

Teach the Children to Swim.

The constant repetition of the reports of accidents by drowning enforces the thought that much of this loss of life in the water could be avoided if children were taught to swim as promptly as they are taught to read and write...

Every child should be taught to swim before the age of twelve or fourteen years. In all the large cities swimming schools with capable instructors afford ready and inexpensive opportunities for teaching children to swim...

Aside from the precautions of safety involved, we should consider the delightful recreation and the healthful exercise that persons, young and old, of both sexes, find in the pastime of swimming...

It is often observed that the children of the street who wander about the wharves and the beach become expert swimmers, apparently without instruction...

Biblical Law.

In the early days of interior Missouri the late Judge E— cut cordwood, cleared up his homestead farm, and was employed upon one side of nearly every case that came up...

He had no books except an old leather-covered Bible and an old volume of law, similarly bound, but had read law a short time in Kentucky in his youth...

A young attorney from the East settled in the little country town, with his library of about half a dozen new and handsomely bound law books...

When his adversary carefully drew his books from his pretty carpet bag and laid them on the table, E— looked astonished, but quickly recovered his ready resources...

The evidence was introduced, and the Eastern man, being for the plaintiff, made his opening argument and read at length from his text books. E— made his characteristic speech in reply, closing by reading law from his old Bible...

His adversary reached over and picked it up, and seeing what it was eagerly addressed the Justice: "Your Honor," said he, "this man is a humbug and a pettifogger. Why, sir, this is the Bible from which he has pretended to read law."

The old Justice looked indignant, and interrupting the young attorney, said: "Set down! What better law can we get than the Bible?" He then decided the case in favor of the defendant.—Green Bazz.

21 Years of Pain

I suffered with eczema or salt rheum, in such terrible agony at times that I could not walk about the house. I finally took Hood's Sarsaparilla. The hoped-for benefit was noticeable at the outset, and I have taken twelve bottles, I am completely well and feel like a new woman...

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REV. DR. PALMAGE.

The Eminent Brooklyn Divine's Sunday Sermon.

Subject: "The Battle Ours."

TEXT: "And the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids."—1 Kings xx., 27.

With thirty-three kings drunk in one tent this chapter opens. They were plotting for the overthrow of the Lord's Israel. You know that if a lion roar a flock of kids will shiver and huddle together...

Which was the stronger weapon—Goliath's sword or little David's sling? David had five smooth stones from the brook. He only used one in striking down Goliath. He had a surplus of ammunition. He had a sword and he had a sling. He had a bow and he had a stone.

There have been many men in our day who have ventured the opinion that Christianity is falling back, and that in 50 years it will be extinct. They found their opinion on the assumed fact that the Bible is not as much of a book as it used to be, and that portions of it are repulsive to the people. I reply by asking, Which one of the publishing houses of New York, Philadelphia, Boston or Chicago is publishing the Bible to-day with the omission of a single verse or chapter?

If Harpers or Appleton or Scribner or Lipincott should publish a Bible with the omission of one chapter, they would sell 100 copies in 10 years. The fact that throughought Christendom there are hundreds of printing presses printing the word of God without the omission of a chapter or a verse proves that the Bible is popular, and the fact that there are more being printed in this decade than any other decade proves that the Bible is increasing in popularity.

I go through the courtrooms of the country. Wherever I find a judge's bench or a clerk's desk I find the Bible. By what other book would they take solemn oaths? What is very apt to be among the bride's presents? The Bible. What is very apt to be put in the trunk of the young man when he starts for city life? The Bible. Voltaire predicted that the Bible during the nineteenth century would become an obsolete book. Well, we are pretty nearly through the nineteenth century. The Bible is not obsolete yet. There is not much prospect of it becoming obsolete, but I have to tell you that that room—the very room in which Voltaire wrote that prediction—some time ago was raised a few feet to ceiling with Bibles for Switzerland.

