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Editorial Notes.

TO PENETRATE and try to fathom the grand secret workings of nature, and to strictly and reverently worship her revealed loveliness, is the highest and noblest duty and pleasure of man.

GRANT'S recommendation to tax church property is a measure which originated with Liberals, they having always demanded it as a matter of justice. In California, however, where theologians never got possession of the Legislature to the extent they have further east, church property is taxed as other property. So also we have dispensed with the legislative chaplain nuisance.

New phase follows new phase in Spiritualism, "Occultism" and "Elementaryism" are among the latest. Then "Materialization" followed; then the actual taking casts of spirits in plaster of Paris. But the grand culmination of the nonsense is the very latest feature of it, as indicated by Mrs. Harlinge in her experience with spiritual lovers, as actual and real as though in the body. Well, now we are prepared for anything!

THE question of the immortality of mind or soul is a question of reason, not of intuition; of science, not of faith. Belief in immortality is no more an evidence of the fact than belief in a local hell and personal devil is evidence of their existence. Until man can prove from science, as satisfactorily as he can the law of chemistry, or any other established fact, that he is immortal, the question of his living after he is dead must go unanswered.

ERRATUM.—In the communication of the Catholic lady upon the school question, on the sixth page of the LIBERAL, the name "Baynard" (eighth line from bottom of first column) should read "Bayma."

BEECHER AND BEECHERISM.—On Thanksgiving day Henry Ward Beecher preached against the Bible in the schools, and made this shocking accusation: "The public should see that proper Commissioners of Education are appointed. I know of cases near here where commissioners have hired female teachers, and have made their employment depend upon their willingness to surrender their bodies to gratify the lust of their employers; and in some cases the teachers themselves were foul-mouthed and foul-handed." Although the thing of which Beecher speaks is by no means uncommon, it jingles so odd to hear him refer to matters of this nature. It is like Satan rebuking sin.

GRANT, in his message, suggests that a constitutional amendment should be submitted to the several Legislatures forbidding, among other things, "the use in schools of irreligious and pagan text books." We never gave Grant the honor of possessing any great amount of intellect, but we had hoped he would at least be sagacious enough to submit a copy of his state paper, before sending it in, to some one capable of pointing out its defects. Wonder if Grant ever heard of Virgil, Horace, Homer, Plato, Cicero, Herodotus, Eschyles, Livy, Demosthenes and the other classics. Would he have all these excluded from the free schools? If so, what excuse can our fanatical Methodist President offer for their retention in the academies and universities? The trouble with all sectarians is that they invariably mistake non-religious or secular instruction for anti-religious or irreligious teaching. The true policy is non-religion or no religion in the common schools, and it is for this that the Liberals labor.

This is truly a transition period. Robert Dale Owen and Gerald Massey get crazy over Spiritualism; Mrs. Woodhull, the goddess of the Harmonial Philosophy, turns Christian, denounces A. J. Davis and re-adopts Jesus Christ; our friend Bennett, of the *Truth Seeker*, turns Spiritualist; so does Massey. Lant, and down goes his *Sun*. Owen recovers; so does Massey. We can only hope that Brothers Lant and Bennett may escape the fate so common to Spiritualists. As for Mrs. Woodhull, she is nothing, if not sensational; so it matters little where she is or what she does. Then again, who can tell what misfortune may not soon overtake any of us. But this is a transition period nevertheless.

IS THERE, can there be, any doubt about what Luther meant when he said, "Be thou a sinner, and sin boldly; but still more boldly believe and rejoice in Christ. From Him sin shall not separate us; no, though a thousand times in every day we should commit fornication or murder?" To Luther, fornication was only equalled, or at least approached, in iniquity, by the crime of murder. Now, it is not known to every Protestant—and those who do know it will not acknowledge it—that fornication was the origin of Protestantism. In other words, if Martin Luther had not violated the tenets of the Catholic Church by adultery with Catherine, of —, he would never have been excommunicated; and if not excommunicated the Reformation had never been inaugurated. And so also the author of the English Episcopal system organized the offshoot church, that he might exercise the sexual rights denied by the Church, even though he murdered his wives as fast as he married them. Such is the origin of the present Christian system.

