

MEETING AT GRAND THEATER, ATLANTA, GEORGIA,
SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 28, 1914, UNDER THE
AUSPICES OF "MEN AND RELIGION FORWARD MOVE-
MENT, BEGINNING AT 3:30 P.M.

The Chairman, John J. Eagan, called the meeting to order, and after prayer by Rev. Fraser, Chairman Eagan said:-

When the representatives of labor came to the representatives of the ministers and churches of Jesus Christ in Atlanta and said to them, "We will make you our judge and jury in the controversy now on between capital and labor," they laid upon the representatives of the church the responsibility of seeing that this controversy received a fair, impartial hearing. Our Lord, the Lord of the church, said, "I am the light of the world", and it has ever been for the church of Jesus Christ to turn on the great searchlight of truth. We in Atlanta have learned to know what that stands for and what it can accomplish. We have seen the demon of lust as he stalked our streets unmolested dragging away the captives of lust. We have seen that searchlight drive him from his den and from our city, until to-day women and girls cannot be bought and sold under police protection in the City of Atlanta. We have seen these abuses and we have seen convicts tortured. First a little light was turned on and then more, and more, until these abuses have been overthrown after the full light of the gospel of Jesus Christ had been turned on the convict situation. We saw the light turned on the liquor evil and the locker clubs, and these too, are sure to go. Now, to-day we come to turn on again this mighty searchlight, the light of God's church in the teachings of Jesus Christ; and we are going to switch it around on this controversy and we are going to hold it there unflinchingly and persistently, until under the light of God's word and the teachings of Jesus Christ truth shall be

seen and justice shall be done. (Applause). These truths will be presented by men without personal interest, men without fear and without reproach. They will be presented with malice toward none and charity toward all, but they will be presented fairly. First of the speakers is a man born in another State and who recently received a call to go to another State for a position of responsibility; but Atlanta, regardless of class or creed, protested against his leaving here. So I have the pleasure and honor of presenting as the first speaker Rev. Dr. Wilmer, who will speak to you on "Industrial Democracy." -