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Dr. Parkhurst's Article

The Church of Today

They Are Not Schools of Theological Dogmas, as One Critic Claims-They Are Dealing Very Directly with Practical Things

By DR. C. H. PARKHURST

Church people, whether of the Protestant. Catholic or Jewish type, are sometimes made a little impatient by the way in which writers and declaimers go

and petulant things about the church and the ministry.

to deny the defects of an institution so evidently of the elements that tion; and intelligent criticism will, by every fair-minded and sincere churchman, be received with becoming hu-

mility and gratijudgments when pronounced not only relish, are a little irksome to the mind part of their religion to keep even tem- dogmatic discussion.

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pered and good natured. The simplest thing that, under the circumstances, can be said, is that it is much easier to say what the church ought to be than it is to be a member and help make it what it ought to be.

It would be unjust to find fault with the ideals that the critic exploits, but better than to stay outside and exploit ideals would be to come in and make rent homileties.

them into reality. It would be better, but a great deal

There are few lines of business that require so little capital as that of the fault finder, and few that involve so littie expenditure of Christian grace as that of the censorious critic.

An article in the November issue of a magazine, entitled "Our Supervised Mormore helpful, if it had not been employed to express a little of the vicious animus just remarked upon, for while it says many good things, it is composed in rather bad temper and indulges in two or three slaps which do not rise to the dignity of an assault.

One example is the following: "Perhaps the churches are considered the schools of morals, * * * but no; the churches are schools of theological dogma, a matter totally unrelated to morals, and only here and there, sporadically, does one find clergymen with definite ethical

Unnecessary Fat



Mankind was intended to be shapely—not too fat, not too lean, but just the happy medium between the two-symmetry. Any addition to this is unnecessary. There is no reason why the people with double chins, too ample bosoms, too generous waist lines and hip measurements, cannot decrease their weight and become alim without the necessity of dieting, violent exercise, or the danger of becoming wrinkled or fiably. The famous Marmola Prescription (known the world over) has been used successfully by so many stout people that it is hardly possible you have not heard of it. It will be good news to you that this harmless obsetty remedy is now sold in tablet form. Each one of the Marmola Prescription Tablets contains an exact dose of the same safe, effective ingredients as the original prescription and like it, reduces at the uniform rate of a pound or more a day. The cost of slimness is moderate. A The case lasts a long time and gives lasting benefit to any overfax man or woman. Get it from your druggist or the Marmola Co., Farmer Bldz. Detroit, Mich. Here is an opportunity to lose your unnecessary fat safely at a nominal expense.

doctrines, who feel called upon to teach

"The topic uppermost just now in the ministerial mind, as who may prove who listens to sermons from Maine to Virginia, and from Massachusetts to Colorado, is the supremacy and need of the church. That the church is not a useless or decadent institution is vogiferously proclaimed from all the pulpits. Well, is it a school of morals? Is it intent upon a nice distinction between right

There was a time undoubtedly when the criticism passed upon preaching by the writer of the article would have been applicable to the situation, but it has not kept up with the progress of ministerial thought, is not aware that the pulpit of the present is dealing, very directly and emphatically, with practical matters of

Like other members of its class, who have a latent antipathy to religion considered as fundamental to sound ethics, it harps upon the old criticism, not having come close enough to the spirit of the contemporary pulpit to realize the change ignorantly, but with a certain malignant that has been in progress, and that the Ten Commandments now fill a very much even of those who are trying to make it larger place in pulpit discourse than does

> She had let her recollection of what may have been true once, along with an illy disgulated antipathy to the whole religious matter, take the place of an intimate acquaintance with what ministers are now preaching about (as disclosed by the press and by printed volumes of sermons) in forming her estimate and shaping her criticism of cur-

> Had not her article been colored by such a prejudgment she would have been saved from the violation of one of these moral principles so ardently cherished by her-"Thou shalt not bear false

But her condemnation rests not only upon the clergy but-as shown in the quoted paragraph- just as much upon the church. The writer of the article in als," would have made better reading and question gives no indication as to what exactly she understands by "church." But if the superficial view she takes of

what the preachers are saying is paralleled by her estimate of what church denotes, she probably understands by the latter an assemblage of people gathered periodically in the sanctuary for religious services and in their corporate capacity undertaking to put some sore of stamp upon the character of the community.

There is considerable of that idea abroad and she presumably shares in it, and so far as it goes the idea is not an altogether unwarranted one. But the full scope of church is not appreciated and a just accounting is not made till there have been reckoned in the results wrought by individual members who gather in young animal. But still this bugbear of not the narrow skirt? Why should unthe sanctury and who receive from its society flourishes-the narrow skirt. necessary energy be expended and therethem forth individually to put their several impulses where opportunity and the ove that is in their hearts suggests.

