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THE PRACTICAL FUTURE RELIGION.

THERE ARE TOO MANY religions "already yet." And in the best sense, some so-called religions are not religions "at all, at all." The real religion, when it gets here, will capture both the Dutch and the Irish and will be a wonderful benefit to the human ant, as well as to the human elephant.

The people of the world have, thanks to "classified truth," which is known by the word "science," suddenly become cosmopolitan, or at least some have, and all are becoming citizens of the world. Therefore all the religions are going to get the lumps ground out of them, and the little particles, that are to be the resultant, will solidify into the true religion, and on this will be built a "new heaven and a new earth." Nothing good in any of the old creeds and dogmas will be lost, but the superstitions and lies and base practices will be eliminated and the world will be saved for and through righteousness.

In this grinding up process, the hardest lumps to grind are in Catholicism. Having its stronghold in the strong Caucasian races, its devotees are not subject to any overwhelming influence such as comes to weaker and more barbarous people. They are firmly fixed on the rock of the pope's infallibility. They think that he can not err in proclaiming religious doctrines. A Catholic must accept or cease to be a Catholic. But one very nice thing about it is that when a Catholic once sees how absurd and wicked the Romish religion is, it is a very hard thing to fool him with others that approach Catholicism in absurdity and wickedness. Once free to think, a former Catholic is very apt to make good material and a good worker for the grand, elevating, practical religion of the future.

Thomas McGrady, the ex-priest, says:
"The Catholic church brooks no compromise. She maintains her position with heroic courage. She disputes every inch of territory claimed by science, and only submits when absolutely conquered, though she never admits defeat. She meets the enemy with scorn and defiance. When victory ultimately perches on the flag of her adversary she adroitly veers around, and qualifies her doctrines and attempts to reconcile her views with the logical and indisputable deductions from the facts of scientific discovery, and finally adopts the universally accepted conclusions of the learned without reservation. But in this triple attitude of defiance and condemnation, compromise and reconciliation, submission and acceptance, she maintains that she has never changed. She cannot admit defeat. The acknowledgment of defeat is a confession that she had previously erred in condemning what she now sanctions, and such concession would demolish the doctrine of infallibility. She evades all difficulties arising from her contradictions by creating in the person of the Holy Father a dual character, in one of which he plays the role of a human being with all the defects of a fallible creature, and in the other he is the vice-gerent of the Nazarene, and his utterances in that capacity are hallowed with divine authority. Popes have contradicted the pronouncements of their predecessors, but the church has always contended that the first spoke in his human character, while the latter expressed the fiat of heaven."

This attitude of the hierarchy and the dense ignorance of the great majority of its followers, makes their superstition one of the hardest lumps which the twentieth century wheels of progress have to grind. But the Catholic people have native ability to think and when once broken loose from the old, false doctrine, they and their children, and even some of the priests, will be most excellent timber for the building of the happy, fast-approaching golden age of religious freedom and economic equality.

RADICAL IDEAS FORCING REAL MEN TO THE FRONT.

ONE HOPEFUL SIGN of our unemployment times, time of great wealth and of great poverty, in a land of plenty, is the fact that the cry from the workers is reaching the ears of our great thinkers. Mr. U'Ren, the Oregon City statesman, who has been such a prominent figure in Oregon's progress, demonstrates this thought in his recent announcement as candidate for the governorship. He says among other good things, that he would simplify government.

"I will try," says Mr. U'Ren, "to have the necessary measures submitted to the people, through the legislature if I can, by initiative petition if I must, to establish the short ballot system and abolish the multiplication of departments, commissions and public officers created to do each other's work, and the like of which does not exist in any other country."

"Oregon has a department of sheriffs, another of constables, a lot of fish and game wardens, besides endless police departments, all to keep the peace and arrest law-breakers. Officials encumber the ground. The wonder is that the tax-payers are able to support so many. Offices seem to be made to take care of office-seekers. One set of wholly responsible peace officers would get better results than these four departments and for half the money."

"The constitution provides for a governor, legislature and some other state officers to conduct the state government. The legislature has created more than forty boards and commissions to work at the same job. These duplications of departments and officials run all through the state and local government."

"One of the urgent needs of the state is the abolition of unnecessary departments, commissions and offices. I will do my part of this work whether I am elected or not."

"I favor a law to provide free school books for the children in all the public schools in the state, and in no other schools."

"I will do all in my power to obtain a prompt repeal of the 'jokers' in Senate Bill No. 290 (See Session Laws of 1913, p.507), passed by the last legislature, by which the people of any school district who vote for free books for the children in their public schools must also furnish free books to the children in all church and private schools in their district."

"I have joined with some friends in preparing and submitting the \$1500 homes tax amendment now before the people. The adoption of this amendment I believe will give relief to the small farmer and home owners, and will repeal the unlimited exemption of diamonds, jewelry, and similar personal effects in actual use, which was proposed by the state tax commission and adopted by the people in 1912. It was said to be a bill to exempt household furniture, but the unlimited exemption of that property and of diamonds and other things makes it a class law in favor of the wealthy. The homes tax exemption amendment treats all home makers alike."

"I will enforce all laws of the state to the utmost limit of the constitutional powers of the governor's office. I fully recognize and appreciate the value of the work done by Governor West. But different men do the same work in different ways. As governor, I believe I should be able, by reasons and argument, to induce every community and its local officers to do their full duty. But if such persuasion fails, I shall not hesitate to do my duty by using all the force at my command."

"I am opposed to the licensed saloon and liquor traffic. Every town that sells a saloon license thereby becomes a partner in the

profits of the saloon business. No other revenue costs the taxpayer so much as the share they get of the profits of the liquor traffic. During all the time I have been working with others in the movement for laws to increase the people's power in Oregon, the saloon interest has been one of the most persistent opponents of any and every proposed improvement in government.

