

be indulged in. If Episcopalianism may not be taught, it must not be declaimed against. If "Mormonism" may not be explained, anti-"Mormonism" must not be permitted.

If religion is forbidden in the schools, irreligion must also be forbidden, and no teacher ought to retain his or her position who permits any bias or antipathy concerning a church or a creed to influence the teachings imparted in the school.

It is bad enough to have God and morality excluded from public juvenile instruction. Infidelity and hostility to the religious views of parents must not be tolerated in the school-room. And no person is fit to act as a public teacher, to be paid out of the public funds, who indulges in attacks upon religion or any form of it.

We are numbered among those who believe it would be better for the children of the Latter-day Saints to be educated in their faith from their earliest childhood. But we would not have the children of members of other churches compelled to receive tuition in the tenets of our faith. Therefore if circumstances were such that each denomination could provide scholastic training for its own juveniles, we believe it would be the better plan for all. But under the system now in force this would not be practicable. Therefore the small children should attend the district schools, and be drafted when prepared into the higher or Church schools, and religious instruction should be provided for them while in the district schools, by other means, so that they may not grow up in ignorance of the basic principles of spiritual education.

Under the common school system, however, we maintain that faith in Deity and an understanding of moral principles, apart from all sectarian notions and denominational forms, may and ought to form a part of the every day tuition of the children in the public schools, for while no church would suffer from it, society would be benefited in the moral and spiritual development that would be the natural consequence.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 26.—While attempting to arrest Bob Pruitt, a negro, in Gainesville last night, City Marshal Kittrell was shot dead. Policeman Lowry then shot and killed Pruitt.

A SAVAGE SENTIMENT.

EVERY once in a while a stale, flat and barbarous saying is expressed regarding the Indians of this country. It appears frequently in public journals, and is uttered by individuals. It is this: "The only good Indian is a dead Indian." Such a sentiment as the words indicate either comes from a cruel and depraved heart, or is merely a thoughtless expression of a human parrot, who imitates and utters what he hears because he hears it, and because other people have said it, he takes it for granted as being proper. When the cold-blooded declaration comes from a person of education it is an evidence that it is simply the enunciation of a civilized savage, one whose malicious nature is in conflict with his intellectual enlightenment. And the Indians could say with much more force in reference to that class, that the only good white men who possess such brutal instincts are dead ones.

The oft-used expression quoted regarding the aborigines simply means, according to the significance of the English language, that the utterer of it is an advocate of wholesale murder of helpless and ignorant human beings, and that it would be proper to exterminate them. This is about as high a conception of the "march of civilization" as some people are capable of attaining to. In order to further the cause of enlightenment they would assassinate the unenlightened, and leave those only who have reached a more or less advanced stage of development. A prominent Indian in the Dakota region, in conversation on the present state of affairs, drew the attention of a leading white man to the fact that in many respects the Indians were better than the whites, having no brothels nor drinking shops.

It is the high function and duty of the civilized to enlighten and develop the ignorant, not murder them. If the same eagerness had been displayed in that direction toward the Indians as there has been in robbing them of their lands, the question in relation to them would have been solved long since. They would have been lifted from the dark realm of savagery into the bright region of correct civilization. It is needless to assert that those poor benighted people are not susceptible of cultivation. This theory has been smashed in Mexico and elsewhere on this continent. Some

of the brightest and most liberal-minded publicists have been pure blooded Indians. But the development of the Indians can never be reached by placing them permanently on the defensive against the unjust encroachments of the race claiming to be their superiors.

We never see the common expression favoring the annihilation of the aborigines of this country without being inspired with a feeling of shame and indignation. He who utters it with a full sense of its purport is a heartless monster. He may be intellectually advanced, but is morally decrepit and made of such material as constitutes tyrants. It is a pleasure to note the fact that the horrible sentiment exhibited by the oft repeated saying—"The only good Indian is a dead Indian"—is meeting with wide and unsparing denunciation from numerous sources and directions.

ASSOCIATED PRESS RUBBISH.

Our dispatches bring word nearly every day about some Salt Lake man who has gone East, having delivered himself of anti-Mormon sentiments to a newspaper reporter. The Associated Press people appear to think these "chestnuts" very palatable to the public, while in fact they have become so common that they might be stereotyped, if it were worth while and reading people cared for the speculative and unreliable stuff.

The staple idea now is that the "Mormons" are still "rushing into polygamy," that it is as "rampant as ever," and that the "declaration" was "only a blind." We have no respect for the miserable liars who get their names put into print in this way, nor will we foster their desire for notoriety by reproducing their words. They are working for a "Liberal" end, and their meanness and mendacity is well understood here. Abroad they will deceive but a few, and we do not believe they will effect the purpose designed, that is the disfranchisement of the majority of Utah's citizens, that the majority may gain control of the Territory and its Treasury. We think the Associated Press is in very small business to send over the wires the falsehoods of these unimportant persons, and that they would be doing much better to furnish the country with news, instead of the opinions of individuals who either know nothing of what they are talking about or desire to deceive the public for a vile and detestable purpose.