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CHRISTIAN AMERICA AND ITS SANCTIONED SINS.

“**A**FTER me the deluge.” Thus sighed the unfortunate Louis XV, as he lay on his deathbed in the year 1774. Fifteen years later the deluge came—that dreadful deluge of fire and blood, for in 1789 the storm-cloud burst.

The last lingering relics of feudalism had fallen into decay; the more substantial and deeper rooted power of monarchism was dying; eighteenth century costumes and manners were being supplanted by those of more modern times; and all Europe was being stirred by the mysterious spirit of the times, when in its most susceptible part, unable longer to abide the steady course of nature's changes, there arose that mighty renovator, that strange and wonderful blending of good and evil, that paradox which will ever remain a problem for the philosophy of the historian, the French Revolution.

This revolution while proving a purifier and strengthener to surrounding nations, for a time plunged France into an abyss of misery which can scarcely be comprehended by an American, and while we contemplate with pleasure those blessings of liberty and political freedom which it gave to the world, it is but just that a thought should be given to the other side.

Not merely in politics and government was this a revolution, but in the customs, the religion, and the very spirit of men. A revolution indeed which might have been expected, for the social and spiritual institutions of Europe, were, by their corruption and hypocrisy, wasting their power. Among their clergy and disciples were so many of those whose sins were only hidden in the folds of the church that the populace was fast losing faith in its divinity; and infidelity, which always finds a

hurking place in the mind of civilized man, fostered and nurtured by treachery, aided by those whose nature leads them to do evil, and influenced by many other causes which history reveals, brought itself to a culmination at the time mentioned, and among the forces at work upon the people of France, influencing them to throw off the yoke of bondage fastened upon them by monarchy, were disseminated, with astonishing rapidity, the teachings of atheism and false philosophy, so that instead of freedom, bringing the blessings of liberty, France was turned into a theatre of blackest infamy. People were taught that the idea of moral obligation is a myth and that those who believed in the existence of truth, justice or morality were to be regarded as wretched idiots. While liberty, equality and reason were held aloft on the banners of the voltaires, the Robespierres, and the Mirabeaux, and their pretended advocates, beneath these banners marched a seething multitude, armed with the sword, the bayonet, and the guillotine, thirsting for blood and the annihilation of reason.

Cities were turned into prisons, their inhabitants into felons, and the common doom of man was death by violence. Scenes unparalleled in the history of civilized nations were enacted where cruelty, inhumanity, and unrestrained rapacity held carnival; where family ties were disregarded, where licentiousness and cold-blooded selfishness made brutes of human forms. Churches and benevolent institutions were ravaged, private dwellings were plundered, and the darkness of gloom and despair spread throughout the land. So extensive was this misery that, in less than ten years, more than three million souls perished. The thought of Hell itself can scarcely present a more horrifying spectacle than this, but yet these scenes were enacted under the direction of those men who worshipped the so called Goddess of Reason, who regarded death as an eternal sleep, and the being commonly called God, as the highest and most perfect form of material crystallization.

Were such to become the belief and philosophy of the world, striking a wound to the heart of France, from which she has, at the close of a century, been unable to recover, then would the home of civilization be turned into a haunt of evil beasts whose natural inclinations, unrestrained, would strew this earth with pollution, misery and death.

Far different is the picture which the history of our own country presents, for, at the very foundation of our republic, were implanted those principles of morality, justice and religion, which if practiced are sufficient to secure a nation's perpetuity. How well have these been fostered? When our fathers from the wilds of America,

hewed those massive timbers which were to form the structure of our free government, with every stroke resounded praise to Him in whose name we gained our independence, when, with one accord they joined to place upon the seat of honor, him, who in the fray had been our leader, and in our orphanage the father, not in the strength of man did he assume authority, but in the name of Him who in battle had been his shield and buckler and was in peace, to be his priest and counselor, when men were appointed to guide the Ship of State divinity overruled. Thus we became a nation under the rule of the great King of nations. But scarcely had the soil been prepared to receive the seed of equity, justice and freedom of consciousness ere the noxious weeds of selfishness, and traces of political dissension began to grow. Were they unrooted, or were they even allowed to grow untouched? They were nourished by the people, and winked at by our statesmen. So rapidly did these grow that before we had passed the third quarter century of our national existence a rankling sore had gnawed to our very vitals. And to-day, had it not threatened our nation's life, slavery would be as firmly planted in our soil as it was fifty years ago. This is not all! There exists to day, under where float the stars and stripes, in defiance of every law of God; those elements which by their nature are darker than the blackest page of negro slavery ever penned by the historian.

Not satisfied with the persecution of the negro, the murder of the Chinese and the massacre of the Indians, our government does not blush to lay upon the altar of licentiousness, ignorance, neglect and intemperance, one hundred thousand of her noblest sons and daughters every year. Not ashamed to perpetrate those very crimes which give to heathen tribes the name of savages.

It is not because these sins exist in our country that they are dangerous, but for the fact that they are known to every intelligent American citizen, and encouraged and advanced by those who make the laws. Influences dangerous to the character of our youth are common under the very eye of those who represent our people, and are sanctioned by our government, which in every nominal way claims to put its trust in God; sanctioned by the nation known throughout the world as Christian America.

