

"A VALID RELIGION FOR THE TIMES."

A Review of a Book Recently Written By
Rev. Parley P. Womer, a Former
Reynoldsville Man.

The searching criticism to which all Christian teaching has been subjected in recent years, was sorely needed in the interest of a purer and more rational faith. Now that its work in the main is accomplished, and its intensity has begun to abate we are confronted with the task of dealing properly with the message of truth that is left.

With these words the Rev. Parley P. Womer, a former Reynoldsville man who is now pastor of one of the largest Congregational churches in St. Paul, introduces a new volume entitled "A Valid Religion for the Times," which has just been published by a prominent New York book house. It is throughout an attempt to reconcile the old and the new in the conflicting beliefs of the Christian church, an effort to show the reasonableness of seeking scientific basis on which to rest faith in the doctrine of Christianity. It is meant for the busy and practical people who are deeply concerned with the truth of their religious belief, but who have not the time to follow the processes by which the trained thinker obtains his results. As devoted a believer in Christ as it is possible to be, Rev. Womer yet recognizes the need of taking a more advanced stand in teaching the truth of the gospel than is common in our churches and does not hesitate to free his mind from the restraints of bigotry when such limitations conflict with the evidence of modern research. In presenting the book he makes little claim for its originality, but states that he has simply laid under tribute many writers and has gathered that which has brought immeasurable satisfaction and uplift to himself, in the hope that it may meet like needs in others.

The foreword to the book is from the pen of Dr. Washington Gladden, and that eminent churchman expresses his sincere pleasure in assenting to the truth of the work. Nor is it easy to see how any one, honestly and conscientiously seeking for a rational interpretation of Christianity in the modern world can dispute the evidence set forth.

The writer never stumbles in his path while gazing at the stars. He is journeying to an Eternal World, but does not forget that the path thereto lies through a very practical world. The altar and the temple are good, but he has studied Spencer to some purpose and has a faint suspicion that many holy rites have more of man than God in them. Ecstatic devotion is allowable, but "a sense of duty is a sense of God" also. He cannot sneer at "mere morality" as many churchmen do, seeing that "obedience to the moral sense is an essentially religious act." He has learned that it is possible to worship God without naming Him.

There is a verse in the older versions of the Bible to the effect that "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God," with which Rev. Womer has little sympathy. The Revised Version is to him more plausible: "Every Scripture given by inspiration of God is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction that is righteousness." The former quotation has been cited in support of the contention that the content of the Bible had been dictated to its writers in such a way that they were the mere tools and instruments of the Divine Being.

In point of fact the statement is not that the Bible as we now have it was thus dictated,



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G. C. GIBSON,
OPTICIAN.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH REYNOLDSVILLE?

A LITTLE RHYME AND A LOT OF COMMON SENSE.

Did you ever sit and ponder
Just what made the old town dull,
And just why things were simply on the blink;
Does your mind reflect and wonder
Just what caused this awful lull?
If you haven't done so yet it's time to think.

You have heard some people knocking,
There are some who kick and swear,
And some awful things to you they'll say;
But when they want a stocking,
Or some other things to wear,
They send to old Chicago, U. S. A.

But when they want a small donation
To help a friend in need,
They tell a hard luck story every day;
Is there any hesitation?
There shouldn't be indeed,
To send to old Chicago, U. S. A.

Let's "boost" this town with all our might,
And do not run it down,
But say we've got the best town in the State,
And don't be so "all fired" tight.
Just spend your cash in town,
Then this town will "get there" sure as fate.

AULD LANG SYNE.

The following items appeared twenty-eight years ago in THE REYNOLDSVILLE PAPER, then edited by G. C. Brandon.

John Dillman has been confined to his home for a week past with mumps.

Mr. J. C. Barto has opened a grocery and confectionery store in the building adjoining de-Gontard's jewelry store.

There are quite a number of new buildings in course of erection about town at present. This speaks well for the place.

The yield of maple sugar this year is small—very small—but the supply of "fresh maple syrup" made from old sugar is larger and "sweeter" than ever.

Our Catholic fellow citizens intend holding a monster picnic in this place on the Fourth of July.

The Cincinnati ENQUIRER says:—"One of the most promising young artists in New York is Will S. Reynolds, who a few years ago conducted a small country paper in Reynoldsville, a lumber town in Pennsylvania."

W. S. Ross, proprietor of the Ross House, is having a three-story addition put to the hotel which will make a great improvement in the appearance of the house.

There will be a match game of ally ball in Reynoldsville on Saturday. The contestants are John Lee and Poly White against John Bassett and Ed. Bolger, four of the best players in Reynoldsville. They play for a purse of fifty dollars.

Are we going to have a Fourth of July celebration?

Mr. J. C. Wilson, principal of the borough schools, was the happy recipient of a very handsome gold toothpick—a present from his pupils on the last day of school. The presentation was made by Miss May E. Iseman in behalf of her school mates.

The desertion of John O. Sheatz from the ranks of the Keystone party supporters has its counterpart in Jefferson county, where the chairman of the convention held in Reynoldsville, which sent delegates to the Philadelphia convention which nominated Berry, has parted company with the movement, believing, as Sheatz does, that it no longer represents a true fusion reform movement, but has, by its endorsement of Democratic legislative and congressional candidates, allied itself inseparably with the latter party. As the election draws closer, sentiment in the county seems to be crystallizing in favor of either the straight Republican, or the straight Democratic tickets.

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