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TOO MANY FOR US.

There are so many letters asking all kinds of questions that we can not answer them all personally. Some of the questions have been answered dozens of times in the Silvertown Journal and still they keep coming. This is because some readers were not subscribers until lately and for various other reasons. Here is a sample letter:

1100 Gladstone Ave., Portland, Ore., July 27, 1914.
Mr. HOSMER, Silvertown, Ore.

Dear Sir:—

Will you please write to me or to the "Menace" for publication, and tell us what you know about Miss Lasenan.

Do you know where she is?

If not, what were the facts concerning her disappearance?

Did she go back to the nunnery of her own free will?

May she have been kidnapped?

It seems to me that you are in bad with the public on account of no statements as to these matters.

Hoping to see something from you soon,

I remain yours truly, x x x x x x

P. S.—Did the "red necks" put up a job on you, by sending her out to snare you?

Again we answer:

Miss Lasenan is married and is living at her home in Portland. Neither Miss Lasenan nor the editor knows all the facts. That is what we are trying to find out. That there was "crooked work" is certain and we have our theory, but the Jesuits are experts at using innocent parties as tools and covering up their own track. She never went back to the nunnery. We are not "in bad" with anyone excepting those who want to be in bad with us, and they have more to fear than we have.

No one can tell just what the "red necks" did do. They are capable of anything, but it is impossible to think Mary Lasenan was a willing tool in their hands, especially after becoming acquainted with her and hearing her story from her own, frank, intelligent self. No, she was a victim and her story is true.

A DAMNABLE LIE.

The inspiration comes from an inherited love of truth, the training which comes from contact with master minds, through personal environment, through good books of both, and the inherited and cultivated powers of classification, analysis, judgment and reason. Those of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries who have had the advantages of these qualifications in the fullest degree tell us that the golden age of the world is ahead of us. They claim that the religious, the economic and the political life of the peoples of the world have all been built on a lie, that the thinkers are making this out, that the people will know it soon, that this new light will cause a great change in the fundamental principles of our governments, that the great golden age will then begin from a true and solid foundation and will continue as long as the earth stands. And as the long ages come and go, happier and wiser and better will grow the children of men, until to us of this age of great limitations, our progeny would indeed appear like gods, knowing good and evil. But our part in the building of this greater civilization is to find out what this fundamental, religious, economic and political lie is which is keeping us from the promised land. It may not be understood by some when we say that all modern prophets concur in the opinion that the lie at the base of all our modern corruption, and consequent misery, is summed up in the word "slavery."

The whole world is tied up to a dogmatic, slavish lie which the mother churches (Catholic, Buddhist, Mohammedan, etc.) will fight for to the last ditch, because they believe in the lie or at least in using it. This lie is the universal idea that it is wicked to think different than the priest made creed. This damnable lie is mischievous beyond our power to explain. It has held us in bondage for centuries. Those who dared to question it were put to death and the Roman hierarchy, helped by Jesuits in other churches all over this great country, are now endeavoring to suppress the Silvertown Journal because they have learned that the editor is against the slavery of Romanism. The Jesuits among the Protestants will boycott, imprison and hang anyone who really opposes their particular brand of religious insanity, and as yet there are only a few who really understand and sanction and appreciate absolute freedom of thought, of speech and of the press.

Then economically we are slaves, and, worst of all, nearly all want to remain as we are. They still believe in the enslaving lie that it is impossible for every one to be workers and to get the full social product of his toil. The great masses of men and women not only are looking for a master but still believe in a master-and-slave condition.

And need it be pointed out that politically we are believing and living the damnable slavery lie? We are slaves of our public servants, and the great majority of our people still believe that there is no better way. From the country school director to the president of the United States we don't yet know what to do if he don't do as we want him to; and he don't. He does as he wants to after he is elected. Before election he bows, kisses the baby and makes the sign of the cross to us, but once in power, we do the bowing, kissing and we make all the signs and even the cross and carry it ourselves. O, this damnable lie of slavery! Think and help your fellows think! The days of persecution and intolerance and slavery should be over. Will we of this generation see the dawn?

A CLEAN BED OR A FILTHY BUNK.

In the world of thought there are things clean and beautiful and things filthy and disgusting. And while it is unwise to be so prudish as to ruin the practical fields of thought by over nicety, yet there is not much danger of modern man being mentally too clean. Moral cleanliness, of course, is essential to happiness, but it is not the subject of this short sketch and we hope to be understood when we say that mental cleanliness is necessary and comes before moral cleanliness just as physical cleanliness comes before health of body. No man or woman can be moral whose mind is full of filth, vermin and disease germs and whose mentality is of course and shoddy material. It is difficult to separate mentality from morality in this endeavor to help ourselves and others in trying to purify the stream at its source, but let us try to do this by aid of a figure. About one-third of our time is spent in bed, and fully that amount

is spent mentally in what might be called the sleeping faculties. The higher activities of the brain such as imagination, judgment and reason are little used by a large number of people, to be sure, but those who are fully developed, necessarily spend much of the time in the gratification of sense perception, mental conception and looking at memory pictures. This is the rest for the mind, the easy part of the mental activity, and it may be compared to the body when it lies down after being engaged in hard labor or strenuous exercise. Now just as a clean, sweet bed is better than a filthy one, so is this resting place of the mind which is much happier if it is wholesome, pure, delightful. When the day's work is over, if you can see the beauty all around you, if the music of the robin is rest to your soul, if the soft touch of a loving hand sets in motion the heavenly music of love, or, even in their absence, when your tired body reclines to rest, if sweet memory holds up pictures of nappy thoughts and deeds, your mind is at home in its clean, white couch; and it matters but little where a corrupt generation of politicians have imprisoned your body, even if it be in a filthy bunk of rags, the mind can still wander in restful happiness by the silver streams and crystal fountains in those gardens and mansions not made with hands, eternal in the heaven that's within you.

