

WHO IS TO BLAME, GOD OR INDIFFERENT OFFICIALS?

A lot of fraternal "resolutions of condolence and respect" begin with a bald-faced lie. The 'Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to call our dear Brother Blank from labor to reward,' is a clear case of "passing the buck". It attempts to shift blame for an untimely death from the shoulders of very culpable mortals. When citizens permit unsanitary conditions to prevail and continue; when they allow the authorities to become lax and indifferent in matters that concern the health of the community, the regrettable death of an honored resident should not be attributed to the will and pleasure of the Almighty. Such resolutions should properly begin with a "mea culpa," for every citizen must share in the responsibility. Some time a committee appointed by a lodge for such duty may cut loose from precedent and the stereotyped form of words, and startle the brethren with a pronouncement in this fashion:

"Whereas, the Mayor, the City Council and the health authorities of this town have criminally failed in their duty of safeguarding the lives and health of citizens; and, whereas, this lodge has, by reason of such criminal and inexcusable neglect, been called upon to mourn the loss of our dear Brother Blank; therefore, be it resolved, that this lodge does hereby condemn such delinquent authorities, holding them up to the reprobation of all good citizens; and be it further Resolved, that we call upon the authorities of the State, and the courts to take official cognizance of such willful neglect and misconduct." It is altogether likely that such treatment would have beneficial results. The course now adopted is not fair to God, and suffers offending men to continue in wrong doing, while still retaining respectability and the regard of their fellows. As for Brother Blank's translation to "the Grand Lodge above," such happy consummation would be in no way interfered with by the unusual truth-telling on part of his surviving and sorrowing brethren. It might even help him through the pearly gates as proving the good quality of his late associates, and presumably his own excellent character.—American Freemason.

Some men call women angels but then we can't believe a word some men say.

It takes a lot of chivalry to stand up for people who won't stand up for themselves.

Buying gloves and shoes demonstrates that we have to for the bills that come to hand.

Wiggs—"No man is in politics for his health." Wagg—"No, if he did he'd soon lose it."

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STOMACH TROUBLE

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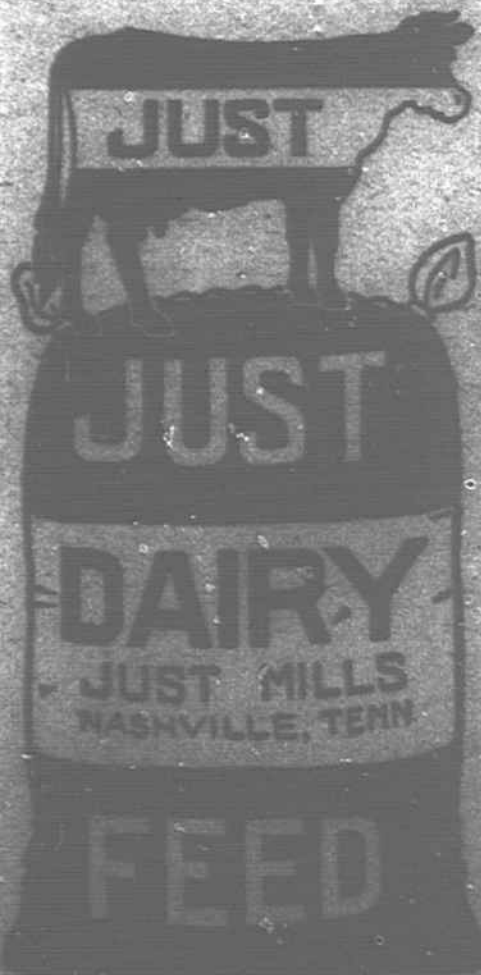
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