.

"With kindest personal regards, we beg to remain,

"Very truly yours,

"Zion Democratic Voters' League,
"By: Martin Ruesch, chairman."

Rev. Dake, at the conclusion of the evening service, stood at the front door of the church shaking hands with all who left the building while his wife knelt at the altar to help those who had come forward for prayer.

This morning Rev. Dake left for Milwaukee where he will begin his six months sentence after pleading guilty last Tuesday in federal court to violation of the Mann act.

In his absence Rev. Theodore Kessel, an instructor at the Shiloh Bible Institute will assist Mrs. Dake in the services. Rev. Dake declares that he will preach to the other prisoners in

the house of correction where he will be incarcerated until Aug. 15.

Rev. Dake Surrenders

Milwaukee, Feb. 15 (AP)—The Rev. Finis Jennings Dake, Zion, Ill. preacher, surrendered to federal authorities today to begin serving a six-months sentence for violation of the Mann act.

The preacher, who told his flock yesterday he was "the happiest man this side of heaven," because he had renewed contact with divine authority, was taken to the county jail to await removal to the house of correction. He was confined in the bullpen with half a dozen other prisoners.

The 34-year-old minister was sentenced last week in federal court after he pleaded guilty to charges he took a 16-year-old Kenosha girl on trips to Illinois.

Zion Pastor Off to Jail After Bout with Devil

The Rev. Finis Dake of the Christian Assembly church of Zion, who will begin a six months' jail term this morning on charges made by a girl of 16, bade his congregation good-bye from the pulpit yesterday.

"I believe I am the happiest man this side of heaven," he said.

The minister's joy, he said, came from his renewed contact with divine authority. He blamed all his troubles upon the ill will of the devil, and praised those who had telephoned messages of confidence as "broad-minded."

Devil Gets More Blame.

Belief that the devil brought on all the minister's troubles also was voiced by Martin Ruesch, president of the Zion Democratic Voters' league, and Henry Stevenson, a former Waukegan business man.

"I believe the devil wants to ruin the Rev. Mr. Dake and wreck his work," said Stevenson. "The church should offer him a ten year contract to reassure him of a welcome back."

The church members, who filled every seat and stood in the doorways, took no action on the contract, although they expressed their confidence in their pastor.

Compares Self to Job.

In his sermon, Mr. Dake compared himself to Job, and said that had Job lived in the present, the newspapers would have been "black with stories about him."

Of those who telephoned, Mr. Dake said:

"Many worldly people have phoned me telling me how much faith they have in me. This broad-minded type of person can express itself better than some religious people. Religious people are my worst critics. Many times rank sinners will give a helping hand when the religious will not. But I want it understood that my fight is with the devil."

Wife to Carry On.

Mr. Dake's wife, Dorothy, the mother of his daughter, 8 years old, has promised to manage church affairs while her husband is in jail. She sang a duet, "Thy Will Be Done," at the close of the service with Mrs. Mildred Puhl.

The blond, 6 foot minister, who is 33 years old, was sentenced last Tuesday when he threw himself on the mercy of the court at a trial for violation of the Mann act before Judge F. A. Gelger in the federal court at Milwaukee. The minister admitted petting parties with the girl, whose home was in Kenosha, on trips to St. Louis and Bloomington.