SUPPRESSION IS JESUIT IDEA.

Jesus taught the brotherhood of man idea, and he was dead set against the Romans who suppressed liberty of thought and enslaved his countrymen. To-day the two ideas still stand in opposition. The idea of the brotherhood, the equality and the liberty of man is still trying to live in a world full of the idea of suppression.

The Silvertown Journal recently received a promise of a list of names from one who professed great friendship. This minister knew fully the personal religious convictions of the editor and had discussed the matter quite thoroughly on several occasions, and while there is great disagreement on important issues yet all was friendly and the preacher even wrote an excellent little letter for publication, praising our work and expressing love and sympathy. Now in spite of the commandment, "thou shalt not lie," the preacher writes that he will not send the list, and in spite of the fact that he knew what we believed before he wrote the good article, he now writes a condemnatory, threatening letter and ends with the statement that we can't fool him any longer. This all shows that he has the spirit of the Jesuit. That because of an article that he does not like, written by a contributor for the Journal, he is going to suppress us with all his might. He has the Catholic idea of killing one off unless one subscribes to his particular brand of religious thought. The golden rule is forgotten, to overcome what he considers evil by good is not a part of his Christianity. We believe in the religion of righteousness, but that does not include the suppression of the freedom of the press. The editor does not agree with every thing published in the paper, but we do believe in letting everybody have his or her say. If the good preacher writes what to us looks like superstitious stuff we would print it, and if we thought it worthy of notice we would answer it, giving the best reasons for the faith that is within us. Why can't this preacher be fair and do this? It is because he still believes in the Roman Catholic doctrine of rule or ruin. This poor Jesuitical 2 x 4 preacher says that he is through with us; just as through that is a wonderful blow; and he says that his business in the future shall be to warn all with whom he comes in contact that our paper is unfit for decent patronage. He doesn't seem to think our patrons have sense enough to know what they want and so he is going to set himself up as a priest and tell them. Roman Catholic again! He also says that he will write to the "Menace" and tell them what he thinks of our policy. You see he is going to do us all the harm he can. If that is his religion we want none of it and are mighty glad we are not in his class. We have no "policy." The plain, open freedom of thought, freedom of speech and freedom of the press—and this for the purpose of finding the truth. We wish to deceive no one; the good preacher has not been deceived, and if he can justify his former friendly attitude with his later hostility he can twist the doctrine of the golden rule more than we ever supposed it could be twisted.

From the caves of the dark ages comes the hoots of reptilian birds, the shrieks of carnivorous sea serpents, the swish of man-o-war's wings. Our little Silvertown Journal boat may be swamped and we may soon be washed way out into the sea of eternity; but never, as long as we desire freedom for ourself, will we be frightened into the Roman Catholic "policy" of robbing others of the same privilege; for we believe in the humane doctrine of "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

A FOOL'S PET NOTION.

Many who are mature in years never reach mental maturity. Among these stunted minds we find many varieties of childish vagaries and superstitions. Some of these are an injury to society only in a negative way and the loss is expressed by the words, "it might have been." However, some of these hobby-horses of thought become actually active and exceedingly harmful, and when upheld by child-minded men and women of energy become a hellish nightmare of error that plunges whole nations into the bottomless pit of ignorance, superstition and slavery.

The Catholic religion of holy water, holy oil, holy virgin, infallible pope, unnatural celibacy—or carnally-minded criminal priests—pickled young women called nuns, literal hell and purgatorial doctrines, ghost and angel lies, opposition to liberty of thought and ambition for control of the state—all these and many more of the notions of the unscientific and undeveloped Roman Catholic mind make this old organization a manure pile in Uncle Sam's door yard that is a veritable breeding place for every vile, creeping thing of which the grown up children are capable.

But the Roman church is not the only cesspool of corruption, nor are the Catholic people the only ones who have been stunted; and even many of these people of the mother church do not believe. They only stay in the church because they think that that is the easiest way to make the best of a bad bargain. The priests, many of them are naturally bright and do not believe. They let the child-minded think they believe, but they know that it is all a humbug. Father Thomas, former Abbot at Mt. Angel, told the writer that he did not believe as the common people (child-minded) thought he did.

Outside of the Roman Catholic church the woods are full of fools with pet notions. Some are harmless, but others are making fools of others by the wholesale. We hope the time will come when mature men and women will hold no pet notion so sacred as to exclude the possibility of discovering its falsity (if it be false), of endeavoring to find the causes of things or of acknowledging their mistakes and welcoming the new light.

A good teacher has no "pets." She loves and welcomes and trains and tests them all. So he or she, who has that wonderful mental equipment, which is only developed in the really mature human animal, the reason, does not have any "pet" ideas. The truth and truth alone satisfies, and if what is now held as truth is discovered to be doubtful and finally false, no pang of pain at the change, only rejoicing because of the new discovery.

The poor undeveloped creature whose pet notion of metaphysical things forever shuts him off from the light of progressive research and the company of the best and truest thinkers of the age is to be pitied, but there is no remedy for such, only the new birth of those more fit to survive.

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