

Pastor, Mann Act Violator, Begins Sentence, After He Converts 20 Adults

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ZION, Ill., Feb. 15.—"The happiest man this side of heaven" left here for jail today.

He was Rev. Finis J. Dake, who today began serving six months in the House of Correction at Milwaukee for violating the Mann Act with a 16-year-old Neosha girl. He pleaded guilty to the charge last week.

But Brother Dake, as he is affectionately known by his congregation, was exalted rather than downcast as he bade farewell.

Taking advantage of his last hours of freedom, he preached a stirring sermon last night which so moved his audience that at its end, 20 men and women rose and announced they had been converted.

Rev. Mr. Dake, a handsome 33-year-old father of two children, wept with emotion and as he departed arm in arm with his wife, the entire congregation rose and shouted:

"God save Brother Dake."

The church, a Schismatic branch of the faith made famous by William Alexander Dowie and now led by Wilbur Glenn Voliva, was packed when the services began.

Throwing his arm around the shoulders of his wife, who has remained loyal to him, the preacher declared:

"God bless this little woman. She has set an example for all to follow."

As Mrs. Dake beamed through her tears, her husband went on to say that since his trouble he has renewed communication with Divine Authority and as a result, was now:

"The happiest man this side of heaven."

Henry Stevenson, a former Waukegan business man and now an ardent follower of Dake, declared the whole thing was "a plot of the devil to ruin Rev. Mr. Dake and wreck his work."

But Voliva, arch rival of the church and Rev. Mr. Dake, declared in his regular Sunday broadcast:

"There are some people in the House of Correction that ought to be in the federal penitentiary."

Offer Sterilization Bill. N

AUSTIN, Feb. 15 (AP).—A bill to permit sterilization of inmates of state institutions who are insane, habitual criminals or moral degenerates, was introduced Monday by Representative Conde Hoskins of Gonzales.