Suppose the congress of the United States should pass a law that no Bibles should be printed in the United States. If there were 30,000,000 grown men and women in the country, then there would be 30,000,000 people armed against such a law. But suppose the congress of the United States should pass a law that Macaulay's history or Charles Reade's novels should be read—could you get half as large an army or the fourth as large an army? In other words, there are, as you know and I know, a million and a half of Bibles in this country. There are 50 men who would die for any other book. The fact that there are now more Bibles being printed than ever before, that publishers still find it financial interest for them to continue the Bible, proves that this book is still the most popular book on the planet.

But, say those who are antagonistic, "Christianity is falling back from the fact that the church is not as much respected as it used to be and it is not as influential." I reply to that with the statistic that one denomination—the Methodist church—according to statistics given by one of its bishops, dedicates on an average a new church every day of the year. Three hundred and sixty-five new churches in one denomination in a year and over a thousand new churches built every year in this country.

As though the church were falling in its power and were becoming a worn-out institution? Around which institution, in our communities, gather the most ardent affection? The postoffice, the hotel, the courthouse, the city hall or the churches? Why, when our old Tabernacle was burning there were hundreds of men standing in the streets who never went to church, tearing down their benches. It is because the church of God stands nearer to the American people than any other institution. Men may caricature the church and call it a collection of hypocrites, but when their children are swept off with the diphtheria for whom do they send? To the postmaster, to the attorney general, to the alderman, or to the pastor of the churches? And if there be not room for the obsequies in the private house what building do they select? The academy of music, the hotel, public hall, courthouse? No; the churches. And if they want music on the stage, at the theater, or in the hall, do they select the "Marseillaise" hymn, or "God Save the Queen," or our own grand National air? No; they want the old hymn with which we sang their old Christian hymns that their little girl sang the last Sabbath afternoon she was out before she was seized with the awful sickness that seized her heart and mother's heart.

Oh, you know as well as I do—I shall not live on it any longer—the church of God, instead of being a worn-out institution, stands nearer the sympathies of the people than it ever did and eclipses all other institutions. But our antagonists go on and say that Christianity is falling back, in the fact that infidelity is bolder now and more blatant than it ever was. I deny the statement. Infidelity is not now so bold now as it was in the days of our fathers and grandfathers. There were times in this country when men who were openly and above board infidel and antagonistic to Christianity could be elected to high office. Now, let some man wishing high position in the State proclaim himself the foe of Christianity and an infidel, how many States of the Union would he carry? How many counties? How many wards in Brooklyn? Not one.

Ab, my friends, infidelity in this day is not half as bold as it used to be. If it comes now, it is apt to come under the disguise of rhetoric or fantastic sentimentality. I know if a man with great intelligence does become an infidel and begins an attack on Christianity it makes great excitement—of course it does, and people come to the conclusion, weak-minded Christians come to the conclusion, that everything is going overboard because some man of strong intellect assails Christianity.

If a man jumps overboard from a Cunard steamer, he makes more excitement than all the 600 passengers who continue in the berths or on the decks, but does that stop the ship? Does that wreck all the 600 passengers? It makes great excitement when man leaps from a platform or a pulpit into infidelity, but does that hinder our glorious Bible from taking its millions into the skies? I tell you infidelity is not half as bold now as it used to be.

Do you suppose such things could be enacted now as were enacted in the days of Robespierre, when the shamless woman was elected to be goddess, and she was carried on a golden chair to a cathedral, and the people bowed down to her as a divine being and burned incense before her? No, to take the place of the Bible, and of Christianity, and of the Lord Almighty? And while that ceremony was going on in the cathedral, in

the chapels and in the corridors adjoining the cathedral seats of truth, science and nobility and piety were enacted such things as the world had never seen. Could such a thing as that transpire now? No, sir, the poles would swoop on it, whether in Paris or New York. Infidelity is not half as bold now as it used to be.

"But," say our antagonists, "Christianity is falling back because science, its chief enemy, is triumphing over it. Now, I deny that there is any war between science and revelation. There is not a fact in science that may not be made to harmonize with the statements of the Bible. So said Hugh Miller; so said Joseph Henry; so said Professor Hitchcock; so said Professor Siliman; so said Professor Mitchell.