COME HOME.

Blow ye the trumpet, blow,
The cheerful Liberal sound;
Let all the nations know,
To earth's remotest bound,
The time for Liberal thought is come;
Come home to common sense,
Come home!

Ye who in ignorance wrought,
And placed a priest above,
May give the truth unbought,
The gift of friendly love;
The day for Liberal thought is come;
Come home to common sense,
Come home!

Ye who have sold for naught,
Your happiness below,
Return to sober thought,
And you may surely know
The day of science now is come;
Come home to common sense,
Come home!

Ye slaves to priest-forged hell,
Your liberty receive;
Be just, and truly tell,
As long as you can live,
The day of jubilee is come,
Come home to common sense,
Come home!

Press Notices and Comments.

The warriors in the ranks of free thought are increasing, and the mammoth and rotten edifice of religious superstition is certain to topple and fall sooner or later. We have received the first number of a local champion of free thought—the *PACIFIC LIBERAL*—edited by A. J. Boyer, one of the most able and eminent writers of the coast. It is the organ of the free thinkers. Its initial attack against the religious superstitions of the times is fearless and bold. There are over one hundred thousand free thinkers on the Pacific Coast, who will receive with delight the establishment of the *PACIFIC LIBERAL*. The war against the priests and preachers of every sect, who rob and plunder the people, is commenced, and must not cease until religious superstition is destroyed. There are now over thirty journals published by free thinkers in the United States alone, and each week heralds the advent of still another, all bringing to bear powerful truth against religious fraud. Long live free thought and truth—down with religious superstition and tyranny.—*La Voce del Popolo, San Francisco.*

We thank *La Voce del Popolo* for this compliment to us, and the unmistakable endorsement of the liberal movement which is sweeping the country like a whirlwind. We are the more pleased to see this, since *La Voce del Popolo* is the only organ of the Italian nation on this coast, with few in the country; and it represents a constituency as noble, intelligent, and liberty-loving as any under the sun, and but for the religious slavery which shackles them in their own fair Italy, would be at the van of

the onward march of nations. Long live the excellent journal from which we translate the above kind notice.

We translate from the *California Journal and Sunways Guest*, a leading German journal of this city, the following kind notice of our enterprise:

We are always glad to announce the appearance of a journal having for its purpose religious or social progress. A journal of this kind has made its appearance in this city—the *PACIFIC LIBERAL*—edited and published by A. J. Boyer. The new paper will, as it announces, be a forum for the various free-thought societies on the coast. The number of such papers in Anglo-American literature is at present small, while sectarian papers are counted by the hundreds. The *PACIFIC LIBERAL*, then, will be welcomed by all free thinkers, and we hope will receive their fullest support.

Our friend, Herr Friederich Schenermann-Pott, lecturer for the German Independent Society of this city, and publisher of the *Blatter*, the most excellent organ of the German free-thinkers of the coast, after referring in his paper to our design, says of our enterprise:

The *PACIFIC LIBERAL* will be a grand center for the presentation of free thought; especially will it fight for the absolute secularization of the State and the perpetuation of the free-school system. We hope it will be a true friend and ally to us, at least on the most vital questions. We recommend it to our readers.

We thank *Die Blatter* for this word of good wishes, and promise to render it all the aid we can in its grand and good work of knocking religious humbuggy out of the people of his nationality. We especially appreciate the friendship and co-operation of the Germans, Italians, and French of this city, nine-tenths of whom are free-thinkers. They know what it is to be permitted to think without dictation, and express that thought without first submitting it to the cupel of the priesthood. Religious trumpery and nonsense find a poor advocate in thinking Frenchmen, Germans, or Italians.

From *Le Petit Journal*, the organ of the Franco-Americans of the Pacific Coast, we translate the following notice of us and our paper:

The *PACIFIC LIBERAL* is the name of a new journal published by A. J. Boyer, a well-known writer of California. The *LIBERAL* is published in the interest of free thought, and will create consider-

able of a sensation among the religious public.

The San José *Mercury* says of our paper: "Its spirit and aim are entirely commendable."

