



HON. JOHN O'D-N-HUE AT HIS OLD BUSINESS.

NOT WORTH IT.

A citizen of Michigan who has something of a reputation for his infidel views and arguments happened to meet seven or eight clergymen at a railroad station as they were waiting to take the train to attend a conference, and introducing himself to one of them he said :

"I want half an hour's talk with the smartest one of your crowd. Who is he?"
"Well, Brother White is pretty smart," was the reply.

The infidel walked up to the clergyman named and bluntly began :

"Preacher White, you hold that there is a God, don't you?"

"Yes, sir."
"And a heaven and hell?"
"Yes, sir."
"And that none but believers can be saved?"
"Just so."
"Well, sir, I don't believe any such thing, and I'll defy you to convince me?"
"I shan't try to, sir."
"You won't?" "Don't you want me to be saved?"

"No sir—no, sir! I wouldn't waste five minutes to send you straight to heaven."

"Why not?"
"Why not? Why, sir, folks have been going to heaven by the millions for thousands of years, and there is now such a crowd up there that a small soul like yours could no more be found or heard of than an atom of sand thrown into the middle of the ocean. It's too small potatoes to pay for the hoeing!"

Homeward bound—The tethered goat.
Go to the butcher's if you would hear joint debates.

Never lend your ivy plant, because you cannot get an IV green back.—*Boston Commercial Bulletin.*

Archimedes invented the slang phrase, "Give us a rest," when he offered to move the world with his lever.

Step on a woman's trail and she has a claim for damages. Her redress is a new dress.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

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