

THE NEW WAYS IN RELIGION.
To-day I've been to meeting, John,
To hear the parson preach,
But when they're changed since we were
young.

In all they do and teach!
They say that we're old-fashioned, John,
And don't care what we say;
But my old heart can't stand it, feel.

Whene'er they change God's way.

When we were young the world
was gay.

And loved to make a show;

But Christians walked the narrow way,

And could not with them go;

But oh, how things have changed since
then.

The new ways are hot now,

They all go it together now,

And say they're "lots of fun."

When we were young they used to meet

In our old kitchen room,

And sometimes in the school-house near,

If many chance to come;

And Eld. B.—, that good old man,—

I'll never forget his voice,—

How faithfully he dealt with sin,

And how the saints rejoiced.

But now they meet in palaces,

And sit in rich arm-chairs,

And every thing that draws the crowd,

They'll have at any price;

With cushioned seats and carpetings,

And every thing so gay.

The poor can hardly gather there,

They've not the scrip to pay.

The minister, he's seen again too,

He's seen again too,

And bow'd it past my heart to day.

To see him "put on air."

He did not preach, he only read

An essay in Christ's voice;

No heart was touched, no tears were

shed.

And not a soul rejoiced.

He thought Christ's voice was musical,

Melodious, rich and clear,

And thus it sounded pleasantly

Upon the listening ear.

I heard some say as they passed out,

Wasn't that a splendid thing?

And another said that can't be beat

By ev'ry Dr. Tyndall!

O it is so that such vain lops

Are called to speak for God,

Who feed the church on worldly slops,

But never preach his Word?

I thought if Chris himself were there,

We'd see some sighs and tears;

"Ye pharisees and hypocrites!"

They could thunder louder than us.

I thought of those old kitchen times,

When we all met by God,

Would warn us all so faithfully.

To love and keep his word.

They did not wink at worldliness,

As ministers now do—

G give me back the olden ways,

I do not like the new.

A horse machine now grinds their

faces.

A gospel choir joins in,

But neither one can tell of joys

That come from pardoned sin.

They sung God's praise when we were

young,

I thought of times when we were young.

When all the proud and gay

Would make the christians dress their

song.

And just them every way.

It's sad, when all the world runs mad

In foolish, vain display,

To see the church so fast and glad

To see the world so gay.

The church has changed since former

days.

In all they say and do,

But give me back the olden ways,

I do not like the new.

They're strangely bent on pleasure now;

To have some sort of lively spire;

That worldlings love and seek;

But whether 'tis a festival,

Or sociable, or fair,

Or Christmas tree, or other scrap;

The church will all be there.

With lottery tickets and games,

And other trifles and gauds,

That make God's houses a den of thieves

Without a blush of shame!

Lord of the temple, come with zeal,

As thou didst; come of yore,

With scourge in hand to make them feel.

Before their day is o'er,

They'll attend such gatherings,

But who that dares to pray,

There are but few venture out,

And they're not much to say.

They lightly speak of former days,

When christian men were true;

But give me back the olden ways,

I do not like the new.

What means this strange departure,

John?

And when will they amend?

God's day of wrath is hastening on,

When all earth's sham will end.

That awful hour is drawing near;

Its signs are gathering fast;

The Judge of all will soon be here.

She scatters the past.

Our round the will be made known,

Our habits, thoughts and aims;

And some must hear from God's own

throne.

"You've brought my cause to shame,"

Ab! then what grief and sore regret

Will reach me in that day,

Because they've chosen worldliness,

And scorned at God's old way.

Prompt Payment.

Prompt pay is the key to all

success in business. There are

times in the history of every trader

when he finds it inconvenient to

meet his bills promptly, and in

such case we find the man who

knows his credit to be good becom-

ing lukewarm; forgetting that his

creditors are calculating upon him

perhaps to meet some pressing ob-

ligation. The result is that he dis-

appoints them, and thus, after one

or two repetitions of the same, even

the man whose credit is first-class

can soon impair it, and sometimes

to a degree that makes it hard for

him to recuperate. Now let us

take the man of moderate (say fair)

credit. He knows under such cir-

cumstances that his credit is scrupu-

lously watched; and if his bills be

gin to lapse, he is at once notified

of it, and informed that unless his

past bills are paid no more goods

can be procured. With such a con-

tingency facing him, he sees it is

to his interest to meet his payments

promptly, and is on the high road

to success. Prompt pay does two

important things—it inspires confi-

dence in the seller, putting the buyer

upon a first-class basis, and it

insures the prompt shipment of

goods.

Our English contemporary,

whosey says the above sound

advice, says the "Scientific American,"

forgets to point out that there is a

still greater advantage in seeking

no credit at all, but in making payment

at once. Persons who have

not tried the cash system (and we

mean not merely in ordinary busi-

ness transactions, but everywhere,

even in the small expenditures of

the household) has any idea how

much it simplifies the transaction

and benefits both the buyer and the

seller. Moreover it is saving to

the purchaser of a very large

percentage. We have found by in-

quiry among many retail dealers in

this city, that such houses as are in

the habit of allowing credit to their

customers, from six months to one

year, add on average of at least

ten per cent to the cash price. And

this must be so, because the dealer

cannot afford to lose the interest on

his money and take the risk of a

failure of payment of a portion,

which is inevitable. Another fact

for debtors, more especially of wine

merchants, tobacco sellers, and tailors,