Friend Krauth, of the *Alameda En-cinal*, says of the *LIBERAL*:

It is not very large, but it is terse, and crisp, and outspoken. Whether our opinions tally or not, Bro. Boyer has our best wishes.

And so always has our friend of the *Encinal* our best wishes. Bigots and fools only entertain ill-feelings because of differences of opinion. Then, again, if all minds "tallied," there would be no necessity for either the *Encinal* or the *PACIFIC LIBERAL*. D'you see?

We are placed under obligations to the eastern press for liberal press encouragement. Among them, these:

The Boston *Index* says our course commands its hearty sympathy, and compliments us by saying that we "comprehend the crisis, and stand undiminishedly for secular schools," which compliment is the more appreciated by us because Mr. Abbot understands the question as few men in the nation understand it. Abbotism isn't Grantism by a great deal.

The *Truth Seeker*, of New York, one of the best liberal journals in the country at present, welcomes us cheerfully with a fraternal word. So the *Word*, of Princeton, Mass.; and the *New Age*, of Boston, a new and noble journal, flatters us by saying that it likes us because we are so much like itself.

The *Liberal Worker*, of Sharon, Wis., has a good word for us, which we return with usury, for the *Worker* is an ably conducted journal, but not quite enough advanced in its religious speculations to afford much new thought upon the subject.

Our Texas friend—be of *Common Sense* (Paris, Texas), we like very much, because he aims to strike down the structure of supernaturalism *in toto*, but he says he "can't see" our position that labor and capital, as constituted at present, are antagonistic. If they are not, why all this effort to reconcile the relations of one to the other? But about this again. Strike away, Bro. Peterson, you are doing nobly.

We cannot, however, enumerate further, in this place. We thank you, brethren, one and all, most heartily, and promise to do our best to merit your kindness.

UNDERWOOD'S PRAYER.

In March, 1872, B. F. Underwood held a debate two evenings with the Rev. Mr. Taylor, at Westfield, Pa. On the first evening Mr. Taylor opened the exercises with a regular orthodox prayer, and on the second evening Mr. Underwood opened with the following, and his friends thought it a decided improvement upon the prayer of the Rev. gentleman of the previous evening:

Thou incomprehensible Being, Power, or Essence, said to exist and to be the Author of Nature, called by different names—Brahma, Jehovah, Lord, Jupiter, Allah—worshipped as a Negro in Africa, as an Indian by the untutored savage of America, and by the mass of Christians as a Caucasian seated on a throne, with a crown on thy head and a scepter in thy hand, and angels all around chanting thy praises and ministering to thy wants—believed among the more thoughtful of thy worshippers to be something of which no correct conception can be formed, and recognized by us unregenerate infidels only as the aggregate of the forces of Nature inherent in and inseparable from matter, constituting the soul of the universe—that which

"Warms in the sun, refreshes in the breeze,
Glows in the stars and blossoms in the trees"—
Whatever thou art, we make no attempt to extol thy name, for if but half as great and good as many of thy worshippers profess to believe, thou canst not be pleased with the flatteries or praises of men. We make no attempt to give thee information, for they who claim to be in special communication with thee declare that thou knowest all things, even the innermost secrets of the heart of man.

We do not ask for any special favors for our opponent, for he has already told thee what *he* wants, and he is supposed to know his own needs better than we can set them forth. We ask no special favors for ourself, because, in the first place, it does not comport with our notions of fair play to invoke thine aid in an intellectual contest with a gentleman who has come here to discuss with us and *not with thee*; in the second place, we think we can sustain our position in this debate with no other assistance than that afforded by the silent but powerful aids which lie on the table before us; and in the third place, however much either of us might desire special help from thee, we do not believe thou wouldst interfere to give one the slightest advantage over the other.

But a few years ago our beloved country (this is not said for thy information) was suffering all the horrors of civil war, our hearts were saddened by the sight of "States dissevered, discordant,

belligerent and drenching in fraternal blood." Millions of prayers went up from pulpit, fireside and tented field, both North and South, entreating thee to interpose—stop the terrible strife between brothers, and stay the effusion of blood. But the sanguinary contest continued without any intervention by thee, and was brought to a close only when the South had been exhausted in resources, and was no longer able to offer resistance to the armies of the Union. How then can we expect thee to interfere in an insignificant contest like this between our friend and ourself.

