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And duly pray,
Let me be kind in word and deed
Just for to-day.

Let me be slow to urge my will,
Prompt to obey;
Help me to mortify my flesh
Just for to-day.

Let me no wrong or idle word
Unthinkingly say;
Set Thou a seal upon my lips
Just for to-day.

Lo, for to-morrow and its needs
I do not pray;
But keep me, guide me, love me, Lord,
Just for to-day.

—CANON WILBERFORCE.

MINISTERIAL DISFRANCHISEMENT UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

EDITORS TRANSCRIPT:—Your question as to the constitutional disfranchisement of ministers may be answered by denying its constitutionality and asserting that the Court of Appeals would undoubtedly so rule if the case were tried by that tribunal.

Maryland is, possibly, the only State in the Union that has ever disfranchised ministers of the gospel. Certainly it is the only Southern State that has done this thing.

A few years ago West Virginia had 7 ministers in its Legislature. I saw also, while acting as chaplain at Montgomery, 4 ministers in the Alabama Legislature. These, however, are common places. Elsewhere than in Maryland, I have been personally solicited by one of the most conspicuous figures in the State, to attend primaries and help nominate the better-class for office. As a minister also I have received unusual courtesy from the bar because of a willingness to sit on the jury; for I did so simply because of the duty of a citizen to respond to the call of his State.

Now this is written not that I, or any other minister in Maryland cares to exercise political functions. None of us wishes to go to Annapolis; and few of us care to do more than secure to the State good men for our Governors and other officials, and to see wise laws enacted and justly administered. But as a constitutional matter, the Legislature exceeded its authority when it deprived ministers of the power to hold office. It had no more right to do that than to deprive lawyers of the same. It was class-legislation, a species of small tyranny, an expression, it may be of contempt for men who are, as a rule, foremost citizens of their town or county. We may cite a few cases out of the State.

Dr. J. L. M. Curry, ex-minister to Spain, a diplomat of ability, now a conspicuous figure in Washington, formerly conspicuous in the capitol at Alabama, a great man among Southerners during the war, bears the title "Rev."

Green Clay Smith, ex-Confederate General, member of Congress only a few years ago, was a "Rev." Governor Colquitt, of Georgia, was a "Rev.," and went home from the United States Senate to die. Dr. Green of the Western University of Pennsylvania, a "Rev.," is a Consul in Germany, and was also appointed such by Mr. Cleveland during his first term, although the President seems to have no taste for appointing ministers to public office. These are but few of many instances in the history of our land where ministers have exercised offices of public trust, and distinguished themselves as patriots and sensible men.

The fear of "Church and State" is a *false* fear in our land where sects are so numerous. Moreover it is against all our traditions and political history, and could not occur without a revolution such as the land has never seen or heard of.

Protestant ministers, without exception, deprecate the mingling of political and religious questions. Their presence, therefore, at the Legislature should not be feared by any but the "crooked," and the unscrupulous. Annapolis, of old, has frequently had a savory reputation, and ministers have received a deal of *good advice* from some who would preserve "the cloth," but who needed a good soak themselves. We have higher work, we trust, than politics, and hence covet nothing political. But as a *right* of citizenship, we deny the authority of the Legislature in the matter referred to.

M.

Dr. Tagg Speaks.

When a preacher is silent on politics, he may expect to be in favor with the politicians, but if he has the courage to denounce fraud, corruption and duplicity he is at once set down as a pulpit demagogue, an ungodly claquer and a pious hypocrite. It is strange that honest men lose their right of citizenship when they enter the ministerial profession, but perhaps demagogues, claquers and corrupt politicians are the ones who call them hard names.

After-Dinner Smiles.

Watch less what people say than what they don't say.

The amputator frequently has a peculiar off-hand way about him.

When a woman is as good as pie she will not make tart answers.

The man who is supposed to be a "brick" seldom helps to build brick houses.

Somehow or other the college professor who prefers to stand well seems to be always looking about for a good chair.

There are two kinds of good women: One kind brings in a tract when you are sick, and the other kind brings in a bowl of hot soup.

It is hard to satisfy everybody. Consumers complain of short weight in delivering coal, and dealers complain of long wait in paying bills.

Pasadena's Tournament of Roses

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 2.—Bright, warm weather like a June day in the East brought out thousands of people in Pasadena to witness the seventh annual tournament of roses. Five hundred people participated in the parade. A large number of six-in-hand coaches, four-in-hands, double and single teams literally covered with roses, Marguerites, water lilies, carnations and smilax were in line. A single coach utilized 4000 carnations in decoration. The parade of bicycles decorated with flowers was a feature of the procession. The coaches and carriages scattered roses along the line of march and threw flowers to the spectators. The tournament was viewed by 15,000 persons.

FARM AND ORCHARD.

The Bacteria Which Causes Milk to Sour.

A potato grown at Loveland, Col., is 28 inches long by 14 in diameter, and weighs 86 pounds and 10 ounces, which is equivalent to the weight of one and a half bushels of ordinary potatoes.

