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POETRY.

DON'T TAKE IT TO HEART.

There's many a trouble
Would break like a bubble,
And into the waters of Lethe depart,
Did we not rehearse it,
And tenderly nurse it,
And give it permanent place in the heart.

There's many a sorrow
Would vanish to-morrw,
Were we but willing to furnish the wings,
So sadly intruding,
And quietly brooding,
It hatches out all sorts of horrible things.

How welcome the seeming
Of looks that are beaming,
Whether one's wealthy or whether one's poor;
Eye's bright as a berry,
Cheeks red as a cherry,
The groan and the curse, and the heartache cure.

Resolved to be merry,
All worry to ferry
Across the famed waters that bid us forget,
And no longer fearful,
But happy and cheerful,
We feel life has much that's worth living for yet.

—*Tinsley's Magazine.*

THE WORKMAN'S WOOING.

I know that my hands may be hard and rough,
That my cheeks may be worn and pale;
But my heart is made of good sound stuff,
That never will falter or fail;
And though in the world with my mates I stand,
To share in the battle of life,
I take thee, my girl, by the dainty hand,
As my own, my sweet, bonny wife.

Though never a jeweled wreath may span
The curls on thy beautiful brow,
I'll pledge thee my heart and troth as a man
And love thee forever as now.
And though the bright dreams of Love's sunny prime
Too often the future belie,
The steep hills of life together we'll climb,
And conquer our fate—thou and I

My coat may be poor, my words be but few,
Yet there's never an ermined King
Can offer his Queen a present more true
Than mine of a heart and a ring;
That tiny gold link, with which we may bind
Our hearts in one common bond,
And rear us a home, where happiness shrined,
May dwell with affection most fond.

What more would we seek? What more would we have?
What more could fair nature bestow,
If, of all her gifts, we ventured to crave
The richest that mortals might know?
For aye, dearest girl, shall our wedded love
Flash, star-like, atop of our life;
And never will I a base traitor prove
To my heart, my home, or my wife.

For the SPECTATOR.

RELIGION AS A CLOAK.

"Wherever God erects a house of prayer,
The devil always builds a chapel there."

