

# Flock Still Loves Pastor Convicted For 'One Error'

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ZION CITY, Ill., Feb. 10—The Rev. Finis Jennings Dake wound up his pastoral affairs here today preparatory to serving six months in jail for his "one mistake," after voicing his disgust for the devil before the loyal members of his flock.

The Rev. Drake's one mistake was a violation of the Mann act to which he pleaded guilty in federal court in Milwaukee yesterday.

Parishoners of the Christian Assembly church heard the Reverend Drake's attorney tell the court the pastor had made "an unfortunate mistake," heard the prosecution trace the minister's travels with 16-year-old Emma Barelli and recall their "petting parties" in hotel rooms in Waukegan, Bloomington and East St. Louis, and at a vindication service here last night heard the pastor draw a moral from his experiences.

"I have learned a lesson," cried the contrite pastor. "I have had a little sense knocked into my head. I am disgusted with the devil. If the devil had a tail and I could get

hold of it, I'd grab .. and wrap it around a tree."

The handsome pastor bowed his blond head and shed tears as he asked his congregation:

"Do you still love me?"

"Everybody loves you," the congregation chorused. After the "amens" and "hallelujahs" died down, the Rev. Drake got down to more practical matters. He declared:

"I am now a better man, better morally and better spiritually—better in every way except financially. That suit of clothes and overcoat you gave me three years ago are getting ragged."