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rowing savage and that third bag of yam roots. The traveler Chamisso mentions a tribe of Siberian fishermen who boarded his ship to deliver a harpoon which former visitors had forgotten in their winter camp. Theft, according to the testimony even of their Roman adversaries, was almost unknown among the hunting tribes of the primitive German woodlands. The natives of San Salvador received their Spanish invaders with respectful hospitality and scrupulously abstained from purloining, or even touching, any article of their ship stores, and a similar reception welcomed their arrival in Cuba and San Domingo, the natives being apparently unable to conceive the idea that their guests could repay good with evil. "Fair play" is the motto of boyish sports in the kraals of Kaffirland, not less than on the recess ground of Eton College. A rudimentary sense of justice manifests itself even among social animals. A baboon who wantonly attacks an inoffensive fellow-ape is liable to get mobbed by the whole troop. A nest-robbing hawk has to beat an immediate retreat, under penalty of being attacked by all the winged neighbors and relatives of his victims. Dogs that will endure the most inhuman methods of training are not apt to forgive an act of gratuitous cruelty. They may resign themselves to a system of consistent severity, but refuse to submit to evident injustice.

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human molecules of all shades of color and all fractional gradations of intellectual and moral enlightenment from savage to civilized. There was no longer fear of a vacillating policy being adopted above the clouds.

Free the mind of all religious bias and imagine how such a spectacle, rehearsed in earnest, would look to a disinterested spectator from Mars. The force of custom, the matter-of-course acquiescence, the complacent assurance of the professional parson, the primitive credulity, the inconsistency, the improbability of an answer, all phases of the superstition, would be familiar to him as a student of science and Marsian history. He would be moved to pity.

How much longer shall the food of babes be forced upon full-grown men hungering for the truth? The indifference shown to this diet lends color to the hope that there will soon be a healthy demand for something better. Science is patiently waiting, with ample supplies on every hand. Let us partake freely.

Right-minded people will not ridicule or feel intolerant toward those who are honest in their belief and who, through lack of evidence, remain joined to their idols. In doing our duty to ourselves and posterity, it is well to remember that the strength that would bend and straighten the young tree might wound and break the old. Adapt the remedy to the disease.

The West Turning Infidel.

Rev. John Watson (Ian Maclaren), the celebrated Scotch preacher and novelist, who is making a tour of this country, has this to say of our great West:

"I defy any man to go through that great western land and not be impressed with the wonderful future that lies there, not only in the marvelous possibilities that are of nature herself, but in man, humanity. There lies the strength of your country. Not only is brawn and strength and indomitable will impressed on those people of the far Western States, but their growing thought, increasing intellect and a desire to learn, to conquer the secrets of society as well as nature. The tendency to materialism, however, is the one serious drawback of the situation. Churches are fast losing their hold upon the people. Sunday is losing its beautiful significance and is a day of rest no longer, far less a day of worship. The gospel is being supplanted by faith in self. The result is strong character, but a lack of finer sensibilities. The outcome of it all is through natural causes, and the remedy for it is strong-minded men to teach pure faith, not to preach doctrines or lay down dogmatic laws, but to implant in those minds a faith they can appreciate. Let them be talked to by men of breadth and liberality. There is work to be done out there; important work it is, too. It should be done at once, for again I say, the strength of the States lies West. The resources of the country lie there, both in men and in natural wealth. Cultivate both. They are worthy of cultivation."

The principal points to be noted in the above are, that the strength of the country lies in the West; that the intellectual drift of the people is toward materialism; that the churches are fast losing their hold upon the people; that the religious Sunday is dying out; that faith in self is supplanting faith in Jesus; that strong character is taking the place of the finer sensibilities—that is, religious emotion.

What with the Governor of New Hampshire declaring that religion is dying out in the East, and this great foreign preacher telling us that the West is drifting to materialism and "strong character," why should any Infidel be afraid to speak out and make his belief known?—[M., in Blue Grass Blade.