The Pastor's Thorns.

The pastor's critic! that is he In the pew to the right marked number

You'll always find him in his place With the sam, hard look on his cynical

He's thoroughly versed in Scriptural lore But his heart is withered at the core: Withered by pride and self conceit, Which are ever ready the soul to cheat.

And that little man so sleek and fat Who has just come in is the autocrat. He rules the market of grain they say, And would rule the church if he had his

While across from him on the middle aisle The gossip sits with complacent smile, So busily conning the news she has heard That her ears are deaf to the Holy Word

These three are the pastor's sharpest thorns Although there are others for whom he

Others whore foolish and godless ways Vex his thoughts, and sadden his days; For in the fold among his sheep

There are goats enough to make him weer -Felix Connop, in The Living Church.

Church-Debt Raising.

There are two things that can be found in almost every village—the town drunkard and the church debt, the latter being the more annoying of the two. How to raise the debt from the Church at Turley, the scene of Charles Heber Clark's (Max Adeler) new novel, Captain Bluitt, was the subject of a meeting which the author describes as follows:

After a brief statement by the pastor concerning the need that the church should be relieved speedily from the burden of indebtedness, Elder Brown, Principal of the Pablic School, asked for suggestions respecting the best way of accomplishing the object.

One of the ladies proposed an oyster-supper; another thought the community might be willing to endure one more fair for the sale of useful and fancy articles; and still another urged that a concert with home and foreign talent" would be a sure money-maker. Trustee Wilkins inclined to a magic-lantern show, with some comic pictures; say Views of the Holy Land for the main attraction, and then a bit of fun afterwards, or interpersed with the Views.

Puella Bluitt spoke about the beauty and usefulness of self-denial and recommended that everybody should go without butter and caramels for two months and put the money equivalent of these articles into mite-boxes. When these and other plans for obtaining money had been offered and urged, Davis Cook, the plumber, and the Librarian of the Sabbath school, rose for the purpose of making a few observations.

I don't want to oppose none of the schemes presented here to-night, he said, or to do anything disagreeable to the brethren and sisters who are better Christians than I am. and many of whom have forgotten more, maybe, than I ever knowed. But I have the interests of this church at heart, and as we have been invited here for the purpose learning the greater number was of gitting opinions, I think I am to get the prize. On the day when free to speak my mind and I hope I will do so without giving offense to er girl failed by just one verse, to nobody Each man sees things dif. the surprise of everyone. Afterferent, and if I can't see 'em your wards, when a ked how it came way, that may not prove. you are about, she said: I could easily wrong; but I've got to tell you get ahead of her, but when I came how I em or else jest set here and to the verse, In honor preferring keep quiet.

worship of God and for the preaching of the everlasting gospel. It ain't no shop. It wasn't place, that she might the more got up for trade or for driving bargains. It's a place where sinners and saints come to pray the saints to git comfort from the preached Word while the sinners ing for the sake of the kingdom, is git conversions at least we hope they'll git it. The church then is really a kind of little heaven here below, and when a man comes into it be surely ought to leave worldly things on the outside. Worshiping and dickering ain't got nothing in common. That's the way it

strikes me.

Now it seems to me, continued | CONFESSING HIM UNCONSCIOUSLY. Davis, that such an organization as that oughta's to go into the eatinghouse business or try to sell notions outline used in the preceding sec- said : When you have an oyster-supportion. We can confess him uncon- It never hurts a man to preach stood the test of years. It cures. mind you, I don't make no wry our manner of speech. Every he says and does of himself, after faces at oyster-suppers just regard- Christian ought to be a gentleman he had done all the Lord told him ed as oyster-suppers-I put it to to begin with. I use the word gen- to, that hurts him. If I had a you brethren, if it isn't just the tleman as describing character and vessel with a cargo on board, bound same as saying to the outside world not sex. The truest expression of for Boston, and should go there lying in wickedness, Come and help a Christian, sometimes, is in the and unload the cargo on the wharf, the work of spreading the glorious unconscious tone of the voice. We it would not hurt the vessel. But Go-pel Tidings by stuffing your di- hear a good deal now and then of if after I got all my cargo out I gestive organs with oysters that the human face being a reflection should keep on and tear out all the you'll have to pay more for and of character; doubtless, but I should inside of the vessel and put that less of 'em than you can get any- like to suggest that the human up on the wharf too, that would where else. That's not my idea of voice also frequently expresses char- spoil the vessel. the way pure religion's going to be acter just as certainly. spread from pole to pole. If you Let us be free from coarse that there is some truth in the old

down and hold my peace.

to their sins.

