

CHURCH TREASURER'S CONFESSION SHOWS POOR THE BEST GIVERS

Also Says Girls and Women Give More Generously Than Boys and Men, and Tells of Funny Excuses for Failing to Contribute.

[From Literary Digest.]

A certain class of churchgoers must sing with great joy the line "Salvation is free for you and me," says a writer in the Congregational (Boston), and he adds that they consider it so absolutely free as to feel "under no obligation to pay a cent for their share of it." The statement proceeds from a man who has been a church treasurer for 21 years and now for the first time breaks his silence about some of his discoveries in the realm of giving, reminding us that a church treasurer learns things no one else in the church may learn, many of which are rather amazing. For instance, he mentions the large number in some churches who give nothing at all toward their support; and he contrasts the man with an income of six hundred dollars a month, who gives fifty cents on Sunday, with the washerwoman who gives the same amount. Proportionately, we are informed, "the poor give infinitely more than the well-to-do," while those who give least usually have most to say about how the church should be run. The writer cites some amusing apologies of members who have fallen behind in their contributions and speaks of others who when gently urged to pay their subscriptions treated him resentfully and accused him of un-Christianlike behavior. Nevertheless he has a word of appreciation for "the true-hearted men and women" who do their duty in the support of their church. On the ventures the hope that the other kind may soon be "educated up to giving." On the subject of the greater generosity of the poor we read:

The Generous Poor.
"The church treasurer who is making these reflections has on his books names of persons with incomes of but ten and twelve dollars a week, but who come every week to the various offerings of the church. He could, if need be, produce the names of several working girls receiving from five to seven dollars a week whose regular weekly contributions to the church alone are from forty to fifty cents, and all of these girls live away from home and pay room and board. He could place beside these names a long list of names of persons whose wages exceeded twenty-five dollars a week who give from twenty-five to forty cents a week. He could give the name of a widow, with four children all under fifteen years of age, and the needs of this poor woman is the chief support of the family. Two of the boys earn a small sum before and after school, but it is doubtful if the combined income of the family exceeds twelve dollars, but this mother and each of her four children have a package of church contribution envelopes and these envelopes are dropped into the contribution baskets every Sunday of the year. There may be Sundays when only one member of the family appears at church, but when that happens, and it happens seldom, all five of the envelopes come with that member of the family."

The Family Method.
"In contrast to this it would be easily possible to give the name of a well-to-do family of six persons, the husband and father of which is the only person having envelopes. He gives a dollar a week for the entire family to save the Sunday for the family having envelopes. The moral effect of each member having his or her own envelopes and giving regularly and systematically is lost sight of, while the treasurer falls to wondering how this man can feel that

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CHICKEN CHAT

Breeding For Layers—Value of the Trap-Nest in Selection—Some Causes of Failure With Poultry—Some of the Leaks, and How to Avoid Them.

Poultrymen have found it a comparatively easy matter to select the best specimens of a flock in fancy points or market qualities, but to pick out the best egg producers with any certainty of having the right ones is quite another thing. Some claim there is an egg type by which a good layer may be selected, and no doubt there is something in this, but the use of a trap nest is the only sure way of getting at this question. The time may come when we shall be able to select the best layers without the trap nest, but as yet no other practical plan has been given to the public. A good reliable trap nest is a very paying device in breeding up for good layers.

It is frequently the case that one of the very best layers in a flock will be a very ordinary looking hen, and would be about the last one in the flock to be picked out for a first class layer. On the other hand it is not uncommon for one of the brightest and most likely looking hens in a flock to prove one of the very poorest layers.

A flock which produces an average of 150 eggs per hen in a year is an unusually good laying lot, and in such a flock the use of a trap nest is pretty sure to disclose the presence of hens which are producing 200 eggs in a year. If a breeder is in ignorance as to which are his best layers, he is placed at a decided disadvantage when attempting to build up a strain of profitable layers.

