

SUNDAY READING.

Religion Rooted in Doctrine.

A man may be mechanically religious. He may perform its outward relative duties as a matter of habit in which he has been trained. But if his religion has no root in his understanding and conscience—if it does not derive its vital subsistence from doctrinal beliefs, more or less intelligently and conscientiously apprehended, it is no more religion, in the Bible sense of the term, than are the articulate chattering of the parrot, acquired by special training and habit, the utterances of intelligent speech on the part of the bird that thus gives forth articulate sounds. Such religion is religion by rote. It is mere imitation—a pantomime. The phonograph—that wonderful invention of the time—is hardly less intelligent in repeating the vibrations of vocal and articulate sounds after the speaker has gone from the instrument, than is the man truly religious who practices religion without any understanding of why he does so—without any knowledge whatever of the doctrinal principles which underlie his forms of religious worship, and which are the law and guide of religious duty.

The Two Extremes.

N. C. Presbyterian. Minds there are that seem to luxuriate in passivity. Chameleon-like they take their color from the minds surrounding them. Their happy possessors know nought of brain toil, whatever else they know. An impression, too faint to be an opinion, is made by the first strong nature they come in contact with, and retained until another, as strong as he, sponges it off and impresses his own. They live and laugh and loiter along, but the world is none the better nor wiser nor stronger for them. Harmless they are as enemies, because they lack the energy of hate, unless they are as friends, because they cannot command intensity of affection. They receive our tolerance, but they cannot inspire our respect.

Quite in contrast with these is the touchy man. He is sometimes likened to a powder magazine. The simile is perfect in the respect that either is easily fired and will blow up in a twinkling. But the magazine blows itself up, and that, unfortunately, the touchy man never does. The magazine goes off and is gone, like "Grandfather's Clock," never to go again; but the human combustible does not, except metaphorically; you wish he would; you would go off yourself if you could. He stays awhile and gives you a bit of his mind. Generous soul! You cannot complain of short measure, but the weight is very scant, and the quality far below average.

But the touchy man is aggressive. He is apt to be a reformer, and delights in his missions. The world is all, and always wrong; he never is. He delights in candor, so called, when exercised toward others, and finds innumerable opportunities for the display of his distinguishing virtue. He is fond of reproving in proportion as he dislikes to be reproved. He believes in the fitness of things and excels in saying unpleasant things unpleasantly. He cannot be loved, but he may well be feared. And yet, if we must take our choice, commend us to the touchy man.

Not less than a bushel of letters come to this office every year from old and young men, matrons and maidens, asking that employment of some sort be obtained for them. Most of them are written by persons who are suffering from enforced illness and want, and who are honestly seeking help to get a start in life. A large portion of them live in the country, and they think that employment in the city is the most desirable, forgetful that there is no place where the unemployed and dependent suffer so much as in the cities. Some of them are the vainly struggling poor of our own city, who would be glad to accept the work and wages which strikers reject, if they were fitted for it and could get to it. What all seem to forget is that the editor of a daily journal has less time or opportunity to solicit employment for them than any other class of people, and that legitimate newspapers seldom ask favors of any one. To answer the multitude of such letters that come to us would require the constant services of a clerk, and in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the only reply that could be made would be the uniform statement that nothing can be done for them.—Philadelphia Times.

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Mothers-in-Law in Guinea.

Among the islanders, marriages are not made according to the inclination or by the free choice of the young people, but at the wish of the families, who consult their convenience alone when they affiance their children, most frequently at a very tender age. When the arrangement is completed, the betrothed are forbidden to associate with each other. The etiquette which regulates the affair is very rigorous, and presses heavily upon the little fiancées. They are forbidden to look at each other, and it is enjoined upon the young girls to arrange matters that her future husband cannot see her. When they meet each other on the road—an accident which cannot fail to occur occasionally—the girl, who rarely goes out alone, being warned by her companions, is bound to keep herself hidden behind a tree or bushes from the time that her future lord and master comes in sight till he has passed by. It happens often that the two are of the same company—for instance, when they cross from one island to another in the same boat. Then the childlike and simple courtesy which gives the law in these regions demands that they turn their backs, and look steadfastly in opposite directions. The betrothed must also avoid all contact with the members, both masculine and feminine, of the family into which they are about to enter. From the future father-in-law and the future mother-in-law they must guard themselves as from the plague. One day when Mr. Van Hasselt was in his school, one of the boys suddenly threw himself under the table, where he remained motionless. Not knowing what to think, the frightened teacher was rushing to the child, when his comrades called him back. "It is nothing," they said, "only his brother's future mother-in-law is going by!"