A cornstalk may remain in the ground a year without being decomposed, but cut it up and add it to the manure heap and it becomes an excellent absorbent, prevents loss of manure and soon decomposes.

Bacteria, those microscopic forms of plant life which produce the ripening changes in cream, not only grow and increase with alarming rapidity, but each exudes minute drops of acid, which is so sour that none of the commercial acids can compare with it.

Neither atmospheric change nor the quantity of electricity during thundershowers causes the milk to sour, but the bacteria, to which we now attribute souring of milk, grow and multiply best during the warm, sultry period immediately preceding the electrical storms.

Black walnut is becoming less abundant every year. A large tree near Washington, D. C., was sold recently for $200, and the products of the tree (used for furniture, etc.,) brought $1,000. Even the roots were valuable. It takes many years to realize from young walnut trees, but those who will plant them will benefit the next generation.

Fourteen strawberries to the quart is the latest on record in small fruit culture, made by a New England woman, who has a fruit ranch in San Diego, and who has achieved remarkable success in fruit culture through careful experimentation.

Experiments the past season show that "brushing" clover seed or sowing it on the surface results in a great loss of seed, and is the cause of many failures. Covering the seed from half an inch to an inch has been found an advantage.

Frost bells are tolled in some districts of France when frost is threatened. Immediately the inhabitants place quantities of tar between the rows of vines. The tar is lighted and dense volumes of smoke arise, thus protecting the vines.

Cows in milk will consume nearly 50 per cent. more water than the same cows when not giving milk. The New York Experiment Station found on an average of several breeds that each drank 1,039 pounds of water and consumed 574 pounds more of food per month. During lactation the average per month was 1,660 pounds drank and 774.8 pounds consumed in food.

CORN PONE.

Southern Corn or Egg Bread—A Wilmington Housekeeper Tells How to Make It.

No doubt many Marylanders had the satisfaction of eating the old-fashioned corn bread, while attending the Atlanta Exposition. They certainly did if they had the good fortune to find a resting place in one of the numerous boarding houses kept by the old-time Southern people. There are very few Northern house-keepers who know how to make this bread. Almost any cook can bake a corn pone, as it is called, but it does not taste like "Aunt Dinah's Egg Bread" of Georgia.

A lady writes: "I tried it before leaving Atlanta, and failed miserably, although I followed Aunt Dinah's directions implicitly. It did not look right, and it did not taste right, and I was discouraged, but my instructor simply took a piece of it in her hand, tasted of it gingerly, and remarked: 'It's all right, honey.' 'But,' I replied, 'I must have left something out.' 'Yes,' she said, earnestly, 'you've left out the inspiration.' I have tried it several times, since my return, and I find 'Aunty' was right. I am now able to give my bread the 'inspiration' or something else born of experience. There is something in the touch or mixing that comes after about the third trial, and I have found it. The recipe is as follows:

One quart of corn meal, more or less; three to five eggs, beat the white and the yolks rapidly; one-half teaspoonful of salt, one-half teaspoonful of baking soda, and enough butter milk to make a good batter, not too thick. Put in a piece of butter the size of a walnut and bake in a slow oven.

I might add that the more eggs and butter used, the richer the bread. You will have to be governed by the "inspiration" in this. I was told that one could not get the water-ground meal up North, so had my husband ship a twenty-five-pound sack home from Atlanta, much against his will.

I will know better the next time. He happened to mention the matter to Mr. Lea, president of the Lea's mills in Wilmington, and now I suppose I'll never hear the last of it. "Why," said Mr. Lea, "we ship thousands of tons of our coarse-ground corn meal to the South every year, and they put it in their own bags and sell it for water-ground meal. You are probably using Lea's corn meal." I have tried Lea's meal and found no difference, and my husband declares I was simply the victim of Southern hospitality. After a week in Atlanta, however, one gets used to that sort of thing.

Religion.

Religion is an unchangeable fact. It abides forever in the world, despite all assaults.

Here we have at this time a convention of the New York State Societies of Christian Endeavor, branches of a recently formed national body, which is said to have over a million members, most of whom are young men and young women.

Here we have the Salvation Army, the strength and activity of which grow with the years.

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If you wish to be happy, do the duty that lies nearest; the second duty will already have become clearer.

