

Deluded Revivalists.

(Continued from page 4.) when, with solemn fright you go forward (?) and claim to believe in the old myths taught by ancient priests who didn't even know about the circulation of the blood, nor hundreds of things that a modern ten-year-old child knows. If you knew how enlightened people pity you; if you knew with what patronizing contempt the more enlightened clergy, even of your own denomination, looks upon your crude ideas, you would hesitate before you make such a holy show of yourself to public.

We understand your condition very well. You want to do just what is right and you are in a state of confusion, when some preacher hits you and you are overcome, not because of his great power, but because you are in the proper state of mind to be easily deceived.

Be on your guard. Use your reason. Believe little, but know all you can, and above all learn self-control.

Secular Flashes.

Be not hasty to believe flying reports to the disparagement of any one.—Washington.

There is nothing grander than to rescue from the leprosy of slander the reputation of a great and splendid man.—Ingersoll.

It is not growing like a tree
In bulk, doth make man better b;
Or standing like an oak three hundred year,

To fall a log at last, dry, bald
and bare;

A lily of a day
Is fairer far in May,
Although it fall and die that night—

It was the plant and flower of
Light.

In small proportions we just beauty
see;

And in short measures life may
perfect be. —B. Jonson.

'Tis with our judgments as our
watches—none go just alike, yet
each believes his own.—Pope.

When a man is wrong and won't
admit it, he always gets angry.—
Halibuton.

One touch of nature makes the
whole world kin.—Shakespeare.

He is a fool who cannot be
angry, but he is a wise man who
will not.—Selected.

Let your conversation be without
malice or envy, for it is a sign of
tractable and commendable nature,
and in all causes of passion admit
reason to govern.—Washington.

What We are Doing.

Brother H. D. Burrows in
his claims for infidelity, appar-
ently forgets to mention the Smith-
sonian Institute, the Agricultural
College, and many other similar

institutions, our United States government and the advance of civilization during the last five hundred years. All this, and more is the work of "Infidels." Even the Devil, who used to enjoy, and use to abuse, villify and misrepresent us, is brought about by Free Thought. Today I saw two young girls, pupils of the public school here, go into the Methodist church house to practice for the graduating exercises, and they both carried fiddles! Yes, fiddles! And they played them too, in "God's house." And they will do it again. Think of it. Why, in my young days, they would have been driven off, even from the steps of the same church and would have been condemned and ostracised and they and their people could hardly have lived in the town. But we are civilizing orthodoxy in spite of herself.

F. S. M.

Six Smiles.

(FROM THE SCHOOL ROOM.)

Teacher.—Pupils, we have a new word in our lesson today. See if you can guess what it is. It is the name of something that builds nests in the trees, lays eggs, has wings and flies through the air.

Nellie—(excitedly) O, Yes, I know what it is teacher! It's an angel.

Teacher.—What is the chief export of France?

Pupil.—Stiles.

Pupil.—Please ma'm, did you say that two halves always make one?

Teacher.—Yes, Johnnie that is always true.

Pupil.—Then if I have two half-brothers, I have one real brother haven't I?

Teacher.—(to young lady) What is a mandrake?

Young lady.—A "duck of a man."

Teacher.—Does the rain ever rise again after it falls?

Pupil.—Yes in dew time.

Teacher.—(holding up a paper covered with poor, blotted writing.) Children, of what does this writing remind you?

Jimmie.—A dead pig, sir.

Teacher.—A dead pig! How is that?

Jimmie.—Why they are both done with a pen.

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