From the Quaker City.

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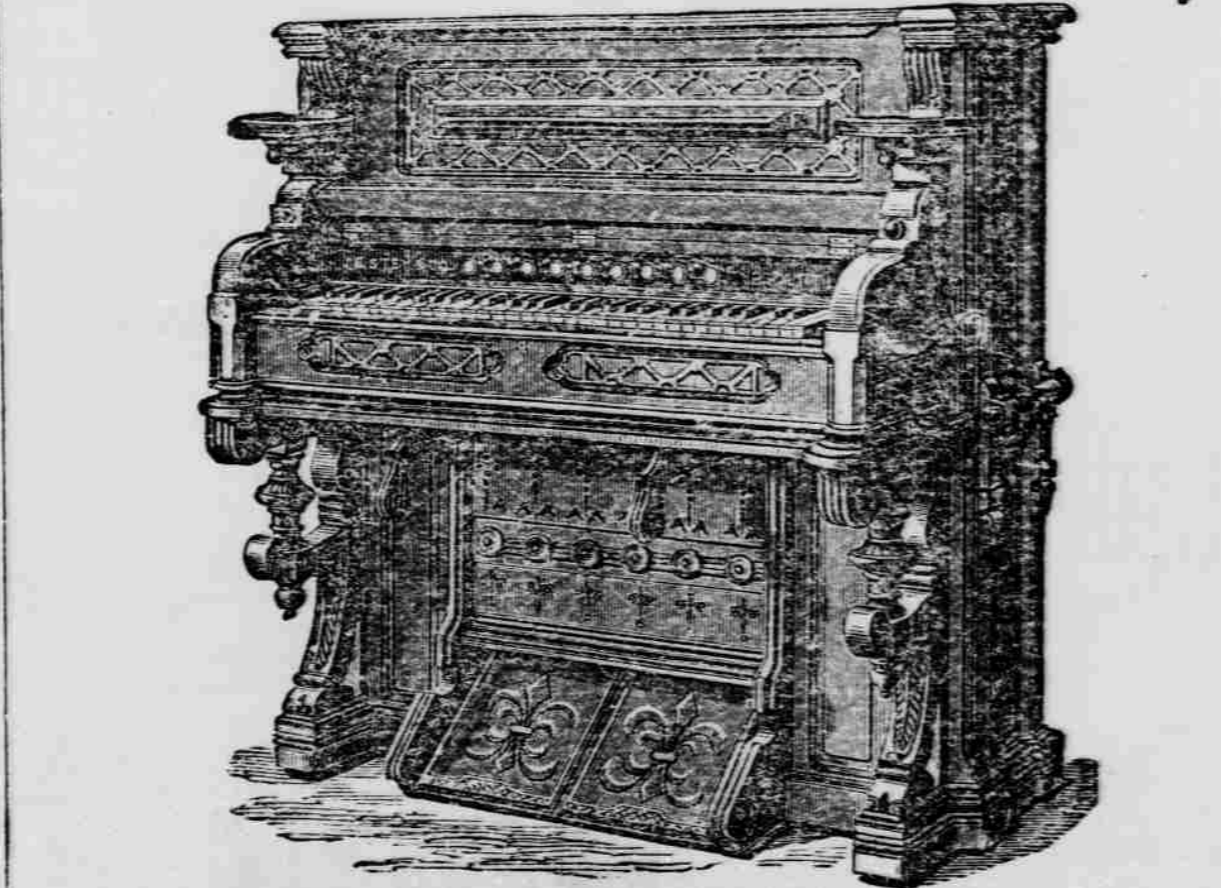
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