We realize the fact that the intellectual work of the debate must be performed by the disputants, and we think it unwise for either of us to look to thee for victory. Whether "Providence is on the side of the strongest battalions" or not, we notice that they generally *win*, and without regard to the right and justice of the cause in defense of which they fight. We have not forgotten that the patriot army of Hungary was overwhelmed and defeated by the powerful and disciplined hosts of perjured Austria. "Trust in God, but keep your powder dry," said Cromwell to his soldiers. As we are satisfied that in physical warfare more depends upon the quality and condition of ammunition than upon mere "trust in God," so in an intellectual contest like this we believe that acquaintance with the subject, and power and skill in presenting arguments are more important than "reliance on thee." Fred. Douglas said he prayed fifteen years, but the prayer most certainly answered in his case was the prayer that he made with his legs, when he ran away from bondage.

An amiable, but evidently visionary individual, frequently called thy Son, and believed by many to be "God manifest in the flesh," is reported to have said that with faith to the amount of a grain of mustard seed men could remove mountains. Now, we are satisfied from observation and experience that with a mountain of faith we should fail to remove even a grain of mustard seed, unless adequate physical force were applied.

We cannot help noticing that *Christians* have but little faith in thine interposition in practical affairs. Having built a church and dedicated it to thee, they are not content with asking thee to save it from the thunderbolt of heaven. Just like us "unconverted sinners" when we put up buildings for business purposes, they go to the expense of attaching lightning rods to their houses of worship.

Had we any faith in the efficacy of prayer, there are many favors we might solicit; but since we are certain that we can obtain nothing by addresses to thee, which would not come just as

surely upon the prayers, we close these prayerful remarks to turn our attention to our opponent, and to the important subject under consideration. Amen.

[For the Pacific Liberal.]
Free Agency.

This is the doctrine of orthodox Christianity on which the arbitrary, vindictive and eternal orthodox hell is founded, and on which all uncharitableness and hate rest, which are the legitimate fruits of this unphilosophical and absurd dogma.

Everything in the universe of matter, mind, emotion and morals, is governed by inherent and inexorable law; no effect can take place without an adequate cause; no man can create a motive for his own action; he is acted upon by his surrounding conditions, which he neither creates nor can destroy, and which conditions begin to act on him from the moment of his conception in his mother's womb; if his pre-natal conditions are entirely good their results to him will be a good physical, mental and moral organization and tendencies; a sound mind in a sound body. If his pre-natal conditions are bad—if his mother during the period of his gestation is in bad physical condition, and under bad mental, moral and emotional exercises, the results of him will be crime-bent tendencies—an unsound mind in an unsound body; the bitter heritage of evil for which he is in no wise accountable. Being born with criminal tendencies, he is inevitably bound to yield to the motives which naturally govern the crime-bent. The motives do not exist in him that do in the well-made, and it is his misfortune, not his fault. And to say that such a man can as easily do well as ill under all circumstances—which must be if he is a free agent—is unphilosophical and absurd. He is as much entitled to charity and kindness as the idiotic or insane, for they are no more accountable for their organizations, and are, to say the least, emotionally insane. And the idea of taking such an ill-made, half-made, botched specimen and finishing up the job, and making it a good one by force of education, or of regenerating it by washing it in the blood of a lamb, or *the* lamb, is unphilosophical and absurd.

The world will be peopled by better men and women when they are made; and that will be when intelligence and reason take the place of ignorance and dogma. But the race, as a race, has not yet evolved to that plane.

F. H. MARSH.

In 1868 George Francis Train predicted that the Bank of California would collapse in a single day, and he was nearly mobbed.

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The Situation.

