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CHURCH INFLUENCE.

"Church influence" is an expression that has been frequently heard of late. Yet, it cannot be said that it is very clearly understood by everybody. To many it has come to stand for a terrible apparition, such as the wild imag-Inution of a nervous child might conjure up in the dark, but which vanishes with the appearance of the first rays of light. "State interference" is a term less frequently made use of, not have Transmississippi congresses to although that represents a part of the same problem.

The question of the relation between church and state is as old as occlesiastical history, almost. It certainly became prominent when the Emperor Constantine, in order to heal the rift in the church caused by Arjanism, took a purely doctrinal question into his hands, and, for obvious political purposes, arranged for the council of Nice and the settlement of the dispute, During the middle ages it was the cause of numerous conflicts, the echoes of which are still heard throughout Christendom

In this country the vexed question should not cause trouble. Here the respective spheres of the two organizations are well understood, and even where they lay claim, in part, to common ground, as for instance in matters pertaining to marriage and divorce, there need to be no clash, provided the sole aim of both is the excellence of public morals.

It is perfectly well understood that there is a church influence which is legitimate, because its exercise is the very object for which the church was abanted in the world by divine agencies. The church, wherever it is true to its mission, will exercise an influence for truth, without which there can be no real liberty, since it is the province of truth to make men free, and since loss of free dom follows from the prevalence of error. The church, if true to its calling will exercise an influence for honesty in all affairs of life, public as well as private. It will exercise an influence for the extermination of superstititon and the consequent outpouring of light

from every field of human research. Such influence always has emanated from the church, under the direction of the Holy Spirit. In the pre-Constantine era we see the marvelous effects of the presence of the church in the world. The institution of shavery melted before it, as masters realized that slaves were their "brethren," Women were gradually emancipated, as the result of the teachings of the followers of the Son of Mary. Humanity, formerly considered a weakness, if not a vice, was enthroned among the great virtues, and thereby it became possible to forgive and even to love, enemies. Pagan gods were forgotten, as the true God became known, and the empire that was founded on pagan ideas fell to pieces when those ideas were shattered. This was church influence, which could not be counteracted by dungeons, by flames, by sword, or by hungry beasts in the arena. On the contrary, the more fiercely the persecution raged, the more converts were made. For the martyrs preached more elequent sermons, by sacrificing themselves for their principles, than did the speakers in the pul-

This is an "influence" that never will God, until the entire world is redeemed from sin, from strife, from disease and all other consequences of sin. A time will come when true knowledge shall cover the earth, as the water the bottom of the sea; when no man shall learn to make war upon his fellow-man; when life shall be prolonged to an age now unknown, which clearly means that disease is to be conquered; when, in a word, the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of the Lord. This is the legitimate aim of the efforts of the church in the world.

The world always has fought this have been any contest for supremacy between truth and error light and darkness, right and wrong. But the true sulted to the proposed colony. And church will always continue to "influence" the world, in the sense here given to the word, just as the salt will impart its own qualities to that with which it comes in contact, as long as It has not lost its savor. Any other kind of "influence" the church of Christ does not desire and does not need, and never attempted to exercise in any age

or dispensation.

human family realize their needs, the learer it will become to them, that without the Gospel of Jesus they cannot attain their highest ideals. Because this is a fact, the triumph of the Gospel is assured, notwithstanding the opposition from those who do not comgehend it, and therefore act as in the lurk.

AGRICULTURE FIRST.

The first settlers of these valleys rave sometimes been unjustly criticized because they taught the people to pay attention first to the development of agriculture, and not to mining. It has been charged that they were hostile to what has become one of the great industries of the State. In the light of later events, it is, however, perfectly clear that they were not hostile to minng, or miners, but that they understood the necessity of laying a foundalon for future prosperity in agriculture and horticulture; that, in other words, they realized the necessity of producing food and clothing, before prospecting, particularly at a time when communication with the outside world was slow, and the region had to depend largely upon its own resources.

The wisdom of this policy has been indicated in the experience of Alaska. The Transmississippi congress, in its sessions at St. Louis took favorable action upon a recommendation to amend the homestend laws in favor of settiers in Alaska, so that "any citizen of the United States may acquire 320 acres by settlement, residence or commutation, providing that the applicant is not the owner of 160 acres of land, and wishes said 330 acres for home purposes," It has been found that miners are chiefly transients, and that the agricultural resources are neglected for the search of gold. To remedy this, it is proposed to offer homesteaders an extra inducement in the increased acreage for the permanent occupation and improvement of the land. For it is a home population which Ajaska needs above all things at present.

Similar conditions confronted the first settlers of Utah. Only, they did take an interest in their welfare. They had their own trials, their own difficultles, and they were very much confined to their own resources. But the wisdom of their policy with regard to the development of the region, cannot be successfully disputed.

UNREST IN CHINA.

