

Ask Mrs. Manners—

What Were Last Words of Robert Ingersol?

Dear Mrs. Manners:

IN THE COURSE of his sermon recently a minister stated that the great erudite agnostic Robert G. Ingersol, just before he died, called the family to his bedside and said to them, "I'm wrong and am sorry." Has Mr. Ingersol's recantation been authenticated, and by whom?

I'm not asking this question in defense of Mr. Ingersol but in the language of the Declaration of Independence, "Let facts be submitted to a candid world."

I think your column can be a great help in answering academic as well as more practical questions.

E. E. W.

Kittredge's biography relates that Mr. Ingersol's last statement was related to his health—"I am better now." He suffered frequent angina attacks but died rather suddenly. Ebert Hubbard and Cameron Rogers make no references to deathbed apologies by Mr. Ingersol. The "American Monthly Review of Reviews," published in September, 1899, a month following Mr. Ingersol's death, carried an article by Dr. William Hayes Ward on Mr. Ingersol whom, it was written, declared himself agnostic as to the existence of God, but said that he was no Atheist. He believed that God might exist but saw no evidence of his existence or promise of future life. He expressed desire that he might believe. He actually disbelieved, he said, in a God who damned people for sinning under conditions they could not help and in a God who damned non-elect or unbaptized infants. A creed which Mr. Ingersol wrote was read at his funeral.

Why don't you ask the minister for his source of information and check further at your library?

'I Can't Keep My Boy From Lying'

I AM MARRIED to a man I love and he is father to a 11-year-old boy. The boy's mother is dead. Now, I take the best care that I know of the boy but no matter what I do I can't keep him from lying to me or his daddy. I keep his clothes clean and when he comes in from school he has grass stain, dirt and dust all over him.

When I do whip him it will do good for just a week and when we tell him he'll get a whipping if he does certain things, he doesn't seem to care a bit as he does it just the same. If we have company he tries to show off or assuage me. He causes a lot of trouble between his daddy and me which sometimes I think I can't stand much longer.

He stayed with his grandmother two years after his mother died and he would do her the same way. His daddy tells him he is going to whip him and when he does finally it's just barely a touch. He even told me his daddy wouldn't whip him if I didn't make him, so what can I do?

NASHVILLE, IND., READER.

Make the son love you if you want to keep this man you love. You don't have to coddle him, but cultivate him diplomatically. Affection is worth a try. The boy probably feels unwanted because you aren't his real mother and felt the same way when with his grandmother. Everyone needs to feel wanted, particularly children. Lord Byron wrote in "Don Juan"—

"Love rules the camp, the court, the grove,
For love is Heaven and Heaven is love."

You may not be hard on the boy but he thinks that you are. Make friends with him—love him—he'll love you. You can't replace his mother but you can come close because he is so young. Winning him would be an achievement to warm your heart, your husband's heart and the boy's, when he is older.

Keeping an 11-year-old clean won't win his friendship. Kindness and companionship may. Boys get dirty—you should have expected that. Didn't you agree to care for the son when you married? Can't

you remember smiling benignly on the "dear little boy" during courtship? The child may lie because he fears you and "shows off" to gain attention from lack of affection.

If You Wish to Adopt a Child—

I WOULD like "Shameful" who wrote the column Oct. 6 to write me. I am a mother who can understand her plight.

M. G., INDIANAPOLIS.

I cannot disclose the girl's name or yours. She may have contacted agencies suggested.

If you wish to adopt a child or take a foster child call Children's Bureau of the Indianapolis Orphan Asylum, L.I. 6481, Sunma Coleman Home, WA. 8019, or Department of Public Welfare, L.I. 2545. These groups have trained workers who attempt to "match" the child to its prospective parents.

Spleen Extract Aids Three Victims of Cancer

By Science Service

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 13.—Three cancer patients at Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital here are apparently getting better after 12 weeks of treatment with a spleen extract. The extract was made by Dr. George F. Watson of Kitchener, Ontario.