"In my experience, the saloon is not the place where men are inspired to strive for nobler manhood, or for better citizenship, or to sacrifice their selfish interests for the good of the state. The greatness of our state is measured by its sober citizens, because no citizen can be intelligently patriotic when he is drunk."

This shows beyond a shadow of a doubt that our Oregon City statesman is no ordinary politician, and that he is not afraid to say right out what he thinks. One great curse of our country has been the empty nothings of politicians which have fooled the people and burdened them with taxes and criminals and we are glad to see men who would serve the public in high office, dropping the "spread eagle" style of oratory and boldly saying something that means something.

STILL BETTER SCHOOLS FOR SILVERTOWN.

"THE WORLD DO MOVE." The lovers of universal education are doing all they can to get the most out of our public school system. Great private, parochial schools are built, and to win out in the conflict of patriotic institutions against those of the Roman hierarchy, the lovers of liberty must do their best. The Silvertown voters will very soon vote on the question of building a great, beautiful, brick, public school building, and the plan, the location, and the amount of room supplied looks to the writer to be just the very best yet suggested. It will supply ample room for several years to come. The school can be under the direct supervision of the principal. The ground space will be economized and can be added to by purchase of the Trullinger lots, if thought best, and by the time more room is necessary, the school will probably be too large for one principal to manage and we can then build ward schools.

Let us have one great, central home of public education in Silvertown, with laboratories, libraries, industrial training department and a lecture hall, and let us make it a social center where the older boys and girls of the city and surrounding country who did not have the chance to learn quite all they would like to know, can come together and listen to lectures on scientific, social, economic, and moral questions, to the glory and progress of our city, the encouragement of our young people and the upbuilding of humanity. We will vote, "Bonds, Yes."

A CANDLESTICK FOR YOU.

THE GREAT STRUGGLING SEA of humanity is still in ignorance and superstition and slavery; but there is a light put on a candlestick, a city set on a hill. It is The Truth that shines out among the nations and giveth light to all that are in the house. This truth is the great truth of the brotherhood of man, and it emanates from the minds of the highest and best, born in all classes and in all nations. This great light that begins to flood the earth with its life-giving rays, finds expression in the millions of good books and magazines, the excellent public schools, the public press and the lecture platform. Ancient civilizations lacked this light and they went down. Some of them had a system of public records, high class oratory and schools of philosophy, but these were only for the favored few, while the great mass of people only toiled for their masters and remained ever in ignorance, without even the slightest chance to know that they were entitled to all the good things that this earth produces. These ignorant slaves became numerous and the enlightened so few that the nations fell. Not all books, schools, printing presses and lecture platforms of our time shed forth this light. Many of them are still under the bushel of ancient creeds and superstitions, cowardly conservatism, money lust or fear of the master's lash.

The Silvertown Journal is a candlestick. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works," and "be not weary in well doing for in due season ye shall reap if you faint not."

OUR STRUGGLE.

WE BELIEVE in telling our friends the truth so none of us will be working in the dark. The Silvertown Journal has accomplished wonders, when we consider its financial limitations and the activity of its bitter enemies. It is almost beyond our own belief that we could have survived and even now be in better running order than ever before. But we must have help or we can not accomplish the far-reaching, yet reasonable task we have set for our free press. We are "cranky" about some things, and we know that we lose by it financially, but we know also that we will win in the long run even by this crankiness for we know that we are right in doing exactly what we believe to be right. For example, this week we were offered a contract for advertising, 3000 inches at a fair price. This advertising covered a period which would give us excellent opportunity to do the work easily, but we turned down the contract because we do not believe in advertising that which we believe is an injury to the human family and especially to our boys and young men. Now, we need the money. Why can't the different societies that stand for righteousness and fraternalism each buy a small space and use it to advertise their weekly programs and announcements?

Let a patriotic member in each of the patriotic organizations suggest this, so The Journal can survive in the work of its patriotic endeavor. If brave, patriotic people do not support, through their patronage, a free press, who will, and when will we as a people be really and truly free?

GET IN LINE.

POLITICAL POLICY and all kind of doing wrong to accomplish good never really won a battle yet. A shot straight at the heart of evil, a bold declaration of truth, a life spent in the service of the mind's highest ideals—these are always successful, always victorious in every battle.

They are humanity's equipment in its real war, and although at times the army has been small, it never yields, and today the hosts of evil are being driven out or taken into the ranks of the army of progress very rapidly.

We cannot all agree, but we may all be honest, and he who takes a shot at evil, even though he misses the mark, is counted a true soldier. The rest of the twentieth century is to be full of great victories for our race. Pretension, the pomp and power of wealth, political policy, secrecy, clannishness and finally war, will be swept away by humanity's real army.

Man, drop your monkey tricks. Join the army that has never been defeated and that is slowly, but surely marching to the promised land of liberty, justice and equality.

DEFEAT OF TRUTH AND JUSTICE.

THE REASONS that truth and justice are so many times defeated are various, but one of the paramount causes is that the forces of evil, under the guise of friends, work into camp and, through the law of suggestion, capture and destroy. Truth and justice have been slow in coming and it now behooves their champions to listen to all advice, but to follow their own plans of campaign, changing the plans when the war conditions demand it, but never merely for policy or because of somebody's suggestion. The woods are full of enemies, seen and unseen, conscious and unconscious of the fact that they are enemies. Real friends sometimes become the worst enemies we have in the struggle for justice and truth. They mean well, but often do not understand and unconsciously lead us into ambush where our work is utterly destroyed. So the thing to do is to stand by your guns and give them up neither to friend nor foe. Forward!

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