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Why It Declines

It would seem that not only in the cities, but even in the rural districts, where heretofore there was nothing else to do but go to church, the attendance at religious services is falling off at a most astounding rate.

It is this broader spirit, the happy product of a later day, which resents in any church the effort of one religion to profit at the expense of another.

Men know that there is a God, and they know, too, in the ordinary acceptance of the tenets and doctrines of Christianity, that they will be judged in the measure of their own merit, according to the manner wherein they have endeavored to love and serve Him.

The latter day demand for full liberty of conscience is one of the most powerful factors in emptying the churches of city and country, and it will continue to do so until a more enlightened generation of the ministry shall cease to discern the road to Heaven through one glass.

Not A Bully

A New York city newspaper, recently old enough to know better, recently remarked that the lobby investigation "was undertaken by President Wilson, or at least instigated by him, in an effort to convince the gullible that Woodrow Wilson was making good his anti-election promises to nail and annihilate the trusts."

Since his election, as he did before, the president has given every indication of a desire to treat "big business" in a fair and dispassionate manner. Even in the heat of his presidential campaign he did not seek to make capital by appealing to the popular passion of the hour—baiting the trusts.

"It is first of all necessary that we should act in the right spirit. And the right spirit is not a spirit of hostility. We shall not get either justly,

or wisely if we attack established interests as public enemies. There has been too much indolence and too little successful prosecution for wrong-doers; too much talk and too few practicable suggestions as to what is to be done. It is easy to condemn wrong and to fulminate against wrong-doers in effective rhetorical phrases; but that does not bring either reform or ease of mind. Reform will come only when we have done some careful thinking as to exactly what the things are that are being done in contravention of the public interest and as to the most simple, direct, and effective way of getting at the men who do them.

Notes and Comments

Albert Hubbard declares that the hand which constantly rolls a cigarette will eventually close over some body else's money. Albert talks as if he had been bitten by a member of the yellow-fingered fraternity.

The tango, bunny hug, turkey trot and kindred dances can properly be classed as a reversion of the race to the type which conducted the matrimonial ceremony with the aid of the stone axe.

There is no "poetry of motion" in the dances now forming the fad of the hour. So does the monkey and the bear gyrate.

The rich man of the future will be the fellow with the truck garden. Sounds like a far call, but invest in land near-in and be convinced.

Senator Bacon's exhibition of the gauntlet while discussing the Mexican question in the senate seemed to have a certain odor of cabbage about it.

Again the Citizen wishes to remark that several letters now awaiting publication will appear when they can claim paternity.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY."

- 1767—John Wentworth, governor of New Hampshire, removed by the British ministry on a charge of neglect of duty.
1782—The British troops evacuated Savannah.
1824—Ursuline convent in Charlestown, Mass., destroyed by mob.
1863—French troops took possession of Tampico, Mexico.
1875—William A. Graham, the Whig nominee for vice-president in 1852, died in Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Born in North Carolina, Sept. 5, 1804.
1877—Moons of Mars discovered by Asaph Hall.
1884—Ontario and Quebec railway opened between Toronto and Montreal.

"THIS IS MY 54TH BIRTHDAY."

Richard V. Taylor, vice-president and general manager of the Mobile and Ohio railroad, was born in Newbern, N. C., Aug. 11, 1859. After completing his education in the public schools of Mobile he was employed for several years as a clerk in several manufacturing and mercantile establishments. In 1877 he entered the service of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad company as a junior clerk in the accounting department.

Voice of the People

THE LIQUOR PROBLEM.

Editor The Citizen: The article in your Sunday issue by Mr. H. D. Parker struck the writer as being an interesting one, on account of the originality of his suggestions if nothing else.

It is also refreshing to see the much-vaunted liquor question discussed in a temperate manner, which is rather unusual. The extremists, whether on the one side or the other, cannot approach this much-mooted question without losing their self-control, and consequently their discussions are of little value.

There must be a better solution of the handling of liquor than that offered by either the rank liquor men or the fanatical prohibitionists, and perhaps Mr. Parker is on the right track.

