

A Religious Obligation.

I am a profound believer in life assurance for all classes and conditions of men and women. Next to the duty of securing salvation in the world to come is the duty of men to secure life assurance in the world that is here and now. Next to a good hope for eternity is the comfort which comes to a man from knowing that he has made provision, by life assurance, for his old age and for the support of his family in the event of his own death. To do so seems to me a religious obligation, an obligation often as binding upon women as upon men.—Rev. Dr. R. S. MacArthur, of Calvary Baptist Church, N. Y.

Specious Plea: "I Will Trust in the Lord."

"I don't need life assurance; I trust in the Lord, and will leave my family in his care." So says the prospect.

Does the Lord feed, clothe and educate your family, and provide medicine in case of sickness? Did He furnish the house you are living in? The Lord will provide for them if you utilize the means with which He has surrounded you for that purpose. If you do not, and they are not able to provide for themselves, He will provide for them through the cold, selfish hands of Charity. It is poverty that produces the vicious classes of our country; poverty has filled our reform schools and jails. What per cent. of them do you suppose were the wives, daughters and sons of men who, either through ignorance, selfishness, carelessness, or prejudice, failed to provide and leave, through the medium of life assurance, a fund for their support and education?

You can't take the chances. It is your family that will be the loser when your income is cut off. The slight in-

convenience or trouble to which you might be put in paying the premium is nothing in comparison to the inconvenience and loss your family would sustain in event of your death without assurance. Merchants and bankers prefer to extend credit to a man who carries a good line of life assurance. If you are a money maker, you should be assured.

Do you know that you will live to protect your family? A policy guarantees to do this in event of your death. If you live it may take you longer to accomplish it; but the satisfaction of making uncertainties certain will more than compensate you for that.—By Hamilton Cooke.

A Limit to Her Faith.

During the progress of a big "protracted meeting" for which the South is famous, an ardent sister of the church, who usually came in an old-fashioned buckboard drawn by the family horse, was late for a particularly important service and was being severely censured by the pastor.

Explaining the reason for being late the good sister said that the horse had taken fright at a passing train and bolted and that the wreck of the rig had prevented her from being on time.

"My dear sister, such little things should not make you late for divine services. You should trust in the Lord."

"Well, brother," she replied, and there was a look of calm peacefulness on her face, "I did trust in the Lord till the bellyband busted and then I had to jump."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

What Can This Mean?

A stranger in Washington mistook Speaker Cannon for a minister the other day.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

The stranger must have been "hard of hearing."—Chicago Record-Herald.