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PASTOR AND PEOPLE

It is a too common occurrence that people are heard to say that they do not go to church because they do not like the preacher; or that they will not give anything toward the support of the church for the same reason. They complain that the preacher does not call upon them; or that he goes only where he gets good meals; or that he toadies to the rich and neglects the poor; or that his wife is too dressy, or too gay, or too unsocial, or too solemn.
Nine times out of ten, the people who make these complaints have made similar ones all their lives. They have apparently not been satisfied with any pastor their church has had, for years past. The truth is that they are always hunting for an excuse to stay away from church. Sometimes it is one thing, and sometimes another, but the excuse is always ready at hand. Suppose every one were to follow the same line of action, what would become of the church organizations and the church properties? Expenses go on just the same, and somebody must pay the bills, and it follows that those who refuse to help either by their presence or their contributions, are simply compelling the willing ones to pay the delinquents' share for them, and shifting upon the shoulders of others a duty which they owe to themselves and to the community.

Every church consists of two parts, the pastor and the congregation. Each part has its duty to perform, and neither one has any right to shift its responsibility upon the other. Neither one alone can make any church a success. The pastor should call upon his flock, but why is he expected to do all the calling? Has the flock no obligation to return his calls? Calls are social affairs, and what different rules apply as between pastor and flock other than those which govern society in general? The pastor is expected to use his best efforts in the preparation of his sermon, but if he sometimes fails, is that any reason why all church services should be neglected? People who go to church merely to be entertained by the sermon, and who will not go unless they can be thus entertained, are not very strong pillars.

When apathy and indifference creep in, and the life of a church seems threatened, it is sometimes the fault of the pastor, sometimes the people, and sometimes both, though too frequently the poor parson has to bear all the blame. In order to avoid such a calamity there must be a strong bond of sympathy between the two. If the congregation will not stand by their pastor, loyally and cordially, and assist and encourage him in his work, he ought not to be expect-

ed to succeed in his pastorate, for he is laboring under a burden that no man can carry. If, however, he is so constituted that he cannot get in touch with his people, and has none of that personal magnetism which draws people to him, a congregation can scarcely be blamed for losing some interest. If a preacher finds his congregation gradually melting away, and can find no remedy for it, it matters little whose fault it is.

When such a condition arises it is just as much the duty of the people to arouse themselves and try to infuse new life into their church, as it is the pastor's. Give him an encouraging word, and a helping hand. Take an active interest in all the activities of the church, or at least in some one of them, and see how it will brighten and gladden the pastor's heart, and help him to perform his duties in a far more acceptable manner. It is common to attribute all the sluggishness in church life to the mismanagement or inability of the pastor, when the real fault lies in the coldness and indifference of the congregation.

A SURE SIGN.

An exchange notes that one of the surest signs that, on the whole, the recent elections were favorable to Democrats is the fact that divers gentlemen are examining their lightning rods to see if they are in best conditions to attract the Presidential lightning. Your Uncle Grover is out in one of his characteristic bids. The friends of Mr. Olney are declaring that the trend of things political in New England is toward the Democrats and that he would, if nominated, sweep Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. The same claim is made for Governor Garvin of "Little Rhody." It goes without saying, though it is said thousands of times every day, that the November elections have strengthened Hon. Arthur Pue Gorman of Maryland. It is talked of everywhere that Mayor Carter H. Harrison of Chicago will enter the lists. Mayor George B. McClellan—"Little Mac, Junior,"—has a host of friends who are asserting that he is a man of destiny and will go up higher, even unto the White House. Judge Parker still has adherents galore; General Francis Marion Cockrell's boom is growing apace, and so on to the end of the chapter. To this situation the old saying "The more the merrier" applies. It is a good thing to have a multiplicity of candidates and a genuine contest. All these men and others not in foregoing list would not be burnishing their armor and preparing to struggle for the nomination if they considered it an empty honor. They believe that the chances of electing a Democrat are first-rate.

Asthma

"One of my daughters had a terrible case of asthma. We tried almost everything, but without relief. We then tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and three and one-half bottles cured her."—Emma Jane Entsminger, Langsville, O.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral certainly cures many cases of asthma.

And it cures bronchitis, hoarseness, weak lungs, whooping-cough, croup, winter coughs, night coughs, and hard colds.

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Aching Joints

In the fingers, toes, arms, and other parts of the body, are joints that are inflamed and swollen by rheumatism—that condition of the blood which affects the muscles also.

Endurers dread to move, especially after sitting or lying long, and their condition is constantly worse in wet weather.

It has been a long time since we have been without Hood's Sarsaparilla. My father thinks he could not do without it. He has been troubled with rheumatism since he was a boy, and Hood's Sarsaparilla is the only medicine he can take that will enable him to take his place in the field." Mrs. Ana Dory, Sidney, Iowa.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Remove the cause of rheumatism—no outward application can. Take them.

and so do millions more. The chances are that this extraordinary session of Congress will very much augment Democratic prospects. Drunk with victory and power for seven years, Republicans have done many things which they ought not to have done and left undone many that they were in duty bound to do.

HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS.

TO THE COLUMBIAN:

SIR: In a late patent medicine almanac, I observed printed among the Festivals and Holydays of the Church, such secular anniversaries and legal holidays as the following, to wit—New Year's day, Washington's birthday, Lincoln's birthday, St. George's day, Decoration day, Independence day, Labor day, St. David's day, and St. Patrick's day. Certainly, one would think that even a patent medicine advertiser would have had more respect and reverence, than to have thus mixed up the well known and religiously observed Holydays of the Christian Church, with mere secular and legal holidays, set apart to be observed as such, by Act of Assembly, or by proclamation of President or Governor, as political or common anniversaries.

