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RELIGIOUS PESSIMISM.

The Universalist Leader of Boston, which cherishes the "larger hope" in regard to the life beyond, takes a very gloomy view of the present status of the Christian church. The Leader declares the church to be starved to death by its friends, emaciated and weakened, "a once regal figure that now stands with outstretched hands pitifully pleading the privilege to live." It sees the world stranded on the rocks of sin, in imminent danger of appalling disaster. "The world has gone pleasure-mad; the obje... all work is to get money for phys... gratification; the cars and steambo...re jammed with crowds seeking artificial excitement and in summe... ne churches are closed, once for ...eks, now for months; once to gi... e minister a rest, now to give ...ople an opportunity for cheap ple...

And the ...ader declares the decadence of t... c...rch is not so much due to these ...ons as these conditiens are due to ...ecadence of the church. The church ...as ceased to be what it was, a place where the people meet to worship God, and has become "a social center, a lectureship, a school, a college, a literary society, a place of amusement, a bazaar, a library, a soup kitchen an' employment bureau, or a political caucus." Obviously this is not true of the evangelical churches in Canada to any such extent as of the churches in the United States, but may we not be slowly drifting in the same direction? The Leader proceeds to hold the ministers primarily and the laity in only less degree responsible for the absence of soul life in the churches. To the ministers it says:

"You have sold your divine birthright for a mess of pottage. You have not stuck to your calling, you run after every scheme of saving the world by fiat, or by vote or by purchase, or by organization, or by institution, when there is no other name under heaven by which the world can be saved except Christ Jesus; and if you do not believe that, what are you doing in the Christian ministry? You know ten times as much about the Bible as the Fathers did, but you do not know as much Bible; you know all the theories of prayer, but you do not pray. You are the victims of every fad; you had rather quote Browning than Jesus Christ; you had rather lecture on the North Pole than to preach the gospel; you had rather write a popular novel than to write a sermon; you ride your hobbies, you get up excursions, you give entertainments, you take up an agency or run a hotel, anything, everything except sticking to your calling to which you are called of God".

This is surely plain speaking. We think the judgment would be a harsh one indeed were it applied to the Gospel ministers in Canada. But the modern Jeremiah is quite as severe with the laity as with the ministers. He declares that the men and women of the church do not take the church seriously. Business, politics, education are treated as of vast ly more importance. Church members will spend ten times as much on a two week's vacation as they do on a year's food for their immortal souls. "You have no sense of obligation to your church; you give to that if you have anything to spare, but you 'pay' your bills at the grocery." All of which is rather sombre reading for both ministers and members of churches, but it is still worth thinking over.

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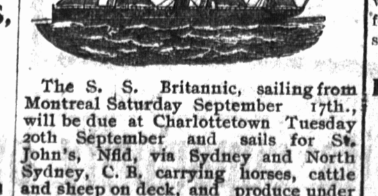

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