

Why He Put the Threepenny In

"Here, Benny," said Mr. Johnson to his little boy as the latter started to church, "is a shilling-piece and a threepenny-piece. You can put which you please in the church plate."

Benny thanked his papa, and went to church. Curious to know what coin Benny had given, his papa asked him when he returned, and Benny replied:

"Well, papa, it was this way. The preacher said that the Lord loved a cheerful giver, and I knew I could give a threepenny a good deal more cheerfully than I could a shilling, so I put the threepenny in."

The Better Man

A Presbyterian minister recalls with delight how a loyal little girl in his Sunday School proved to a playmate that her minister was a better preacher than the minister of the church which the small playmate attended.

It had become well known in the community that the Presbyterian preacher believed in short sermons, while the preference of his ministerial neighbour seemed to be just the opposite. And by this point the little Presbyterian clinched her final argument:

"Everybody knows that your preacher preaches fifty minutes and puts the people all to sleep, and our preacher can do the same thing just as well in ten minutes."

Did It Sound Well?

A clergyman in a Yorkshire parish having allowed his church to get into a bad state of disrepair, was about to restore it. He commenced with the sounding board over the pulpit, and, after putting it right, he called his coachman with a view to testing it, and made a speech from the pulpit.

"How does that sound, James?"

"It sounds very well, sir; I heard every word," replied the coachman.

"Now, James, you change places with me, and say something."

James at once entered the pulpit, and said, very distinctly, and even emphatically:

"I haven't had my wages for a month. How does that sound, sir?"

How to Deal With Him

A characteristic story has recently been recalled of Archbishop Whately.

At one time he took upon himself the final examination of candidates for ordination. Striding into the room, he flung himself on a chair, and commenced abruptly with the words:

"Now gentlemen, we will suppose I am an infidel. How would you deal with me?"

One after another of the candidates would make timid efforts at converting their formidable opponent, only to be cut short by his resolute "No, no." Then came the quick remark of a young Irishman, who said, "Faith, your Grace, I'd ask ye to prove that you are an infidel." And this answer was hailed with a shout of satisfaction.

Unreasonable shopper are caricatured by the Washington Star.

"How is this?" said a woman to the shopkeeper. "You ask as much for these thermometers as you did for those you showed me last August."

"Why, of course; they are the same thermometers."

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