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## Rural Churches and Preachers

Two writers who have made a study of the rural church from the standpoint of the mental equipment of the pastor who serves it, have concluded that members of the laity in the farming communities excel the ministers in intellectual equipment. Their finding, originally printed in The Outlook and reviewed in The Literary Digest, is "the culture of the pew has risen out of all proportion to the training of the pulpit."

Conclusions of this kind sometimes rest on superficial data that will not stand close scrutiny, but in the main the facts serve to focus attention to a situation which has given church leaders cause for worry. Some of the surveys disclose the following, says The Literary Digest:

"In three Indiana counties, 72 per cent of the ministers do not have a college and seminary training, 57 per cent do not have a college education, 37 per cent have not been to high school. In southeastern Ohio, in counties where only 25 per cent of the churches are growing, one-third of the ministers have nothing more than an elementary education, over one-half have not gone beyond the high school, while only 16 per cent have both a college and seminary training. Of three counties in Missouri having 180 churches, only two ministers reside in the county, and one of these is a superannuated preacher almost illiterate. In the same section the investigators found a rural school of the modern type, prize stock farms, a crowded normal school, and, in general, an intelligent and extremely alert citizenship."

Out of the mass of data adduced by the two

investigators to support their thesis, the underlying thought was that the rural church is suffering from lack of trained leadership and that its decadence cannot be ascribed entirely to a loss of spirituality among the people living on farms and in small rural communities.

And, on the other hand, the authors of the thesis emphatically say that the rural districts cannot get along without spiritual leaders. "There is no escaping the fact that, whatever the country may be able to do in the future, they are at present neither able to walk securely without spiritual leaders nor to develop such leaders among themselves," they declare. Elsewhere they say, "We found, not only churches in all parts of the country, but prosperous communities, suffering from every degree of ministerial neglect."

The alleged ministerial neglect of many communities may be ascribed to two general causes: First, the paucity of trained ministers, and, secondly, the unwillingness of congregations to pay their ministers adequate and living wages.

A minister must receive adequate remuneration in his calling if results are to be obtained. Wideawake young men are not going to enter the ministry if they know that they will hardly be able to eke out a living on the small salaries that are paid to them. The calling is not an easy one. The demands made on a modern minister are as exacting as those made on the members of other professions. The fact that few sons of ministers adopt the professional career of their fathers shows that the calling is neither a snap nor a highly paid one.

The calibre of ministers in the rural districts will rise no higher than the salaries which the congregations are willing to pay, and only a few candidates will prepare for the ministry so long as clergymen are paid exceedingly small salaries for their training and experience.

Few young men are willing to spend four years in college and three in a seminary, making seven years of academic and professional training, to enter a profession whose average yearly pay is about \$800 in the United States.

## Answers to Questions

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Q. What soldiers carry the heaviest packs?—H. S. F.

A. Comparing the weight of the equipment of the infantrymen of the various countries, it is found that the American soldier carries the heaviest load. In full marching order he carries 79 pounds, 10.7 ounces. The English soldier carries but 59 pounds, 6.75 ounces; German soldiers, 75 pounds, 5.6 ounces; French soldiers, 70 pounds, 11.2 ounces; while the Japanese carry but 54 pounds, 9.5 ounces.

Q. How old a city was Pompeii when it was destroyed?—W. C. L.

A. Pompeii was known as early as the sixth century B. C. It was destroyed in 79 A. D. by being buried under the ashes and cinders which accompanied the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. It was a city of about 20,000 inhabitants but only about 2,000 perished in its destruction.

Q. When measuring the depth of the ocean, is the weight put down brought up again?—D. N. E.

A. By the same method, when the line was run by hand, it was clipped, leaving the weight at the bottom. Since machinery has been employed for this purpose, the weight is drawn up.

Q. What is the difference between cold water paint and other paint?—V. L.

A. The main difference between cold water paint and others is that cold water paint contains no oil.

Q. When was candy first made?—F. L. G.

A. The earliest use of candy was to disguise the unpleasant taste of medicine and it was made chiefly by physicians and apothecaries. The great development of the use of candy dates from the beginning of the nineteenth century, in England. In the United States, there were 29 candy factories in Philadelphia as early as 1816.

Q. How does the sun compare in brilliancy with electricity?—R. A. U.

A. It is not easy to make a comparison of this kind but Todd's Astronomer says that "the sun is nearly four times brighter than the brightest part of the electric arc."

