

PREACHER, SON OF FORMER IBERIAN--- AS 'NEW ELIJAH'

**Rev. Finis J. Dake Dedicates Self
in Sermon to New Religious
Life After Serving Term
in Prison.**

A few months ago Rev. Finis J. Dake, son of the late Henry Dake of Iberia, who died in Springfield, Missouri a number of years ago, was sentenced to prison for violation of the Mann Act. After serving out a five-month term he returned to Zion City, Illinois last Saturday and on Sunday resumed pastorate charge of his church.

The story of Rev. Dake's "mistake" and return to his former religious endeavors was told in the Monday issue of the Chicago Herald and Examiner, as follows:

No impairment of spiritual power was apparent Sunday in the Rev. Finis Jennings Dake when he returned to his Zion City pulpit after serving a five-month term for violation of the Mann Act.

Welcomed enthusiastically by his Christian Assembly Church congregation of 200, the Rev. Mr. Dake preached a strong sermon. Before his appearance Police Lieut. Moody Simpson, a member of the church, stood at the door and searched all comers.

"We don't want any cameras," said he.

When the tall, blond pastor stepped into the pulpit, pale from his term in Milwaukee's House of Correction, the congregation burst spontaneously into a hymn. Throwing up his hands, the Rev. Mr. Dake cried:

"Now, friends, let's forget our sorrows. I feel God and know He's here."

To another hymn, asking, "Is there trouble everywhere?" the pastor responded:

"Yes! Yes! But we should never be discouraged."

His sermon, based on the text of II Corinthians, 5, "Let this mind be in me which was also in Christ Jesus," was a dedication anew to the religious life.

During the healing session, with the benevolent exorcism of a gentle laying on of hands, the Rev. Mr. Dake eased an aged man of what was described as "a crick in the neck."

As the congregation left an elderly woman declared:

"He's the most lovable man in the world."

And an old man added:

"Verily, the new Elijah!"

P. E. Plemmons, of Iberia R. F. D. 1, is welcomed as a new reader of the Sentinel this week.