It is on account of this that we tremble for our nation's life. For think you, that with all our national or required resource we can stand without the support of the Eternal? Of what value are the wisdom and policy of statesmen when God is disobeyed? Let them beware lest they hear that mighty voice calling to them from the wilderness: "Scribes and Pharisees, Hypocrites, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Your sins are come up as testimony against you. Your reward is death." And to our loved America, if the works which have been done in you had been done in France or even in the wilds of Asia or Africa they had repented long ago. Sad indeed, our country, will be the sight, should the time ever come when no more will be heard

the voice of happy children, shielded and protected by thy maternal care; when thy stars shall cease to watch over thy sons and daughters, thy stripes to guide them within the path of truth and justice; when from mountain top to plain and valley, the frigid snows of desolation shall fold within their crystal robes thy life and verdure, and the wild winds of solitude shall chant a sad requiem above thy tomb. Yet from the beginning has been, and may we not fear that such will be the fate of the nation which ceases to fear God, and the people who forget to keep his law.

Song of Examination.

With fingers inky and black,
With eyelids heavy and red,
A maiden sat in unmaidenly wrath,
All joy from her face had fled,
Study! study! study!
In headache and desperation
And still with feelings blacker than pitch,
She sang the song of examination.

Work! work! work!
When the rooster begins a crowing,
And work—work—work,
When the gas is brightly glowing,
It's oh! to be a slave,
A slave to education,
With never another thought
But that of examination.

Study—study—study!
Till the brain begins to swim,
Study—study—study!
Till the eyes are heavy and dim,
Think—think—think!
In headache and desperation,
Thinking at once with a double thought,
Of books and examination.

Why don't I think of my essay,
That phantom of dreadful kind,
I hardly dare to think of it,
Lest I should lose my mind,
Because I use it a heap,
Oh dear! that thought should be so scarce
And paper and ink so cheap!

With fingers inky and black,
With eyes defiant and bright,
A maiden sat in unmaidenly wrath,
A terrible, pitiful sight.
Study—study—study!
In headache and desperation,
And still she sang this dolorous ditty
(Would that it could reach the committee)
About her examination.

Local Items.

Fred Stadtmuller, '92, will return to Reno soon.

F. H. Saxton spent Christmas at his home in Carson.

S. Molkenbuhr, an ex-student, was on the Campus last week.

James Henry has about recovered and will begin work next term.

Professor McDowell has returned from an extended trip to the east.

Miss Maud Bradly, a former student of the U. N., has returned to Reno.

Miss Gertrude Hironymous is visiting friends in Carson and Genoa.

Among the new students expected next term are several ball players.

J. H. Clemons, who has been sick for several weeks, is rapidly improving.

Miss Hedley French is spending the holidays with her parents in Carson.

C. R. Lewers, '93, has been appointed principal of the Paradise Valley school.

W. J. Flood will be able to resume practice with the baseball nine next term.

W. J. and A. J. Flood are spending the holidays at their home in Virginia city.

The State teachers' examination will be held on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of January.

C. P. Brown, '93, assistant chemist in the S. M. L., is spending the vacation at home.

The closing exercises of the Training school were up to their usual standard of excellence.

Fred Thompson, a student of the California Dental College, is visiting relatives in Reno.

O. T. Williams and F. R. Carpenter have been appointed corporals in the Cadet Corps.

Everyone should secure copies of the illustrated number of the RECORD that will soon appear.

Miss Iva and Miss Alameda Simpson have returned to Reno, the former from a tour in the east and the latter from Napa College.

Professor Ring returned from Mason Valley and departed on the 24 inst., to attend the Teacher's Association at Stockton, California.

Professor F. H. Hillman and Miss M. Miller were united in the bonds of matrimony on the 19th inst. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's brother, Professor W. M. Miller. The happy couple took their departure for California to spend their honeymoon.

MIDWINTER FAIR EXHIBIT.



A FINE exhibit will be made by the Experiment Station at the Midwinter fair. A large space has been secured on the main floor of the Nevada building for the display of samples of our dairy products and feeding stuffs. Charts will also be exhibited showing the comparative quality of Nevada milk. Analyses demonstrating the nutritive properties of our feeding stuffs and the great saccharine properties of our sugar beets will also be exhibited. This department will be in charge of Professor N. E. Wilson, Station Chemist. On another part of the main floor will be the entomological and botanical display, in charge of Professor F. H. Hillman, Station Entomologist and Botanist. In the center of the main floor Professor R. H. McDowell, of the Station Farm, will make an exhibit of cereals, grasses, vegetables, etc. The magnificent collection of Nevada's minerals sent to the World's Fair, by Professor Jackson of the School of Mines, will also be displayed.



AMONG the cherished traditions of the University is an account of a wonderful Normal class which, because of its industry, ability and unquenchable enthusiasm was the wonder and terror of the professors. At the time the Normal department was at the height of its power, and the "top-story English" as it was called was the terror of every Freshman who mixed his tenses in an ambitious attempt at a five-minute speech.

