

WHY SHE DIDN'T SING.

She had come across a great deal of... I never before met anybody as... I have been taking an interest... She is a stenographer by occupation...

SERENADE OF WOLVES.

One was started in the National Zoo at Washington... The Century Ernest Seton-Thompson... I put up my hands to my mouth and howled the hunting cry...

He Was Admitted.

When the red tape comes in... with common sense it is red... which goes to the wall. A good... of a military official who...

The Sleepless Seven.

Seven of the 12," said... discharged jurors in speaking... matter next morning, "who... to sleep themselves and...

Substantive Evidence.

What a lot of old children... And she says it... down in her family. "Why not women?" she asked...

LOG JAMS.

The Force They Exert and How They Are Broken Up.

A log jam is one of the most formidable problems we have to encounter in our line of business... "How they begin is difficult to explain. A few dozen logs will become wedged for an instant...

SHAKESPEAREAN PARTS.

The Melancholy Dane is the longest of them all... The longest part in any Shakespearean play is Hamlet, who is before the audience almost constantly... Hamlet is a constant talker, and it is surprising that in the circumstances he says so many wise things...

Moon Views From the Grant Tomb.

Persons of romantic temperament have discovered that the best place in New York from which to watch the moon rising in the east is the porch of General Grant's tomb... Standing, as it does, away from all other buildings...

His Supposition.

A philanthropic lady of Pacific Heights, one of the sort of superior stum misers shown up in "Fables in Slang" met on one of her tours a little boy who was swearing roundly... She seized him at once and gave him a good shaking, adding: "You ought to be ashamed of yourself. I never heard such language since the day I was born..."

He Took the Hint.

"It is my life," he said, "to make men happier." "Why not women?" she asked. "Chicago Post."

"I Said In My Haste—All Men are Liars."

By Paul D. Dill.

Many have read and most have heard of that famous book, "In His Steps," by Rev. Chas. Sheldon, of Topeka, Kan. We were greatly interested, recently, in reading one of his later books—"For Christ and the Church"—especially by its very striking prologue. It occurred to us that there are a good many in "Zion" who would be interested in that prologue and it would be well to quote its substance here...

PROLOGUE.

The minister had just come home from his prayer meeting and he was very much discouraged. He had gone at once to his study and was sitting at his desk, looking hopelessly at his Sunday morning sermon, which was half written. "I can never finish it. I have not the heart to go on with it," said the minister, speaking aloud to himself.

"Of course not," said a voice so near by that the minister was startled. No one could ever mistake that voice and the minister knew that it was the Devil's and looking up, his heart sank yet lower, as he noted the triumphant sneer on his enemy's face.

"Of course not," the Devil repeated, "especially when you know that more than half your entire church membership are liars."

"What!" cried the minister indignantly.

"Your church is full of liars!" said the Devil calmly. "Let us see. You have a membership of 300."

The Minister—"315."

The Devil—"315. And 100 of them are men, 75 of them business men. All of them, when they joined the church, solemnly vowed to support the church services and to love the church more than the world. Isn't that so?"

M.—"It is."

D.—"Now, then how many of these men attend the church prayer meeting?"

M.—"About 12."

D.—"What! Are you sure?"

M. (faintly) "Maybe that is a larger number than usual."

D.—"Well, never mind! Call it 12 of your business men who attend the prayer meeting regularly. The rest never come—or, very seldom. How many of the women attend?"

M.—"About 40 or 50."

D.—"40 or 50 out of 200! Say a possible 65 attend this meeting out of a total membership of 315. And yet all of them vowed solemnly to support the church in all its services. Minister, I said your church is full of liars. Isn't it so?"

M.—"Many of the members are so situated that they can't get out in the evening."

D.—"Did you ever know any of them to stay away regularly from parties or entertainments, on prayer meeting night?"

The minister was silent.

D.—"Do your business men stay away from political meetings and business gatherings and lodges, etc., because they haven't time to go?"

Still the minister was silent—pale and sad.

D.—"I made a canvas of your church and I found that more than half your members spend an average of two nights a week, all the year round, going to parties, entertainments and other gatherings. When prayer meeting night came, they said they were too tired to go, or too busy, or something equally foolish. If they could go to other places, don't you think they could go to prayer meeting, if they wanted to?"

Still no word from the minister.

D.—"Did you ever have half your church membership, at any one prayer meeting?"

The minister smiled faintly. It was too absurd an idea to entertain a moment.

D.—"How large is your Endeavor society?"

M.—"About 100 in all, 85 active members."

D.—"Let's see. Your young people have a pledge that they

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take, when they join, haven't they?" M.—"Nothing, nothing! But isn't there something in the pledge about the endeavor members going to the church prayer meeting. Isn't their motto—'For Christ and the church'—and doesn't the pledge say—I promise that I will make it the rule of my life to support my church in every way especially by attending all her Sunday and mid-week services? Now, preacher, how many of your young people attend prayer meeting regularly?" M.—"I don't know just how many."

D.—"Oh, yes, you do! Don't join the noble army of liars in your church, but tell me how many." M.—"Forty or fifty, perhaps." D.—"Isn't that a high average?" M.—(reluctantly)—"Maybe it is." D.—"Isn't it true that not more than 25 or 30 of your 85 Endeavorers regularly attend the church prayer meeting? Don't try to get out of it, preacher. I've been to a good many of your meetings and enjoyed them, too. They are so dull and stupid and it does me so much good to look around and see the empty seats and know that most of your people are somewhere else. But about your young people—aren't they liars, too? What does their motto amount to? How much is their pledge good for?"

M.—"Some of them have good reasons for not attending." D. (sarcastically)—"Reasons they could conscientiously give to their Saviour?" No answer from the minister. D. (contemptuously)—"There was an average of one entertainment a week, last year, which I noticed more than 30 of your Endeavorers attended, even when it rained and stormed. I never saw one of these 30 at the church prayer meeting. Don't you think they could keep their pledge if they wanted to? Don't you think they are really liars?"

The minister groaned and laid his head on his desk. He even put his hands over his ears, but his tormentor went on. D.—"Preacher, your influence is far less than mine, I can get three-fourths of your members to break their vows and neglect the prayer meeting for business and pleasure. I can easily persuade nearly one-half of your Endeavorers to break their pledge. Don't you think their motto is a mockery? Don't you think you had better resign and let me run the whole thing, seeing I rule so much of it already?" The minister slid out of his chair upon his knees. His head was resting on his open Bible and his hands were clasped in prayer. The devil grew uneasy and tried to pull the Bible out from under his head, the minister grasped it tightly. The Devil looked around helplessly and then silently slipped away. The minister remained on his knees. When the sun rose, he was still kneeling there.—From Zion Lutheran, Lebanon, Pa. Many persons have had the experience of Mr. Peter Sherman of North Stratford, N. H., who says, "For years I suffered torture from chronic indigestion, but Kodol Dyspepsia Cure made a well man of me." It digests what you eat and is a certain cure for dyspepsia and every form of stomach trouble. It gives relief at once even in the worst cases, and can't help but do you good. Trout's Drug Store. A party of United States engineers surveying west of Galveston, Texas, lately found over one hundred dead bodies in a swamp, where they had been deposited by the storm of September 8th.

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