In our comment upon this glaringly prominent and equally neglected subject, we may have occasion to define the various objects and propositions contingent thereto in very plain language, but we will not indulge in a long, explanatory, apologetic proem for anything we may write, for we shall adhere strictly to the truth to give emphasis to our utterances, and take living and accountable beings as our examples for criticism. Many able ministers have often indirectly referred to this gilded evil, but always in measured terms, perhaps for fear of wounding the feelings of some favorite in the congregation, or influential member who contributes liberally to their salary; but as we have neither of these impediments to encounter, we will not be chary with our sentences, nor restricted in our terse delineation. It is a monstrous and egregious sacrilege, and no expression is too severe to employ for its condemnation, or use for its utter eradication. We shall christen and designate all such clothed and secret offenders as *acting-Christians*. No matter what precautions may have been taken or howsoever well defended, the persons who wear Religion as a Cloak are in every church upon the globe; around every family altar; in every social circle; in every vessel upon the oceans, and in every phase of secular business, and who have no consistency in their profession, neither respect for their word, nor fear for the future of their soul. There is not an evil in the endless catalogue of black, augmented crimes that is its equal, and with which the church has to struggle and contend, for it enters and permeates every portion of the hallowed sanctuary, unstintingly dispensing its blasphemous influence over all until its apostatizing effect is felt by every member. No departure contributes so largely to the injury of Christianity, and the final destruction of humanity, as this one stupendous and expanding mockery—a sham and deceitful adherence to and professed interest in a cause instituted and ordained by the agonizing suffering and ultimate shedding of the precious blood of Christ! How many of the most enthusiastic and apparently earnest and devoted church members of the present day wear Religion as a Cloak to conceal their distorted and depraved selves from open ridicule and shame! How many acting-Christians before each meal take their indispensable drink of intoxicating liquor! quieting upbraiding conscience and the condemning voice of their better nature by pleading some fancied contagion—yes they have a malaria, one which will mark them in time and doom them in eternity. How many acting-Christians during the calm secrecy of the midnight hour visit the brilliantly illuminated billiard-room, ten-pin alley, card-table, and mingle promiscuously in the enticing stream of vice and reeking haunts of wickedness! If found out they seek to excuse themselves upon the plea that they were there only for idle amusement and to see who else were there; and, indignant at the accusation, haughtily refer to their prominent connection with some certain church to prove their innocence and vindicate their high standard of morality and virtue. Are they not using the darkness, as well as Religion, as a Cloak, to hide their inward depravity and outward debauchery? How many acting Christians satisfy every passion and whim of appetite by indulging in those vices which stifle and crush out all within them that is noble and manly! How many acting Christians sought pardon and proclaimed redemption in order solely to subserve some personal aim, or to gain position, prominence, and influence, which otherwise were impossible to secure! How many acting-Christians are silently and hourily opening an avenue which will eventually sink their own name and ruin their reputation, and alike lower their children into the very depths of pauperism, disgrace, and degradation, which will stigmatize them long after they go down to their graves in contemptible obscurity! How many acting Christians, for a sordid consideration, would *falsely* take advantage of his neighbor, or his own brother! How many acting-Christians swear upon the least provocation! How many acting-Christians, in the heat of passion or in the excitement of conversation, use a blood-curdling oath to give force and weight to their remarks! How many acting-Christians traduce the good name of their bosom associates, malign their motives, and vilify their designs, so that they themselves may appear popular, or receive the commendations of a susceptible and indiscriminating world! How many "Sunday-Christians" are there enrolled upon every church record, who never feel the influence of religion, or even think about it, until they cross the church threshold! In this connection, let us mention another class of church members, who are equally as false and more profane. Acting-Christian men have been known to go to church in the morning, give in a bright experience, intermingled with dark seasons, when God seemed to have entirely forsaken them, and the heavens above were as unyielding as inflexible brass, when the weighty cares, heart-rending troubles, and multiplied temptations of this world, combined into one surging billow, was about to engulph them beneath its angry waves, and soliciting the prayers of God's people, were to all intents and purposes strictly pious and perfectly sincere, and before Him and the congregation resolve by His help to live more devotedly and consistently to the promptings of the Divine spirit and their faith! They leave the church, mingle with the outside world, and stand upon the street corners and discuss politics and all minor affairs the rest of the day. Is not that convincing evidence of the perfect falsity of their professed sincerity and devotedness? Do they believe no one is conversant with their inconsistencies? Do they think to deceive any one? Poor fellows, it is only themselves they are flattering and deceiving, and they will discover their prolonged error only when it is "too late" to retract their folly of a life time, and to save their warped souls from a burning perdition! Upon communion occasions, the grandest and most significant of all religious ordinances, acting Christian men have been seen to rise from their different pews, and with bowed head and slow step, pass to the chancel, there to partake of the emblems which characterize them as Christ's followers and show to the world their profession, and at the same time they knew they were as unworthy to receive His broken body and shed blood as would have been the vilest sinner in the assembly! Can a man live in a community, have daily intercourse with his fellows, and they not know his religious status and the true depth of his alleged profession? Nay, thrice verily. Listen to the fearful judgment God says will be the consequence of such blasphemy: "Therefore whosoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." Even a few acting-Christian ministers of the blessed gospel—men who are beloved and trusted as fit subjects to hold communion with God, pure in heart and divine in action—have besmirched the sacred pulpit in order to more successfully prosecute some cherished purpose, or to gain some much coveted prize, and by their own acts stamped religion a farce, save only so far as mercenary interests are involved, invited the derision of a frowning world, and poured the most scathing contempt upon their former profession and position! Many acting-Christian men, in every