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IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Thoughts and Suggestions
Gathered From Our Sec-
ular Exchanges

Let us not believe that God exhausts Himself in that primal time, but rather that He is as near us as to Aaron and Joshua, Isaiah, Jeremiah, the twelve. If any would convince that our lives are less mysterious and awful than any in the past; that God loves us less, or can come less intimately to us; that our being is less sacred; that Christ walked through

other cities and beside other seas and lakes in a land holier than ours, but is not to be found here, let us not believe him. This is to make the Christ a legend more successfully than did Strauss. This is to discover us from the energy, wisdom, and love of the universe. This is to leave us orphaned, praying to our Father and mocked by our own echoes.—Western Christian Advocate.

If one is concerned about religion, and believes religion to be a most potent factor for good in human affairs, it is his business to teach the world the reason why he should believe in God. This is the most tremendous question of both philosophy and religion. If we want a solid, permanent revival of religion, we must first make present to the intellect of intelligent men the existence of God. If we can make people see and believe that such a God there is, then we have the ful-

crum and the lever which religion requires.—The Independent.

To expect to reach God only at the end of long study and much work implies that He is a mysterious something, hidden in a corner of the universe, or at best an architect who has no living connection with his work. But not so: God is an omnipresent Father, a pervading, uplifting Presence. So far from having to wait till we reach our goal in order to know Him, or to take long journeys of thought in order to find Him, He is the Life and the Love that will go with us on our way if we but open our hearts to Him.—The Christian Register.

The professing Christian who violates the law of Christ in his daily life, who is penurious when he should be generous, hates when he should love, destroys when he should save, has a way of quieting his conscience by exceeding strenuousness in matters of ceremony and belief. Thus it hap-

pens that the Pharisee appears in all lands and in every age. He is about as much in evidence today as he was when Jesus walked upon the earth and denounced him to his face.—The Standard.

Our spiritual nature grows by means of the acts of usefulness in which we engage from the love of doing good. If, then, we sincerely love others and desire to fill a sphere of usefulness in the world, our desire to do good will become a spiritual hunger, the gratification of which will give us far more delight than any mere bodily pleasure.—Rev. John S. Saxe, in New Church Messenger.

The truly religious man must be hopeful and cheerful, for he believes in final good, and that the powers of the universe are with him in every upward aspiration. He is fearless in his mighty trust. He dares to enjoy all that life may bring. He is strong in adversity, feeling that a conscientious void of offence is the greatest of possessions.—The Pacific Unitarian.

Because of the general acceptance of the great cardinal truths of Christianity, it is now becoming apparent that many of the divisions between Christian people are unreasonable, unwholesome, and hence undesirable.—Pacific Christian Advocate.

Pietism may come from the rigidity of conventionality, but spiritual greatness demands that we strip worship of its verbiage, and strip the heart of all masks.—The Universalist Leader.

Hit the Trail on Sundays.

Commencing with Sunday, August 6th, the Trail at the exposition and all the amusement features, as well as the exhibit buildings, were thrown open, and hereafter will be running the same on Sunday as on other days. In fact the exposition will be practically as complete on Sundays as on week days. The Southern Pacific Company have on sale Saturday to Monday excursion tickets, \$2.50 for the round trip, which enables visitors to go to Portland Saturday afternoon and remain until Monday night, or return Sunday evening, as they may desire. 8-7-if

CHILDREN CRY FOR
FLETCHER'S CASTORIA.

THE DOG ESCAPED INJURY

The Portland Journal Wednesday says:

With both kneecaps fractured and facing the dire prospect of being crippled for life, Miss Ella Wilson, leading woman of the Lyric theater stock company, lies in the surgical ward at the Good Samaritan hospital, the victim of one of the most peculiar accidents in hospital annals.

Miss Wilson owns a bulldog of unusual strength and fighting ability. It has been her pet and most faithful companion. "Props," as he is familiarly known, has a faculty of hotly resenting or at least responding to, every bark he hears, no matter where, nor what the occasion.

Last Friday night the actress retired in her room as usual at the end of the performance and left the dog lying at the foot of the bed. A few moments later a dog outside barked. "Props" leaped to the window and had his forefeet on the ledge, ready to jump from the second story, when his mistress observed him. With a scream she sprang out of bed and seized the dog by the collar. The bull strength was too much for her and as the dog leaped the actress fell to the floor, alighting on her knees, with the result stated. While "Props," unmindful of the injury he had done, rushed pellmell for the strange dog, having made the descent successfully, his mistress lay in a faint. Her cry had been heard and help soon arrived. The ambulance was summoned and she was taken to the hospital.

It was found necessary to bore holes in the bones of the patient's knees and sew the caps with silver wire—one of the most delicate operations in surgery. It is certain that Miss Wilson will be unable to appear in public for several months and the possibility exists of her being crippled for all time. At the hospital today it was stated that sufficient time had not elapsed since the accident to determine the outcome.

A CIRCUS VAUDEVILLE.

Big Class Artists and Actors in a New Entertainment.

Usually there is found in the menagerie tent of the Barnum & Bailey's Greatest Show on Earth quite a novel and refreshing entertainment, for which there is never an extra charge. It is always included in the regular ticket, admitting the holder to all parts of the show. This year, when the big show comes here, which it will on Wednesday, August 23, there will be found an entirely new and different style of performance. High-class performers have been secured in all parts of the world especially for the purpose of amusing the audience in the menagerie tent before the regular performances begin in the big tent. The entertainment is a very meritorious one, as all the artists are better than most seen in theatres. There are character sketch people and lots of others who perform upon quaint and odd musical instruments. Here also are the living curiosities, such as the troupe of midgets, the giant and the Scandinavian dancers and vocalists these people afford much amusement of a varied, desirable character, and, as stated, without extra charge. This part of the show is exhibited in the menagerie tent, and is separate from the performances in the three rings, on three stages, and the race track, in which latter 100 acts of a startling and novel character are given. There are nearly 100 trained horses and three herds of elephants in three rings at another time. A dozen circus acts are simultaneously going on at various times while there are two menageries, 100 cages of wild beasts and a myriad other delights of all kinds to charm and baffle everybody, young and old, from any and all of which much amusement and instruction can be had. All will be here Wednesday, August 23.

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