Take, if you please, all the missions that are being worked in this city; add to narrow skirt is still with us. them the Young Men's and the Young Women's Christian associations; add still farther all the purely humanitarian efforts that are being put forth for human saving and uplift.

Remember that in almost every case ing originality is our costume. "The the moving spirits in these enterprises narrow skirt has come to say.' We hear churchmen and churchwomen that the words on all sides, but let me tell are laboring not at all along lines of you something else that is coming in dogmatic theology but with a direct ref- the wake of the narrow skirt. Wrinkles. erence to building up men and women How can a woman maintain a happy ex-

into practical nobility of life.

pression when she is forced to mince Now when that kind of inventory has along Fifth avenue in an expensive gown been taken we have at last done some- which will be irrevocably ruined if she thing toward arriving at what church happens to take one step a little longer really means, and are in condition to than the ordinary artificial gait that she form some conception of what the city of has been forced to adopt. And so there New York would, in the course of six is constant worry, constant fear of acmonths become, if all the influence that cidents in which you would be powerless finds its radiating source in the church to help yourself, a constant deepening if should be abruptly suspended. ever so little of worry lines which have

We trust that the writer of the article will be induced to bring her point of into genuine wrinkles just as fast as come to stay, and which are developing view down to date, to open her heart somewhat more widely to the clergy and they can to contemplate the church with iess of the narrow skirt will say that if it is unsympathetic prejudice and with more of hearty and intelligent appreciation. possible to make anything habitual, why

Beauty

By MAUDE MILLER.



Florence Moore Discusses the Wrinkle Problem

"We hear so much about beauty and what constitutes it. Whether the beautiful girl is the girl with perfect features or the girl who possesses a clean and healthy mind. But I maintain that no girl, no matter how perfect as to facial characteristics, no matter how pure ts to mind and soul, can be beautiful if she does not express grace of movement and freedom to express this grace.

"Oh, I am heartily disgusted with all the absurd freaks of fashion that we ctll our beautiful women." These were the exact words of Miss Florence M. re of the Winter Garden company when I asked her for her ideas on beauty. "The extreme styles that are being worn by the ultra-fashionable set of today are spoiling forever the grace which ought to be second nature to every sensible girl who expresses her ideas in her movements with the freedom and liberty of a

must have the narrow skirt, and the

narrower the skirt at the bottom, the

more truly chic and remarkable for dar-

"And now, perhaps, you defenders of



perament of the growing girl will find an outlet for its natural activity in some other way and that other way always results in harm to the individual. "Grace means everything to those who Miss Florence Moore and Her Smile.

services and from the inspiration of its Preedom has been given to some extent fore lowered vitality ensue? But the acwho would make us fashionable. But the in, just as a flower needs the weeds ents, girls, you have the gift of grace removed about it before it can grow within your grasp, you may have poetry "If we would have narrow lines we properly. Otherwise the sensitive tem- of motion for the asking."

would attain beauty, and grace is a talent which is given to every one alike. It remains with the individual to develop that talent or to smother it in the dreadful toils of what fashion defellowships that inspiration that sends in the slashing of the skirt, in the intro- tive girl is not necessarily energetic, she cross. It is time for every girl to be duotion of invisible side pleatings, in is not working off an attack of surplus awake and on her guard lest she be decunningly devised draperies and other nerves, she is simply naturally active prived of her liberty. Don't forget about things from the clever brains of those and needs unlimited space to move about the parable of the man with the ten tal-

Revelation

By CONSTANCE CLARKE.

One spelled a message in the sapphire sky Alive with stars-the other hurried by. Not careless of the spendthrift gifts of God, But hers it was the meaner path to trod.

One cherished high ideals, and dreamed away The pulsing hours of living day; The other, tired of eye and hard of hand, Worked out a life that she could understand.

One lived for art's sake, sheltered and alone, Remote and friendless on a gilded throne; The other toiled, yet counted more worth while A man's rough kisses and a baby's smile.

The Manicure Lady

By WILLIAM F. KIRK

"If that wart ever comes in here again and gets into my chair he will think he is getting shaved at Fish's Eddy by the oldest inhabitant," said the Head Barber, giaring after a retreating figure. 'This is the fourth time he has been in here and I have caught him every time. He wants more walting on than Caruso, and he ain't kicked in with the sign of a tip one of the four times. Wait till a catch him in this chair again."