conceivable vocation of life, and for as many thousand different reasons, have assumed the yoke of Him, actuated by no higher motive than to realize the fulfillment of the carefully-matured hope of furthering some special end, facilitating their enterprises, or replenishing their coffers. Thus do they permit the glittering splendor of worldly possessions to rule supremely over the one great cause upon which hinges their present welfare and eternal destiny—the religion of Jesus Christ made an element of merchandise, to be bartered and disposed of to the best advantage and in exchange for the perishing renown and affluence of time, by unscrupulous and faithless believers! Is it not enough to make one shudder and his blood run cold to contemplate such gross corruption and perfidy of mankind, and the awful yet just retribution that will inevitably visit such desecrators? Is it any wonder that after daily witnessing the numerous profanations to which we have referred, and the hundreds of others that we have not mentioned, that sinners abhor any approach upon the part of ministers, disregard the solemnity of religious ordinances, deride friendly admonitions, and disrespect even the true and earnest believer? And do not these apostates, in a measure, confirm the irreligious in their conjecture, that if religion and all its attending ennoblements are to be sacrificed upon the most trivial occasion for gain or position, that it has simmered down to a spark of grace to a barrel of worldliness—a ludicrous play in which all can engage, irrespective of any change in heart, mode of life, or design of purpose. After calmly contemplating the innumerable detrimental effects such shameful desecrations have upon the morals of all, and the many thousand forms and avenues which digress in as many different ways, but all of which eventually lead to and terminate in misery, degradation, and ruin, it would not be surprising to us if Judas Iscariot, (were he living,) the prince of falsifiers, deceivers, and hypocrites, would blush and hide his face for shame, to behold the cause of the very one he betrayed for a paltry consideration, so insulted, and belied, and degraded by enlightened humanity. We fear many at the last day will find that there is a road which leads from the golden gates of heaven to the nethermost depths of hell! Neglect of duty will one day confront the careless, like a grim, gigantic, restless spectre, and remorse, flitting in its footsteps, as a fleeting shadow, will awaken long slumbering conscience from its death like lethargy, which, like some sanguineous monster, will clutch and choke them to death in its skeleton-fingered grasp! Oh, if we could only indelibly impress upon every heart, and write in flaming characters upon every brain, that the exhaustion of God's love and forbearance is what formed and fashioned a sinner's hell! Oh! the lofty aspirations and deep wickedness of finite beings! Bemiring their own souls in the filthy scums of the seething caldron of sin, in their unholy and avaricious desire to possess some earthly prize—making their eternal interests secondary to every other consideration. Granting, as a result of all this assiduous prostitution, we do succeed in obtaining every transitory thing of time, will they equal or in any wise compensate for our loss of a heavenly home, and the perennial and unspeakable bliss God promises that the faithful shall have and enjoy? Or, upon the other hand, will they mitigate the tortures of perdition, lessen the pangs of misery, and alleviate the never ending sufferings of a lost soul, which He says the faithless shall experience and endure? Truly, "what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" We deem it the imperative duty of every minister who may have persons in his church who are guilty of such prostitution, to tear asunder their outward vestments of boasted purity, and show them the raging and revolting defilement which so completely enshrouds their immortal souls; the way they are deceiving themselves and deluding others, and hold up before them, in the perfect light of the cross, their perverse waywardness and expose to view the fiendish depravity of their own actions—to reprove them, and, as with a whip of stinging scorpions chasten them with a glowing description of Christ's life and what He suffered and endured for their sakes; the result which such labors will effect, pray for their conversion, then if they do not change their ways and conform to the requirements of the church, *in deed and in truth*, to designate and dismiss them from the church, for it would be better for them to perish than that Christianity should be made a mockery of, and the church of the living God reproached and disgraced. We admit it would be a delicate matter, but the success of the gospel, the maintenance of the church, and the salvation of sinners demand it; then obey the Divine injunction, and be "not slothful in business," but "fervent in serving the Lord." Every act has its result, either for weal or for woe. Amid the whirl and changes of life they do nothing for their eternal happiness. They "rush in where angels fear to tread;" experience complete failures of carefully formed plans; perfect overturns of long matured schemes; utter disappointments of the fondest and most cherished hopes; yet, intrepid and undismayed, they go madly and eagerly on, forgetful that every earthly thing stops at the grave—*except salvation*. Oh, God! blinded by their own prejudices, ignorance, and greed for gain, they are insulting the entreaties of Thy wooing spirit, and forfeiting their own souls! Going down, down to everlasting ruin, prepared for and awaiting all who forget Thee! There is a Byronic description of sin which allures and destroys, while the Bible description of sin warns and saves. We draw this distinction between the two elements—the *faithful* and *faithless*—which compose every church, so that those who are culpable may be warned in due season what effect their lives and acts have upon all with whom they come in contact, and what a vast weight of responsibility is resting upon their shoulders, and the penalty they will reap if they slight or refuse to perform their individual and heaven-appointed work. In every fountain of delight there is a secret and evil spring eternally bubbling up, and scattering its bittter waters even over the very flowers that surround its margin. Man is omnipotent, so far as his own individual destiny is concerned. Persons can work out and perfect their own ruin, and congregations have absolute and entire control of a church, be it short-lived or aged. We are not looking at this subject through a glass smoked with the fires of hatred against Christianity. Neither is this a fancy sketch of assumed incidents to instigate an argument, for every person, in the face of these deplorable and constantly witnessed stern realities, is compelled to acknowledge that there are in every community, city, and town, iconoclasts of the church, and Nihilists in religion. God requires and expects the love of our lives and obedience of our acts, and a fulfillment or failure merits its own requital. He promises us rewards for obedience, and threatens us with penalties for violation. No matter how crimson pollution may have stained your soul, the blood of Jesus cleanseth from *all sin*; then pray God to pardon your failures and sins of the past, and not only *resolve*, but LIVE more Christ-like in the future—