The Ladies' Home Journal for

In a dainty booklet printed in blue, salmon-pink and gray tones, splendid illustration of the beauties of art applied to printing—*The Ladies' Home Journal* announces some of its leading literary and artistic features for 1896. There will be a series of papers upon the domestic and social side of Washington by General A. W. Greely, U. S. A.; another by Ex-President Harrison, telling of "This Country of Ours;" a third by Mary Anderson de Navarro, who writes of her stage experiences, her struggles for recognition, and artistic triumphs, with a supplemental article telling of her life and surroundings to-day. In a lighter vein, Mary E. Wilkins will present a series of "Neighborhood Types" papers, pen pictures of quaint and familiar personages—New England writers; and Jerome K. Jerome will picture old England life in a number of "Tales of the Town"—stories of London, in his inimitable, crisp style. "William the Conqueror," Rudyard Kipling's most fascinating romance, is also among the features for 1896, and Julia Magruder's delightful serial, "The Violet," will continue through a considerable portion of the year. Besides these two popular authors there will be short stories by Bret Harte, Lilian Bell, Jan Maclaren, Sophie Swett, Frank R. Stockton, Sarah Orne Jewett, R. C. V. Meyers, Will N. Harben, Caroline Leslie Field, Jane Austen (posthumous) and other prominent writers. Dr. Parkhurst will write a series of forcible articles for young men, applicable to their daily life, while the girls will be written to by Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney, and Edith N. Thomas, the gifted poetess, will be represented by her finest verse and prose. James Whitcomb Riley will contribute a number of poems, varied in theme and treatment. In its musical offerings the *Journal* will be unusually replete. Among the best things promised is a minuet by Paderewski, the famous pianist; a waltz by John Philip Sousa, the "March King;" compositions by Sir Arthur Sullivan, composer of "Pinafore," "Mikado," etc.; Reginald de Koven, composer of "Robin Hood," "Rob Roy," etc.; Edward Jakobowski, Bruno Oscar Klein and others. There will be instructive musical treatises by Mme. Melba, Mme. Blauvelt, Mme. Clementine de Vere Sapio, Mrs. Hamilton Mott, Miss Maud Powell, Benjamin Davies, Charles Adams, Thomas a'Becket, Frederic Peakes, George Chadwick and others.

Artistically the *Journal* gives rich promise, and during the next year will present several groups of Kate Greenaway's bonnie little people; Charles Dana Gibson's best work on new lines and some of Albert Lynch's newest creations. W. L. Taylor, W. T. Smedley, W. Hamilton Gibson, Alice Barber Stephens, William Martin Johnson, Eric Pape, W. A. Rogers, Reginald Birch, Frank Small, B. West Clinedinst, T. de Thulstrup, A. B. Frost, E. W. Kenble, Irving R. Wiles, Abby E. Underwood and other artists of such commanding prominence will contribute their finest drawings. In its departments the *Journal* promises to be stronger than ever, and more comprehensive in its scope of practical information. In this direction it will print a series of illustrated articles on home building, giving plans and details for the construction of medium-size houses. The *Ladies' Home Journal* for 1896 will be complete, and

IF WOMEN WERE IN CONGRESS

Some Interesting Opinions As to the

What would be the result if women were members of Congress? This question has been propounded to a number of prominent persons—men and women—and the following are among the interesting of the answers:

Senator J. C. Burrows—The Lord knows.

Senator James H. Kyle—Chaos.

Hon. William E. Chandler—The result would be that at the first session I would vote the country into a war which the men would have to do the fighting.

Susan B. Anthony—Both the men and the women would be put on their behavior.

Hon. John J. Ingalls—It would depend very much on the kind of women.

Senator Roger Q. Mills—If women come to Congress and wear the high hats they do in the theatre I will speak for the front seat.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton—Justice, liberty and equality for women; it would lighten the burdens of men; it would improve the manners of statesmen at the Capitol, and society at large in the city.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee—Words and war!

Hon. Cassius Marcellus Clay—The demoralization of men and women.

Margherita Arlina Hamm—Better English, better manners and better morals.

CHRISTMAS IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

The President's Little Daughters Have a Big Tree Loaded With Presents.

Christmas at the White House was a memorable occasion for the Cleveland children. The crowning feature was an immense Christmas tree, which had been placed in the library, trimmed on a scale of magnificence that would be a revelation to most young people. Like thousands of other youngsters, Miss Ruth and her two sisters, Esther and Marion, hung up their stockings, and when they awoke next morning they found that Santa Claus had eluded the doorkeepers and policemen in and about the mansion, and smuggled to the library and nursery an endless array of delightful things.

It was the first Christmas that Esther really appreciated, and she and Ruth have been almost surfeited with dolls and mechanical toys and other playthings embodying all the latest wrinkles of toydom. The President and Mrs. Cleveland spent the day quietly at home with their little family, and the building had been closed to visitors.

Helen Gould's Christmas Tree for Crippled Children.

Miss Helen Gould provided a Christmas tree for the seventeen children in the home supported by her at Tarrytown. The children are from the Hospital for Ruptured and Crippled and other institutions in Washington. The tree was placed in the assembly room on the second floor. Miss Gould was present when the gifts were handed to the children, all of whom were remembered. Before the presents were distributed the children sang Christmas carols.

Revised, if Not Improved.

At 20, when a man is young, he thinks he knows it all. He likes to wag his active tongue and exercise his gall. He struts around in noble rage; the world is all his own. He laughs to scorn the world of age and lists to self alone. He wears a window in his eye to see his whiskers grow. He thinks the ladies pine and die because they love him so. At 40, as you may suppose, he's knuckled down to biz. 'Tis not till 60 that he knows how big a chump he is.

If you wish to be happy, never reply in kind to a sharp or angry word; it is the second word that makes the quarrel.

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