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CARDINAL PRINCIPLES

1. The Lord Jesus is the only Head of the Church.
2. The name Christian, to the exclusion of all party and sectarian names.
3. The Holy Bible, or the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, sufficient rule of faith and practice.
4. Christian character, or vital piety, the only test of fellowship or church membership.
5. The right of private judgment, and the liberty of conscience, the privilege and duty of all.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The United States Senate.

Can it be possible that the highest law making body in all this land has become corrupt, vile and altogether degenerate? Is the Senate of the United States made up of thieves and bribe-takers? Are the seats of our most honored fathers now occupied by men who are the mere puppets of money kings and political corruptionists?

I have just read with painful surprise and sickening horror two articles in one of our leading American magazines which would answer all of the above questions in the affirmative. If one half, nay one tenth, of what Ernest Crosby and David Graham Phillips, are writing in *The Cosmopolitan*, is true then our Senate must be one of the most vile, corrupt law-making bodies on earth. And these writers do not generalize: they bring in specific charges against individual Senators and call them by name, besides giving full page cuts of their faces. And if these awful charges of bribery, theft and corruption are not true, one wonders why the Senators named do not sue the writers for slander and the publishers for libel. *The Cosmopolitan* is able and can stand suits; yet we hear of none being brought.

These writers say the Senate keeps up its show of virtue and integrity and pristine power when everybody knows it is a sham. "The president of the Senate still addresses the members as 'The Senator from the State of New York,' or 'The Senator from the State of Rhode Island,' when everybody knows he means 'the Senator from the New York Central Railroad,' and 'the Senator from the Standard Oil Trust.'" "The Senate is now the agent of the money power, the representative of Wall Street—the House of Dollars."

But to individuals. Mr. Phillips declares that out of eighteen Senators sent to Washington by the nine largest States, no less than ten are notorious characters, and of these ten servants of plutocracy none are more obsequious and treacherous than Platt and Depew, who are the nominal representatives of New York State at Washington. Of these two traitors, to their State and Nation, according to Mr. Phillips, Platt is dismissed in pity because "his mind is a mere shadow; he cannot live long—and

why linger over his unbroken record of treachery and plunder." Of Depew it is declared that "in no part of the State of New York, these thirty-five years, would the people have elected him to any office of trust, great or small." Since Depew was thirty-two years old "the Vanderbilts have owned him mentally and morally; they have used him." Depew's joviality and popularity have carried him a long way and "it would be a moderate statement that his geniality has cost the people of New York State a thousand million dollars, besides the infamous grants of the rights to tax the public in perpetuity."

Depew is now in the courts and suits for seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars—money of the Equitable whose trustee he was for 28 years—are pending against him.

With such charges Mr. Phillips and the *Cosmopolitan* are laying before the American people something of the character of the men who were chosen to be our sanest law-makers but who in truth have come to be our traitors.

We cite these facts to call attention to this: That the spirit of investigation is in the air. The day has come when the man in a place of confidence and trust must render accounts now and then. The American people are becoming tired of graft and pillage and plunder. The public conscience is becoming aroused. And it is high time. If our nation is to be saved from the awful fate that befell proud Rome, we must have honest servants in high places and in low. Lawson and Everybody's did a great work for laying bare many evils in *Life Insurance* last year; Phillips and *The Cosmopolitan* give promise of doing as much or more for the United States Senate this year. Certainly do they lay bare a grave situation in the March number now before us.

Energetic Japan.

Although the Sunrise Kingdom has raised her head among the first rate Powers she has lost none of her wonted activity, energy and progress. Wherever there was a battleship to be raised and repaired she has been at the work early and late and has accomplished wonders. At Port Arthur where her guns played such havoc with the Russian fleet, she has raised from the deep four great battleships; at Chemulpo a cruiser of 4,500 tons and a merchant steamer of 1,415 tons have been raised; they are now raising five other gun boats. In all, Japan is now sailing her own flag over sixteen warships and fifty-nine merchant ships where the Russian flag formerly floated. (And be it remembered that in all the war Japan only lost twelve warships and thirty-five merchant steamers). Beside this Japan is having built—and now nearly completed—four great battleships, two of them being the most formidable in the world, and four heavily armored cruisers and two small cruisers and twenty-eight torpedo boat destroyers. In short Japan is doing for her navy

what she is doing for her army, building and equipping one of the most formidable on earth. The progress and attainment of these people continue to be the wonder and admiration of all nations.

How They View Us.

It sometimes punctures our pride, and at the same time helps us to indulge more charity toward others, to know what they think of us. Ever since a returned missionary from China presented me with "chop sticks,"—just plain, black sticks about 14 inches long and a quarter of an inch in diameter—with which these Chinese eaters feed themselves, I have had pity for them that they did not use knives and forks like civilized people. Well, I shall pity them no more on that score. They do not desire knives and forks and say that we Americans are lost low beyond redemption or we would not use them.

Dr. Arthur J. Brown, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, at a great banquet given to distinguished Chinamen the other night in New York read this letter from a Chinese gentleman in this country to a relative in China. It serves in brief to show what a respectable, cultured Chinaman thinks of some of our customs.

