

consciously, than any other class of people in the land. Take for example one saying of the Silverton preacher above mentioned. He said that Jesus has sympathy with every heart.

Now there is no proof that this is true and Jesus has been dead for centuries, even if he ever lived. The preacher may believe that he still lives but he should state it as his belief then and not as a fact.

Well, it's pretty tough for a few of us who know how foolish the Easter ideas are, to see the crowd swallowing this nauseating emetic and like dogs returning again and again to their vomit. (This is bible talk, please excuse it.)

But hold on! Did we say the crowd? Ah, take courage! The majority are like we are, Infidels. Some don't say much but not many believe and only go as one goes to a circus, not to take part but to see the performance and have something to talk about; but very soon we will have better places to go and something better to talk about, for we will be building up more, and tearing down less. Help us hasten the day.

Church-Made Festivals.

It is a peculiar fact that all the church-made festivals or days of special observance are an imitation of noted heathen festivals. They all originated (as church occasions) in deference to customs that were popular when Christianity was made universal by law, and these compromises made it easy for pagan adherents to accept Christianity. The final settlement of Christmas on December 25, was practically an ovation to pagan custom. After being celebrated at various seasons of the year, it was finally fixed to correspond with the heathen winter holidays (Saturnalia, Jwenalia, Brumalia), and the Pagan customs were brought over into it. So with the Easter holiday; it was patterned after the Teutonic goddess of spring, Oстера of Eastre. So with the Sunday as a religious institution; it was the day dedicated to the sun in heathen worship, and as a compromise with the heathen, when they were made Christians by law, it was given a place in the church instead of the seventh day. All these church days were adopted from the heathen calendar of festivals in order the more easily to wean them over to the profession of Christianity.— Signs of the Times (Christian).

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