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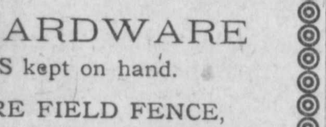
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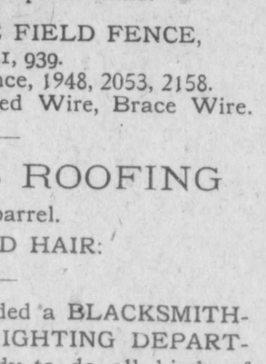
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"THE TWENTIETH CENTURY RELIGION."

SIXTH ARTICLE.

I wish to say something more about the Creed before I go on to consider the great doctrine of the Incarnation. It has been asked, "Why do we not find the creed written with all due formality in the New Testament?" To this we can fairly reply that it *is there*, though not crystallized into a form, but as it were, in solution, in many different passages and portions, and pervading the whole Bible. It would seem to have been God's will that His servants should "search the scriptures" diligently and ascertain what is revealed in His Holy Book for the confirmation and building up of the Church's teaching—the faith. The Church, when alarmed by the attacks of heresies, went to the armory of the scriptures, and there found weapons in abundance for her warfare against varying forms of error. Just as the skillful workers of Rome have enriched and beautified the dome of the great church of St. Peter, in that city, with the words of Christ, in elaborate Mosiac, so out of many a gem and precious marble of Divine Truth, the Church has composed and put together her Creed—the profession of her faith—and the statement of the everlasting truths of revealed religion!

Then again it is asked, "Why was not the creed drawn up earlier?" The answer is found in the history of the church. The first age was that of glowing faith and missionary zeal and exertion—then came the age of persecution. It was not possible until a period of peace and prosperity arose, to hold councils, or conferences, to prepare and publish an universal Creed. But the time came at last, when this could be done, and the statement of the faith of Christians was set forth in a brief form, ready at hand, for all to accept and use, not only as a declaration of what was necessary for the Christian to believe, but also to be to him a strong word of help and comfort in the many changes and chances of human life. For just briefly note this: from the Creed we get consolation in remembering the power of God, the Father Everlasting; in calling to mind the love of Him, who, though very God of very God, became man for us and our salvation. Do we suffer pain? We are reminded that He was "crucified". Does our body grow weak, sicken and die? We remember that He, who is our Head, died and was buried, and on the third day after His death and burial "rose again" to die no more, but ever liveth to make intercession for us—His redeemed ones, His brethen.

Do we need guidance and aid? We are assured that God, the Holy Ghost, is the Author of Spiritual life, the Helper, the Comforter. Are we oppressed by our guilt, our many sins and offences? We hear in the Creed of "the remission of sins," of pardon and forgiveness upon true sorrow and repentance. Do we long for society and sympathy? Then the Creed tells us of the Holy Church and the communion (the common union), the oneness of the saints; our oneness with our fellow-christians in the church militant here on earth, and our oneness with our own dear ones who have gone from us, and with all who have departed this life in the true faith, who are now in the church at rest in the Paradise of God, and that we, with them, shall hereafter be in the Church Triumphant in Heaven. Do we feel the shortness and emptiness of earthly things? Then the great perspective of "the life of the world to come" opens before our view. Thus by a recital of the Creed we are encouraged, instructed and consoled.

Again, as we repeat the words of the Creed, we unite ourselves with the past. Our religion is no new thing, it was not invented yesterday or the day before, but we hold those truths which in old times saints and Martyrs held. And as we use the very same words and declare our belief in the same truths, we associate ourselves with the great and good of many a past age and many a distant clime. Many a boy has been delighted with the eastern story of the magic ring, which needed only that it should be rubbed by its possessor, and a supernatural form appeared to assist or obey him who had "the slave of the ring" under his control. But there are better blessings in religion than ever Oriental fancy put into the Arabian legends. When the christian is assailed by doubts or difficulties, when a sceptical age (like this we live in) would undermine his faith, or persuade him that his religion is a worn-out fable, he can repeat the familiar words of the Creed. And as he utters the plain dogmatic truths of the old faith, with earnest prayer to God, to give strength and confidence, he will find comfort and conviction rising in his mind.

"Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod;
We are not divided,
All one body we;
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity."

Perhaps it is as well to mention that we *stand* when we recite the Creed, not only because it was usual for the ancient christians to stand during divine worship, but because standing is an act of reverence and homage to Almighty God, when we declare our acceptance and belief in what the Creed contains. We also bow our head at the name of Jesus, to show that we believe that He is God Almighty.

We should especially recollect in these days of doubt and unbelief that it is a great thing to set before the world that the Church of Christ is "*vertebrated*," that she is no feeble, jelly-like mass of uncertain doctrine, but that she stands like a firmly-built tower or pier amidst the conflicting winds and currents of human opinion.

