

Liberal Hypocrites.

How would it do for us to give the hypocrites that are found in the Christian churches a rest and train our guns on the hypocritical Liberals (?) who haven't self-sacrifice enough to help build up now that we have a chance.

It's a mighty easy thing to find fault and tear down others' work, but when it comes to building up it takes something besides jaw-bone. It takes thought, energy, money and hard work. Secularists, let us not despise the hypocrisy of the Christians and then be worse ourselves.

We May Be Delayed.

On account of some of our committee not being quite satisfied with the legal papers, and on account of other preliminaries, the work on the University may be delayed a few days. We are bound to have everything all right before starting. It is better to wait than to make a mistake.

Meanwhile, let everybody come forward and say what he or she is going to do to help along the work. If you have already done all you can, talk with your friends and tell them all about our plans and perhaps they may become interested and help build the first University that is free from superstition.

Slow.

Some people who have talked Liberalism for the last twenty years are as slow in backing up their word, now they have a chance, as the orthodox God is in his plan of salvation.

We have concluded that no such a god exists, for prayers are never answered, and we will begin to think that these so-called Liberals are not Liberals at all, but are just being wicked (?) awhile as a preparation for graduation into the Salvation Army.

Methodists Save a Saloon-keeper.

We understand that a peculiar Christian performance occurred in the little Oregon town of Marquam.

It seems that a saloon keeper who has been bothered very much by Christians who, some say, vote one way and pray another, has at last, after about a dozen charges, been convicted and fined \$250, and costs or was to be imprisoned. The law must be satisfied, but wait! He plays the baby act and his former enemies are touched and on his promising not to start another saloon within one mile of the town the good Methodist leaders get up a petition and the law will be cheated out of its victim and the tax payers out of about \$100.

The Christians have had their way and will not be bothered any more

by this vile vender of "wine, which cheereth God and man" (Judges 9:13), but what about their neighbors one mile away who may be pestered to any extent that said vender may choose?

Of course all this must be in fulfillment of some prophesy. Which one is it? It may be, "The lamb and the lion shall lie down together," or it may be in contradiction of the scripture which says that whatsoever a man soeth that shall he also reap.

It is hard to tell whether these good people love their neighbors as themselves or not, but they have had their say anyhow and impressed the public with the great thought of God's power.

All come to prayer meeting the Lord is on our side!

The Future of Orthodox Theology.

Rev. Thomas Dixon, of New York, recently took the ground that "the orthodox church has lost its hold on the public mind," and "that men, as a rule, do not go to church, and that women are the people who hold fast to the orthodox organization." Mr. Dixon ascribes the fact he mentions to decline in the intellectual status of the clergy and to a lack of independent thought and expression in the ministry.

Of the falling off in church attendance there is no doubt. Says the Chicago Tribune: "It is certain that in western European nations and in the United States the mass of organized laborites have practically ceased to go to church. They leave that duty to their wives and daughters. They themselves appear at church on stated occasions, such as marriages, baptisms, and funerals, and on certain festival days, and not generally even then. They are no longer regular members of any church. In countries like France and Belgium half of the men are non-attendants of divine worship. How the matter stands in the cities of this country any one can ascertain by looking into the Protestant churches on Sunday and then looking into the street cars, the parks, the pleasure gardens, the theaters, the base grounds, and the saloons. It will not take long to find out that the attendants in the one case are largely women, and in the other their husbands, sons, and brothers."

Now as to the cause, or causes, of this absenteeism. The clergy, Mr. Dixon included, fail to see or are unwilling to acknowledge the main cause of decreasing interest in the church. This cause is the decline of belief in the theology for which the churches stand. Where faith was once strong, skepticism and disbelief now prevail, and they are steadily increasing. This intellectual condition is largely the

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