

26th Sunday After Trinity

A DOUBTER'S THOUGHTS

The Bourgeois Belief-Advance of Free Thought and Free Inquiry.

Under the title of "The Persistence of Dogmatic Theology" (Westminster Review, November), Mr. G. G. Greenwood arranges a series of articles into established doctrines and beliefs with a blade tempered chiefly with ridicule.

Among other things he finds it impossible to believe in the doctrine of the Trinity. He writes: "The slightest reason to believe in it, and even the most proselyting of the orthodox will not, he imagines, ask him to believe in it."

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MUSIC AS A RELIGIOUS REFORMER

The Use of Organs and the Active Musician.

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Allice and Phoebe Cary

Grave Alice sits at Phoebe's feet, in tender converse, low and sweet; they speak of their happy days, and ere fate bestowed her smile and grace.

Of gladness hours in fresh pink bloom, of womanhood in early dawn; The English mother they loved so, Who left them long, so long ago.

The little brother once he had, "Thee, pretty, winsome lad, With eyes so wondrous dark and deep, 'Neath yellow leaves' that fell asleep."

Gay Phoebe's heart attuned to Alice, Her sister's in a minor key, They speak of rhyme and favorite songs of the world hath yet heard not, Of cherished friends, of things they miss.

They speak of chisel, brush and pen, Of women fair; brave noble men; Of castles built in sunny Spain, Of some perhaps they build again;

They speak no more, but hand in hand, In silence each doth understand, They hear afar a silver chime, Of bells proclaim the vesper time.

When Phoebe fond doth vigil keep, Sweet Alice gently falls asleep, — Kathleen Kavanagh, in The New Orleans Picayune.

NOT HER VOCATION. "What in the world, Mat, have you been doing with that book?"

"I'm going to have some of them made up into a book, and sell them for the dear old home, the mountain air and the independence of restraint."

"Haw! haw! I say, Mat's seen some of them gain up to the new hotel, and they're trying to copy 'em—the little fool!"

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THE CAPTAIN AND CHRISTMAS GIFTS

BY ALBERT R. F. HASSARD, B. C. L.

The Captain and the Colonel rose together to leave the wine room. It would be better to say that they set down together. For they were not alone.

"This is the 24th of December, Christmas Eve," said the Colonel. "Christmas Eve," replied the Captain. "Is it to-morrow is Christmas Day?"

"You're still as sharp as ever, I observe," said the Colonel. "Be careful not to run against the door frame, or you'll cut it," he continued, as the Captain, with one eye closed, and his hat drawn down angularly over his forehead, plunged towards the post of the door.

"The old ship aways, doesn't she?" apologized the Captain. "And the old seaman stands still," said the Colonel. "Now, you see, the Captain; 'nevertheless you must sometimes have felt equally light in the feet; for example, when you fed me a 'Waterloo'."

"Of course I have, when I consider the fact that my grandfather was an infant when the battle of Waterloo was won."

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A MINISTER'S TEMPTATIONS

Solemnity May Become Perfunctory—Personal Relations.

Some of the peculiar temptations besetting the ministerial office were pointed out by the Rev. Dr. James Stalker, pastor of the Life of Christ, in a recent oration at the church of St. Matthew's Church, Glasgow.

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Antarctic Explorers

Three Great British Scientific Societies are agreed that it is the duty of the British Government to fit out an expedition to explore the antarctic.

In November, 1936, the Royal Geographical Society appointed a committee to inquire into the expediency of such an expedition.

Rare Treasures Excavated

The excavations at Boscoreale in the slope of Mt. Vesuvius, and presented by Baron Edmond de Rothschild to the Louvre Museum.

Were two most curious and beautiful objects, a pair of skeletons with enormous skulls resting in various attitudes.

RAILWAY ICE

TENDERS are invited for the supply of ice required by the company at various points on the railway.

Specification and form of tender can be obtained from the Railway Engineer, Montreal, Dec. 2, 1936.

"Him as Has Gits."

That's the text of our sermons these days.

Him as has— Has what? Has common sense, of course. Him as has common sense rings up 1896.

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