It would have been quite easy to have made two tables distinct from each other. One of Church Festivals for religious observance; and another for secular and legal observance, for the gatherings of citizens and peoples for such celebrations of anniversaries and birthdays and speeches and toasts as to them seem meet.

The purposes are different, the words are different, the spelling is different, the definitions are different, and the pronunciation is different. By all means let us keep them separate. J. G. F.

DETECTIVES ARE STILL HUSTLING.

But Report That There is Nothing New in the Clendennin Case.

There is nothing new in the Clendennin murder case, but the detectives are hustling around and running down every clue.

There were promising indications Saturday that the detectives were on the trail of the murderer, when a watch which had been sold to a farmer by a stranger and claimed to be that which was taken from the murdered operator, was reported to the authorities, but investigations proved that the watch was not Clendennin's.

The watch was very similar to that taken from the murdered man. It was taken to Jersey Shore by Alexander Crow, of Corning, who had been sent to Smithboro to secure it. George Hammersly, of Youngdale, who had once owned the Clendennin watch and others who knew it was summoned to examine it but it did not prove to be the sought-for time piece.

Sheriff Shearer and Officer Brendel went to Youngdale Monday morning where they met Detective Lupold and two of his associates. The five officers moved from place to place in Wayne township questioning those whom they met, with a view of running out a clue on a new suspect. The officers haven't seen fit to give out the result of their investigation, hence no one outside of the little band of officers know whether or not this new clue may or will tend to fix the blame on someone in that community.

Calvin Remley was the victim of a peculiar accident Monday morning. He was butchering a porker at his home at Fowlerville, and in a second attempt to administer a quietus to the hog, the first having been unsuccessful, it caught his thumb in its mouth and bit it completely off. It was all done so quickly that he did not know what had happened. This is the first accident of the kind that has ever come to our notice. Dr. Hower of Millinville was summoned and dressed the injury.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Hatcher.

"GET THE KEY."
TWENTY SILVER DOLLARS TO BE Given Away.
For Particulars see Window at Townsend's Clothing Store, Bloomsburg, Pa.
Illustration of a man pointing a key at a seated man.

SUIT AGAINST A PASTOR.

Rev. Dr. Bridenbaugh the Defendant in a Will Case Witness Suddenly Expires.

The unexpected death of the first witness brought a sudden close to the trial of the suit of Ella L. Conghey, of Erie, and Frank D. Shouse and Carrie L. Thompson, of Detroit, against Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Bridenbaugh, at Reading on Nov. 23.

G. William Clewell was on the stand when the noon adjournment was taken. He was apparently in the best of health, ruddy and vigorous, although 74 years of age. He was returning in the afternoon to go on the witness stand again when he died of heart disease as he was turning the knob of the door to Judge Endlich's courtroom. As the old man reeled he was caught by Clarence Rhode, a juror. Without a word or a sound he died.

The case grows out of the will of Mrs. Seraphine A. Dissler, who died at the age of 74 years. She left a will appointing Rev. Dr. S. R. Bridenbaugh executor and making him her residuary legatee. He was the pastor of the Reformed Church at Reading of which Mrs. Dissler was a member. During the lifetime of Mrs. Dissler she had made presents to him of real estate, bank stock and cash, valued at over \$11,000. That is not involved in this suit, but is embraced in another action. The will made bequests of \$6100 to others and then the balance of the estate was to go to Dr. Bridenbaugh. The plaintiffs in this case, who are nieces and a nephew of Mrs. Dissler, claim that Dr. Bridenbaugh used undue influence to have Mrs. Dissler favor him in her will. That is the question to be decided in the trial.

Owing to the death of Mr. Clewell the case has been postponed until January.

Dr. Bridenbaugh was for a number of years the pastor of the Reformed Church in this town.

A BARGAIN FOR FARMERS.

The New York Tribune Farmer, a national illustrated agricultural weekly of twenty large pages, has no superior as a thoroughly practical and helpful publication for the farmer and every member of his family, and the publishers are determined to give it a circulation unequalled by any paper of its class in the United States.

Knowing that every enterprising, up-to-date farmer always reads his own local weekly newspaper, the New York Tribune Farmer has made an exceedingly liberal arrangement which enables us to offer the two papers at so low a price that no farmer can afford to lose the opportunity.

The price of the New York Tribune Farmer is \$1.00 a year and THE COLUMBIAN is \$1.00 a year, but both papers will be sent for a full year if you forward \$1.25 to THE COLUMBIAN, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Send your name and address to the New York Tribune Farmer, New York City, and a specimen copy of that paper will be mailed to you. (Read our Clubbing Offers for 1904 on 5th page.)

Willie Setley, the famous tramp ball player, who appeared here frequently and who was in jail at Utica, N. Y., for seduction, has been released on bail. His trial is set for next month.

Special Sale All Week OF Dress Goods, Tailored Suits, Coats and Separate Skirts.
We will give a cash discount all week of 10 PER CENT.
on all these articles. What you save on these will help make some one happy Xmas morning.
F. P. PURSEL.
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THE STRENUOUS LIFE.
Every day the system needs a certain quantity of nutritious matter to supply the deficiencies of the day before. The building up process must begin at the breakfast table.
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