

They are trying to start another church in Clifton, of the Episcopal persuasion. It is a very weakly institution and will be a pitiful pull for a long while. We remember Dr. Inslee once remarked when addressing the people at Lake View as they were talking of forming a church there:

"I have always doubted the wisdom of starting little congregations as regularly organized churches in small suburban places near a large town, as they become burdens upon the village and are generally oppressive to a few families who have to be victimized to support the thing when once it is started; and yet where there is none other they are well enough as meeting places for Sunday schools or village efforts and get the people together and create a healthful society, and to the women who would not often have a chance to go to a distant place, they are convenient, as churches; but there should be but one in a place, and it is idle for the Presbyterians to start a church because there is a Baptist or Episcopal church there. Two churches in a place like this would not be wise, and it would be better to make this a Union chapel, for all Christians to hold church in whenever they felt like having service."

His advice was taken and for three years it was a success. Then the Baptists tried to get hold of it, the Presbyterians snatched it, and at last after starving out two preachers, nobody would have it, and it was turned into a pie bakery, the next best use it could be put to, and pies are still baked in the Lake-View church on the hill.

It is true, they have other churches now, of all sorts. You pays your money and takes your choice; but who is dying to go to a Lake View church to hear amateur preaching where the ministers have to preach for little or nothing, when for five cents they can go to Paterson and have a free seat in the best synagogue and hear a \$3,800 clergyman?

They have one church at Clifton, and if the people of that village are dissatisfied, for five cents they can reach forty churches in Paterson and twenty in Passaic, and there are too few Episcopalians in Clifton to succeed. The few trying to start a church there, are placing upon their shoulders a burden that will be an oppression to them for the next twenty years.

We have in Passaic a very excellent church in the charge of the Episcopalians. It is a church where they preach gospel sermons and Christ crucified and where no political mountebanks discuss politics from the pulpit and sneer at Democrats as pirates, Anarchists, Nihilists and repudiators. The Episcopal church here gathers within its open doors all the church people of its faith, and with the Reformed church at Clifton, there is no more necessity for another church there than there is of two tails to a cat.