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CHRISTIAN NATIONS.

ALMOST seems that two thousand years of Christian religion is put to shame just now by the actions of the nations of Europe. It is the Christians that are at war with each other. And how is this after two centuries of preaching "peace on earth, good will to men?" Think of it. Every bullet that has been moulded, every gun that has been made, every cannon that has been built, and every other agency of destruction now in use in Europe has been made by Christian men under the direction of Christian governments and by authority of nations that are reckoned to have the highest civilization on earth. Think of how the centuries have bathed almost every part of European soil in streams of blood time after time all through the years. Think how the prisons have wrought their tortures, dungeons their suffering, scaffolds their toll of heads and how stakes have turned to ashes thousands of the best men and women of the ages, all along the stream of time in Christian, civilized Europe, in the name of religion. Is it not too terrible to contemplate? And how long shall it endure?

WITH THE TEA AND THE TOAST

GOOD EVENING.

"My hope for the human race is bright as the morning star. For a glory is coming to man such as the most inspiring tongues of prophets and poets have never been able to describe."
 —Emerson.

DID YOU?

"Do you know what it means to be losing the fight, When a lift just in time would set everything right? Do you know what it means—just the clasp of a hand; When a man's borne about all a may ought to stand? Did you give him a lift—he's a sinne like you, And a helping hand that might bring him through."

Many a man performs his work as though he were doing the boss a favor.

The smile cure effects a complete reformation quicker than any other dose.

Some Coos Bay people are like rocking chairs—full of motion without progress.

It is better to have a boil than a groch. You can usually cure the boil.

SHORT STEPS.

Mary had a little gown— A hobble says the rhyme, And everywhere that Mary went Took quite a lengthy time.

No one ever heard of a chronic kicker wandering around in a field full of stumps.

Consider how little it availed the serene folk who sleep in God's acre to worry about the past.

A light is always burning in the hall of the Up-and-In Club.

The man who flatters himself that he can see through others, usually sees only a reflection of himself.

Tomorrow will have no room in which we can practice the neglected optical

FOR THE DAY.

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In The Realm Of Higher Things

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An Evening Prayer.

MY KING, above all else, pour Thy love into my heart, that it may purify and bless all my living. Give me a vision of the good to come; make me daring in my efforts to bring myself and the world to a realization of that vision; make my judgment clear and true that I may know the right; but Oh, give me love for Thee that I may at length see Thee and be near Thee. Amen.

A THREE-MINUTE SERMON.

"The Lord is round about His people."—Psalm cxxxv, 2.

THE LORD is round about His people; that is the same as to say "the Lord is the environment of his people"; to "be round about" is just to "environ." Now the environment is a very important thing. There is nothing so sad as to be unsuited to one's environment. When you take a fish out of the water it dies. Why? Because the water is its environment. When you keep a bird from the open air, it plies Why? Because the open air is its environment. When you debar man from God, he both plies and dies. Why? Simply because God is his environment. Man is the only creature in the world that does not know what is good for him—does not know his own environment. The fish darts from the hook that would draw it out of the water. The bird tries to escape from the snare of the fowler. But man is very easily led away from his water of life, from his native air. He quits the real water for a painted imitation of it, the real air for a bit of colored space. Therefore he is a creature the most miserable. He is not happy even when he has nothing to complain of. It is not enough to have nothing to complain of; I must have something to rejoice in. It is not enough to have no pain; I want joy. The lower creatures are not simply unpaired; they are joyous; they dart in the water; they sing in the air; they roam in the forest—they revel in the glories of the day. I am not like these.

And yet, my soul, thou mightest be Thou too, last an environment. Thou art more envied by thy God than the fish is by the water, than the bird is by the air. Thy God is all round about thee. Other creature have mostly but one element; thy God can be found in all elements. His boundlessness is in the water. His infinitude is in the air. His majesty is in the forest; thou hast of all others the key to the most doors. Will thou not take the key, O man? Say not, "I shall be happy in heaven," thy God is as much here as in heaven. Why speakest thou of the limit of earth? Wouldst thou be happy here and everywhere? Then thou must be limited by thy God, environed by thy God. Thy God must become thine element—the water of thy life, the air of thy freedom, the fire of thine enthusiasm, the land of thy possession. He must beset thee "behind"—in memory, "before"—in prospect, "beside"—in the pressure of the hand. He must be thy vanguard and thy rearward, thy right and thy left, thy working and thy waiting, thy running and thy rest. Is it not written that, when He breathed on man, man became a living soul. Thou shalt only find this environment when thou hast caught the breath of God.