## Musings for the Evening

Mexican government has put the ban on the pulque, a liquor made of cactus juice, on the ground that it drives people crazy. If the old, weak pulque does that to the Mexicans, what would they think of our prohibition hooch?

In Arkansas a man who speaks 17 languages has been married to a woman who speaks only 12 but we will bet on the lady.

Every married man knows he could save money if he were single, and every single man knows he could save money if he were married. Yes, yes. Let us pass on to the next case.

"A woman is uneasy if she is not in love," says W. L. George, the novelist, in a lecture. But she is much uneasy when she is.

If an American writer knocked America the way the English writers knock it while here, he would be deported on the first boat.

Horrors apparently will not cease coming out of Russia. The output of Russian poetry is said to be greater than ever before.

"Where is the waistline to be this year?" asks a fashion writer. No matter where it is, the young man's arm will find it.

Bankers object to the new dollars, saying they can't stack them. We never were able to stack the old ones. The packers are said to be under fire, and we only hope this includes the managers of the street cars.

The one thing we don't recommend Blue Devil for is cleaning teeth, yet some say they like it.—Advertisement.

## TODAY'S TALK

By George Matthew Adams, Author of "You Can," "Take It," "Up"

### NIGHTFALL

How gently it arrives—Nightfall! As though some huge robe were wrapped about the body of the earth.

Before you realize, Night comes on. And the glories of the day, with its fragrances and beauties, give place to quietness and peace. Grayer and grayer—until here and there lights begin to flicker like the sparkles from a diamond, and the astounding sunset is replaced by darkness, through whose sky holes stars peep and twinkle. Nightfall—when the soul throws off its masks and sits naked for communion.

Always I resent the artificial lightings at Nightfall. When I was a boy on the farm I remember that I loved to go far from the house at nightfall and sit on some great rock or near some stream and just listen in the silence which was only broken by the night owl or the whippoorwill or the cricket's chirp. For hours I would remain. And the memories are now full of sweetened happiness.

How soothing is the spirit of Nightfall! The day's work is over. The hours of meditation are on, and the body says: I am ready for rest now. And the heart of one says: I want to laugh and play a little—the day has been long and full of movement.

At Nightfall the wheels of farm and factory go to bed with their masters. Even the flower droops its tiny head and closes its eyes. The hen gathers her own under her wings and the frolics of Nature are put away until the morrow.

Even the "mills of the gods" close their doors at Nightfall. While the weary wanderer with no home at all to which he may go, lies down among the leaves of the forest, on some bench or in some corner where he may find a few hours of undisturbed slumber.

For Nightfall, like the crystallized snow, descends upon both rich and poor, happy and unhappy—like the impartial mercy of God. If you have troubles, shed them at Nightfall—that your dreams may be full of love, getting you ready for service in the morning!

## Who's Who in the Day's News

### LORD RICHARD NEVILL

For the purpose of aiding the movement now under way to establish a permanent institution in London for the technical instruction of the blind, a memorial to the late Sir Arthur Pearson Lord Richard Nevill, who himself lost the use of his eyes through overwork on the eve of the great war, arrived recently in New York for a two months' stay in America.

Lord Richard is the fifth son of the late Marquis of Abergavenny, who was for many years president of the Conservative Union in England. He has many friends on this side of the Atlantic, acquired while he served as comptroller of the household of the Duke of Connaught, when governor general of Canada.

Since graduating from Oxford, Lord Richard, who is a bachelor, has spent comparatively little of his time in England. He has served as private secretary and aide-de-camp, first of all to the governors of Victoria and of South Australia and afterwards to successive governors general of the Australian commonwealth, besides acting as the comptroller of their household. It was because of his tact and powers of organization in this respect that the Duke of Connaught would not resign until he had secured his services in a similar capacity at Ottawa, where he ran the entire establishment of the royal governor general.

### Woman Blamed by Her Family

Restless, irritable, nervous, excitable and exacting in the charge against her by those nearest and dearest. How little they realize the struggle the overworked wife and mother is making to keep about and perform the hundred and one duties that devolve upon her! Every hour her head aches, back aches and pains drag her down until she can stand it no longer. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has restored more women in this condition to health and happiness than any other medicine. The grateful letters we are continually publishing in this paper from women who have found health by its use prove it.—Advertisement.

