

CURRENT EVENTS.

Dawson city is to have a daily paper at a dollar a copy.

A government report shows that there are twenty lighthouses entirely in the keeping of women.

The Teller resolution, that United States bonds shall be payable in silver dollars at the option of the government, has passed the senate.

Secretary Long announces that our relations with Spain are such that American war vessels will resume friendly calls at Cuban ports.

A Russian newspaper says that in consequence of the failure of the Anglo-Chinese loan, negotiations in a new combination between Russia and Germany have been started to furnish the loan.

Governor Lord has advised the central Cuban relief committee that an influential committee has been organized in Oregon to solicit supplies. It is proposed to ship ten carloads of Oregon products.

In a speech at Manzanillo, Blanco, the Spanish general, declared that he would end the war in Cuba within a month, and that all the insurgents, who had not surrendered by that time would be treated with the utmost vigor.

From an article in the New York sun it appears that there is a movement among the Jews to transfer their sabbath from Saturday over to Sunday. It is stated that one congregation in Chicago has already done this. Rabbi Moses Gries declares that neither the Jewish nor the Christian Sabbath is of divine origin.

Dr. Sanchez Agramonte, a general in the Cuban insurgent army, has arrived in New York from Europe, with \$40,000 raised in Paris for the insurgent cause. He says that all classes in France desire the freedom of Cuba, but the government is prevented from taking any action favorable to Cuba by the French interest in Spanish bonds.

It is common report that an American company, including such men as Depew and Vanderbilt, has virtually purchased the republic of Honduras, by gaining control of her finances, and that agents of the company occupy all government positions that have to do with financial affairs. An English syndicate has, in a similar manner, gained control of San Domingo.

By a vote of 188 to 67 the house of Representatives passed a bill appropriating \$288,000 to pay the Methodist church South for damage sustained by the seizure of its publishing house at Nashville, by the Union army in 1863, without re-

fering the claim to the court claims. It was antagonized by Dalzell of Pennsylvania, Dingley of Maine, Hepburn of Iowa, and Grosvenor of Ohio.

REFLECTED RAYS.

Only that which is purely Secular can be truly nonsectarian.—[American Sentinel.

The Golden Rule, charity, kindness, and love did not originate with Jesus. He found them in the world when he came, and Christians have no moral right to put the brand of their leader's name upon them, as if they were personal property. They belong to Humanity.—[Lucian.

Canon Rogers, of Yarmouth, having said in a speech to the Missions of Seamen that he was proud of the title of sky-pilot, because pilots could be trusted, is asked by T. W. de Caux in Daylight to answer two questions: In what part of infinite space is heaven located? and what is heaven like? Were similar questions put to any pilot "worthy of his name" in regard to any port to which he is accredited, he would answer them readily. Neither Canon Rogers nor any other sky-pilot can answer these simple questions, or produce any certificate that they are entitled to guide others to the region of kingdom-come.—[London Freethinker.

A firm of cigar manufacturers at Trichinopoly issues a circular containing the following delectable passage:—"As we hear that most of our Christians purchase cigars from heathens, so we are manufacturing these cigars only for the Christian community, and offer them at very moderate rates. A trial order is solicited." In order to accentuate the essentially religious character of the business, the circular is adorned with a sort of trade mark, in the shape of a cross surmounting a globe, with two angels worshipping before it. By an omission which is rather surprising, none of the brands of cigars quoted have Biblical names.—[Truth.

With each New Year we naturally think of old friends who have departed, and of the young who will take our place when we too depart. They are the little heralds of a brighter time. Let children be taught to think freely and speak boldly. Let them learn the facts of science, instead of the fictions of theology; then will gradually an enlightened public opinion be created which will be greater than thrones or established churches, which will effectively throw off diseases in the body politic as healthy blood casts off disease from the physical system, and which will give assurance of a brighter and better time as the lot of humanity upon the earth.—[J. M. Wheeler.

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