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BEHOLD THE LORD with gladness; come before his presence with singing. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.—Psalm 100:2.

Religious Differences

The controversy between the modernists and fundamentalists of the Protestant church has been swiftly carried from tongue to tongue to the extremities of the country, and yet such arguments on religion and between the ministry are as old as the church itself. Ever since man has realized he had a religion there have been differences between men on the nature, purpose and verity of religion and religious creeds.

The religion of Jesus Christ was a variance with that of the Jews and Romans of his time. The religions of the pagan Romans, Mohammedan Turks and Buddhist Orientals were the motives for repeated invasions and centuries of conquest. The Christian crusades against the Mohammedan Turks were religious wars. Europe has witnessed her religious wars and the religious strife in Ireland is a matter of historic record.

There is some consolation for churchmen, both clerical and lay, in the fact that religious controversy has always brought about desirable reform, increased religious fervor and world enlightenment. There never was a beneficial institution that could not withstand criticism and the Christian religion for twenty centuries has stood invulnerable and unshaken against the onslaughts of its enemies. There is something refining and strengthening in the struggle for existence of the Christian religion is unparalleled except by that of man.

Don't Keep The Book

It is a strange kink in the human conscience that people who will not steal anything else will steal a book.

Perhaps it is an offshoot of the general idea that books, and the intellectual labor that goes to produce them, really count for nothing compared to beefsteak and potatoes.

Whatever may be the reason, the fact is that almost every man's library contains one or more rebranded mavericks which are liable to rise up and say a few words on the Day of Judgment, unless he gives them back.

Some are so lost to all sense of shame in this matter that the books they have perloined are the ones they value most. In fact, they do not seem to enjoy a book thoroughly unless it belongs to somebody else.

From what Freudian says this impulse comes we leave to the psychologist to determine.

How? we run across a bit of history the other day which is here set down as a warning to all book thieves.

About 1826 the people of Barcelona were living in a sort of terror. One mysterious crime succeeded another. A priest, a student, a writer and five other persons successively were assassinated.

The victim, in each case, was stabbed by a poignard, but nothing was stolen from him, neither his money or his valuables.

Suspicion, by and by, fell upon a man who kept a second-hand book store.

He was seized. Some proofs were found of his guilt and he finally confessed.

It seems that he had sold each of his victims some volume which he loved and then had murdered them so as to get the precious books back.

He was condemned to death and executed.

The moral of all this is simply that if a man who has bought a book is liable to be murdered by the man who sold it to him, how much more danger do they run who borrow books, with or without the owner's knowledge, and neglect to bring them back!

Every man passes through a period when he thinks he understands women and wishes to be considered a real and embittered man.

Faster means of travel would be a great aid to business if they didn't enable one's competitors to get there at the same time.

There would be no house shorts if an owner could brag what a house does when he sits on it.

THE OLD HOME TOWN • • By Stanley



LITTLE ADOLPH BLOPP'S CHRISTMAS TRAIN WAS STILL IN SUCH GOOD SHAPE AT THIS LATE DATE THAT IT THREW AN AWFUL SCARE INTO GRANDDAD HUGGINS.



Edith says she would rather dance than eat.

Well, lots of fellows would rather sign her dance program than her dinner check.

The honeymoon is expensive, of course, but think of the hotel towels you can accumulate.

Yearning at McCall's: "I'd like to see something cheap; in a retail hat."

Clerk: "Try this on. The mirror's on your left."

The usefulness of a man's life is not always to be measured by the length of his funeral procession.

I'm forever hunting bargains, lovely bargains in the stores.

Till the money goes by, then they are cut for such as I.

I seek everywhere, I'm forever hunting bargains, for I have no coin to spare.

American: Used gum under a middle seat.

It's hard to tell whether the world makes any progress or not. Last year it was that banana song and this year it ain't gonna rain no more.

"Play as you enter," reads the sign on a pile of junk being served up at automobile.

"Have you ever been to that kind of a party where you looked at your watch, thinking it was midnight and found it was only 1:20?"

"I never figured that the building would catch on fire while I was waiting in the fifth row for my tickets to be crossed," says a La Grande, "but I have been through a number of times from the rear."

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that they had forgotten I was in there."

Youth—"Doctor, I'm continually thinking of my girl. Cannot you advise me how to get her out of my mind?"

Doctor—"Marry her, young man."

Youth—"What good will that do?"

Doctor—"Then you'll have her on your hands."

John offered the man who shaved his life half a dollar.

Did the man accept it? Yes, but he handed John 25 cents change.

Dorcas—"Do you ever allow a man to kiss you when you are motorizing with him?"

Phillipa—"Never. If a man can drive safely while kissing me, he's not giving the kiss the attention it deserves."

Man is by nature unreasonable, every woman knows it.

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

AN ANSWER To the Editor: The leading article in yesterday's Observer contains so much food for reflection and so many stirring questions that it seems impossible to pass it by without comment. There is also a depth of reasoning in it that calls for serious thought.

Apparently you set small value of theological disputes and ques-

tion in what light Jesus Christ would view them in if he should return now. Why should he have to return to this earth in order to learn what is going on here? Is he not equipped with the latest discoveries and appliances of wireless, a phone and wireless vision, radio, telegraph, etc.?

You ask what is the important thing about the life and work of Jesus Christ? Will you accept his own words as the answer? "My work and my glory is to bring to you Immortality and Eternal life of man."

Your next question is truly a pertinent one, viz. Why do we account Christ greatest of all spirits

that tread this earth in the form of man? Because he claimed proprietorship, ownership, life created this earth, assigned it to its course, its speed and motions. All other spirits whether embodied or disembodied that tread this earth can only do so with His permission.

We thank you, Mr. Editor, for all the noble inspiring, encouraging and elevating thoughts that you have given expression to concerning the earth life of Christ.

Now for your next important question. Why did he have to die? Why, in order that man might live, live forever. This laying down of His life was the first

step in his work and his glory in bringing to pass the immortality it doesn't come in summer, and eternal life of man. Was he divine? Of course He was otherwise His death would have been in vain.

Everybody loves a fat man. His death would have been in vain.

Only five months until we will be wishing it was winter again.

L. GARRICK.

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