This number of the LIBERAL was delayed intentionally—as we said in our initial number it would be—that we might have time to hear from the friends on the coast and throughout the country, and thereby indicate the course to pursue in future. We can now assure our readers that the returns have much more than met our expectations. We are absolutely surprised at the prevalence of Liberal sentiment on this coast alone—prevailing as it does to a greater extent than anyone can know until such means as the PACIFIC LIBERAL is provided for obtaining it. We are greatly encouraged. The kind words and substantial aid given us assure us that our effort to establish a Liberal journal on this coast is generally appreciated by Liberals, and we shall endeavor to merit their aid and patronage to the greatest extent possible. Of course the time is yet too short to announce the frequency of issue, but we hope it will at least be once a month. If subscriptions continue to come in in the proportion received on the first issue, we can soon print the paper weekly. At all events it is best that our patrons subscribe by the number, as they do, (12 numbers for one dollar) instead of by the year, for then they are sure of their full complement of papers, though they may not follow each other in as rapid succession as they or we could wish. Our agents and friends will confer a favor by definitely explaining this fact when soliciting patronage.

We thank the press of the coast and elsewhere, in this connection, for kind and liberal notices, and the many friends for words of good cheer. Stand by us, friends, and the PACIFIC LIBERAL will stand by you.

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FRIENDS, remember, by helping the LIBERAL you help the cause on the Coast.

The School Question.

We believe that the importance and extent of the school controversy is not comprehended by the masses. That the Catholics have been for years preparing for the conflict is well known, but the general public have not considered their encroachments upon the school system sufficiently alarming to prepare for the defense of the same; and now the controversy is shaping itself rapidly as between a class of the Protestant Church, who imagine that the schools are about to become papalized or disintegrated by a division of the school funds, and the Catholics, who believe that religious and secular education are inseparable, or should be so. Catholics do not so much desire that Catholicism be taught in all the schools as that they shall be permitted to use their share of the taxes for the establishment and support of such schools as they please to have, and they are willing to grant the same privilege to Protestants, Jews, or Infidels. The Protestants, or a portion of them, demand that the Bible, the St. James version of it, be read, but without comment, and another portion believe, with Liberals, that the book and all religious teaching should be excluded from the schools, because of the diversity of opinion concerning them. The class of Protestants, represented by the Hemphills here and the Talmadges in New York, who protest against the exclusion of the Bible, are as dangerous an element as the Catholics. With this element may be classed the advocates of the anti-Catholic movement inaugurated by President Grant, and heartily endorsed by the Methodists of the country, (who probably outnumber the Catholics) by which Grant may be placed for the third term in the Presidential chair.

We enumerate thus these particulars that the Liberals of the land may be induced to take positive action in the premises, and vigorously urge their claims in the matter; for we sincerely believe that unless they come to the rescue and demand that all religious books and religious teaching be excluded from the schools, justice to all can not be done; and, more, that the principles of the free schools—although never entirely and completely exercised in this country—will be overthrown. Liberals, in their zeal for the maintenance of free schools, should not forget that they have as dangerous a foe in the Protestant as in the Catholic.

Hemphillism.

In olden times, when the edict of the church was law, when the priesthood controlled the consciences as well as the lives of men, it would have been no very uncommon thing for a priest to pronounce his anathema against those who dared to differ with him in matters of religious faith, but in these days of religious freedom and advanced thought it is a dangerous thing to presume to say who are heretic and who are not; and so "Rev." John Hemphill, presumably pastor of a Presbyterian Church of this city, but really a Jesuit in disguise, must have found it when he undertook recently to defend sectarian schools and to rebuke our free thought Governor, Romualdo Pacheco, for omitting to incorporate into his Thanksgiving Proclamation the "thirty-nine articles," or the tenets of orthodox, as defined by Presbyterianism, and denounced the press as infidel for defending the principles of religious liberty, and the liberal pulpits of the city as semi-infidel for protesting against his attempt to inaugurate anew the practices of the rack and thumb-screw. On behalf of the latter Rev. Mr. Rexford devoted a very considerable portion of his Sunday evening lecture on December 19th, to the merciless castigation of the Presbyterian priest, reminding him that it was exceedingly un-Protestant to say who are and who are not heretics, and intimated that when a minister so far forgets the principles upon which the Reformation was founded as to call his fellow Protestant infidel, it was time for them to "step down and out," which sentiment, and a few others of like severe nature, "brought down the house," the large and intelligent audience vociferously applauding the speaker, so intense was the feeling against Hemphill.