## After Dinner Stories

An enterprising salesman told a prospective customer in Poplar Bluff, Mo., he would like to fit him to a new pair of glasses.

"I never wear glasses," replied the mountaineer.

"But the mark across your nose between the eyes," persisted the salesman, "indicates that you have."

"Nope," drawled the woodsman. "We all drink moonshine from glass jars down here."

"So you made peace with the cannibal chief?" asked the good listener. "Yes," said the explorer, who was relating his adventures. "I gave him a string of beads and a pocket knife."

"Ah! A simple child of nature."

"Not so simple as I thought. He next wanted to know what I had in the way of phonograph records."

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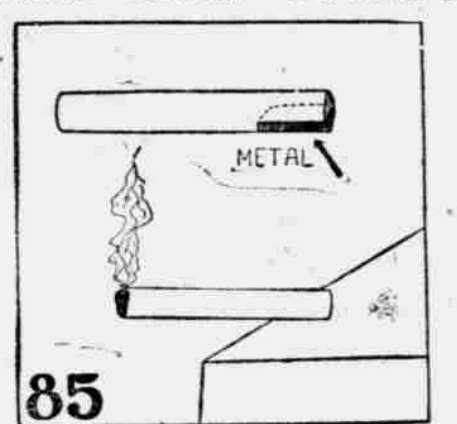
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## After Dinner Tricks



### No. 85—Anti-Gravity Cigarette

An astonishing feat is to lay the tip of a cigarette on the edge of the table with the remainder hanging over the edge and leave it balanced there. The cigarette must previously be prepared. Remove some of the tobacco and insert a short piece of metal at the tip. Then replace enough tobacco to make the cigarette appear ordinary. Naturally, the weight of the cigarette is now all at one end, and it can easily be balanced as described above.

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## Memories of Old Days

In This Paper Ten Years Ago Today

The Whitewater hack, owned by Webb Pyle, was badly smashed in a runaway which occurred on North Second street. The team had been hitched and in the absence of the driver, became scared. It ran south with the wagon and weight to the corner of Main and Second streets where the wagon collided with a pole, breaking off a wheel. The team ran east on Main street to the drinking fountain at the corner of Third and Main streets, where it stopped, and was caught. Produce was scattered over the street but the loss was small.

## Lessons in Correct English

Don't Say:  
WHOM do you think will call?  
WHOM did you say was appointed?  
WHOM, do you think, will be appointed?

Say:  
WHO do you think will call?  
WHO did you say was appointed?  
WHO, do you think, will be appointed?

