

**The Licensed Preacher.**

BY "OLD MORTALITY."

My little ones, as variety is the salt, pepper and mustard of life, I will read for your instruction a few select passages from the Buddhist bible. Buddhism was founded by Gautama, a Hindoo sage, in the eleventh century B. C. The teachings of Gautama are asthetic, moral, instructive and interesting beyond any teachings of the sixteen so-called Saviours. Gautama wrote with much purity of expression. There is no word in the bible of India that would shock the most refined. Would that I could say as much for the writings of the Jews, who, it appears to me, vied with one another in telling frightful ghost and hobgoblin stories. Then after they had lied until they could lie no more, these wonderful old liars employed another old liar by the name of Josephus to write a book in which he states that his brother liar told the truth. But I will say of Josephus that his work is far superior to the works he essayed to sustain. And this congregation would do well to place the works of Flavins Josephus in their library, as it is the best history of the Jews ever written. After Josephus had been gathered unto his fathers, the early religionists were sore perplexed because he had not known of Jesus, so they inserted a falsehood in Book 18, Chap. 3. Thus they make Josephus lie anew whilst he lay in his tomb.

"Lie still, brave old warrior, I will run thy falsifiers up a pear tree."

Do not, I beg you, think that I do not reverence the Holy Bible for I now say that I respect and hold it in much esteem for the good it contains. I read this book as I do any book or newspaper—for the information I may derive from it. America is called a Christian nation, notwithstanding the bible is very little read or understood by the majority of our people.

Some of the intelligent ladies of England and America had quite recently published what they call "The Woman's Bible." This new departure set a few of the wise churchmen of the eastern states to thinking, so they have combined and will soon put in circulation "An Expurgated Edition of the Holy Bible." I will now read from the Bible of India.

"To solve a doubt is only reasonable; who could forbid a man to seek its explanation?"

"A hollow compliance and a protesting heart—such method is not for me."

"Walking in the path of true wisdom, letting go both extremes, we then reach ultimate perfection."

"What is revered should be known and seen. Reverence is due to righteous conduct."

"Sorrow and joy cannot agree to-

gether. He who breaks the laws of right behavior invites distraction. Therefore, the wise man will practice pure behavior."

"Follow right doctrine and be kind to all that live. Know when to eat, and the right measure; so with the rules of clothing and medicine."

"Wisdom is the bridge that spans the running stream of ignorance. Now guard yourselves aright."

My little ones, study the Bible of India; it may prove of great practical benefit to you and your parents.

**KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR PARENTS.**

Is my advice to you my little ones—for I have found by years of study that there are comparatively few children that know how to bring up their fathers and mothers in the way they should go, so that when old age fastens his heavy hand upon them they may look backward and say—"My children have been a blessing to me. They raised me on good old fashioned horse sense and I have not departed from the paths of wisdom."

Little ones, perhaps your father is in the habit of spending his small cash for wine, should this be the case, (I hope it is not) just climb upon his knee and whisper into his best ear the following suggestive words:—

"Wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

These perhaps are the very best words the bible contains could you prevail upon your good parents to read and study all the 27 different bibles and so-called sacred books?

You can rest from your labor of love, for by the time your parents have learned the good things these strange but interesting old volumes contain they will no doubt be much wiser and better prepared to face this old world and take it for what it may be worth to them in true happiness.

Little girls, keep a sharp eye on your father, straighten him out when he goes crooked—some fathers are queer folks and are far from being angles.

Little boys, keep close to your mother, and should you hear her sing that "Sister Highjinks is no better than she should be." Hold up your little hand and say "Mother it is wicked for you to flatter your neighbors."

In this manner and ten thousand other ways you can be of advantage to your mother. You will perhaps discover that your mother is more easily managed than your father. Fathers in the main are very head strong, proud and egotistical, they get this notion from the Turks. In conclusion I will say I am glad that you have learned so many patriotic songs of different nations—these songs may perhaps be of much pleasure and satisfaction to

you should you visit foreign countries.

**A WONDERFUL DECLARATION.**

A late Denver paper has published the following declaration:

**Foes To Progress.**

At Unity church yestardy morning Rev. David Utter preached the interesting sermon on "Progress." He took the ground that the old Oriental idea that there could be no good in this world was wrong and responsible for holding civilization back for centuries, until the Saxons of Germany preached the new doctrine. He spoke in part as follows:

"Religious teachers have always been foes to progress. They had the absolute truth, and that couldn't be imposed upon. They had the divine and perfect remedy for all that was wrong, and it was no use trying anything else. But the worst of all was that this world was given up as a bad job. It was for one reason or another a complete failure, and what hope was preached was for the world to come. This world was merely to be endured, not enjoyed, but borne patiently, to win something in the life or lives beyond.

My little ones you need not repeat to your parents this portion of my sermon for I do not wish them to think that religion has been and still is a draw back to the world's progress.

We preachers wish to continue humbugging your good parents for many years to come. Yet I must acknowledge to you that "Wisdom is the bridge that spans the rushing stream of ignorance."

But just so soon as your good parents get wisdom and understanding the occupation of us sky pilots is gone and we will be compelled to work or starve. Meeting is now dismissed. Amen.

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