On the part of the press, the *News Letter* spoke to John in this manner:

"The Rev. Mr. Hemphill, you have the honor to be a puppy. Permit us to convince you. In the amended version of your recent tirade against the non-Presbyterian character of our public schools, you avow yourself favorable to the abolition of any system of education that is not offensive to Jew, Mohammedan, Confucian or Infidel. Now, to say that a system established for the instruction of all should be made intolerable to any is silly enough, in all conscience, but it is clear that what you are pleased to consider your opinion really is that the system should be made intolerable to all but Presbyterians, and that implies that Presbyterians alone are worthy of instruction—which is small dogmatism, and small dogmatism is puppyism. Therefore, you are a puppy. In simple justice to other puppies, we admit that you are not an average specimen."

So that John Hemphill, pastor of Calvary Church, San Francisco, ignominiously failed in his attempt to popularize himself in this community by the sensational dodge now so commonly resorted to by the Beechers, Talmadges and Killochs of the day.

A Good Suggestion.

EDTOR PACIFIC LIBERAL:—I am a Deist, with an intense adoration for the marvelous wisdom of the creative power as manifested in the works of creation. I reverence it too much to dwarf my idea down to the petty standard of the Mosaic god, and I wish to commune with others of the same opinion, with the view to organizing a society for the cultivation of the moral faculties of ourselves and others. There must be a large number of persons who are too conscientious to be hypocrites and attend churches founded on such manifestly absurd stories as those contained in the Old and New Testaments. I should be glad to receive communications on the subject from all who feel so disposed.

GEO. W. MORGAN.

San Francisco, December, 1875.

We hope that the intelligent Liberals of this city will at once place themselves in communication with Mr. Morgan, with a view of taking such steps as shall be necessary for the organization of a club or league whose object shall be the free interchange of thought and a better acquaintance with each other, that by cooperation the work of disseminating Liberal sentiments may be promoted. The matter referred to by our correspondent has been contemplated by a number of gentlemen here, and we heartily endorse and shall with pleasure aid and second any movement which shall look to the accomplishment of the project named. The element exists in our city; all that is needed is a centralization and organization of it, and the thing is done. Who will be the next to move in the matter?

Thomas Paine.

Liberals, what is to be done this year in the matter of celebrating the birthday—the 17th of January—of the author-hero, Thomas Paine? Of all years, the centennial should not be forgotten in this respect; and it is earnestly hoped that the Liberals of the coast, irrespective of nationalities, will at once move in the matter of properly commemorating the event. Who will move in the matter? Who has a suggestion to offer? The daily press are mediums through which offer may be heard on the subject, and through which arrangements can be made for the celebration of the birthday of the hero of the revolution, whose motto was, "The world is my country; to do good, my religion." For the sake of the cause, let not this thing pass unnoticed.

What is Religion?

T. W. Higginson says that "no mere intellectual opinion, such as Atheism or Theism is in itself a religion; for it may exist without being combined with any noble purpose or high emotion." From which we infer that Mr. Higginson's definition of religion is "noble purpose and high emotion." If so the sincere Buddhist, for instance, whose religion teaches him to forego these and all the desires, aspirations, pleasures, hopes, affections, etc., of the body and soul, has no religion at last. Mr. Higginson's error is a general one, and consists in this: That religion is an innate principle in man, which, in its searching after God and man's duty and destiny, "noble purposes" and "high emotions" are evolved out of his nature; whereas, the truth is that religion consists merely in speculations about these things, varying in accordance with the intellectual capacity of the individual exercising them; and Atheism is no less and no more a religion than Theism or any other religious ism.

The Scheme of Creation.

"The world certainly has traveled around the sun at the rate of 58,000 miles an hour, and we have gone with it, but not because we wanted to. So far we have contributed to a part of the sublime scheme of creation."

This is what Rev. Mr. Kallouch said in the course of a sermon he delivered the other day. Whether his remarks were intended to apply to himself, in explanation of his unceremonious exit from New Jersey, where he was accused of "contributing to a part of the sublime scheme of creation," or not, we are unable to say, but certainly the remark, coming from Kallouch, conveys very singular meanings. Certain it is, he "vamosed" the New Jersey ranch, not because he wanted to. But Kallouch is sensational, and sensation in a minister is the only thing that wins nowadays.

