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 of unnecessary warmth. The fowls 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 truehearted men and women" who do their duty in the support of their church, and 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 who give from fifty cents to a dollar of this income 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 and women are more conscientious than dollars a week whose regular weekly contributions to the church alone are erously of their income. from forty to fifty cents, and all of these rent and board. He could place beside freshed also is a cause of wonderment girls live away from home and pay room these names a long list of names of to this church treasurer, who remarks: persons whose wages exceeded twentyfive dollars a week who give from twenty-five to forty cents a week. He could give the name of a widow, with of them have bought a piano on payfour children all under fifteen years of ments' and all other financial obligations age, and the needle of this poor woman must be held in abeyance until the piano is the chief support of the family. Two is paid for. He has even been told by of the boys earn a small sum before a prospective bride that her weekly ofand after school, but it is doubtful if ering of ten cents a week would be disthe combined income of the family ex- continued in view of the expense of her ceeds twelve dollars, but this mother approaching nuptials, but that she would and each of her four children have a seek to get her husband-to-be to double package of church contribution envel- his subscription as soon as they were opes and these envelopes are dropped in- married, and that would 'even things to the contribution baskets every Sunday up.' He has had subscriptions discontinof the year. There may be Sundays ued because the pastor had 'hit' some when only one member of the family one in his sermons, even though the pasappears at church, but when that hap- tor has had no intention of being perpens, and it happens seldom, all five of sonal and is happily unaware of the the envelopes come with that member of fact that he has clubbed any one. But

"In contrast to this it would be easily usually has knowledge of them on the possible to give the name of a well-to- very heels of their commitment." do family of six persons, the husband and father of which is the only person having envelopes. He gives a dollar a taught how to give and that the problem having envelopes. He gives a donar a of church support is merely "a matter of Sunday for the entire family to save the education," the writer says that "it bother of all of the family having envelopes. The moral effect of each mem- would be easy to secure the signatures her having his or her own envelopes and of many church treasurers to a petition giving regularly and systematically is to have such a school started as soon lost sight of, while the treasurer falls as possible. Only the church treasurer

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 an-

other thing. Some claim there is an egg type by which a good layer may be

elected, and no doubt there is some-

thing in this, but most poultrymen

have found out that the use of a trap

nest is the only sure way of getting at

this question. The time may come 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 reli-

able trap nest is a very paying device

It is frequently the case that one of

the other hand it is not uncommon for

A flock which produces an average

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offering for six persons in a family in posure nor drafts. The house should a dollar a week is a fair and generous which the combined income must be well on to one hundred dollars a week." Only an abundant sense of humor can keep a church treasurer from becoming sour and cynical, we are told by the writer, who says, in comparing the giving habits of young people that "girls boys and men . . . and give more gen-

The excuses offered by the "forgetful" members when their memory is re-

"He has been told that 'back envelopes' cannot be filled because the owners the pastor seldom remains for long 'happily unaware' of any of his blunders. He

Referring finally to the contention of some that church people have not been

Some Causes of Failure.

proper care during growth cannot be

producing strong chicks. Therefore it

is necessary to have strong fowls to

and instead of the flock becoming

Strong birds are neces-

Breeding For Layers-Value of the Trap-Nest in Selec-

tion-Some Causes of Failure With Poultry

-Some of the Leaks, and How to

Avoid Them.

ratively easy matter to select the best of one of the heavy milking strains.

accomplished.

business.

a very ordinary looking hen, and would sary. A bird with a weakened consti-

be picked out for a first class layer. On improper development or lack

be about the last one in the flock to tution, either from exposure, disease or

of 150 eggs per hen in a year is an un- breed from. Chicks hatched from eggs

usually good laying lot, and in such a from fowls of weakened vitality can

flock the use of a trap nest is pretty scarcely be expected to hatch out well,

sure to disclose the presence of hens nor to grow well, nor to develop into

which are producing 200 eggs in a desirable fowls. To get best results

year. If a breeder is in ignorance as will require that the fowls be strong to which are his best layers, he is and that the chicks be so cared for

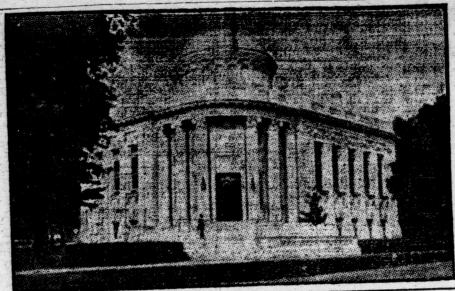
placed at a decided disadvantage when that they will grow into strong birds,

much in mabing good layers, but these quires that the poultry house be so

care that could be given her would not good house and eliminate all of those

aining to the work.

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that we cannot sacrifice dryness and sufficient ventilation for a few degrees be shut up in a tight house with no ventilation. The house must be light, must have a good roof and a good floor, so to keep the litter dry. It must be tight on the sides and ends, so as to It must, as stated prevent all drafts. bove, give sufficient ventilation, but this does not necessarily mean exbe kept clean and should be arranged convenient, for if not convenient, it will be easier to neglect in the care of the fowls. It is unwise to always put an unnecessary expenditure of money out in building a poultry house, yet at the same time it would not pay to sacrifice success to save a few dollars in the construction of the house. A

moderate cost is the one. Improper feed is another cause for failure. A good ration of first-quality grains and ground feeds, etc., is necessary. One may feed good feed, but have them so mixed or so fed that they do not get the proper results

good plain, well-arranged building at a

from their use. Lack of attention is fatal to the work. One neglect leads to another, failur and so it goes. It cannot pay to fail them.

to give the poultry business the proper Care for every part 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 im-prove and build up our flocks.

Allowing the poultry houses to be come 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. fresh water, green feed, protection from animals, and still other duties may be mentioned. The causes of failure are many. Watch out for

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. Bunkanan kanananan kananana

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rew at work cleaning chairs, matresses, 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 and the new things ake the place of that which was deroyed during the last season. The wireless operator arrives on the cene about this time and gets his

pparatus in working order for the pening. This fitting out is one of the experinces which is always looked forward to by sailors in general, as they know hat it is followed by the sailing of the steamer, which means money to them. The sougee mougee 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

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 beame chocked, and, with a view of blowng it clear, a number of iron drums full of nitro-glycerin were brought down by ail from Derbend, 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 "decanted" 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 workman named Borkovitch, who was famous for the boisterous hilarity of his manner, and especially for his loud,

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

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The treacherous contents immediately exploded. The concussion sufficed, in its turn, to explode the rest of the stuff in the

the time. The barman escaped through having gone down into the cellar just previously, whence he distinctly heard the laughter, followed by the musical "ringing" of the thin tumbler and the drums, entirely demolishing the shed and killing five persons, all who were in at two explosions.

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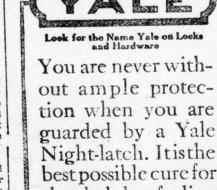
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The King was exceedingly gratified by the present, and explained that he intended to test with these cartridges the courage of his generals, and personal one of the brightest and most likely expected to produce as good results looking hens in a flock to prove one either in the question of eggs or in attendants, by firing at them and letting them think that his rifle was loaded with

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