

Mr. Smith Replies to "Bethel."

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir.—I perceive that "Bethel" is one of those who think that a quotation from the Bible is sufficient answer to an argument on any old subject, regardless of whether it has to do with religion or not. She seems also to be under the impression that what was good enough for the ancient Israelites is good enough for us today. I may say that I was quite aware of the fact that there used to be a city called Bethel. I also know that the word "bethel" is applied to a chapel for sailors. It is also the name of a Nonconformist chapel. If I was wrong in thinking that "Bethel" is an adherent of a "little red religion," her extreme views on drinking, etc., had me astray.

In her last letter she states (on what authority she does not say) that the Hebrews who gathered around Deborah were the most intelligent people of that time. Of course the nations that produced such men as Euclid, Archimedes, Homer, Socrates, and Hero of Alexandria were by no means as intelligent. Any one who reads the Bible (and thinks as he reads) would gain another impression. The Jews were called a rebellious, stiff-necked, adulterous people who had not sufficient intelligence to stick to their religion, but were always running after other gods and had to be whipped back to the path of righteousness by plague, famine and the ravages of their enemies. There was Jacob who dreamed about the angels. The modern Jacob would not find the angels dreaming about him—that is, not the human angel. She would be busy investigating his pockets. The ancient Jacob had just left home for his health. He had tied to his father—and had "jewed" his brother out of his inheritance, and had to beat it. His ideas of the Almighty were so crude that he tried to make a bargain with Him and offered Him ten per cent. per annum on the gross receipts if He would look after him and his interests. He was married to four wives, which was then, no doubt, considered a mark of the highest intelligence. The modern Jacob considers one quite enough and sometimes he finds one to be too many for him if he happens to marry one of the voracious "Bethel" type.

Perhaps it was only in Deborah's time that the Jews and the rest of Jacob's descendants had become so highly intelligent. We shall see. At that very period the other nations which dwelt along the shores of the Mediterranean had, without any help from the revealed, true religion of the Jews, developed a certain stage of civilization. Treachery, breach of the laws of neutrality in warfare and of hospitality at all times were condemned by all their writers. But hear the words of Deborah, ruler of this most intelligent people: "Blessed above women be Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite." Let us see what Jael had done. The Israelites were fighting the Canaanites and defeated them. The Canaanite general, Sisera, fled for his life and sought shelter in the tent of Heber the Kenite, who was neutral. He was welcomed by Heber's wife, Jael. She fed him. In the words of the song which Deborah sang "he asked water and she gave him milk; she brought forth butter in a lordly dish." She covered him with her mantle, and he fell into the sound sleep of exhaustion and fatigue. Then she took a hammer and drove a tent-pin into his head and killed him. And Deborah called her blessed for doing that.

Later on in the history of this "chosen" people, who were not very choosy about some things, we find King David treating his enemies in this fashion: "He cut them with saws and with harrows of iron and with axes." He also "made them pass through the brick kiln," and roasted the poor beggars alive!

"Perhaps 'Bethel' will now appreciate the fact that these ancient Jews were by no means good examples in everything. Some of the things they did were evidently recorded as warnings to others as to what to avoid. Because the Jews had a Deborah to rule them is no reason why we should or should not. They also had a Jezebel who "tired her hair and painted her face" and whose word was law. The Egyptians had a Cleopatra and you can put against Queen Elizabeth another queen, Marie de Medici, who instigated the infamous Massacre of St. Bartholomew. In fact Elizabeth herself would be quickly shown the door by such as "Bethel," if she started her usual swearing, boxing the men's ears, and laughing at their indelicate jests.

One would feel inclined to believe that "Bethel" might sympathize with Deborah in her indignation against Asa, who "abode in his breaches." He should have taken them off and let the lady wear them.

Yours truly,
WARWICK SMITH.
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RUTH CAMERON

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A Treasured Friendship. Two years ago I met a dear friend of a dear friend—I had often heard of her before and had conceived a dislike for her because I have that nasty thing, a jealous disposition. When I met her I was quite prepared to dislike her and did at first for the perfectly absurd reason that she was too nice to me. She was an older woman and I thought her cordiality was patronage. In the two years that have passed I have come to realize that that cordiality is absolutely genuine and that she has one of the most beautiful characters I have ever come in contact with. Her friendship has meant much to me.

Both of these friendships are as deep as those made in high school days and I hope they will be as lasting. And both are with people whom, after the first meeting, I would have said I would not have cared if I had never seen again.

Perhaps To-morrow. Who knows but what someone whom you meet to-day or to-morrow for the first time, to whom perhaps you feel no special attraction and whom you may not expect to meet again, may come to be an important figure in your life. It is a thought that adds a bit of romance to life. I think. The young have this feeling always in respect to love—the next one may be the divinely ordained mate. That romance must pass, of course, but the romance of friendship need never pass if we keep our hearts open to it.

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SPRING AT HAND.



WALT MASON

The winter's nearly over, with weather cold and drear, and soon the grass and clover around us will appear, and little new-hatched chickens will cheer to beat the dawns, and how my old blood quickens, when spring is drawing near! The grip of frost is broken, the boys are playing ball—and what a vernal token that gratifies us all; there may be bluffs at snowing, and chill winds may be blowing before its final going, for winter has its gall. But gentle spring is coming with healing in her wings, and bees will soon be humming and handing us their stings; and romping lambs and lilies will cure us of the willies—and hence the poet sings. When all the world is frozen the poet, in his ire, bewails the trade he's chosen, and swears a halting lyre; but when the spring is waking, beyond all chance of faking, the bonds of winter breaking, he sings with Homer's fire. He sings of babbling streamlets, where swim the trout and carp; of Luna's silver beamlets, of birds with voices sharp; he sings, in soaring phrases about the woodland mazes, till some one, mad as blazes, comes up and busts his harp.

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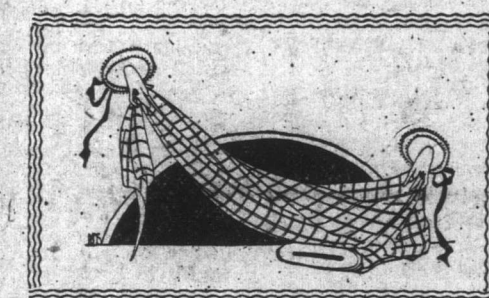
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him heartily on the back, and broke forth:—

"Boys, this is kind of the Bish. There's Alligator Jack and Red Bill; there's blank and blank, and blank planted here, and Gayd, 'E knows whether they have rested easy; we know what they were like, and we know what the Warden is like who read prayers over them; he was better than no one; but he is no good alongside a parson, and a Bishop is a fifty-parson-power in one. Boys, I move a vote of thanks to the Bish, with three times three, and may we all have a

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—By Bud Fisher

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