The low-grade bar-room or dive should not be tolerated in any community and it seems to be passing away everywhere.

Prohibition is no solution of the liquor question, though, as is abundantly testified by the vast increase in North Carolina in "moonshining" and in the thousands of indictments for illegally selling liquor that are made.

SUGGESTION FOR HOSPITAL.

A suggestion has been made in regard to the Mission hospital campaign that seems to deserve public attention.

The children of a neighborhood have become enthused with the spirit of the occasion and wish to contribute their small offerings in a street or neighborhood purse.

—distinctly appealing to the children, and aid other children in less fortunate circumstances than themselves. There may be some one in each neighborhood who is willing to undertake organizing the children into teams for a week or more of collecting. If there are any such—their efforts will be greatly appreciated by the hospital management I feel sure.

The children are a wonderful force when started in the right direction. In reality the whole hospital movement, and indeed, all community movements for the betterment of conditions are directed toward benefiting the children.

Personal Anecdotes.

A Democrat. Col. William F. Stone was talking in Chicago, apropos of Independence day, about George Washington. "Washington," he said, "was stately—an aristocrat. He liked pomp, show, Abe Lincoln, the next best man to Washington, was on the other hand, a democrat of democrats."

Ignorance of the Monroe Doctrine. (Indianapolis News.) We have already noted that Great Britain contemplates establishing a great naval base at Bermuda. Officials, we are further told, "realize that the problem raised is a tremendous one, involving the Monroe doctrine and marking perhaps a complete revolution in the foreign naval policy of the western hemisphere."

Underwear De Luxe. Jack London, the novelist, has "hobnobbed" it for the fun of the thing, and many are the yarns he tells of that wild, free life.

The Hard Part. Senator Penrose, at a luncheon at the auditorium in Chicago, told the following story about an office seeker: "I hear you've got a government job now," one man said to another. "The other answered gaily: 'That's what.'"

Brooding Out Hay Fever. "My hay fever," he said, "strikes me on July 2, every year, rain or shine. On July 1, I go to bed, a well man, and the next morning I rise with watery eyes, a red and swollen nose clogged up tight, and a dry, wide open mouth through which I breathe with noisy wheezes. My head feels distended. It feels as though I were being stretched on a form—like you stretch a shoe or a glove, you know."

Filled All Outdoors. A farmer once told Lincoln a whopping big fib about his hay crop. Lincoln, smiling his melancholy smile, drawled: "I've been cutting hay, too."

Why They Strike. Ty Cobb, the famous baseball striker, was discussing the waiters' strike with a Philadelphia reporter. "The motive of it?" he said. "Well, there was a dialogue the other day between a waiter and his boss that explains the motive pretty clearly."

Left Hand Cigars. It isn't because a cigar is badly made that the wrapper sometimes comes uncurled—it is because the cigar is a left hand one.

The "Moderates." Andrew Carnegie, in a recent address to the students of Aberdeen, addressed them to remain total abstainers until they became millionaires.

stintness for workers," said a New York editor, discussing this advice. "I once heard him argue with a 'moderate drinker.' "He said that moderate drinkers were too apt to be like Boos. Boos, he explained, was to preside over a moderate drinkers' Independence day banquet, but got absorbed in the declaration on the train ride, and was carried fifty miles beyond his station."

Mayor Rockwell of Akron said a few years ago in a Fourth of July address: "To say that England's arrogance brought about our independence is to utter a platitude—it is to be irritatingly obvious as Smythe."

"So you're hungry, eh?" Smythe said to a beggar one day. "Yes, boss," the beggar replied. "I ain't had nothin' to eat for three days."

THE SCISSORS ROUTE

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The Downward Path. Seal Sea everywhere, as the great liner made her powerful course over the Atlantic. "Oh, captain," came a disconsolate groan from a seask passenger, half reeling in a deck chair, "how far are we off land?"

"No answer came to this remark, which had been reiterated several times that day. "Oh, captain, de answer me—how far?" "Mile and a half," came the gruff reply.

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