"For sweetest things turn sourest by their deeds;
Lilies that fester smell far worse than weeds."

The life of a true and sincere Christian is like a beautiful, sparkling river; all see it, yet it flows on in steady, even course; the storms and battles of time may ripple its surface, but the deep under-current moves on calmly and undisturbed. In justice to all, we admit that there are some consistent, zealous, faithful, and godly Christians, who possess "that chastity of honor which *feels* a stain like a wound," even though they sit in the same pew with the scorner, partake of the same emblems, and repeat the same creed and prayer together. But, in spite of all that, we do conscientiously believe and assert, that two-thirds of the professed Christians of today are but acting-saints, *merely followers* of the Divine Master, and upon whose polluted lips His pure name should never rest. We concede that it is a very difficult and uncertain undertaking to judge a man while engaged in worship, under the eyes of the minister, in the presence of a multitude, but there are other and almost hourly periods in his life when you have ample opportunity to verify the depth of his proclaimed religious convictions. The little every day acts try a man, prove what he is; the trying circumstances which each day present test a man's religion, demonstrate the stability of his character, and affirm the effect of his devotedness.

An institution or any enterprise is respected in proportion to the commendable way in which it is conducted, the self sacrificing devotion of its originators, the zeal of its beneficiaries, and determination of its defenders. Every man exerts an influence either for good or evil over some one. Some one is watching, is governed by, shaping his career, and moulding his destiny under an intuitive guidance, and that same man will be eventually responsible for the mastery he has wielded over his willing, though perhaps entirely unknown subject. This may appear strange, yet it is true.

