

BENEFIT OF CHRISTIANITY

Constant Readjustments Made by Church to Make Fuller Truths Known—Pastor Declares Science is Aid to Religion and Does Not Conflict With Bible

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There has been published recently a volume written by 30 self-styled "intelligentsia." There are 30 chapters dealing with phases of American life...

to the college student. It is not only harmonious with, but it is to be credited from sound, up-to-date thinking. But how can this be demonstrated?

It is answered to that question let us think together of the two elements of permanence and progression in the Christian religion. The joining of these two words is not original. They may be found in the "Table Talk" of Samuel Taylor Coleridge...

Church Makes Adjustments
Throughout the centuries the church has been adjusting itself to new discourses, relating its thinking to the widening horizon of the human mind...

When there stepped forward a young man—Athenasus by name—who led that council in the formation of a statement which safeguarded for the world the Bible in the divinity of Christ. So heroic was his stand...

Some things which former generations have considered important, we are finding insignificant, and what they thought of little moment, we are discovering to be paramount. Consider the Westminster confession of faith...

More light! All truth has not yet been learned. There is more to be ahead of us. No doctrine has yet been finally stated. Every Christian belief will be stated again and again in fuller truth...

of adventure had not yet died. It meant that youthful, westward-facing spirit which made them the John the Baptist of America, the morning star of a new nation...

I can understand some of the factors that produced this attitude, because Christianity at one time seemed to me to be simply a mass of antiquated unrealities, a conglomerate of forms that were hollow and beliefs that were quite outworn...

But we who are Christians know that that is not all. The true religion of Jesus Christ is not a thing that is dead and is independent to the finest living. It is of incalculable value...

John, the beloved disciple, passed the simple conceptions of the new faith to the church. From Greek philosophy he seized upon the word Logos, the word, and with this Greek word he enlarged the simple phrase of the apostles...

That guidance of the spirit into fuller truth has been going on through the ages. The succession of church councils restated this and that phase of Christian thought...

The reason why a few years ago it was not uncommon for young people to lose their faith when they went to college was that they were not given a static religion incapable of adaptation. When new truth dawned upon the minds of young people...

It is a religion which is constantly shifting. It is like a leaven which is changing and working, enlarging itself and developing a race. There are some who are suspicious of this change...

Doctrines Values Changing
Our little values have their day. They have their hour and their place. They are but broken beams of his fadeless light. Our doctrines have their changing values...

ment brought on about 11,000 pounds. It is reported.
It is reported that in 1853, Elliot finished the first complete Bible printed in the western hemisphere. Its title page bears the lines: "At the charge and with the consent of the British and Foreign Bible Society..."

When Robin grew to be 6 years old, she began to call her beautiful mother—whom she rarely saw—Lady Dornstair, and then she and her nurse walked in the square. Mothers and their children often avoided her because gossip questioned the social relations between Feathers and Lord Coombe...

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The Head of the House of Coombe, by Frances Hodgson Burnett, Frederick A. Stokes Co., New York City.

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THE LITERARY PERISCOPE

BY JEANNETTE KENNEDY, Assistant in the Circulation Department, Public Library.

"The Gentleman With a Duster" appears to find in modern life plenty of occasions for using the duster. Having successfully whisked about among the branches of the political "Herald" in "The Mirrors of Downing Street" and caused a bit of a flurry in society by his reckless handling of "The Glass of Fashion," he is now "after the church dignitaries" in a new volume entitled "Painted Windows," to be published in this country by the Putnam Co.

"The Man Who Posses" is the title of a play which Ben Hecht, the Chicago newspaper editor, has written for the stage. It is a study of a man who has been in the political "Herald" in "The Mirrors of Downing Street" and caused a bit of a flurry in society by his reckless handling of "The Glass of Fashion," he is now "after the church dignitaries" in a new volume entitled "Painted Windows," to be published in this country by the Putnam Co.

"The Widener Memorial Library of Harvard University has received as a gift the letters and business records of the late Henry Vinton Poor, who died during his term as president of the railroad and steamship executive, from 1875 to 1895, when he retired. The papers are rich in material of remarkable record of railroad development in the Pacific Northwest.

"The 'Here and Now Story Book' is a collection of experimental stories for 3 to 7-year-old children of the York City public school. It is put out by Lucy Sprague Mitchell to supplant 'vicious' stories like 'Hindle Dinkles' and 'horrible endings' like that of 'Red Riding Hood' and 'Impractical' tales like 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' The tales are said to be attractive but without glamor. An English composer has written a play on the old fairy, goblin and giant stories are ever prohibited in the United States. A favor granted by the author, telling 'there will be, we suspect, a good deal of seven-league bootlegging.'

"The Travel Club of America is launching a travel book contest to be closed March 10. They are asking for nationwide nominations of the best travel books. From these, which may be sent to the Travel Book Contest, Grand Central Palace, New York, 25 receiving the best votes will be chosen. The New York shop windows during the International Travel exhibition from March 25 to April 1. Visitors to the exhibition will make a selection of the 10 best travel books out of the 25, and this final choice will 'make up what will be known as the 'Wanderlust Shelf.' The announcement of titles will be made March 31.

"The first Bible was translated into the tongue of the Massachusetts Indians. For years John Elliot, a Puritan fleeing from persecution, who had been sending back to England reports about missionary success among the Indians. When the Puritans came into power he found a friendly government, and in 1649, within six months after 'Charles' was executed, when passed 'an act for promoting and propagating the gospel in New England.' This act provided for a translation of the Bible into a language consisting of 16 Londoners, which thereafter carried on this work. 'Better especially it ordered a general conference of the Puritan ministers of the Massachusetts Bay and New England churches, to read the act to their congregations and instruct their members in the same. This collection ordered by parliament.

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