Careful selection, with the trap nest, and intelligent culling of specimens of known ancestry is the only practical way in which improvement in the laying qualities can be accomplished. It is a fact that care and feeding will do much to make good layers, but these are necessarily limited in their effect. A common error with the best food and care that could be given her would not begin to give the returns in milk or butter which the same care and feed

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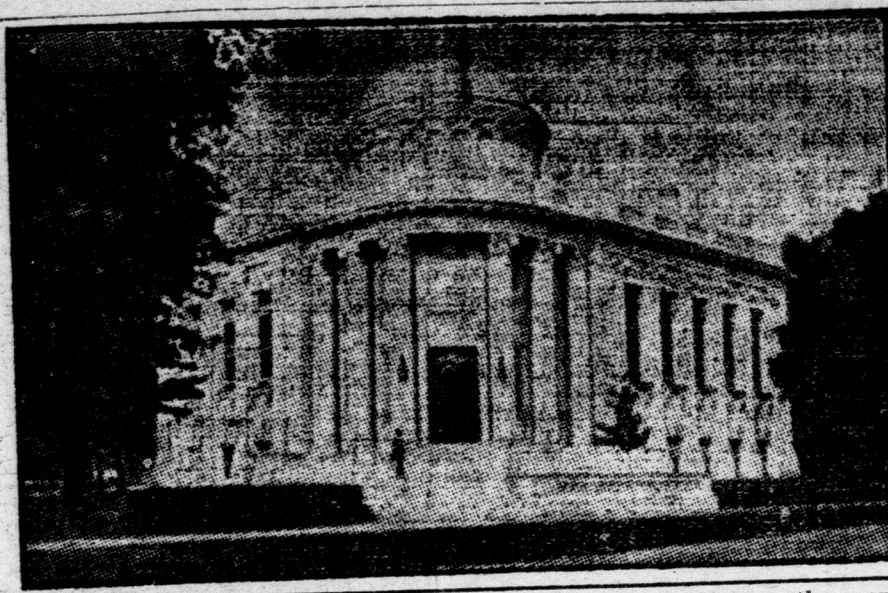
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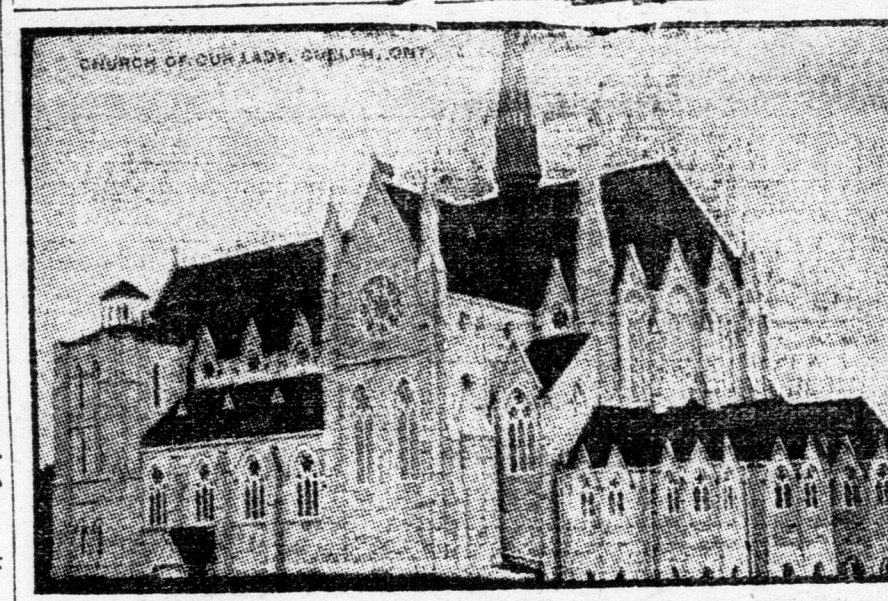
to give the poultry business the proper attention. Care for every part of the work and give this care when it is needed. Be prompt.

Some of the details of the work may seem insignificant and of little value, but they go to make success and must be attended to. One cannot neglect part of the work and make the most of it. More depends on the proper development of the chick than some people suppose. The chicks are the ones that make our future breeding birds, and unless they are developed well, we cannot expect to improve and build up our flocks.

Allowing the poultry houses to become filthy or droppings to accumulate either in the poultry houses or in the coops of the chicks is wrong. Disease and lice flourish in such places, and to keep them out of the flock is necessary to success.

Many of the smaller details, if neglected, will lead up to a loss. Good feed may fail if they lack in the supply of grit, and a lack of grit may lead to digestive disorders, and there you are. Grit does not cost so very much and many consider it of smaller importance, yet it is important. Pure fresh water, green feed, protection from animals, and still other duties may be mentioned. The causes of failure are many. Watch out for them.

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KING MENELIK'S FIERCE CREED

Many stories of the late King Menelik of Abyssinia have been related from time to time, most of them dealing with his personal bravery and his utter disregard for other people's lives.