Word comes from China to the effect that another Boxer uprising is threatened. The report is said to have been sent from Pekin by Mr. Gammon of the American Bible society, Mr. Gammon is quoted as having stated in a letter to his father, who lives in Beloft, Wis., that United States Minister Conger is alive to the danger and has notified the Chinese officials that unless the movement is suppressed at once he will request United States troops to be sent

to Pekin. ocieties have united in one great solety. The officials are helpless because many of their underlings are members, n fact, the officials are forced to obtain information from missionaries. The cause of the trouble is, partly, heavy taxation, which is being laid at the door of the foreigners. The writer says that he finds the situation in some parts of the North very unsatisfactory, particularly in Shantung and Honan. Dates have been set for the slaughter of all foreigners, and the general symptoms resemble those of 1900,

If the situation is as here depicted, t is critical. In 1900 the various governments were in a position to comoine and act in concert; but this is hardly practicable now. Any foreign interference in Chinese affairs at this lime might lead to complications, Could not the objectionable foreigners in the interior, where the prejudices are strong against them, withdraw until peace is established?

ZANGWILL AND ZIONISM.

Mr. Israel Zangwill's visit to this ountry, for the purpose of interesting Hebrews in the Zionist movement, has again directed public opinion toward that cause. Since the death of Theodor Hertzl, the founder of modern Hebrew Zionism, little has been heard of it. At the last congress in Basel, an offer was received from Great Britain of land for was favorably considered. It is presumably in the interest of this colonization scheme in particular, that Mr. Zangwill comes to this country,

Zionism, as Dr. Hertzi conceived it. appealed strongly to the scattered Jews who saw in it a divine summons to prepare for another exodus to the Land of Promise. The first reports made also led them to believe that the various powers interested were rather favorably inclined toward the cease to emanate from the Church of project. Even the Turkish sultan, it was said, had expressed himself to that effect, though only a few years ago he prohibited the Jews from coming to Palestine, except as tourists. But it soon became evident that the time has not yet come for the settling of Cancan by the descendants of Abraham, and so Uganda was accepted as a possible introduction to the redemption of Palestine. But in this, the Zionist lead. ers have failed to obtain a large folowing. The plan should not be lightly abandoned, however. There are thousands of Jews in Russia, in the Balkan states, and even in the western countries of Europe, who need "influence." Else there would never haven of refuge from persecution. The British government has offered them 5,000 square miles of land, fertile and here many of them could found homes and demonstrate their ability to con-

duct a government of their own. In the meantime the plan for a settle. ment in Palestine need not be abanoned. The Turkish government will not for ever be an obstacle to the redemption of that country. No one can tell what may happen in a short time, to remove the power of the Turks and Christianity is a world-refigion. It end their reign of terror. As an inbelongs to all nations, all lands, and stance of what can be done within the the more the various divisions of the Turkish domain itself, a correspondent

of the New York Evening Post may be quoted, who says that a "free" republic; exists there, which neither tyranny nor diplomacy has been able to crush. The so-called Macedonian committee, he says, is really the regularly appointed senate of that secret republic. According to him, this body is chosen by the people by popular but secret elections, of the people, and for the people. He says he knows this after three months of familiar intercourse with members of this secret government, including its chief representative, the President of the Macedonian Republic. I realize now, he continues, that in the heart of the world's rottenest government there has grown up from below the complete form of a political organization, as complete in all its branches as that of a free republican nation. There is a Macedonlan police; there are Macedonian courts of justice, a Macedonian militia, Macedonian schools and newspapers, and a Macedonian postal service, all existing in spite of the regular, recognized government's mightlest efforts to

destroy them. This proves how the Turkish government is undermined. No one can tell how soon a catastrophe may occur which will remove that obstacle to Dr. Hertzl's Zionism. The Palestine idea should not be abandoned, nor will it be. But the plan for a preliminary settlement in Uganda need not interfere with that in the least, We hope Mr. Zangwill, who now seems to be the one upon which the mantle of Dr. Hertzl has fallen, will meet with success among his brethren here, who are so well able to lend a hand in the great work of

For the rain it threateneth every day, A "broad platform" is very apt to

mean all things to all men.

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Train a footbull team up in the way it should go and when it gets old it will brag.

At this season autumn leaves in-

stead of straws tell which way the wind blows. There is lots of tariff revision talk

in the air, but will it blow into the halls of Congress? Why is it that artists always represent Miss Columbia as dressed in a

shirt waist without sleeves? There are no more stump speeches (thank heaven!) but "The Talking Oak"

goes right on and is a favorite. Rojestvensky will soon be in the Red ea. It should be familiar to him, for did he not make the North sea red?

Thus far the "also rans" have been quite unable to find out just where the sweetness in the uses of adversity lies.

When President Roosevelt visits the World's Fair and Missouri, it will be largely in the capacity of a conquering

As the American boy contemplates the career of Secretary John Hay, his proud mother says to him, "Look

A great many people strongly object o walking in the straight and narrow path-as laid out by the city engineering department.

