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## Free Advice.

To Prof. Shirley Jackson Case, chairman of the department of church history at the University of Chicago, whose new book, noticed Tuesday on the squirrel page of the Chicago Tribune, sets up its stage background of "historical criticism" and informs us that "creative religious living must strive not to imitate, but to transcend all past and present standards, not even excepting the example and precepts of Jesus:"

Don't push Barnum's formula too far. When you make a pigmy of the Son of God, you can't excite people to surpass Him; that's not patting them on the back enough. And don't appeal to "historical criticism" for the defense of your thesis: H.G. Wells wore that one so thin that a moron with nothing but a draft between his ears can see through it - your "creative religious living" is lighter and more airy; it flatters the subnormal mind.

To Dr. Arthur Holmes, head of the psychology department of the University of Pennsylvania, who said recently to the students of Butler University: "People nowadays are asking an enormous amount of questions which can not be answered by the Bible because we have so many interpretations of the Bible:"

It would pay you to look up what the Council of Trent had to say about that matter some four hundred years ago. You will discover what we Catholics have known all the time - that an infallible book must have an infallible guardian to keep error from creeping in, and an infallible interpreter to tell us what it means when doubts arise about its meaning.

To the Upper House of the Convocation of Canterbury, which last week voted a resolution proposing "intercommunion between the Church of England and the 'Old Catholic' churches of Europe;" and to the Archbishop of Canterbury, who expressed the hope that with regard to Sweden "we can be able to carry matters further:"

"Only God can make a tree." No matter how many branches you tie together, you cannot breathe life into them. It was Christ Who said: "Unless the branch remain in the vine it cannot bear fruit." You cannot expect Him to say to your bundle of branches: "He that heareth you, heareth Me." He said that once for all when He planted His grain of mustard seed.

Don't spoil the record!

To Dr. D.A. McGregor, of the Western Theological Seminary, who last week told the Council of Church Boards of Education that the seminaries are filled to overflowing and that there is no place for third rate ministers, but room for good second class preachers:

Get an article that sells itself and you don't have to hire high pressure salesmen. First, second, and third rate preachers don't seem to make so much difference with us. The people go to Mass, confess their sins, receive their Lord in Holy Communion, and hear a good, bad, or indifferent sermon on the Son of God and His teachings on salvation. With an oversupply of preachers and some twenty thousand Protestant churches abandoned in this country, you might try varying your doctrine instead of rating your preachers.

## The Lenten Adoration Cards Are Ready.

Volunteers are wanted to act as hall promoters for the Lenten daily adoration, which will begin a week from Sunday. The cards will be ready at 7:00 tonight; call for them at 141 Sorin. Be prepared to return them next Wednesday. If you take them when there is no one in the office, leave your name on a card. PRAYERS: A deceased aunt of Robert McAuliffe. An aunt of Chas. Cushwa, '31, is ill.