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## A Canny Scotchman.

There was a certain Scottish minister in a West Highland parish who has never yet been known to permit a stranger to occupy his pulpit. Lately, however, an Edinburgh divinity student was spending a few days in the parish, and on Saturday he called at the manse and asked the minister to be allowed to preach the following day. "My dear young man," said the minister, laying a hand gently on the young man's shoulder, "gin I lat ye preach the morn, and ye gie a better sermon than me, my fowk wad never again be satisfied wi' my preaching, and gin ye're nae a better preacher than me, ye're no' worth listening ta!"

## Imagine Their Feelings.

Some visitors were going through a county jail under the escort of the chief warden. They came to a room in which three women were sewing.

"Dear me," one of the visitors whispered, "what vicious looking creatures! Pray, what are they here for?"

"Because they have no other room. This is our sitting-room, and they are repanded the chief warden."

## Better Last Year.

"Bishop Whittle," said one of the Virginia prelate's friends, "sat through a long and atrocious sermon on a hot summer morning in 1898. With an immovable countenance he listened to metaphors that were mixed, pathos that was bathos, and humor that was sad. The preacher was a youth just out of college—a very conceited youth. He bellowed through his sermon at the top of his lungs. His gestures were violent enough to break his arms. At every climax he fixed the bishop with his eye to see if suitable impression had been made. And at the end of the service this young snip swaggered up to Bishop Whittle and said:

"I fancy I did rather well to-day, sir.

"Don't you think so?"

"Yes," returned the bishop, "but you did better last year."

"Last year?" said the young man.

"Why, I didn't preach at all last year."

"That's the reason," said the bishop, with a pleasant smile."

## Showing Respect.

Some years ago a clergyman made a most effective appeal for funds to build a new and better church—and these were the points:

"You have shown your respect for education by the fine new school-house you have built.

"You have shown your respect for law by your fine court-house.

"How can you better show your respect for the Almighty Ruler of heaven and earth than by erecting a suitable building in which to worship Him?"

## Solid Virtue.

Youth has its own criteria by which to judge things which its elders assess by other standards. Henry had just come into his mother's kitchen, where she was rolling pie-crust.

"Making pies, mother?"

"Yes, dear."

"Set, mother, your pies taste all right, but why don't you make some like Mrs. Thompson gives me and Billy? You can take a piece in your hand and walk all round the yard eating it and it won't break."

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