In answer to an inquiry by a corres pondent, it can be stated that Salt Lake City, according to the census of 1900 at that time had 53,531 inhabitants.

"I am entirely in the hands of the press and the people," says Champion Jeffries. And of course the press and the people will handle with care.

Mexico has just been shaken by al

earthquake. Perhaps it is at the

thought that General Sherman Bell is going there to start in business. For the past few days the haze has hidden the smelter smoke, but like the

Star Spangled Banner it is still; but may it not, like that, long wave, That second section of the Second Pacific squadron should have a guardian appointed to see that it does not

epeat the follies of the first section. When Don Quixote said there were no birds in last year's nests of course he ettlement in Africa, and that offer did not know anything about that engaging little bird called the English

> John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is said to have warned his Bible class against the pursuit of riches. John D., Jr., seems to forgot "example is always more efficaclous than precept."

> The North Sea incident inquiry, held by the British board of trade, has come to a close. But it does not end it by any means. In the words of the Prayer Book, "Here ends the first chap-

Jere Delaney, trainer of the Northwestern University eleven, says that football players are subject to an allment similar to softening of the brain. The first symptom of the disease is long

A resolution has been introduced in the Federation of Labor convention, asking that the milkers of California be organized into a state organization, This will make it much easier for the Federation to "milk" them.

Pension Commissioner Ware has resigned and the President has accepted his resignation, but he remains in office and doesn't know when his resignation becomes effective. "Where am I at?" seems to describe his position per-

In the modified words of the Song Writer of America's little red Indian, we

City engineer, spare that tree! Touch not a single bough! In youth it sheltered me, And I'll protect it now.

Some of those Panamans are very

unxious to start a tempest in a teapot revolution. Had not the United States acquired the canal zone it is very lkely that the isthmus would be a seething caldron of plots and revolutions, and all that that means in a South American republic.

Prof. Simon Newcomb, the noted American astronomer, declares that the recent congress of arts and scences in St. Louis was the most notable assemblage of intellectual and learned men that has ever been gathered in the history of the world. He should have added: "One of whom I am which."

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness. They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness; and the ittle hills rejoice on every side.

The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing. -Psalms lxv; 11-13.

ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

From The Boston Transcript. The American Bible society has reently received a number of interesting communications from its agent in Ja-pan, Rev. Mr. Loomis, showing the remarkable opportunity that is open for doing good among the wounded soldiers. Mr. Leomis writes: I am now much interested in the work among the sick and wounded soldiers. Last week I spent two days visiting the hospitals in Tokio. I went also again yesterday We have now donated more than \$2,000 Testaments and Gospels to the Japan-ese soldiers, and the most of them have gone to the sick and wounded in the hospitals. It is reported that there are already 45,900, and more are coming all the time. A request has come this morning for five thousand. The appli-cant writes, "Soldiers are begging for Another missionary, to whom had sent five hundred copies, writes, The soldiers are very glad to receive them, and are very ready, in many cases eager, to be instructed.'

San Francisco Chronicle, The law of evolution may be more imply expressed in the word growth. It means that all creatures are sap or blood relations. In the life of a man, from the embryo to the sucking babe through adolescene, youth, maturity and old age, there is a natural unfolding, hour by hour, day by day, year by year. At some periods the change is rapid, at others almost imperceptible. Evolution simply implies that the race or species develops in the same actual manner and other bases. natural manner out of what has pre-

Sunday School Times.

No human father would expect his children's chief topic of conversation with him to be their expression of de-sire that he should take care of them. Home life would be a dreary thing if talk turned largely on that subject. But is not that the chief topic of much of our prayer to the Father above? At a prayer meeting it is a common matter for the paster to read a letter from some member of the congregation telling of a special trial or sorrow or illness, and asking for the prayers of pastor and people. Such a request is perfectly proper; yet it would be equally fitting if the pastor could often read a lett r from someone telling of a special blessing or evidence of God's love, and asking that the prayers of the people be united in thanksgiving for God's un-dezerved goodness. How many such requests for prayer does the average minister receive? Once in 12 months we celebrate a special "Thanksgiving The other 364 days of the year we think more of our wants than our blessings. Is not the order a little twisted?

Christian Work. There is a saying which runs some-thing in this wise: "To thine own self be true, then it shall follow, as the day the sun, thou canst be false to no man If you would know all that it means to be true to yourself, just run over a list of your characteristics what you possess—the good points, I mean, for in these only can you be true to yourself. If generosity, then if you are not generous in word and deed. you are "untrue" to yourself there. It the truth, you fail there. If you are courteous to outsiders, and the familiar ity of relationship makes you trea your mother and sister with impatien rudeness, you are false to your higher self there. Cultivate that higher self dear boys, and the little faults will die f sheer neglect.

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