If the scientists of the day were all agreed, and they are trying to get all out of our Christianity, perhaps they might make some impression upon it, but they are not agreed. It is often said that we religionists are falling in our advocacy of Christianity. We do not differ inside the church in theology half as much as they differ outside the church in science. If they reject our religion because we differ in some minor points, we might just as well reject science because the scientists differ, for as far as I can tell the war of infidel science against Christianity is not so severe as it is used to be, because these triumphant scientists do not differ in anything. As far as I can tell it is going to be a war between telescope and microscope, Leyden jar and Leyden jar, chemical apparatus and chemical apparatus. They do not agree in anything.

Do you suppose that this Bible theory about the origin of life is going to be overturned by men who have different theories—50 different theories—of the origin of life? And when Agassiz comes out and puts both feet on the doctrine of evolution and says in regard to some scientists "I notice that these young naturalists are adopting as their motto in science things which have not passed under observation." Agassiz saw what he all-see—that there are men who talk very wisely who know but very little, and that just as soon as a young scientist finds out the difference between the feelers of a wasp and the horns of a beetle he begins to patronize the Almighty and go about talking about culture as though it were spelled o-u-l-t-u-r-e.

It makes me sick to see these literary fellows going down the street with a copy of Darwin upon one arm, and a case of translated grasshoppers and butterflies under the other arm, talking about the "Survival of the Fittest," and such things, and talking to us common men as though we were fools! If they agreed in their theories and came up with solid facts against Christianity, I say, say it, they might make some impression, but they do not agree. Darwin charges upon Lamarck, Wallace upon Cope, Herschel even charged upon Ferguson. They do not agree about the origin of man. They are not agreed about embryology. What do they agree about?

Herschel wrote a whole chapter of what he calls "Errors in Astronomy." La Place says that the moon was put in its present orbit, that if it had been put four times the distance from our world there would have been more harmony in the universe. But Leverrier comes up just as soon to prove that the Lord was wise and put the moon in the right place. How many colors woven into the light? Seven, says Newton. Three, says David Brewster. How high is the aurora borealis? Seven miles, says Humboldt; 50,000 miles, says Henderson; 10,000,000 miles, says Mayr. A little difference of 25,000,000 miles. These men say we do not agree in religion. Do they agree in science? Have they come up with solid facts to assaunt our glorious Creator?

"Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed upon your verdict?" the court of the clerk says to the jury, having been out all night, on coming in. "Have you agreed on your verdict?" "Yes, your honor," they say, "No, we have not agreed, if they say 'No, we have not agreed,' then they are sent back to the jury room. I one jurymen should say, 'I think the man is guilty of murder,' and another jurymen should say, 'I think he is guilty of manslaughter,' and another jurymen should say, 'I think he is guilty of assault and battery with intent to kill,' the judge would lose his patience and say, 'Go back to your rooms and make up a verdict. Agree on something.'

Well, my friends, there has been a great trial going on for centuries and for ages between Skepticism, the plaintiff, and Christianity, the defendant. The scientists have been impaneled and sworn on the jury. They have been gone for centuries, some of them, and they come back, and we say, "Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed upon a verdict?" They say, "No, we have not agreed." Then we say, "Go back for a few more centuries and then come in and see if you can agree, see if you can render some verdict." And the most of the time, the prisoner in the Tombs Court who would be condemned by a Jury that did not agree, and yet you expect us to renounce our glorious Christianity for such a hopeless verdict as these men have rendered, they themselves not having been able to agree.

But my subject shall no longer be defensive; it must be aggressive. I must show you that infidelity is not the most of the time, the religion of the world is to be the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ 10,000 times intensified. It is to take possession of everything of all nations, of all climes, of all races, of all nations. It is going to be so mighty as compared with what it has been, so much more mighty that it will seem almost like a new religion.

I adopt this theory because Christianity has gone on straight ahead notwithstanding all the bombardment, and infidelity has not destroyed a church, or crippled a minister, or routed out one verse of the Bible, and now they are now on their table-top, exhausted. They cannot get anything new against Christianity, and if Christianity has gone on under the bombardment of centuries and still continues to advance, may we not suppose that, as the powder wears, the other side seem to be exhausted, Christianity is going on with more rapid stride?