"You cannot civilize these foreign devils. They are beyond redemption. They will live for weeks and months without touching a mouthful of rice, but they eat the flesh of bullocks and sheep in enormous quantities. That is why they smell so badly; they smell like sheep themselves. Every day they take a bath to rid themselves of their disagreeable odours, but they do not succeed. Nor do they eat their meat cooked in small pieces. It is carried into the room in large chunks, often half raw, and they cut and slash and tear it apart. They eat with knives and prongs. It makes a civilized being perfectly nervous. One fancies himself in the presence of sword-swallowers. They even sit down at the same table with women, and the latter are served first, reversing the order of nature. * * * Yet the women are to be pitied, too. On festive occasions they are dragged around the room to the accompaniment of the most hellish music."

Covington Letter.

One of the marvels of the age, to me, is the fact that no great teacher, or preacher, can arise, standing true to the Bible and contending for a real spiritual life, but that some man, or men in the church, generally some minister of the Gospel, will assail the man thus standing for the truth. Dr. Torrey, who is practically Moody's successor, and as I believe heaven-appointed, is doing a great work in the winning of men to Christ. He has made a tour of the world, during which it is estimated that more than 100,000 men and women professed faith in Christ. Now he has come home to do the same class of work among, and for,

his own people. True he is beginning in Canada, but to all intents and purposes, they are his own people, and according to reports sent out from Toronto, he is being greatly used of God in calling men to the new life in Christ, and yet, strange as it may seem, there are ministers of the Gospel, so called at least, who are seeking to block the way to success by warning the people to beware of his teaching, and urging them to see to it that he does not mislead them. No doubt more men are coming to Christ in a single day under the ministry of Dr. Torrey and his associates than have come in a lifetime of ministry of such men as are decrying him and his work. Why is this? Why is it that such a work must be fought and hindered by men who call themselves Christian ministers—who claim to be serving the same Master—seeking to save souls through the salvation which he has wrought out on the cross and through the resurrection? It reminds us of the time when John saw one casting out devils in the name of Jesus, but because he did not do it in John's way, he forbade him. I am ashamed of such a spirit and pray that the ministers of our Lord may be saved from such a selfish spirit. If any man can lead a man to Christ for salvation, I will rejoice with him. He may not do it in my way, but if he does it in God's way, that will be enough, and I cannot, I will not, God helping me, fight him, or his work, or in any way hinder him, knowingly. Dr. Torrey seems fearless in his maintenance of the Bible as the sure word of God, in holding up Jesus as the sinner's hope of salvation. He holds that men ought, yea, must repent, believe and be born again, and under the power of the Holy spirit pass into the deeper experiences and larger service of God among men. To decry any true servant of God, no matter if he does not work just as I may like it, is to show an ugly streak in our own hearts. Rather let us do all in our power to help any man to reach a lost soul that he may bring him to repentance and faith for deliverance from sin through Jesus Christ. Instead of hindering Dr. Torrey, let us sustain him by our prayers and sympathy.

J. PRESLEY BARRETT.

Sun Shine.

It is free. Everybody can have it. Just live in it when you can, for it will greatly benefit all classes and conditions of people. Why stay lingering, shivering on the cold, bleak, north side? Come over on the sunny side where you will feel more comfortable, and where there is rest, peace, and very much better surroundings. Not long since an interested one said to the writer: "I intend to look for and try to live in the sun shine, if I die in the clouds." The spirit which prompted that thought was a noble one, and it was brave and manly in him who said it. It showed splendid will power blended with enough

common sense to produce happiness.

There are so many attractive, sunny people it is a real pleasure to meet them, and enjoy their charming association. It makes you feel fine to meet some people and you always look better, purer and brighter by the helpful influence which they give. It often requires effort to be bright, but the flood of joy which flows into the soul fully pays for the time and patience given in obtaining it. When the mists of a sour, evil disposition are blown over like a morning fog, life is filled with rapture as it lives on a higher plain, and looks for greater spiritual and temporal blessings. With a heart beating for more gladness, the way becomes brighter, the scenes more attractive, with a larger and more inviting field for well directed activity. Don't think so much of the losses, troubles, pains and anxiety you have had, but think of and appreciate your blessings, count them over and over, and be thankful to God for them.

The best way to live a better, brighter life is to have plenty of external and internal purity and cleanliness. Bathe freely and frequently at the fountain of cheerfulness, take proper exercise and use enough water which is so freely and abundantly given. Have a good, clear, healthy conscience, and let it be void of offence toward God and men.

Sunshine—how desirable it is. I have seen some who but seldom get into it, they stay in the clouds, away in the thick, damp, dark clouds and lose very much of the joy of life. Not much do they look up to see if it is clear—nearly always down and behind do they look.

Let all who are living without Christ—whose lives are full of darkness and sin, come at once to Him who is a sun and shield and find the light and protection which will give them true happiness.

J. T. KITCHEN.

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The Harvard University faculty and overseers have decided that there should be no foot-ball at that institution next year—to await sane and safe rules by which to play the game.

Both father and son McCurdy of Mutual Life Insurance fame (infamy) are being watched day and night by detectives and ex-President McCall of the New York Life is dead at his home in New Jersey. Since that investigation "the way of the high insurance official is hard." But they had full warning, for from of old was it written, "Be sure your sins will find you out,"

The elite of New York, Washington and Ohio society, about one thousand in all, gathered at the White House February 17, at noon to witness the marriage of Congressman Nicholas Longworth of Ohio, to Miss Alice Roosevelt. The value of the presents went into the hundreds of thousands, most of the rulers of foreign governments being among the contributors.