

Little Torches.

BY W. E. JOHNSON.

Paul was a profoundly spiritual man.—[Congregationalist.

Yes, indeed. He's the chap who advised his friend Tim to take a little spirit "for his stomach's sake". Paul would have made an able drummer for a distillery.

Principle, not policy, rules the life of the true Christian.—Christian Leader.

Sure; the Christian always looks out for the "principle", but makes a wild chase after the interest.

The boldest anarchy is that which sets aside the highest law, which is the law of God.—[American Sentinel.

You fellows, yourselves, "set aside" this "highest law" when you quit stoning people to death for splitting kindling-wood on the sabbath and quit murdering witches. You are the anarchists if that is anarchy.

We are saved by faith; and faith rests on mystery; it is "the evidence of things unseen".—[Rev. D. J. Burrell, D. D., in Christian Intelligencer.

That's just what we have said all the time: your dogma rests on something you know nothing about. Nice thing to bank every prospect in life on, isn't it? It's too much like playing faro.

A Test of Faith.

Donald's father was fond of duck hunting, and Donald was particularly fond of the decoy whistle that his father used to lure the ducks.

He had, however, been given strict orders not to play with the whistle. One evening when Donald came in from play he found that his father had made all preparations for an early start in the morning—and there, in plain sight, was the whistle.

The temptation was too much — so he thought, "I'll just blow it once and see if it squawks all right." But it was delightful to hear it, and nobody was there to interfere, so he blew and blew, and was having such a good time, when all at once it wouldn't squawk.

Poor Donald! He knew how angry his father would be when he heard of his disobedience. He tried every way to find out what was wrong, but it was of no use; the squawker just wouldn't squawk. When his mother came he told her about it — it wasn't so hard to tell her—and he wanted her to tell papa, but she said, "No, Donald, you must get up early and tell papa yourself. Come and go to bed now."

Donald cried that night, but that did not mend the whistle. Finally he had a bright idea—he'd just ask God to mend the whistle. So after "Now I lay me" had been said, he added, "Dear Lord, please make

papa's squawker squawk." Then, still sobbing, he cuddled down in bed.

In a very few minutes a sobbing voice said, "Please, mama, won't you blow the squawker?" His mother blew, but there was no squawk.

A few minutes more passed and again came the request, "Please, mama, try again." Still there was no response.

Then in a faint murmur came the words, "Dear Lord, please, oh! please, make it squawk!"

After a few more trials, mama was in despair because she felt sure the child's simple faith would be destroyed.

Quite a long time passed, nothing being heard but an occasional sob, when a faint voice said, "Try just once more, mama." Mama rose softly, took the whistle from the dresser, blew on it good and strong—and it squawked!

The film in the whistle had had time to dry. But Donald's faith was quite strengthened.—[Sel.

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