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HOW TO WORSHIP:—God is the Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.—John 4:24.

## Christianity Reviving

Dr. Mott, head of the national Y. M. C. A., told Portland people a few days ago that there is only one solution of the world's upset condition; that the talk about American intervention in Europe's affairs, and the many other panaceas offered will fail, as every thing else material has failed to lead Europe out of her troubles. Then he uttered the truth which every right-minded person knows, yet which is so seldom spoken. He said the way to bring the old world to normalcy, the way to settle wars and national troubles, was for a revival of Christianity to begin and a renewal of faith of Jesus Christ to take hold.

Following his truthful statement, the Sunday newspapers carried a syndicated article from Billy Sunday, which was an interview obtained by "Ma" Sunday from her husband, and here are some of the unmistakable truths the pulpit orator uttered:

"You can't legislate men and women out of vice. You can't purify society without purifying the individual. If the deeds of men and women are black, it is because their hearts are first black. We are trying all sorts of remedies, but they are bound to fail."

"I firmly believe environment has a great effect upon the development of character. Environment, though, is only part of the story of life. I can take a poisonous seed and plant it in the most wholesome soil with the best surroundings, and it will produce a poisonous plant. Hence the remedy for all this trend of the times is to be found only in the religion of Jesus Christ. I place religion and morals above education and art. The aim of education and art should be the development of morals. The trend of the times seems to be to stultify religion by taking Christ out of Christianity. You might as well cut the heart out of a man and expect him to live. Hence, I blame a good many of the preachers of today for the bunk and junk they are preaching, which takes away the authority of the Bible and the necessity of repentance and faith in Christ for salvation. If we have the sins of Babylon, we shall have the judgments of Babylon, even if we do stamp our money, 'In God We Trust.'"

"The thousand and one makeshifts that people are now using in the place of religion are all well and good in their place. But their place is not here. You can't bathe anybody into the kingdom of God. You can't give people a cookie and cracker simply by changing their sanitation."

"I have no quarrel with social service, educational and institutional work providing such work is not offered as a substitute for religion. It is an entirely good and Christian thing to maintain and establish schools and universities and social work, but the road into the kingdom of God is not via bathtub, university, social service, or gymnasium, but by the cross of Christ."

May we believe that with such public statements as those from Dr. Mott and Billy Sunday that there is a revival of Christianity? May we not safely conclude that the way to make permanent peace is not through any League of Nations or World Court, or any other man-made invention? But, on the other hand, if but the Christian spirit can be turned loose among the peoples of the world, are we not sure of harmony instead of discord, of happiness instead of trouble?

## The Stock Dividend

Our admiration for the editorial writer in the Pathfinder has taken a little slump for in a recent issue of that publication he endeavors to explain that the enormous stock dividends recently issued by large corporations mean nothing in the way of earnings. His solution is that a property may be incorporated for a given amount and as time goes on more capital is stuffed into it, which gives it a legitimate right to stockholders to issue a stock dividend to absorb that amount which has been added to the original capital.

In very rare instances the Pathfinder editor may be correct but let us respectfully call attention to the science of bookkeeping, which has developed since the national government passed its income tax laws. It is so now that expert bookkeeping can do a lot of things. It can make a paying property show a loss, can make earnings come just under the last rail before being subjected to an income tax and revive old investments with compound interest, which piles up rapidly against a surplus earned in any one year. If there was not some hook or crook about the stock dividend which would aid the corporation to step by the income tax laws, why are so many following the stock dividend route. Plainly it is another case of the smooth alert, highly educated financiers getting by without paying the tax that the law intended they should pay.

We hope the Pathfinder editor will awaken to his error because his little publication is bright and usually contains editorial topics that are vitally interesting and well handled.

With Hon. Frank Miller being urged for Senator Booth's place on the highway commission by Sam Garland, a personal friend of Mr. Booth, it would seem that the Eugene man is in earnest when he insists on giving up the highway work. Senator Sam Garland is one of the most substantial men in Oregon and it is quite possible that Governor Pierce will be inclined to agree with the senator from Linn. Any man whom Garland gets behind must be capable and worthy for he has a square deal plank in his personal make-up that would not permit him to recommend any man for such an important position who was not capable of the task. The fact that Sam Garland is a democrat does not make him sufficiently partisan to get behind any man regardless of that man's ability. And besides, Frank Miller is a republican.