In the mighty and ephemeral drama of religious life every person has his or her own special and peculiar part assigned, and is expected, by both God and man, to fulfil it to the most minute particular, and any dereliction of duty is seen, remembered, and treasured by its enemies, as a stone more upon the great mountain of contumely and reproach, that is looming up and impeding the cause of Christ, the expansion of the church, the acceptance of religion, and the final redemption of sinners.—Any misstep upon the part of a church member has a demoralizing and repulsive effect upon the unregenerated. The professor is closely watched, especially by every sinner, and any departure from right or digression from the narrow path, is hurled with double force in the face of the minister, who implores them to repent, and they lessen the influence of his persuasion by claiming that they are as good as some of his present members. All must admit and succumb to the power of truth, no matter on what occasion, or in what form.—Thus is the preacher baffled, the church censured, and salvation spurned. Humans are prone to wander, to excuse, and justify themselves, and if they are ever convinced, converted, and saved, it will have to be accomplished through the united efforts, prayers, and pleadings, of the minister and his congregation, aided, sustained, and encouraged, by the spirit of Christ working in them the hope of salvation for all, and the ultimate deliverance of His saints. A minister may spend a life-time, day after day, in proclaiming Christ's power and willingness to save a fallen race, but a single misdemeanor on the part of one of his members may do more to deplete the theory of his profession, and injure the result of his practice, than he could repair in a generation. We do not wish to be considered as erecting a barricade out of the loathsome and corrupt bodies of acting christians, behind which sinners may ensconce themselves, heap derision upon a glorious cause, and escape from the consequences of a neglect of their own personal responsibility and accountability to God, but to illustrate to the professing christians how necessary it is for them to live in strict accordance with the faith they profess to have embraced, to perfect the end for which they claim to be working, and the completed erection of the life-giving cross they so conspicuously bear. When approached upon the subject of their want of conformity and interest, many plead that they contribute largely to the minister's salary and every incidental expense of the church, that they attend regularly upon all its services; that may be true and it is right and proper that they should do so, but is it from a sense of their own unworthiness and duty they owe to God, or is it from force of habit or to gratify curiosity? Is there any light in their dead and darkened souls? Do they engage in the concord of spirit, and union of effort, manifested by the more diligent part of the members? Would that they knew that there is such a lamentable thing as a church that is only a hollow shell, without any religious life within; form destitute of power, services devoid of meaning! How perfectly did Jesus understand the dark corruption of the heart, the engrossing proclivities of carnal desires, the perfidious deception of human nature, for He said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven. In that day will I confess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." He knew that there would be tares among the wheat—wolves in sheep's clothing. If you tell a man of his non-conformity he will readily rebuke and reprove you by asserting that the Bible says: "Judge not, that ye be not judged." He is welcome to all the satisfaction he can get out of that passage, which he is rolling under his tongue as a sweet morsel, with which to protect himself from the invitations of the preacher, the influence of the church, and the curse of God, while his famished soul is crying for the bread of life. But did not Christ in that same sermon say: "By their fruits ye shall know them." If so, then they are of equal force upon either side, and the man's vain and idle plea for his procrastination and misdoings is fully met, he has gained no advantage from the comparison, nor created a plausible reason for his prolonged neglect. If, then, these assertions regarding acting christians are true, and who can doubt them, is it in the least surprising that it requires such assiduous labors, earnest prayers, and constant entreaties upon the part of the minister to persuade sinners to become christians, when such open hypocrisy is practiced by church-members upon every turn, in every act, in every look? There is more real sincerity and consistency in the much-abused, non-professing, moral man, than in a self-righteous, acting christian. Woman, do not pride and flatter yourself that you are innocent, because you have not been mentioned in our criticism. Yes, even this deplorable spirit is manifested in the actions of a few of that superior creation of humanity, without whom the paradise of God was not complete, the Divinely-selected and appointed medium through whom this same Jesus was presented to the world, the last at His tomb, and the first at His resurrection! The beings who are at all times and in every position of life, admired and bepraised for their purity, fidelity, consistency, and candor, the guide of every household, the moulder of ever destiny, the honored and respected of every nation! The members, no matter of which sex they may be, of any church are the granite pillars which uphold and sustain that church, and the relation they bear to it by virtue of their profession, regarding its support, prosperity, and perpetuation, is so closely allied, so identified, and so vital, that the slightest defect in the composition, neglect in the construction, will terminate in its speedy downfall and total destruction, and result in overpowering the good influence it may have and upon the people in the midst of whom it stands—a towering emblem denoting and attesting their civilization, christianity, purity, morality and virtue, for a community without a church would be similar to hell without the fire. We firmly maintain and believe that if ever christianity is overthrown and superseded by the works of iniquity, and the churches become lazar-houses of crime, it will be caused by and can be attributed solely to the presence of hypocrites, dupes, non-conformers, acting christians, and professing believers in the church. When that day does dawn the world will receive such a thundering shock that it will tremble and reverberate from centre to circumference, and the remaining innumerable, surging mass, who are steeped in corruption and idolatry, will receive the maledictions of incensed God, and be consumed by the blazing wrath of His righteous indignation! It requires no man of superior acumen to discern these manifold assertions and stupendous accusations; a single c