At reviews, when his warriors fired a royal salute, they squatted on the ground and pointed their rifles towards the sky. They always used ball cartridge, and the bullets, falling to earth, at some distance from the review ground, often killed or wounded peasants in the fields. When a traveller who had heard that ball ammunition was wasted in this way by the Abyssinian army, he brought to King Menelik a few hundred blank cartridges, thinking that the King would order a large supply to be used by his troops on ceremonial occasions.

The King was exceedingly gratified by the present, and explained that he intended to test with these cartridges the courage of his generals, and personal attendants, by firing at them and letting them think that his rifle was loaded with ball.

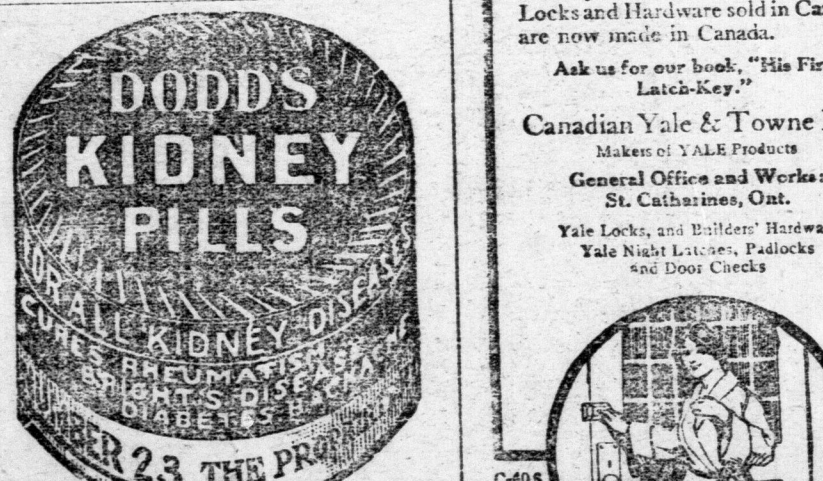
"A Life for a Life."

At one time, as a sign of the royal power, lions were allowed to wander loose in the outer grounds of the palace to act as watch dogs. A European visitor asked the Emperor whether his lions ever killed anybody, and Menelik admitted that now and again a hungry lion did kill a peasant or a soldier; "but," added the monarch, who wished to show how humane he was "if a lion kills a man, we always kill the lion."

If a visitor to Menelik's court brought

him as a present some novelty in firearms, and presented it to the Emperor as he sat on his throne at a court ceremony, Menelik always at once loaded the firearm, whether it was rifle or revolver, and fired it off to test its action, without thinking or caring in the least where the bullet might hit.

The new Emperor, Lidj Eyassu, has been educated in the wisdom of the west



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and talks French and German and English quite fluently. He was to have made a tour of all the capitals of Europe, but the illness of his grandfather, which came on just before the heir to the throne was to have started on his voyage, put a stop for the time to these plans. He will probably now make this tour, his father acting as regent, while the Emperor is away from Abyssinia.

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Shaw—Sons of the Sea.
Simmonds—For School and Count.

TITANIC JOB

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crew at work cleaning chairs, mattresses, carpets, cushions and other things, and those that are in need of attention of a more serious nature are sent to the cleaners. The beds are fitted up, the furnishings put in their place and the many things bought to take the place of that which was destroyed during the last season.

The wireless operator arrives on the apparatus in working order for the opening.

This fitting out is one of the experiences which is always looked forward to by sailors in general, as they know that it is followed by the sailing of the steamer, which means money to them. The source of moneys operation is also carried out on the big freighters, but their work is mostly done by the crew, while the boat is sailing from port to port.

HIS DEADLY LAUGH.

"Laugh and get fat" is not so invariably true a maxim as we have been led to imagine.

On the contrary, a laugh has been proven to be a deadly fatal thing in the Baku oil district of Russia, on the borders of the Caspian Sea.

One of the big "gusher" oil wells became choked, and with a view of blowing it clear, a number of iron drums full of nitro-glycerin were brought down by rail from Baku, and deposited over night in a large shed, which was used by the men as a sort of canteen.

The steward of this establishment, a Greek named Darios, opened one of the drums for some reason best known to himself, and "decanated" a small quantity of the dangerous liquid into a long thin glass used for mixing vodka. This he placed on a shelf behind the bar.

Shortly afterward there entered a workman named Borkovitch, who was famous for the bolsheroz hilarity of his manner, and especially for his loud, resonant laughter.

The sight of nitro-glycerin in a vodka tumbler so excited his hilarity that he gave vent to a series of stentorian guffaws. This chance to strike right note, and set the half-filled glass "ringing."

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