A magic-lantern show ain't much better, although there is no particular objection to it, as a show any more than there is to a concert, which I always like to hear, though I ain't got no ear for music. But what I don't like, said Davis earnestly, is trying to raise money by any plan that says to a man: Give your dollars to religion, and you'll get'em back quick in the shape of something you can carry home in your pocket or your digestive tract. Brethren, I think the only way to pay off the mortgage is for you and me to go down into our pockets and to give the last dollar we can spare.

Now I've done a good deal of talking, and maybe I've hurt somebody's feelings, and I'm sorry if I have. But so's there won't be jest talk, so's I won't seem to give advice I ain't willing to take, 1 say here and now that I'll subscribe fifty dollars to the fund.

There was a silence when Davis resumed his seat. He looked flush ed and excited, but he had the air of a man who had done his duty .-United Presbyterian.

Confessing Christ.

CONFESSING HIM CONSCIOUSLY.

In speech. There is need for confess him; when honor demands that you "stand up for him." There is much spoken directly against him, against his people, against the teachings which he brought into the world. We are to contend Mary, another John, another Peter earnestly for the faith that is in us and by so much acknowledge him to be our Lord and Saviour.

It is a mistake to suppose that by confessing him you declare your perfection of character, and assume that you are better than other lows. That was the thought which people; this is such a common error that it ought to be thoroughly exploded. If one rises and declares that he loves Christ, owns him as Saviour, it is quite possible that he takes a lower place than the one who keeps silent; for it is a confesion of the need of a Saviour, and an acknowledgement that Jesus fills this need; there is no exaltation of self about it; the really proud heart is the one that keeps there is a man unsaved anywhere,

See to it that you never deny him by silence.

Actions. There is a great opportunity for confession of Christ in deliberate choice of conduct, sometimes taking second place in order to witness for him. There is story told of two little girls who were competing for a prize by memorizing verses of Scripture; the one the prizes was awarded, the brightone another, I made up my mind to This church was organized for the let her take the prize, so I kept a verse behind her all the way. It was a deliberate choice of second honor the Master whose word she was studying.

Keeping silent even when you have right on your side, yet yieldanother way or confessing Christ. How often we stand up for our rights, and demand them in quite vigorous language; when, simply to bear the injustice might bring greater bonor to the Master. In such simple conduct we might often win men to Christ who may be brought in no other way.

can bring a man to realize that he speech; from polite swearing; from | man's theory; and that, while peris a sunner by selling for a quarter saying anything but yea and nay, haps here and there one can say, in the sanctuary an oyster-stew Than which is pleaded for is the The zeal of thine house hath eaten about half as good as he can buy in sound speech which no man can me up, yet in many other instances an irreligious place down the street gairs sy, a pure conversation which | zerl without knowledge has done

the thing works and I'll set right disciple of the most perfect Man the good. Many a man las killed him. And as for fairs-well, brethren tempered with salt, showing us to false, or if not false trivial, or if not business of working off pin-cushions accent; it ought to betray us all. and doll-babies and candy and It is a pity when one takes to lemonade and pie and perfectly use | speech strange and questionable in | less fancy-work on kind-hearted order to show that he does not beneighbors who are still in bondage long to the Lord, when he really does, and wants to. -Selected.

The Other Fellows.

He was only a dwarfed, grimy colliery boy, a mule driver in a Pennsylvania mine, but when a fire broke out in a narrow tunnel in the mine, though he might have escaped himself, he ran deeper in to carry the tidings of danger to some comrades, crying to a few companions, Take my mules out; I'm going to tell the other fellows! The other fellows were seven workmen to whom the warning came too late, for they were soon overwhelmed, their would-be rescuer perishing with

That deed of noble self-acrifice on the part of an obscure mire worker deserves to be celebrated along with the most plendid acts of heroic achievement that have received such ample mention on his tory's pages. The name of that young hero, Charles Jameson, is deserving of record on the tablets of the most conspicuous hall of fame, and his parting exclamation to his companions, I'm going to tell the other fellows! is a text that preaches a wonderful sermon in behalf of social service and sacrifice. In this world there always are the other fellows. The world is not composed witnessing for Christ in a most de. of one man. Its life does not swing finite way, when you from choice around one family center. There is or grass or flowers or tree or birds, somebody else to be considered. So in the New Testament, where mention is made of one Mary, it is immediately added, and the other Mary. There is always another -and frequently the other fellow is a needy fellow. He needs help, and needs it quick, and some mule driver or other, or it may be some millionaire or other, must bring it to him. Tast is gospel-to help other fel-Christ had in mind when he said, Other sheep I have which are not of this fold, and them also I must bring. It is regard for the other fellows which carries missionaries across the seas, lines the banks of the Congo with marty:s' graves, dots the hill slopes of Asia with American colleges, and rlows the waters of the Pacific with the keels of Morning Stars. The Christian finds his neighbor, or nigh boor, at the ends of the earth, and so long as