Manager Kratz is playing a strong hand in Astoria. Either he knows what he is doing, or else he is taking a long chance on the presumption that Astoria needs a king instead of a city manager.

## THE OFFICE CAT

GIMME! GIMME!

I met a girl in Syracuse.  
She surely was a bear;  
With great big eyes—but what's the use?  
Of never she had her share,  
I took her to the vaudeville.  
She liked the songs and dancing,  
And then she said: "Now, let's go Bill,  
And do a little prancing."  
So to a cabaret we went;  
We danced and she ate plenty;  
Before I left there I had spent  
The last part of a twenty.

But you know me, Big-Hearted Joe,  
A cab I had to buy her;  
She only had nine miles to go,  
That meter was a liar.  
When we reached home, it showed up four  
Dollars and a quarter;  
I tried to kiss her at the door—  
I know I hadn't oughter;  
"The nerve!" she said, "of traveling men!  
They're all the same, I vow!  
If you get one, why you'll want ten,  
And I must go in, now,  
Gimme a ring upon the phone.  
When you come to town,  
Now, you just leave me here alone,  
And take your taxi down."  
I've figured out a guy's a fish  
To take these bimboes out  
And buy them everything they wish,  
I'm done—without a doubt.  
If they were men, I'd bust their jaw  
Of course, that's an assumption,  
But every single one I draw  
Has galloping consumption.

THE DIFFERENCE.  
"I married my wife because she differed from other women."  
"How was that?"  
"She was the only woman who would have me."  
In China talkative women are disapproved.  
And still we send missionaries to China.  
The era of short-haired women seems to be waning. Hasten the day when long-haired men will be no more.

THE HONEYMOON IS OVER.  
When she asks about your bank balance.  
When her mother comes to live with you.  
When you question her need of a fur coat.  
When you forget that it is her birthday or your anniversary.

MODERN THRIFT.  
"The neighbors are talking about how stylish you're dressing," remarked St. Simian.  
"Taint' style," replied Farmer Cornstossel, "every time my boy Josh ure, ure a new suit o' clothes I have to wear his old ones."

"Sally will keep neat," crooned Amos Tash, who is habitually slipping, "but it takes hard to keep a good resolution."  
"I'm cutting quite a figure," said the chorus girl as she sat on the broken glass.  
Joe the Plodder thinks that the fellow who can do the most for you is the fellow you see when you shave.

Amos Tash says the more I see of 'em, th' more I think that what they should really oughter call 'em is "abused ear sales."  
The barbecue, referred to by a visitor as "capitol" punishment, has had its influence on women's fashions this spring, for example, see the new bandana trimmed frocks and hats.  
"A motoring costume, ma'am? What shade?"  
"Half mourning, I guess. My engine goes dead about half the time."  
"DEED HE DO  
The moon shines East,  
But father knows where  
The moonshine's best.  
Farmer—"Would you like to buy a jug of cider?"  
Tourist—"Well—er—is it ambitious and willing to work?"  
Speaking of flue, and who isn't nowadays, someone remarked the other day, that these are trying times on men's handkerchiefs.  
Dumbell Dora thinks Lansing, (Mich.) is an operation.  
AGGIES FOLLOW CALLING  
(By Associated Press)  
TUSCON, Ariz., Mar. 21.—One-third of the graduates of the College of Agriculture of the University of Arizona, are actually engaged in farming or ranching, while forty per cent of them are teaching agriculture or doing investigation work, according to statistics compiled by Dean J. J. Thornber of the College of Agriculture.  
Of the 546 students who have been graduated from the University of Arizona, 315 were men.  
BOXELDER UTAH TREE  
(By Associated Press)  
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Mar. 21.—The Utah legislature has before it a measure to name the boxelder as the official tree of the state. Efforts in past years to name a state tree have been without result, but members of the present legislature are hopeful of passage of the measure.

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