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"OUTWITTED BY M'GLYNN

GEORGE MEN GET OUT OF THE ANTI-POVERTY COMMITTEE.

His Reverence had Appointed a Lot of New Members to Outvote Them—
McMackin Against George—Pentecost Vs. McGlynn.

Things were hot last night at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Anti-Poverty Society in Room 30, Cooper Union. Dr. McGlynn was there. Henry George was not. He was on his way to Chicago, but his lieutenants, W.T. Croasdale, Thomas L. McCready, and J.W. Sullivan, were there with plenty more George men. They were going to suspend Dr. McGlynn from the Presidency of the Anti-Poverty Society for his desertion of Henry George. But the Doctor—well, he stole a march on them by exercising the power given him by the society, and appointing ten new members of the Executive Committee, who were in sympathy with himself. He did this before the Executive Committee met. Before the meeting was fairly under way, Dr. McGlynn announced the appointment. W.T. Croasdale was in the chair at the time, and had not yet called the meeting to order when the Doctor made his announcement. In making the announcement the Doctor said that the members were St. Stephen's people and the Malones of Brooklyn, who had taken so much interest in the society.

Louis F. Post and E.J. Schriver were on their feet in an instant. The substance of their protest was that the President's power of appointment was to be exercised in good faith, and only with the approval of the Executive Committee. At this the Doctor got highly excited.

"My power as President is despotic," he cried.

But the opposition were not to be ruled. They did not propose to be bulldozed. One of them moved to suspend the reading of the minutes so that business might be completed before any of the "preked crowd" (as one expressed it) got

in.

In a twinkling this was carried by a vote of 11 to 10, six of the new appointees being on hand to vote "no." Schriver moved to suspend Dr. McGlynn. A row followed, and at 8:45, three-quarters of an hour after the meeting opened, the George men left the meeting room and adjourned to the New York Hotel, where they prepared an appeal to the Anti-Poverty Society.

The McGlynn faction continued its meeting and read out of the committee the members who had departed, appointing Dr. Coughlin Chairman and Sylvester Malone Treasurer. They also prepared an appeal or address written by Prof. Clarke, who acted as the spokesman of Dr. McGlynn. They say that Dr. McGlynn, with the best interests of the United Labor party at heart, and with the intention of carrying on the work of propaganda, had criticised Henry George because he was averse to putting a candidate for President in the field this fall. Mr. Croasdale's intention was to bring upon him the censure of the Executive Committee. Failing in that the disaffected members retired.

The Secretary, Michael Clarke, says that to summon the Executive Committee together Croasdale broke into his private desk. Croasdale says he had the right to look over the list of the committee. He says that when his friends walked out of the meeting there was not a gentleman left in the room. Those that went out with Croasdale were Benjamin Urner, E.J. Schriver, Louis F. Post, Thomas L. McCready, Jerome O'Neill, the Rev. Hugh O. Pentecost, William McCabe, A.J. Steers, J.W. Sullivan and Henry W. Sackett.

Among Dr. McGlynn's henchmen, so to speak, were John McMackin, Chairman of the United Labor Party County Committee; James P. Archibald, Michael Clarke, Prof. William B. Clarke, Dr. Gottheil, son of Rabbi Gottheil; Sylvester L. Malone, John J. Bealin, and Dr. Coughlin. Both factions said, after things had sobered down last night, that they were going to take the very first opportunity of finding how the whole body of the Anti-Poverty Society feel on the matter. It's bound to split the society, likewise the United Labor party."