Studies of its effects on the three patients and on mice are reported by him and Drs. Irene Corey of the Institute for Cancer Research here and N. Volney Ludwick of Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital in the Journal, Science.

The extract is described as an improved and "much more effective" spleen extract.

product" than one made and used by Dr. Watson 18 years ago.

The patients, one with a kidney cancer and the others with cancer of the lungs, were given the extract twice daily by hypodermic injection. "Definite improvement in the general health of all these patients" is reported. The progress of the cancers is reported checked as revealed by X-ray studies made at regular intervals.

The fact that the spleen is almost never the original site of cancer and is only rarely attacked by cancer spreading from other organs is what stimulated Dr. Watson's efforts to attack cancer with a spleen extract.

Song Writer Hunted So She Can Collect on Records

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 13 (UP)—If Shirley Mhore will sign on the dotted line, she and a few other persons stand a good chance of making a lot of money.

But nobody can find Miss Mhore. Four years ago a song written by Miss Mhore, a singer, and William H. Mosby, was copyrighted.

While Mr. Mosby was in the service during the war, he persuaded Eddie Anderson, gravel-voiced comedian known as Rochester on the radio and in the movies, to record the tune. Two collaborators made a few revisions, but the song still belonged to the composers.

The New York company which recorded the song is convinced it will be a hit—if they can ever re-

lease it. They have to have a contract signed by Miss Mhore and Mr. Mosby first.

Miss Mhore was reported to be in Milwaukee, but by the time word got to her family here, she had left. Attorney Harry Halloway started searching for her. Relatives of the girl could give no leads.

The records, meanwhile, were gathering dust in New York, and Mr. Mosby was holding the bag to catch the dollars that only Miss Mhore could send shooting out of the little black disc.

VANILLA FROM MADAGASCAR WASHINGTON.—Madagascar is land, off East Africa, is a heavy producer of vanilla beans.



NEA Photo.

GETTING ALONG—Tommy Herbert, 22-month-old Cleveland tot who lost both hands under a switch engine Sept. 19, has learned to feed himself while recuperating at Cleveland's Rose Mary Home for Crippled Children. Here he lifts a cup to drink. He can also use a spoon when it is fastened to leather cuffs on his arms. Contributions to a Tommy Herbert fund have topped the \$10,000 mark.

Health Officers Meet Oct. 27-28

Conference Planned At French Lick

Indiana State Board of Health will hold its annual conference with county and municipal health officers at French Lick Hotel Oct. 27 and 28.

Dr. Harry S. Mustard, director of the school of public health at Columbia University, will be the principal speaker at the annual banquet on the first evening.

Dr. L. E. Burney, State Health Commissioner, will preside at the first afternoon session of the conference after a committee report session at which Dr. Walter L. Porteus, Franklin, president of the association, will preside.

Other Speakers Listed

Speakers at the session will include Dr. D. C. Barrett, Dr. George M. Broder, Dr. Martha O'Malley, Dr. Merle Bundy, B. A. Poole and Robert Yoho, all of the State Health Board.

Dr. Norman Beatty, chairman of the Indiana Council on Mental Health, and Dr. W. R. Taylor, Richmond, vice president of Indiana Health Officers Association, will also speak.

Officers of the health association are Dr. Porteus, president; Dr. Taylor, vice president; Dr. J. W. Pahmeier, Sandborn, secretary, and Dr. Gerald F. Kempf, Indianapolis city health officer, treasurer.

Bank Auditors to Open Conference Thursday

Indianapolis Conference of Bank Auditors and Comptrollers will meet at 6 p. m. Thursday in Hotel Washington.

Talks will be given by Norman L. McCready, president of McCready Pension Engineers; Ross Teckemeyer, executive secretary of the Indiana Public Employees Retirement Fund, and Benson Leavitt of the American United Life Insurance Co.

Named Class Officers

Times State Service

DANVILLE, Oct. 13 — Two students whose homes are in Indianapolis have been elected to class offices at Canterbury College. Richard Spall has been named treasurer of the senior class, and James Bryant has been elected treasurer of the freshman class.

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