I find an encouraging fact in the thought that the secular press is not so bold as the religious press. In the same way, the proclamation of the gospel. To-morrow there will not be a banker on Wall Street or State street or Third street who will not have in his pocket or on his table treatises on Christianity, calls to repentance and Scripture passages, 20 or 30 of them, in the reports of the Christian churches of this city and other cities. Why, that thing would have been impossible a few years ago. Now on Monday morning and Monday evening the secular press spreads abroad more religious truth than all the tract societies of the country spread in the other six days. Blessed be the tract societies! We hail them, and we hail these others.

I say it would have been impossible a few years ago. Hundreds of letters would have come to the various newspapers, saying, "Stop my paper; we have religion on Sunday; don't give us any through the week. Stop my paper." But I have been told that the majority of the secular papers have their largest circulation on Monday morning, and the whole population of this country are becoming serious readers. Besides that, have you not noticed the papers proclaiming themselves secular almost every week have religious discussions in them?

Go back a few years when there was not a decent paper in the United States that had not a discussion on the doctrine of eternal punishment. Small wits made merry. I know, but there was not an intelligent man in the United States that as a result of that controversy in regard to eternal punishment did not ask himself the question, "What is to be my eternal destiny?" And some years ago when Tyndal offered his prayer gauge there was not a secular paper in the United States that did not discuss the question, "Does God ever answer prayer? May the creature impress the Creator?"

Are not all these facts encouraging to us?

ery Christian and every philanthropist, besides that, the rising intelligence has been saturated with gospel truth as no other generation by this international series of Sunday-school lessons. Formerly the children were expected only to nibble at the little infantile Scripture stories, but now they are taken from Genesis to Revelation, the strongest minds of the country explaining the lessons to the teachers, and the teachers explaining them to the classes, and we are going to have in this country 5,000,000 youth forestalled for Christianity. Hear it! Hear it!

Besides that, you must have noticed, if you have talked on these great themes, that they are finding out that while science is grand in secular directions, they cannot give any comfort to a soul in trouble.

Talking with men on steamboats and in rail cars, I find they are coming back to the comfort of the gospel. They say, "Somehow human science doesn't comfort me when I have any trouble, and I must try something else." And they are trying the gospel.

"Take your scientific consolation to the mother who has just lost her child. Apply the doctrine of the 'survival of the fittest.' Tell her your child died because his life was not worth as much as the life of one that lived. Try that if you dare. Goto the dying man with your transcendental phrasology and tell him he ought to have confidence in the great 'to be,' and the everlasting 'now,' and the eternal 'what is it?' and go on with your consolation and see if he is comforted.

Go to that woman who has lost her husband and tell her it was a logical necessity that that man passed out of existence, just as the megatherium disappeared in order to make room for a higher style of creation, and go on with your consolation and tell her that the sun has been shining for 60,000,000 years from now we ourselves may be geological specimens on the geological shelf, petrified specimens of the extinct human race.

And after you have got all through with your consolation, if the poor afflicted soul is not utterly rick, I will send out the plainest Christian from my church, and with one word of prayer, and the reading of Scripture promises, his tears will be staid, and the consolation and joy in that hour will be like the calmness of an Indian summer sunset. There will be a glory flooding the house from floor to umpho. Oh, people are finding out themselves—and they all have troubles—they find that philosophy and science do not help them when there is a real battle in the house. They are coming back to our glorious old fashioned sympathetic religion.

Oh, young man, do not be ashamed to be found on the side of the Bible. Do not join those men who on this day put up their thumb in their vest and swagger about the street and the stores talking about the glorious nineteenth century, about its light being sufficient without any Bible and without any Christ. You will soon see the light is coming—we may not live to see it, but I should not be surprised if we did see it—when this whole country is to be one great church, the forests the aisles, the Allegheny and the Rocky Mountains, the pillars, the chain of inland lakes the baptistries, and the worship the hallelujah chorus to Him who was and is and shall be evermore. Oh, come over to the majority—come under the banner of Emanuel.

