

## **DIVORCE TO JENNIE W. BANKS.**

**Wife of Probate Judge Banks of Fairfield County, Conn.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Judge Ewing to-day granted a decree of divorce to Jennie W. Banks, the wife of Judge Elmore S. Banks, who presides in the Probate Court of Fairfield, Conn.

The divorce was granted on the ground of cruelty.

The couple were married in February, 1889. Mrs. Banks left her husband in 1893, and took up her residence in Chicago.

According to the evidence given by the complainant, her husband struck her within two weeks after the marriage, and seven years ago struck her and shot her in the face.

The trouble which led up to the shooting, according to the complainant, arose from the fact that she had purchased a hat with large plumes. The Judge expressed his displeasure when he saw the hat, and objected to the plumes being worn by his wife. Words led to blows, and finally to the use of a firearm.

On another occasion, the complainant said, her husband became displeased at her at a card party given at their home, and struck her in the face. About two weeks before she left her husband, she testified, he pushed her down the stairs, and after that she determined to leave him.

## **THE WEEK OF PRAYER.**

**Special Services to be Held at the Marble Collegiate Church.**

In order to stimulate interest in the week of prayer, a special observance of it has been arranged to be held in the Marble Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street, at which the general topics will be supplemented with local ones. Representatives from many churches are to conduct the meetings. Following are the lists of topics, the general one being first given, then the local and then the name of the conductor:

Monday.—Confession and Thanksgiving—Of the lack of consecration in the churches of New York and for the Christian privileges enjoyed in New York; the Rev. Dr. Cornelius B. Smith, rector emeritus of the Episcopal Church of St. James. Tuesday.—The Church Universal—For the promotion of interdenominational life in Greater New York; the Rev. S. Parkes Cadman of the Methodist Metropolitan Temple. Wednesday.—Nations and Rulers—For the incoming officials and all civil authorities in Greater New York; the Rev. Dr. John Balcom Shaw of the West End Presbyterian Church. Thursday.—Families and Schools—For the Young People of New York and for a deeper personal devotion to Sunday school work; the Rev. Dr. H. A. Stimson of the Manhattan Congregational Church. Friday.—Foreign Missions—That more converts among foreign peoples may be constrained to seek the salvation of their own nationality; the Rev. Dr. Ferdinand S. Schenck of the University Heights Reformed Church. Saturday.—Home Missions—That the churches of New York may be filled with the missionary spirit; the Rev. Dr. W. H. P. Faunce of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church.

## **Calvary Baptist's New Mission.**

Calvary Baptist Church, Fifty-seventh Street, near Sixth Avenue, the Rev. Dr. R. S. MacArthur, pastor, is considering plans for a new mission house on the west side of the city. The showing made by the last canvass of the Federation of Churches and Christian Workers has been studied, and Calvary congregation has noted the needs there pointed out for mission work, and especially for more places of public worship. In certain sections near the river. Every form of aggressive work is now carried on at Calvary itself, but there are additional workers in the congregation who feel they can undertake a new mission. A meeting to take up the matter is to be held immediately after New Year's.

## **Three Years for Roussel.**

Leon Roussel, who was convicted last Tuesday of receiving over \$6,000 worth of jewelry from Etienne Castillon, who was alleged to have stolen it from Miss Susan De Forest Day on her steam yacht Scythian last September, was sentenced to three years in State prison by Judge Fitzgerald in the General Sessions Court yesterday. Castillon has withdrawn his plea of guilty and will stand trial.