You should be more patient and gentle, George, said the Manicure Lady, soothingly. "As we journey through life we run into a lot of queer nuts, and you muts treat them kind of forbearing, the way you would treat a lost child. That's the way I get along, and I find that it makes me more happy than putting the bee to folks that is a thorn in my side." any patience to sell," declared the Head

> Just Before Christmas

By FRANCES L. GARSIDE.

"I am buying only sensible presents this year," said the woman who is the heron a in this little tale, and then she see no more of the old fellow, and kept went sown into her shopping bag for the sending his check regular, but at the end money to pay for a little tin man, who, when wound up, worked a saw back and for for fully a quarter of a minute. She bought this for Johnny Smith, and when she reached the next counter she forgot she had wiped him off her list and that it was time to buy for Aunt Eliza, and buight a top that will spin three minutes. "That," she said, "is for

Johnny Smith. She duplicated her gifts all day and reached home that night with tin express wagons for de repit kin and lounging robes for relations who never had time to lounge, and manicure sets where she had intended in anis-buying wisdom to give carpet sweepers

She had packed and wrapped Christmas boxes all evening, and when she ate supper that meat tasted like the Merry father of that guy I just shaved." Christmas stickers, and she hated the plate because it was white, and so is tissue paper, and before she broke ner bread she mechanically tied a Christmas ribbon around it.

After supper she rose with the baby in her arms and went to her room and put it to bed. Half an hour later her husband walked in, and found his wife in a heavy sleep on the floor, while on the bed lay a big bundle done in white tissue paper, and wrapped in red ribbon, with a bunch of holly on top. A card attached read: "A small token of my love, with wishes for a Merry Christmas."

But where was the baby? The husband searched the room for it, and had about decided the neighbors had borrowed it when the tissue paper bundle stirred.

With a cry of fright he tore off the red and green ribbons, unwrapped yards of white tissue paper and found the baby

Its lips were fastened together with Christmas stickers, and twigs of mistletoe were sticking from its ears, while more Merry Xmas stickers pasted its eyes shut, and a Christmas card was laid on its breast.

The mother didn't intend to harm her baby; don't think that for a moment. In a fit of worry and absentmindedness, brought on by the distribution of thirtyseven presents which must all go by mail in the morning, twenty-two that must be sent by express not later than day after tomorrow, and forty-four that must be ready by Christmas morn, twenty-one of which must yet be bought three were unfinished, and eleven were yet to be begun, she had wrapped up her baby, and pasted it with Merry Xmas stickers, and had fallen asleep while

waiting for the express wagon. There is a warning in this little tale: It is to the husbands, that they watch their wives carefully, and be tender and forgiving when they find their breakfast eggs tied in ribbons, and Merry Xmas stickers and holly served as breakfast food, for it is the season when no woman with the genuine Christmas spirit is ac countable, 4

Barber. "I have heard you recent enough telling some guy where to get off."

"Never unless I have plently of vacation, George," said the Manicure Lady." "It takes a awful lot to get me. When ain't got perfect control of my temper, of course, there is times when I burn up a little, but as a rule I try to be kind and gentle to all which con into my daily life. I believe I will live longer that way, and as Robert Moore, the Scotch poet, once wrote: 'As we journey through life, let us live quite

a while. "I don't expect tips from every one." said the Head Barber, "but when a man wants a lot of extra service he ought to dig down and pay for it. That's what gets my goat-a wan wanting the whole barber shop and then sneaking out with out paying me nothing extra for my

"There is folks in this world that the nore they get the more they expect, beerved the Manicure Lady. rent was telling mother and me last night about a fellow that worked for him. It seems that the old gent going through his factory one day he saw an old fellow there that used to work beside him when they was boys to-gether. That was when father was poor and the factory was small. He saked the old fellow if he was still working at the same job, and the old fellow said he 'Wel,' says father, 'you have worked long enough. Go home and rest from now on, and you will get your check just the same every week."

"That's the kind of a sport my father ls, George, but that ain't the end of the story. For about six months be didn't of the six months the old fellow actually had the nerve to come to him and say that he thought he ought to have a raise Father thought he was joking at first, but the old fellow explained that on gocount of the high cost of living he had to have a raise. Now if he had kept on slaving in the factory he wouldn't have ever asked for a raise. Can you beat

raise," said the Head Barber.

"He did not," said the Manicure Lady. "Father tied a can to him and ain't never saw him since. You wouldn't think any man would be horgish enough to ask for a raise when he was penstoned, would you?" "I'd think anything." said the Head

Barber, gloomily. "Maybe he is the

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