

and not nervous wrecks.

"Boys and girls should be together more. The idea of separate schools for the sexes is nonsense. They ought not to be bashful in the presence of one another."

### DE CASE OF SASSOON



"Yo' sho'ly has to watch night and day to sustain yo' 'ligious correctitude," remarked good old Brother Bimmelick. "Kase old Satan never lay off fum bisness—he dess grinds on and on like a buzz-saw; and dess de very minute yo' thinks yo'se'f plumb safe fum him—kerzow!—he's got yo'!

"Dar was de c'lamity dat fell upon Brudder Sassoon—him wid de wooden leg, yo' ricklec'. Well, sah, de devil done tacked him right in de church, and took dat po' brudder's 'fliction and slapped

him plumb out'n good standin' wid it. Brudder Sassoon had been outside de fellership for goodness how long—I fuhgits now dess what 'twus dat got him cross-ways, but, 'tennyrate, dar he was, up-wallerin' in de sasspole o' sin, and all de rest of us tryin' to saturate him back into de church.

"But he hung off twell de Bishop—yo' knows de Bishop, big po'tly yellow gentleman—took to laborin' wid him. Well, he come th'oo, dat disreluctant brudder did, and he come clean, and de Bishop fotched him back to de fold, tudder Sunay mawnin'.

"De Bishop was plumb tickled wid de success of de operation, and dey comes up de aisle, de Bishop ahead, wavin' aside de rusher and uh-rushin' de stray lamb up to de front hisse'f, proud as a Tommy-turkey, wid Brudder Sassoon stobbin' along behint on his wooden leg, and a whole puh-cussion o' brudders dat had he'ped in de 'suasion uh-troopin' along atter 'em, and de house rockin' wid de glad hallerlooyers of welcome for de lamb dat was lost.

"An' den, dess as de Bishop was bowin' low and uh-wavin' de lost sheep into de pew, po' Brudder Sassoon stabbed his wooden leg th'oo a knot-hole in de flo' and tumbles for'ard wid a howl, and cracks de Bishop's bowed head ker-bim wid his own head. De Bishop is yallah, like I says, and Brudder Sassoon bein' black, he knocks de Bishop flat. And de brudders dat was troopin' along