A PARABLE IN VERSE.

The camel, at the close of day,
 Kneels down upon the sandy plain
 To have his burden lifted off,
 And rest to gain.

My soul, thou too shouldst to thy knees,
 When daylight draweth to a close,
 And let thy Master lift the load,
 And grant repose.

Else how couldst thou tomorrow meet
 With all tomorrow's work to do,
 If thou the burden all the night
 Must carry through?

That God may give thee daily care,
 Assured that He no load too great
 Will make thee bear.

"HE WAS TOO OLD."

A True Story.

It was after the usual Sunday evening service that the governing board requested an audience with their minister, who was always called "the dear old man." He was first in that procession that wended its way into the study, and after finding chairs for his visitors, he made himself comfortable in the large leather chair the young ladies' Guild had given him, and waited patiently for the purpose of the interview. Finally the one selected as speaker made known the cause of their request and

told the aged minister that they wished his resignation. He was feeble. The congregation wanted a young man. "Upon examination of the records we find, since this time one year ago, only one addition has been made to our church, and he a young man, not giving us any help in supporting you."

The poor old man, feeble and careworn, asked for time for reflection and consideration. After saying as much as he could, "good-night," he wandered with aching heart toward the churchyard, and strolling in the moonlight stillness, realized that he was not wanted. Passing the graves of his fellow-men in Christ, he wished that he, too, were lying at rest, for his work was done; he was not wanted. As he wandered about and prayed for guidance, a touch on the arm startled him; for who could come near in that extreme stillness without his approach being heard. He turned and saw the young man who had been mentioned as the sole fruit of his past year's work.

"What brings you here and what can I do for you?" he inquired. "I thought, sir, now that I am a Christian, I could be of some help to you in the church by being a missionary, and will you assist me to get ready?" The old man's heart, that had been a heavy, now fairly bounded for joy. The young man who was of no aid in supporting him or the church was willing to fight as he himself had done for the cause of Christ in foreign lands. "Any help, my boy, that I can give you, is yours," he replied.

WHAT WE SEND OVER.

Someone tells of a wealthy woman who lived her life through in this world in pleasant, easy fashion, enjoying earth's good things, not refusing to bestow a share of them when need was brought to her notice, but taking little thought beyond. She was simply careless and ease-loving; she was not unkind, nor censorious, nor irreligious—her virtues were chiefly negative—and so her untrodden days passed. When she awakened in heaven conditions had changed. She did not complain because the man who on earth had been her humble gardener had now a beautiful mansion near at hand, but she greatly wondered that her own abode in the heavenly city should be so small, cramped and poor. She appealed to the angel who had shown her to her place and he answered regretfully: "Madam, we did the very best we could with the material you sent over."

"Therefore, I say unto you, lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."—J. R. Miller.

Are you going to live the life of only doing what you feel like doing, and never doing the hard and disagreeable? If so, I should hate to be the companion of your old age, no matter how attractive you may be today.

If you are a member of the church, try to get in touch with what the Church is doing and your own interest will be increased. Keep out of touch and your interest will wane.

JUDGE BAILEY MOVES

The Tribune in receipt of a letter from ex-County Judge E. A. Bailey, which states that he and his family are well pleased with their new home in Ashland, Or., where the nights are cold and the days clear and pleasant. — Gold Beach Globe.

WEDS IN CALIFORNIA.

Since leaving here a couple of months ago and going to California, Mr. Paul Skeels, one of our best known young men, appears to have fallen a victim to Cupid's darts. We haven't the details of the whole romance, but it appears to have been a case of love at first sight, or something akin; for two weeks ago, on October 2, he was united in marriage with Miss Esther Egeen, of San Diego. His mother, Mrs. C. M. Skeels, has since gone to Southern California and will meet her son and new daughter at Los Angeles today. We are informed that the newly-weds are not expected here in Coquille until about the first of the year. — Coquille Sentinel.

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