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EACH DAY OF THE YEAR.

Each day of the year
To me shall be
One of thanksgiving
And of glee.
Each morn I'll thank
The God above
For giving me
His wondrous love.
I'll thank Him for
My home and friends
And everything
He kindly sends.

OVER LAND AND SEA.

The *Mid-Continent* gives the following excellent answer to the question, "What is the best method of injuring your pastor and his work? Be disloyal. Talk against him. Not only to your fellow church members, but also to those outside the church. Some kind old lady will doubtless repeat your remarks to his wife and then he will hear them. Such talking, if kept up long enough, may drive him away. Incidentally, in this connection, the hearts of ministers' wives have been known to break. This course of treatment on the part of the alleged Christians must be heroic, and systematic to bring about that result. However, should you merely wish to grieve your pastor and stay his hands, try the following prescription. To be well read before taking, say, once a week. 1. Never attend the Sunday evening service, and quite occasionally stay at home in the morning. 2. Never say a kind word to the pastor's wife concerning the sermons or the church work. But take every occasion to complain to her about the ventilation, the music and the lack of sociability. 3. Never send for your minister when you are ill. Should a minister not be a mind-reader and know that you are sick, that you want him? Certainly. 4. Be very "chilly" when you come in late and find a stranger in your pew. Don't you pay good, round, though often delayed, dollars for that pew? Surely. 5. Always have a social engagement on prayer-meeting night. 6. See that your children are never regular in attendance on the Sabbath-school. Laugh at their criticisms of their teachers. You will be glad you did so—after a while. 7. You don't want to be intelligent concerning your church in general, so don't subscribe to any denominational paper.

Another "find" is reported by Dr. Driver in *The Academy*, of London. A young Italian scholar, delving in the celebrated Biblioteca Ambrosiana at Milan, has discovered in a palimpsest some considerable fragments of the continuous texts of a Hexapla of the Psalms of the tenth century, arranged as it was by Origen himself in five parallel columns. The Hebrew is written in Greek letters, thus affording a key to the pronunciation of Hebrew in Origen's time.

A London despatch says: Several most important discoveries have just been made in Cairo bearing upon the history of the Christian Church in the first two centuries of the era. Among them is a manuscript from the fifth century, which is a Coptic translation of

three original Gnostic writings of the second century. Its value consists not only in the fact that it hands down old Gnostic writings that have hitherto been unknown even by name, but, above all, in the circumstance that one of them was known to Irenaeus, and epitomized by him without any statement of the source from which he had derived it. The discovery of this manuscript enables us for the first time to test the accounts of the Gnostic system as given by the Church fathers in the light of the original manuscript. It contains three independent treatises entitled 'The Gospel according to Mary or the Apocryphon of St. John'; second, 'The wisdom of Jesus Christ'; third 'The practice of Peter.' 'The gospel of Mary' is the document used by Irenaeus, and consists mainly of the revelations of John. 'The wisdom of Jesus Christ' consists of questions addressed to Him by His disciples and His answers. 'The practice of Peter' is a narrative of one of Peter's miracles of healing.

Evolutionists are not having every thing their own way, but meet from time to time with protests from keen and profound thinkers and observers. One of the latest to demur against their claims is Lord Kelvin. Here are his strong and suggestive words. "I have always felt that the hypothesis of Natural Selection does not contain the true theory of evolution, if evolution there has been in biology. I feel profoundly convinced that the argument of design has been greatly too much lost sight of in recent biological speculations. Overpoweringly strong proofs of intelligent and benevolent design lie around us, and if ever perplexities, whether metaphysical or scientific, turn us away from them for a time, they come back upon us with irresistible force, showing to us through nature the influence of a free will, and teaching us that all living things depend on one everlasting Creator and Ruler."

"The editors of *The Zoological Record*," says *The Scientific American*, have recently drawn up a table that indicates approximately the number of the living species of animals. The following are the figures given: Mammals, 2,500; reptiles and batrachians, 4,400; tunicata, 900; brachiopods, 150; crustaceans, 20,000; myriapods, 3,000; echinoderms, 3,000; Celenterata, 2,000; protozoans, 6,100; birds, 12,500; fishes, 12,000; mollusks, 50,000; bryozoans, 1,800; arachnids, 10,000; insects, 230,000; vermes, 6,150; sponges, 1,500; General total, 366,000 distinct species.

As will be seen, the Catholic population now lying within the United States does not reach ten million souls. Nevertheless the Irish exodus is calculated to have brought to these shores thirteen million immigrants, most of whom were Catholics. Add to that number a million French Canadians, several millions of German and other Catholics, and you cannot help coming to the conclusion that there have been numerous—very numerous—defections in the ranks of the Catholics in the United States. There should be in the United States from twenty to twenty-five million persons professing that religion.