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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

Satelli's salary is 30,000 lire, and there are about 30,000 liras talking about him.

THERE are some men to whom a loss of their reputation would mean mighty good luck.

"ALL men are born equal," but some of them are promoted to the Provincial Legislature afterward.

THE attention of the Keeley institute is respectfully called to the fact that the moon gets full twice this month.

IF the Prince of Wales puts up at one of Chicago's big hotels during the Fair, the English parliament is liable to find a big deficit in its budget.

OYSTERS have gone pretty nearly out of sight. The historic church stew will have to fall back on the brand canned by Thothes in Egypt some time since.

A PARDONABLE expenditure on the part of the state would be a lot of waste baskets to hold the fool bills which will be introduced during this session of the legislature.

NOBODY would mourn over cigarette factory fire if it were not for the work of the gentlemanly telegraph editor who indites the headline "Gone Up In Smoke."

THE sublimity of satire—A parson pronouncing a benediction over the rabble who would cut down his salary. Or, was it a case of "Father forgive them they know not what they do?"

SWOONING during the wedding ceremony is again becoming fashionable. To be in with the bong tong it should be done gracefully. Kicking the minister in the stomach does not go.

Two young gentlemen passed a young lady on Government street, yesterday, when one asked the other: "Do you know why she wears a mink boa?" "No," said the other. "Because she doesn't like her chin chilly."

WHO says poetry doesn't pay? The estate of Tennyson amounts to nearly \$1,000,000. And even Whittier left property valued at \$133,729.39. One eye of the

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poet of the present day may roll in fine frenzy, but with the other one he keeps a sharp lookout for the spondulics.

MICHIGAN has convicted a man of murder committed seventeen years ago. Another man has been arrested for having killed his neighbor twenty-five years before serving the warrant. Justice is sometimes slow in the United States, but the limp in her gait is seldom more pronounced than in this instance.

THE Victoria Marine Hospital, according to advices from Ottawa, is to be done away with and provision for sick seamen made in the city hospitals. Whether this action be taken on the grounds of economy or to secure greater efficiency we are unable to say, the ways of the Department of Marine being so devious. We trust, however, that it will result in better service—not that the gentleman who has had charge of the establishment has been in any way to blame. He certainly did the best that was possible under the circumstances; but he was restricted not only to a beggarly salary, but to the most niggardly allowances for the maintenance of the place.

IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL.

To the Editor of THE VICTORIA HOME JOURNAL.  
SIR—With your permission, I would like to answer your correspondent "Pere Grinator's" objections to the acceptance of the conclusions arrived at in a lecture recently delivered in the Christadelphian Hall on the subject of the "Immortality of the Soul."

His first quotation Job xix., 25, 27—"For I know that my Redeemer liveth" etc., is strikingly lacking in proof that there is an immortal entity in man surviving the death of the body. Had P. G. read the verse intervening the two quoted, viz., the 26th, he would have seen how Job expected to be able to "see his Redeemer in the latter day." The 26th verse reads, "And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." Job evidently believed in the resurrection of the dead.

So in the quotation from Rev. xx., 11, 12, 15. Had the 5th and 6th verses been read, he would have seen that the resurrection of the dead had taken place (John saw in vision things which must be hereafter) Rev. iv., 1, thus giving the dead an opportunity to stand before God to be judged. God will be represented by Christ at the judgment, He "being God manifest in the



flesh." 1 Timothy iii., 16; "Him also has God ordained to judge the quick and dead," Acts x., 42; "at his appearing and kingdom," 2 Timothy, iv., 1; "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven \* \* \* and the dead in Christ will rise first," 1 Thess. iv., 16. This quotation instead of proving a never dying soul in man seems to me to prove directly opposite and recognize the necessity of the resurrection of the dead ere they could be "ever with the Lord" as it says they will in verse 17.

Those who recognize as Bible teaching, the second appearance of Christ—Acts i., 2; the resurrection of the dead, 1 Cor. xv., 12, etc., the worthy of whom will be rewarded with immortality, eternal life," Rom. ii., 6, 7, "be made kings and priests and reign on the earth," Rev. v., 10, "and rule the nations (mortal) with a rod of iron," Rev. ii., 26, 27—can easily understand how your quotations from 2 Thess. i., 8, 1 Cor. vi., 2, Rom. xiv., 10, coincide with conditional immortality and the divine scheme of the redemption of death stricken humanity and "the filling of the earth with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the sea," Hab. ii., 14, "when suffering and death will be things of the past," Isaiah xxv., 4, 6, 8.

Eccles. xii., 7, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." This verse is very easily understood when we consider the meaning of the word here translated spirit. The Hebrew word is "Ruach" and is translated breath in Eccles. iii., 19, Gen. vii., 22, Psalm civ., 25, 30, and in each of the three cases is applied to beasts. Now if it is understood to be an immortal entity when applied to man, it must be in the case of the beasts, which is proving too much I think for the most ardent immortal soulist. That it is the principle of life that animates all flesh is clearly proven from the three passages I refer to in which it is translated breath. For the correctness of these translations, see Young's Analytical Concordance.

Yours etc.,

ANTIPAS.