

Hard to Believe. "I think Bigley is one of the poorest men I ever met."

Take Heart. Take heart, be brave, hope for the best. Let faith be steadfast, like the stars—Who knows—you may escape the curse Of necktie red and pink cigars.

Bismark's Lucky Number. Bismark's account, in reference to our paragraph on superstitious belief, with Pythagoras, that not thirteen but three was the great and perfect number.

His Viewpoint. "I see that the Duke of Atholl, in England, has 22 titles."

Keep Your Blood Pure. No one can be happy, light-hearted and healthy with a body full of blood that cannot do its duty to every part of the body.

A new electric fixture consists of a jeweled, hand-wrought, polished, brass band carrying a centre light with mother of pearl shades and three drop lights, with shades of the same material.

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THE PULPIT.

BRILLIANT! BUNYAN / SERMON BY REV. W. F. BEST.

Subject: The Higher Criticism.

Remsen, N. Y.—The following sermon by the Rev. W. F. Best, was recently preached with telling effect. The subject of the discourse was "The Higher Criticism: Its Advantages and Disadvantages." Dr. Best said:

Higher criticism is defined as follows: "The discovery and verification of the facts regarding the origin, form and value of literary productions upon the basis of their internal characteristics and contents."

There are three classes of critics. First, the radical, who reject the supernatural in Scripture; second, the conservative-radical, who hold a half-way position.

There are four principles upon which the higher critics seek the origin of the books of the Bible. First, literary treatment; second, historical settings; third, religious thought; fourth, cumulative force of combination of principles.

As an enemy of the Bible, it is easy to be a higher critic. It has the following advantages: (1) The devil.

The devil was the first person to question the authority of God's Word. He was the first person to dispute Moses. If there is no preaching in hell, it will not be because the devil does not know anything about the Bible.

The world is one of the most earnest and enthusiastic friends of higher criticism. The very supposition that it is superstitious and coming from men who are looked upon as the greatest scholars and religious leaders in the world.

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ology of Greece and seen the downfall of the Roman Empire. It has witnessed the attacks of ridicule and buffoonery, the criticism of scientists, the intrigue of diplomacy, and the agonies of the Revolution.

From the outset the literary critics instinctively felt that the testimony of archaeology would be against them, and they endeavored to evade it by depreciation or denying it in advance.

Thousands of men, women and children in all parts of the world, at all ages, and in different circumstances, are proving by practical experience that the Bible is to be relied upon.

It will be seen at a glance that whatever is an advantage to the higher criticism is a disadvantage to the church. But as these are the general disadvantages we will name in this article only the most serious.

The higher criticism, as yet, is largely in the hands of college professors, and it requires constant study in order to keep up with the ever increasing opinions of the critics.

When a critic reads, "Thus saith the Lord," he has to stop and decide whether God says anything or not. He becomes an interpreter, explorer and is compelled to live a life of doubt.

While the higher criticism may be looked upon as an evil, it has overruled it for good. Criticism has been the Bible. Before John had written his Gospel, the agnostic had appeared on the scene.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR JANUARY 6 BY THE REV. I. W. HENDERSON.

Subject: God the Creator. Gen. 1:1-25—Golden Text, Gen. 1:1—Memory Verses, 1 to 2—Commentary.

Whatever may be our opinion as to the historicity of the story which the Bible as it stands so slowly tells the story of God's creative work in the days of the infancy of the world.

The fact of God is the ultimate statement of the wisest and the most searching philosophy. Whether we call God an energy, a creative power or a personality, we must in sound sense and as the result of universal experience admit Him as a fact.

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Reflections of a Bachelor.

There's a lot of people who hope to be happy in Heaven who know better than to think that religion is robbing children of all joy.

If a rich Chinaman came into some of our modern churches he would conclude that we were trying to exorcise demons by the aid of the choir.

This world is not Christianized until commerce is converted. The masters make the roads but the mobs keep them muddy.

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Safe Harbor.

"You say it took the detectives six months to discover the whereabouts of that missing bank teller?"

"Where was he?" "At home."

No Dream. A kiss on the lips, Is worth about fifty Sent you by wire.

Who Wouldn't? "Tomkins just told me that he loved his neighbor as he does himself."

A Distinction. "How much does it cost you a week to eat?" "My dear sir, eating costs me very little. But what it costs me to dine is something enormous."

Proverbs and Phrases. There is a palate of the understanding as well as of the senses—Bob Johnson.

There never goes so far as when one don't know whether one is going—From the French.

He who leech against a good tree, a good shelter findeth he—Don Quixote.

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What Joy They Bring To Every Home. as with joyous hearts and smiling faces they romp and play—when in health—and how conducive to health the games in which they indulge, the outdoor life they enjoy, the clearly, regular habits they should be taught to form and the wholesome diet of which they should partake.

USE TAYLOR'S HELP. I have had a cold for fifteen years, and have tried all sorts of remedies to relieve me, but without avail.

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