SECTARIAN SCHOOLS.

A Caustic Answer to B. W. Huffman's Recent Letter.

EDITOR SCOUT:—

In your issue of Nov. 21, an article under the caption, "A Plea for Schools," from the pen of B. W. Huffman, attracted my attention. Its import was that "sectarian schools," if not a positive detriment to the advanced educational features of the age and to the communities where they are located, were, at least, inferior in the sphere of higher education and in the amount of benefit conferred on those communities to non-sectarian institutions. To this I feel moved to reply, not that I have any interest in Union's obtaining one academy more than another, nor because I am a member of the denomination a part of whose creed he attempts to quote, but as a school teacher, a school lover, and a firm advocate of higher education, no less in religious institutions than in schools of other kinds, I feel that the false logic and premises of the writer should not go by unanswered.

The opening statement against sectarian schools concedes the privilege on the part of a town that desires a school of that character and can raise funds to assist it, to have it. Evidently. But, let me ask, to whom would they go for such an institution of learning if not to a religious body? The states do not undertake the erection and maintenance of schools in every town that desires one. The Liberals, the Free Thinkers and other similar bodies do not even pretend to erect any kind of an institution anywhere. Then, I repeat, to whom else can they go? Religious societies have founded and supported the first and best schools in all the land, and they still form the advance guard as well as the main body of the army of higher education. Does the gentleman forget that a dying minister's library and name were given to the oldest American college? Does he forget that ten clergymen with the little they could donate laid the foundation of Yale? His school history will remind him of it. He also so words his article that the impression may obtain that religious schools do not contribute to the government that education which forms its "stays and props," but, on the contrary, are guilty of concocting the schemes and furthering the intrigues "that so often dissolve and destroy" it. Now I doubt if the proof could be obtained to substantiate such a broad statement. Moreover, he says that schools are the molds in which are fashioned "the motors that urge upward the march of political purity," and he cannot but admit that those religious schools which do what they claim to do, do at least as much toward the purification of politics as does an institution of any other character.

The idea in the writer's mind seems to be an attack upon religion as well as upon its being a motor in education. He thinks that it should be found at the fireside, practiced in the home, and find its limit within the family. If a man's religion is good for anything at all, it is as good for the counter or office as the center-table; if it is worth aught, it is as valuable in society as in the home, at the polls as at the bedside. He ridicules a faith that trusts in Mother's words. God be praised that there are mothers in our land whose lives are so consistent with their words that we can say without doing violence to our conscience, "I believe it, for my mother told me so."

But the article is lame, decidedly lame, in its grandest (?) argument. And for just this reason: Religion is not taught in the sectarian schools unless endowed for that particular purpose. Schools of this character do try to throw about their students moral and religious influences that they may be examples of purity in a spiritual and a social as well as a political world. They do teach the bible in the school room, but not for religion's sake so much as in a classic sense. The "time is drawing," not when boys and girls can go to school "without finding themselves in the midst of hymns and testaments," but when a man will not be considered fully educated unless he is as conversant with the bible as with other classical productions. The trouble is that most people—and our friend, I apprehend, is one of them—do not know the bible. They have a smattering of passages to quote for or against religion, but as to knowing the book they have not the rudiments. And, though these schools exert an influence for religion while they teach a classic, yet they show no more ardor in doing this than than the infidel or atheist does in tearing down the beliefs. Prayer and a belief in God are not compulsory like the drill at a military academy. No one thinks of believing in christian doctrine because he attends a church, however regularly; nor does the student because he studies Xenophon or calculus in a "sectarian" school. The gentleman's premises are false.

I hardly know whether to reply to anything so absurdly foolish as the following: "Schools governed by a set of religionists are like ships manned by factory girls." It smacks somewhat of vituperation. It does seem strange, however, that the gentleman should use the expression when he cannot put his finger upon a successful college or seminary, religious or state, that does not enroll among its faculty one or more clergymen. Strange the state will select these puerile "religionists" to govern its schools. Nay, I believe that the time will come soon when not only shall the faculties of the state schools contain clergymen but upon their curriculums will be found, as a classic, the word of God.

At the close the writer of this "plea for schools" pleads eloquently for "something practical" but cries for the death of religious institutions of learning. Poor Harvard! How we pity thee! How our sympathies go out to thy companions in sorrow, Columbia, Princeton, Rochester, Brown, and those other "sectarian" schools of our land at this time of the trouble when the cry comes ringing from the precincts of Anthony creek, "Down with them!" O, Yale, thou canst' no longer stand, for Mr. Huffman wants "practical" institutions. Practical! Yes. we too, believe in practical institutions, but we are "liberal" enough in our definition of what is practical to allow all schools, religious and state, a fair chance.

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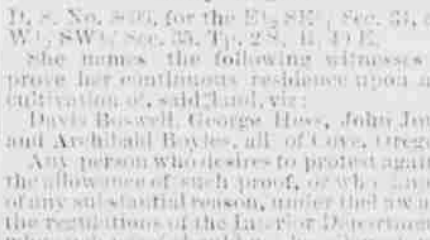

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