

the world. It didn't hurt his conscience to receive Girard's charity, but he is too good a Christian to give even ten cents towards a work of art in memory of him.

The next point of interest I visited was the park and zoological garden, where I saw the greatest congregation of animal life I ever expect to see in one park. There are birds from the canary to the eagle, vulture, and ostrich; mammals from the mouse to the buffalo and elephant; and reptiles of all descriptions. Mr. Carson was very kind to me, and I am pleased to have made his acquaintance. He showed me his entire menagerie, and explained it all. Of course Mr. Carson is an evolutionist. He couldn't live with those animals and study them as he does, and then accept the account in Genesis. The study of nature and natural things is bound to make converts to Secularism.

**The Need of a Liberal Education.**

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this, and in time many other schools of this kind. People are always asking us what we as Free-thinkers have done. For years we have shouted "Hurrah for Liberty and the cause!" But what has the cause done to help do away with sin and suffering? The Christians have their societies for the young people, their orphan homes and schools. What have we had to show? Nothing before. Have we been idle in the past? No, far from it. When the Christians wish to raise money they come to the saint and sinner, Jew and Gentile, believer and unbeliever, and they generally succeed in getting what they want. Many a church and denominational school has been erected with infidel money. But who gets the credit? The Christian organizations do, and then they point the finger of scorn at us and say, "By their fruits ye shall know them." I tell you, my dear Liberal friends, it is time we planted our own seed in our own garden and harvested our own fruit. Then and then alone can we be independent and raise the kind of harvest we wish, unmixed with the tares of superstition. Then and then alone will we be given credit for our work and respected. Then and then alone will we be able to accomplish much toward freeing the world.

Dear friends, if we are real, live, awake Liberals, we will not be afraid to try to make better conditions. We will not be afraid of being laughed at, we will not even be afraid of failure. If we are afraid to step out of the trodden path and make improvements all along the line, we are as bad as the heathen Chinese, or some other orthodox people I might mention nearer home.

We are as foolish as the people in the poem:

**THE CALF PATH.**

One day through the primeval wood,  
A calf walked home, as good calves should  
But made a trail all bent askew,  
A crooked trail, as all calves do.  
Since then two hundred years have fled,  
And, I infer, the calf is dead.  
But still he left behind his trail,  
And thereby hangs my mortal tale.  
The trail was taken up next day  
By a lone dog that passed that way.  
And from that day, o'er hill and glade,  
Through those woods a path was made.  
And many men wound in and out,  
And dodged and turned and bent about,  
And uttered words of righteous wrath  
Because 'twas such a crooked path;  
But still they followed—do not laugh—  
The first migrations of that calf,  
And thro' this winding woodway stalked  
Because he wobbled when he walked.  
This forest path became a lane,  
And bent and turned and turned again;  
This crooked lane became a road,  
Where many a poor horse with his load  
Toiled on beneath the burning sun,  
And traveled some three miles in one.  
And thus a century and a half  
They trod the footsteps of that calf.  
The years passed on in swiftness fleet,  
The road became a village street,  
And this, before the men were ware,  
A city's crowded thoroughfare.  
And soon the central street was this  
Of a renowned metropolis.  
And men two centuries and a half  
Trod in the footsteps of that calf.  
Each day a hundred thousand rout  
Followed the zig-zag calf about;  
And o'er his crooked journey went  
The traffic of a continent.  
A hundred thousand men were led  
By one calf near three centuries dead.  
They followed still his crooked way  
And lost one hundred years a day.

For thus such reverence is lent  
To well-established precedent.

A moral lesson this must teach,  
Were I ordained and called to preach.

For men are prone to go it blind  
In the calf-paths of the mind,

And work away from sun to sun  
To do what other men have done.

They follow in the beaten track,  
And out and in, and forth and back,

And still their devious course pursue,  
To keep the path that others do.

Liberals profess to know better than to follow blindly after those who have gone before us, yet we sometimes are disappointed to find professed Liberal friends, who hold back and use the same expressions we have heard the orthodox followers use. They say such things have never been done before and therefore never can be done. They seem quite contented with conditions as they are. In other words, they seem to be asleep or dreaming, regardless of the young people who need their help, council and protection. But those who are awake and alive to the stern realities of life, must not wait for such people to arouse themselves. Push forward! Crowd all obstacles out of the road! Men of thought and men of action, clear the way! Think of but one thing—humanity needs our assistance now, today, while we are here, so let us make the very best use of the present, before we lie down to that last sleep from which there is no awaking.

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