PRESBYTERIANISM is a funny thing. The San Francisco Presbytery dropped our Brooklyn Beecher, Dawson, from its roll because he requested it. Then they found some private letters of "true inwardness" addressed to one of the quails of his flock, and thinking, possibly, it afforded an opportunity to popularize the church, *a la* Beecher, they reconsidered their act and refused to let him retire. Then Judge Wheeler put them into a judicial vice and squeezed them into submission, reminding them that when they undertake to reinstate the rack-and-gibbet style of persecution in these days of religious freedom, the civil power will whip them into their proper ecclesiastical traces again.

DID THEY PRAY FOR US?—By the programme of the week of prayer in this city we learn that Saturday, January 8th, was set apart for prayer, among other things, for the "removal of infidelity from the land." Now, we feel a personal interest in this part of the programme, and are exceedingly anxious to ascertain whether or not we were remembered before a throne of grace, and if we were we will promptly report the result of the same and the effect it had on us in our next issue. We should also be pleased to hear from the 100,000 other infidels on the coast. If the saying, "the prayers of the righteous availeth much," be true, there should be some interesting reports.

TOO SMALL.—In preparing this number of the LIBERAL we are more than ever convinced that the paper is too small, and that the one hundred thousand free thinkers of the coast require a much larger paper, since very much good matter had to be omitted, among which are some excellent contributions from Liberal writers here and in the East. But we are obliged to go slow and keep the paper inside of itself—that is, make it pay its way as it goes along, and not swamp it by overloading. Go to work, Liberals, in earnest, and help to enlarge the paper as rapidly as possible. We will do our share of the work; we believe you will do yours.

CONCERNING finance, the LIBERAL believes in *real money* and not in rags. And the distressing times in our midst it conceives to be, not the consequence of hard money so much as the effect of an illegitimate system of speculation and stock-gambling, and the speculations of thieves in office and out of office. Naval rings, mint rings, custom-house rings, whisky rings, postal rings, railroad and telegraph rings, municipal government rings, church rings, in short, rings without and rings within—rings within rings—nothing is done involving human interests without first forming a ring. Passports to heaven are secured by putting up a "corner" on seats in the Celestial Stock Board, and St. Peter is bribed to open the heavenly gates to princely nabobs with church certificates and bank accounts to show.

A NUISANCE DISPENSED WITH.—The Democratic Legislature of this State has taken the initiative in the matter of dispensing with a chaplain. Let the Liberals everywhere score a long mark for California. She has complied with one of the "Demands of Liberalism" published elsewhere in this journal, and the hitherto much-abused Democracy have done it. It is to be sincerely hoped that the services of the white-cravated gentry may soon be dispensed with in every secular position, and that on all sides they may be invited to step down and out.

Communications.

A Catholic's View of the School Question.

NUMBER II.

EDITOR PACIFIC LIBERAL:—In my initial letter I intended only a passing review of your prospectus; but, thanking you for the space allowed me in your first issue—since you have assigned me a place on the school question in particular—I will endeavor to adhere to that subject.

This important theme has been so ably treated by well-informed Catholic clergymen and statesmen that I feel abashed with the idea of making the attempt to write, scarcely hoping to throw any new light on the subject by the originality of my conceptions, or my manner of presenting them. However, I am aware that prejudice bars the entrance to the minds of many and prevents them from seeking information in Catholic publications. We must but-to-hole these in their own camp and force them to listen to our arguments and reasons, or they will continue in their ignorance fighting against distorted shadows cast by falsehood in their imaginations; therefore I throw in my mite for the sake of truth. In a work entitled "Science of Evil," by Joel Moody, we read that "Ignorance has to be torn out of man by the roots; the operation always accompanied with pain and bleeding." Knowledge of what Catholics really demand would disarm honest foes as far as regards this question. But the mystery is how to force the foe to gain this knowledge; removing ignorance which cannot be said, as he asserts, to have its roots in nature, but in the perversion of nature. The depths of this subject cannot be reached in a newspaper article, and simple hints will not be entertained in the mind long enough to build up the argument. Well, well, in the midst of actual conditions we must content ourselves with doing our best, trusting that some good may be reaped from seeds scattered here and there. Thinking precedes intelligent action, and the LIBERAL tells us that *thought* is the only authority. There must then be in this spiritual substance an hierarchy of authority ranging from the lowest degree of chaotic fancies, which an idiot takes for thought, to the consecutive reasonings of an Aristotle, a St. Paul, an Athenasius, an Augustine, an Albertus Magines, an Aquinas, a Dante, or coming to more modern authors, a Newton, a Jefferson, a Humboldt, a Darwin, a Huxley, a Tyndall, a Secchi, or a Baynard with their various degrees of talent; and if so, may not the unchangeable and Infinite Mind remain always the *absolute authority*? Then let us think and think deeply. The school question has, or is likely to become a political question. Every political question has its source