> him the warning word, the evangel The other fellows are found in found that she knew a great deal great numbers at home also. Many of them are entombed in the depths of sin, with bardly moral strength enough to grope their way toward the light. Only by desperate efforts can such be reached in time to said. arouse them from their spiritual indifference before their doom is forever sealed. Many of these other fellows are in need of social sympathy and material help. Their like the best of all is the three hearts crave loving-kindness, their last chapters of Revelation. bodies mayhap lack for food, and raiment, and proper physical care. about us. We must, as the little girl said, highway and hedge em ! They require to be sought out with patient, tireless Christian zeal, and brought into the glad, safe fellowship of the gospel of brotherhood. Christ cared for the other fellows; so must we, if we are Christ's .-

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What Hurts Ministers;

Old Father Harding, and eccen tric but godly man who traveled and preached the gospel for many years in the state of Maine, had ideas which were as true in substance as they were quaint and originial in expression. Oace when speaking of preachers being broken We can fittingly use the same down and killed by preaching he

We are quite inclined to believe for tifteen cents, you tell me how in itself will declare one to be a ministers great hurt and people no

world ever knew, whose speech was | self by preaching things which were I don't want to speak nothing harsh belong to the refined aristocracy- trivial untimely, and so entirely This, as well as the heat given our against fairs, but it really does the King's own circle. Thy speech useless at that time and place in alloying, especially when bress seem to me that folks that have a betrayeth thee, said the maid to Many a man has killed himse f and brouze are formed, proves that high spiritual calling oughtn't to Peter. So it ought to have done, by shouting and screaming a the an alloy is not a mere mechanical combine religious purpose with the in more senses than the Galilean top of his voice, not because his mixture, but a true chemical comsoul was so full that it must find | pound. vent in burning words of earnest eloquence, but because in his young days he had learned bad habits of speaking, and so his voice had become like an unbroken c lt, which runs away and never stops till utterly exhausted. And many a man has killed himself by preaching long, dry, dead discourses that got | belief. the people to sleep, and give their author more pain than they gave is better than medicine. any one else pleasure or profit,

and expected to have. It would herdache or rheumutism. abridge our songs if we only sung just what we felt, gushing from a hear. gladdened heart. It would condence our sermons wonderfully if we would say what we have to say, and stop. And perhaps soul and everybody knows you. body might be profited by the change.

If we live in the spirit and walk in the spirit, if we feel the gush of living waters from the eternal fountain, there will be little need of this over-heated and unhealthy real, but we shall move calmly on in the might of an inward energy, and grow strong in the abiding presence of Him who is the health of our countenance, and our God .-H. L. Hastings.

The Blind Child

Bishop Lyle says the bappiest child he ever saw was a little girl eight years old who was quite blind. She had never seen the sun or moon or any of those pleasant things which have gladdened your eyes all your life. More trying still, she had never seen her father or mother, yet she was the happiest child of all the thousands that the bishop had seen. She was journeying on the railway, this day I speak of. No one she know was with her-not a friend nor relative to take care of her -yet, though totally blind, she was quite happy and well contented.

Tell me, she said to some one near by, how many people there are in this car. I am quite blind and can see nothing. And she was kindly Are you not afraid to travel alone?

asked a gentleman. No, she replied, I am not fright-

ened; I have travelled before, and I trust in God, and people are always good to me. But tell me, said the bishop, why

you are so happy? I love Jesus, and He loves mr. sought Jesus and found Him, was

the reply. The bishop then began to talk to her about the Bible, and soon

about it. And how did you learn so much of the Bible? he asked.

My teacher used to read to me, and I remembered all I could, she And what part of the Bible do you like the best? asked the bishop. I like the story of Christ's life in

Having a Bible with him, the bishop read these three chapters to The out-of-the-way peeple are all her as the train dashed swiftly

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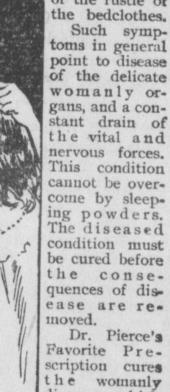
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