Vernon was the son of an English squire. He was brought up in great elegance. There was a man working on the place of the name of Ralph. Vernon went often to see Ralph. After awhile Vernon went off to college and came back with his mind full of skepticism. He talked his skepticism to Ralph, the workman. After awhile Vernon returned home, and after a few years he came back, and among his first questions when getting home was, "Where is Ralph?" "Oh!" said the father, "Ralph is in prison waiting for the day of his execution." Vernon hastened to see Ralph. Ralph, looking through the wicket of the prison, said: "Vernon, how good you are to come and see me! I am glad to see you, I hardly expected to see you with tears and a broken heart, but it is too late! Oh, do not talk skepticism! Let God be true, though every man be found a liar.

By almost superhuman effort the sentence was changed, and he was to be transported to another country for life. The ship going there was wrecked on Van Diemen's Land. Among those who perished was Ralph, the victim of Vernon's skepticism. Vernon took the blame on himself, and he was never the same again. He was never the same again. He was never the same again.

The Pole's Attraction. The pole's attraction for other objects besides the magnetic needle has, up to the present time, been best imperfectly understood, owing to the incompleteness of the data furnished by those who make such matters a study. That many objects possess a well-marked polarity, however, there is not the least doubt. It is a well-known fact that if a bar of soft iron be suspended sufficiently long in the air, say at a height of from one to four feet above the surface, it will become magnetized, and no oddin what position it was originally placed, it will (if so balanced as to be free to move), eventually assume a north and south direction.

It is also claimed by experimenters that a living human body, stretched rigidly upon a board perfectly pivoted, will quickly "line up" in a north and south direction, the head pointing toward the pole. This faculty is not present in a corpse, and it occurs to the writer that if there is really any "death test," it would be a splendid "death test."

Another "polarity" proof is this: Place one end of a demagnetized bar of iron upon the ground, inclined so that the end in your hand points toward the pole star, strike it one sharp blow with a heavy hammer and it will immediately acquire "polarity" and will be found to exhibit all the well-marked qualities of a magnet.—St. Louis Republic.

Bullet Waves. One of the interesting results of the recent experiments in England in photographing flying bullets has been to show that the disturbance in the air travels faster than the bullet itself. The photographs exhibit air waves in advance of the bullets, even when the latter are moving faster than the velocity of sound.

In one case where the bullet was moving considerably faster than sound travels in the air it was preceded by an atmospheric disturbance which, at the moment the photograph was taken, was half an inch in advance of the point of the bullet. Even when the bullets were traveling four times as fast as sound the atmospheric disturbance kept ahead of them.

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Where Women Come From. Woman's first appearance has been a fruitful subject for the legend-mongers. The Phœnician myth of creation is found in the story of Pygmalion and Galatea. There the first woman was carved out of ivory and then endowed with life by Aphrodite.

The Greek theory of the creation of woman according to Hesiod, was that Zeus, as a cruel jest, ordered Vulcan to make a woman out of clay, and then induced the various gods and goddesses to invest the clay doll with all their worst qualities, the result being a lovely thing with the witchery of mien, refined craft, eager passion, love of dress, treacherous manner and shameless mind.

The Scandinavians say that as Odin, Will and Ve, the three sons of Bor, were walking along the sea beach they found two sticks of wood, one of ash and one of elm. Sitting down, the gods shaped man and woman out of these sticks, whittling the woman from the elm and calling her Emla.

One of the strangest of stories touching the origin of woman is told by the Madagascarenes. In so far as the creation of man goes, the legend is not unlike that related by Moses, only that the fall came before Eve arrived. After the man had eaten the forbidden fruit he became afflicted with a boil on the leg, out of which, when it burst, came a beautiful girl. The man's first thought was to throw her to the pigs; but he was commanded by a voice from heaven to let her play among the diggings until she was of marriageable age, then to make her his wife. He did so, called her Baboura, and she became the mother of all races of men.

The American Indian myths relative to Adam and Eve are numerous and entertaining. Some traditions trace back our first parents to white and red maize, another is that man, searching for a wife, was given the daughter of the king of muskrats, who, being dipped into the waters of a neighboring lake, became a woman.

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