

The Pastor's Thorns.

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

And that little man so sleek and fat Who has just come in is the autocrat.

While across from him on the middle aisle The gossip sits with complacent smile.

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

Church-Debt Raising.

There are two things that can be found in almost every village—the town drunkard and the church debt.

After a brief statement by the pastor concerning the need that the church should be relieved speedily from the burden of indebtedness.

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.

Paella Bluit spoke about the beauty and usefulness of self-denial and recommended that everybody should go without butter and caramels for two months.

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.

This church was organized for the worship of God and for the preaching of the everlasting gospel. It ain't no shop.

Now it seems to me, continued Davis, that such an organization as that oughtn't to go into the eating-house business or try to sell notions.

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the thing works and I'll set right down and hold my peace.

And as for fairs—well, brethren I don't want to speak nothing harsh against fairs, but it really does seem to me that folks that have a high spiritual calling oughtn't to combine religious purpose with the business of working off pin-cushions and doll-babies and candy and lemonade and pie and perfectly useless fancy-work on kind-hearted neighbors who are still in bondage 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.

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

Confessing Christ.

In speech. There is need for witnessing for Christ in a most definite way, when you from choice confess him; when honor demands that you "stand up for him."

It is a mistake to suppose that by confessing him you declare your perfection of character, and assume that you are better than other people; this is such a common error that it ought to be thoroughly exploded.

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.

Keeping silent even when you have right on your side, yet yielding for the sake of the kingdom, is another way of confessing Christ.

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disciple of the most perfect Man the world ever knew, whose speech was tempered with salt, showing us to belong to the refined aristocracy—the King's own circle.

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!

That deed of noble self-sacrifice on the part of an obscure mine worker deserves to be celebrated along with the most splendid acts of heroic achievement that have received such ample mention on history's pages.

The other fellows! In a text that preaches a wonderful sermon in behalf of social service and sacrifice. In this world there always are the other fellows.

Are you not afraid to travel alone? asked a gentleman. No, she replied, I am not frightened; I have travelled before, and I trust in God, and people are always good to me.

The other fellows are found in great numbers at home also. Many of them are entombed in the depths of sin, with hardly moral strength enough to grope their way toward the light.

It is well to distrust the value of any associations that lessen your relish for the exercises of religion.

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Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine.

Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile. No one cares whether you have the earache headache or rheumatism.

Don't believe all the evil you hear. Don't repeat gossip, even if it does interest a crowd.

Don't go untidy on the plea that everybody knows you.

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