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PREACHING TO THE POINT

The minister said last night, says he: "Don't be afraid of giving; if your life ain't worth nothing to other folks. Why, what's the use of living? And that's what I say to my wife; says I, 'There's Brown, the miserable sinner. He'd sooner a beggar would starve, than give a cent toward buyin' a dinner.'"

I tell you our minister's prime, he is; But I couldn't quite determine. When I heard him givin' it right and left, Just who was hit by his sermon. Of course, there couldn't be no mistake. When he talked of long-winded prayin', For Peters and Johnson they sat and scowled. At every word he was sayin'.

And the minister then went on to say: "There's various kinds of chatin'. And religion's as good for every day. As it is to bring to meetin'. I don't think much of that man that gives The loud amens at my preachin'. And spends his time the followin' week In cheatin' and overreachin'."

I guess that dose was bitter enough For a man like Jones to swallow. For I noticed he didn't open his mouth. Not once, after that, to holler; "Hurrah," says I, "for the minister." Of course I said it quiet— "Give us some more of this open talk; It's very refreshin' diet."

The minister hit 'em every time; And when he spoke of fashion, And riggin' out in bows and things, As woman's ruin' passion, And comin' to church to see the styles, I couldn't help a-winkin'. And a-nudgin my wife; and says I: "That's you." And I guess it sot her to thinkin'.

Says I to myself: "That sermon's pat; But man is a queer creation. And I'm much afraid that most of the folks Won't take the application. Now, if he had said a word about My personal mode of sinnin', I'd have gone to work to right myself, And not set there a grinnin'."

Just then the minister says, says he: "And now I've come to the fellers Who've lost this shower by usin' their friends."

As a sort of moral umbrellers. Go home, "says he, "and find your faults. Instead of huntin' your brother's; Go home," says he, "and wear the coats You've tried to fit for others."

My wife she nudged, and Brown he winked. And there was lots o' smilin'. And lots o' lookin' at our pew; It sot my blood a-bilin'. Says I to myself: "Our minister Is gettin' a little bitter; I'll tell him, when the meetin's out, that I Aint that sort of a critter." —Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

IMMIGRATION

There is a bill now being considered in Congress to change our immigration laws and require each new comer to be able to read and write some language, and to speak the English language before being naturalized.

The large influx of people from abroad causes much thought and apprehension. In 1904 58.90 per cent of our increase in population for that year was from immigrants. In every 100 increase to our population 58.90 were immigrants and 41.10 were from births.

In 1890 there were 455,302 immigrants to the United States of these 4,448 were from Asia, 1,341 from Pacific Islands.

In the year 1905 the United States Department of Commerce and Finance reported the arrivals in the United States at 1,055,499 not including citizens of Canada, and Newfoundland coming direct from British North America and citizens of Mexico coming direct from Mexico. The same authority gives the total population of the United States at the close of 1905 at 83,143,000 of which the

immigrants for that year composed 1.27 per cent.

In the immigration of 1905 there were 745,320 males and 310,514 females making 2.4 times more men than women.

In the immigrants that came to the United States in 1905 there were 114,668 under 14 years of age, 855,419 from 14 to 45 years old, the balance were over 45 years old.

Austria Hungary sent us in 1905 284,967, followed by Italy with 168,441.

The next in number were Russians to the number of 177,860. The total from Europe was 987,228. Asia sent us that year 21,699 of which 1,716 came from China and 9,603 from Japan.

The total immigration for that year would settle two and one half states the size of Oregon as densely as it was peopled in 1900.

If we can absorb such an annual flood of people without economic disturbance it will be a marvel, but we have witnessed wonders in the past. In the eleven years, 1894 to and including 1905, the immigration to the United States was six million the absorption of which has created no great disturbance. The problem as now presented arises from the rapid increase of immigration. In 1890 the arrivals were 255,031, in 1900 it was 449,572 and in 1905 1,055,834 the largest of any year in the history of the United States.

The course of the University of California in dropping from its rolls 200 students who had failed to show at examination that they had either ambition or capacity, should be adopted by other colleges. It is a notice to dullards and idlers to betake themselves elsewhere. It is asserted that the tuition fees of no American university are large enough to bear the cost of instruction. Every college student, therefore, however rich, is largely a recipient of charity. Hence no student has a right to use the college community as a loafing place, occupying the time of the instructors and distracting the attention of the students. Too many attend college for a good time—to exercise at all the college games and amusements, to the eclipse of the principal object.

LENTEN SERVICES

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Evening Service 7:30 p. m.

THE WEEK DAY SERVICES

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Confirmation Instruction 4:10 p. m.
Fridays, Penitential Office 12 m.
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Services for Holy Week to be announced later.

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Wm. B. SARGENT.

ANNOUNCEMENT

TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF UNION COUNTY

I hereby announce myself as Candidate for the Republican nomination for Representative for Union county subject to the primary nominating election to be held April 20th.

S. R. HAWORTH.

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TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF UNION COUNTY

I hereby announce myself as Candidate for the Republican nomination for County Judge, subject to the primary nominating election to be held April 20th.

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