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The subject of the evening was "The Jungle or Modern Christianity." In this lecture Mr. Parham said that on account of the ministers hunting salaries instead of souls and the unconverted state of the ministers and the congregations the church was losing its early power of conversion.

"Some preachers are genuinely converted when young and they feel called to the ministry. Then they attend a theological seminary, where they have all the sparks of spirituality killed out of them. They return to the churches and simply preach ethical, moral and social culture.

"The cause of the world's infidelity is behind the pulpit. God is not using the salaried ministers in the conversion of the world. Salaried places are sought after by wire pulling, ease loving ministers. The gambling houses, church fairs with their fish ponds and all that rot, used to get money for the minister's salary, are sending more souls to hell than all the vice in the world."

Digressing a little, he also said: "More preachers consult the fortune tellers in London than men of any other profession. If the doctrine of Jesus Christ was taught in all its simplicity and power the salaried preachers would have to go out of the business."

Chas. F. Parham also maintains that if the right kind of doctrine was preached the doctors would be done away with and people would be healed with a divine power. However, he says that he is not a Christian Scientist.

In addition, he says that the gift of prophesy as well as the power of pentecost or the gift of preaching the gospel in many tongues would be restored. This last gift he maintains, was given to him and several of his followers.

In speaking of this power, he tells that some of his followers have the language gift at all times while others are able to speak in foreign tongues only when the spirit moved them. Those who have the permanent power of foreign speech will not speak to satisfy the idle curiosity of non-believers. "It would be like casting pearls before swine," he said.

WILL TRY TO SAVE TOPEKA.

"Holy Rollers" to Begin a Crusade There
Galena Next Sunday. James

TOPEKA, July 26. Rev. Charles F. Parham, who claims the distinction of having organized the religious sect known as "The Holy Rollers" is in Topeka arranging for a mass meeting Sunday in the city auditorium. Rev. Parham says he founded it in Topeka, nearly six years ago. The order created quite a sensation when it was in the throes of conception. The followers of Parham kept a watch tower of prayer, at work night and day, and the petitioners asked that the miracles spoken of in Acts be repeated for their benefit. They declared that their wishes were granted January 1 1900 and that they were able to speak in languages.

For several days strange men have been walking about the streets of Topeka shouting "Prepare to meet thy God." These are said by Reverend Parham, to be his heralds and are here to prepare the way for his coming.