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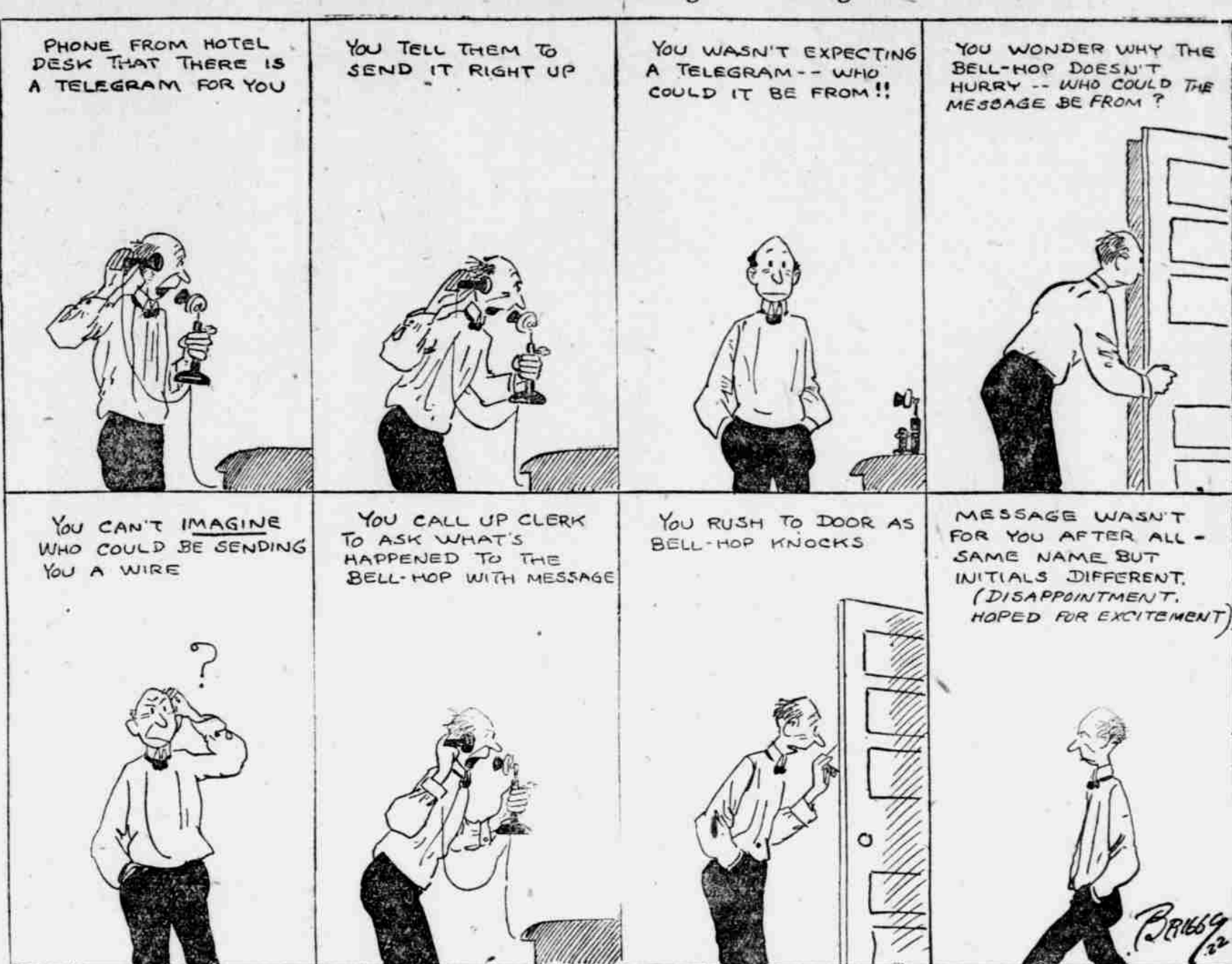
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## Tedious Pastime—Waiting for a Telegram



## Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

### TAX MONEY

I've written miles of deathless song, to earn the coin in yonder sacks, and I must hand it out ere long to pay my yearly income tax. I greatly wonder where they'll go, when Uncle Sam collects those bucks; I greatly fear that he will throw my hard earned roubles to the ducks. If Uncle Sam could only see the poet in his garret bare, composing epics wild and free, that he may have a bill of fare! I buy harps from Henry Ford in quantities, to get them cheap; yet when I've paid for bed and board the roll that's left would make you weep. I walk the floor by night and day, to find new rhymes for rhymeless words; and Uncle Sam will take my pay, and he'll throw it at the birds. He'll buy himself a sword and gun, and build himself a submarine, well knowing how I need the money to pay John D. for gasoline. He'll hand out money left and right to pay for past and future wars; I have to pay for every fight, yet war's a thing my soul abhors. He'll run his government in grooves that make sane voters stand agast; he never alters or improves the cumbrous methods of the past. Nine men will do what one might do, and tape will govern every step, and high priced statesmen still will chew their rags of cotton and of rep. I earn my dough in bitter toil, I twang my lyre the live-long day, and coin I need for gas and oil must go to Sam, to throw away.

## Monroe School

Misses Fannie Smith and Grace Hoover, graduates of Monroe, visited the school Friday. The high school will furnish a portion of the program at farmers' institute at West Manchester Feb. 22. The Glee club and orchestra will furnish music for the Eldorado institute. Denver Ott of the freshman class has his tonsils removed last week. Mr. Tillybury of near Lanier school

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## Masonic Calendar

Wednesday, Feb. 1—Webb lodge No. 24, F. and A. M. Mason Degree at 6:30 o'clock.

Thursday, Feb. 2—Wayne Council, No. 10, R. and S. M. Stated Assembly.

Thursday, Feb. 2—Masonic club will give a Subscription Dance to Masons and ladies.

Friday, Feb. 3—King Solomon's Chapter No. 4, R. A. M. Meeting for rehearsal.

Saturday, Feb. 4—Loyal Chapter No. 49, O. E. S. Stated meeting.

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