in some important theological question. Our idea of God is our fundamental idea. Ignore the fact as much as we please our thoughts and ideas on all other subjects will therefore receive a decided tinge from this one.

We exist; there was a time when we did not exist; we therefore reached conscious existence by some manner of means. How do we solve these mysteries of our consciousness? The answer to this *how* which we accept as the solution, is the most potent force, whether true or false, in shaping our soul life and our exterior life.

It would seem, if there is any harmony in the universe, that intelligent minds should be able to recognize absolute truth, at least when presented; still the actual divergence of men's opinions on the most important questions is very great. Either the universe is without order, the truth is not presented to the mind, or some rubbish distorts the projection of its ray. There would be no school question if the fundamental ideas of men were in harmony. And the question would soon be settled if there were an universally acknowledged umpire to decide the conflict, but as the conflict is among citizens of one country, and no such umpire is acknowledged, the equal rights of each party must be taken into consideration in all legislative acts or some of its subjects be trodden beneath the equality of citizenship.

To proceed. We may include under three heads all who interest themselves on the point, namely: Secularists, Protestants and Catholics. These are equally anxious that schools be open for all the children of the land. Secularists—and let not my words be put down to malice; I attack what I conceive an error, not the persons holding it—Secularists ignore the existence of God as the Infinite, Intelligent and Supreme Mind who created and drew forth from their own nothingness all substances and formed them for a purpose and end; hence they deny the assertion of St. John in his Gospel that "Eternal life consists in the *knowledge* of God," but affirm the contrary in Scripture phraseology: "There is no other God beside us." "Let us eat and drink and be merry, for to-morrow we die." Hence they want only what appetites to this world, for they are not *certain* of any other. Let their children be taught whatever will add to their facility in gathering together the comforts and refinements of life—this modicum which includes all the natural sciences is sufficient for their children, and what is enough for them is, or should be, enough for all others, for *are they not the enlightened class*? Their measure is the iron bedstead to which all should be fitted. Protestants, though satisfied in the main with the curriculum of the Secularists, protest that it does not quite meet their wants. In their opinion,

there is a God, and King James' Bible is His infallible word containing salvation; no matter how it may be interpreted; therefore, children should enjoy the benefit of listening to some portion of its pages in our public schools. They demand also that text books containing their version of historical facts be used, however these may conflict with other authors, Protestant, Infidel or Catholic, who have extended their researches among statute books and other documentary papers treasured in the archives of nations. If these advantages can be maintained over Catholics they will be satisfied, nevertheless they wish the State to lend to them *exclusively* its power so as to compel the rising generation to be nourished with this mental fabulum alone, on the plea that the State organization is Protestant, that the People exist for the State and not the State for the people. But my space is already filled, and I will defer further remarks to your next, in which I shall hope to show you that while Catholics demand a broader, deeper and higher education for their children than you insist upon, we only wish equal rights as citizens with yourselves, for we recognize parental authority as founded in nature and justice. I intend showing you that our demands are in keeping with the wisdom that framed our constitutional laws in the days of our forefathers, and that without high-handed injustice you cannot insist on our paying taxes for school purposes unless the schools are so organized as to meet our legitimate demand.

CLOUDDLET.

DON CARLOS, the pretender to the throne of Spain, has promulgated the penal code which is to be "provisionally enforced under the present circumstances of war." It will be adopted by all the judicial tribunals in the part of Spain which is under his control. What this son of the church intends as to religious liberty will appear from the following clauses:

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