Yes. Dr. Aked is right—*in one thing*; the Creed was made by man, holy, learned men culled from God's word the truths we are to believe and live by, and these they arranged and put together and built up the christian's confession of his faith. The mighty forest is made up of trees of many kinds, and these trees all together make the great forest. I wish to build me a house in which I may live in peace and safety, secure from the storms which will come and hurt, damage, perhaps destroy me. I need a safe and secure place of shelter when they come. I consult an architect, a builder, a contractor, learned and eminent in their professions. They know what I need; not the whole forest for my house, but the best and choicest lumber from the trees of the forest. They select, prepare and put together what I need, what is absolutely necessary for my house, and with that build me a noble mansion, and into it I go and live: in it I am safe and secure. Well, let the great forest stand for God's Holy Word, the Bible, and let the house, built of the best that the forest contains all that is necessary for my house stand for the Creed. But before the house is built, these men, who know their business, will lay a strong and firm foundation, and upon that will build up the house. Without that foundation it would not and could not stand. The Creed is built by master-builders upon a sure and firm foundation, and that foundation is the Holy, Blessed God-man, our Lord Jesus Christ.

H. B. M.

INTERCLASS TRACK MEET

New Feature of Athletic Exhibitions at Washington College.

A pleasing innovation of the winter at Washington College was the interclass meet, held in the gymnasium Friday evening. This is a new feature in athletic exhibitions at the college and a good crowd enjoyed the various events immensely. Summaries:

Class Relay—Two laps. Seniors, Moore, Branham. Madden, Pfitsch; juniors, Mann W. Wallace, White, Panettiere; sophs, Bowen, Woodland, Leister, Custer; freshmen, Frampton, Tydings, Spedden, Strong; preps, W. Wallace, Chiswell, Dail, Jones, Won by preps: sophs second; seniors, third. Time, 1 minute 8 11 seconds.

Speed King Race—Two laps. Pearson, Williams, Purnell, Harris A. I. Schelberg, Corbin, Lickle. Won by Pearson; Harris, Second; Schelberg, third. Time, 18 seconds.

Freshmen and Sophs Relay vs. College—Freshmen and Sophs. Frampton, Strong, Brown, Leister; college, Moore, Mann, W. Wallace, Jones. Won by freshmen and sophs. Time, 1 minute 5 1-5 secoods.

Speed King and Runt Relay—Speed King, Corbin, Purnell, Schelberg, Pearson; Runt, Lankford, Gordy Seward, Reely. Won by Speed Kings. Time, 38 seconds.

High Jump—Branham, Pfitsch, Selby, Mann, Woodland, McCloud, Strong, Frampton, W. Wallace, Jones, Won by Pfitsch; Frampton, second; Branham, third. Height, 4 feet 11 inches.

Standing Broad Jump—Branham, Moore, Selby, Graves, McCloud, Woodland, Frampton, W. Wallace. Won by Moore; Frampton, second: Woodland, third. Distance, 8 feet 11 inches.

Tug-of-war—Freshmen. Garrett, Waller, Sparks, Schelberg, Strong, White; Sophs, Brown, Leister, McCloud, Custer, Boswell, Larmore. Won by freshmen.

Tug-of-war—Freshmen, Garrett, Waller, White, Strong, Schelberg, Sparks; Seniors, T. M. Garrett, Branham, Pfitsch Madden, Lewis, J. E. Harris. Won by freshmen.

Basketball.—Speed Kings vs. Runts—Speed Kings, White, Corbin, Harris, Purnell, Williams; Runts, Reeley, Lankford, Seward, Selby, Gordy. Runts won 13 to 4.

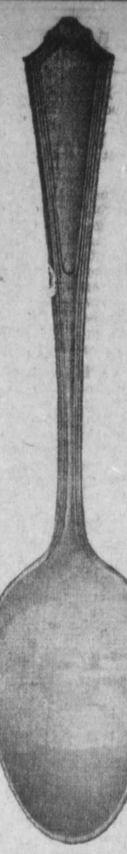
Farm Products by Mail.

Postmaster-General Burleson, by amending the parcel post regulations, announced this week the establishment of a "farm products post," which can be utilized by farmers and truckers for the shipment of crates or boxes of butter, eggs, vegetables and dressed poultry, weighing between 20 and 50 pounds, directly from the farm to the city kitchen.

The new service is provided only for the first and second zones—approximately 150 air line miles. Under the new regulations boxes and crates, similar to those used in the express service, when packed with farm products, will be carried outside the mail bags and will be promptly delivered to the city consumer.

The "farm products post" is created for the purpose of opening up a cheap marketing avenue between the trucker and the city consumer, with the view of reducing the cost of table necessities in the populous centres. Investigations show that food products, for which the farmer receives $3.24 on his farm, are retailed in the city for $5.55 under the present marketing system. It is the idea of the Postoffice and Agricultural Department experts, who have been studying this problem, that the farmer will accept $4.25, postage prepaid, for the articles of food which he sells to the commission merchant for approximately $3.24 and for which the city consumer pays $5.55 If he does, the city consumer will save about $1.25 on every market basket.

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