In their eager search for means to guide the pliant minds of the poor youngsters who might in the future be trusted to their tender mercies, these young ladies carefully noted down every remark or idea that had the remotest bearing on the science of education. Hence when the dignified professor of physiology, in a lecture one day on the evils of poor ventilation and careless breathing, offered to show them the true method of respiration, they were at once all attention.

The professor straightened himself in his chair, threw his shoulders well back and his legs well forward and drew in a deep breath, while the young ladies, with pencils poised in air and note books open before them, eagerly watched his every movement. But the chair, surprised perhaps at this unusual proceeding or awed by its weight of dignity, suddenly collapsed, hurling the professor backwards so violently that he received a severe concussion of his feelings. He arose, red in the face, expecting to find his class roaring with laughter. But no; every one of them was industriously transferring into her notebook, for future use in the schoolroom, this new and invigorating method of breathing, not however without vague misgivings as to its propriety and usefulness.

To this attention to details and careful following of instructions, is due the success these young ladies have attained in later years.

A. B.

Bits of Fun.

After The Ball.

(As sung by the West Point cadet football team.)

Once a cheeky urchin climbed a young man's knee,
And rudely questioned: "Pray tell to me
Why do you oftimes limp, sir, and moan;
Have you no front teeth to call your own?"
"Dear child, a fine set I had months ago.
Why they have vanished I'll let you know;
List to my story of how I lost 'em all;
'Twas in a scrimmage—after the ball.

After the match was over,
After the goal was won,
After the players left me,
After the game was done,
Many a bone was aching,
Injured by kick and fall
That I received, lad,
While after the ball.

Came up an old friend asking me, "Why
Is your arm in a sling and your nose all awry?
Tell me the reason you've lost half an ear
And how it happens your gait is so queer?
"At football I thought I was destined to shine,
But I discovered 'twas not in my line;
I joined a crack club and answered the call
To play on the rush line—after the ball.

After the maul was over,
After the ball got away,
After the rest had left me,
After the fearful fray,
I was a case for the surgeons,
Who came with the ambulance call,
I was completely shattered,
After the maul."

After the ball was over,
He gloomily sat by the fire,
Thinking how he would pay
For the flowers next day,
And settle the carriage hire.

To put the other side to rout,
He tried to score a touch down;
And now he cannot move about
Unless he puts his crutch down.

First Senior—Show me how to blow that horn?
Second Senior—No, I'm not your tooter (tutor).

X. Y. Z.

Pugh & Cook are the decorators and painters who do fine work, and they are also well patronized. *

THE ELECTIVE SYSTEM.

YOUR last issue contained an article on the elective system by "Stet," whose arguments though specious are not unassailable. His conclusions must fail since the idea of the elective system, upon which he bases his arguments, is not that generally accepted, for in nearly all the colleges where this system is followed, certain studies are prescribed which the student must take together with those of his own choice. Consequently it is not as "Stet" claims, guided in his choice merely by his own imperfect knowledge and experience. Even if he were, is it not likely that the usual desire for variety should lead him to choose studies upon different subjects? Since these studies would be of his own selection, he would pursue them with a desire to do something more than merely pass. His greater interest in his work would add rapidly to his knowledge. Increased knowledge would open up a new field to his mental vision into which he might venture if unrestrained by arbitrary restrictions.

In a prescribed course the student might find a subject which interested him. The average student in such a case would spend most of his time upon that subject, devoting just enough time to his other studies to pass the examinations. He would make that study his specialty, while, if he had been free to his choice, he should, perhaps, have found others more suited to his talents. Thus a prescribed course, though intended to broaden the mind, defeats its own object by creating habits of superficial study and time-serving. On the other hand a course made up of subjects chosen mainly by the student himself, adds zest to his work and gives his mind a breadth and clearness that will enable him to successfully cope with the obstacles and difficulties of later life.

A. B.

Miss Lillian Kelley, on account of the illness of her father, was called to her home at Crescent Mills, Cal., Wednesday morning.

Miss Grace Palmer, Normal '93, is here visiting relatives.

Miss Maud Daugherty, Normal '89, was on the Campus this week.

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Reciprocities.

—The Wellesley college "yell" is set to music.—*Ex.*

—One-sixteenth of the students in American colleges are studying for the ministry.

—Fifteen per cent. of the students at Stanford University come from east of the Mississippi.

—Exter Academy is exercised over the finding of the students' rooms decorated with flaming pictures of ballet girls.

—The Italian government has ordered English to be added to the list of studies of the colleges of that country.—*Cadet.*

—In Spain, Italy, Germany, Great Britain, and Russia are sixty-seven Universities. In the United States three hundred and sixty.—*The Delphic.*

—Harvard University will receive all the printed books relating to history, voyages and travel and all the maps owned by the late Francis Parkman.

—There are two claims upon every college student that demand his recognition at all times—allegiance to his literary society and allegiance to his college paper.—*University Herald.*

—The Hon. N. P. Coburn, of Newton, Massachusetts, has made Colorado College the present of a magnificent library building. It will be dedicated in January. President W. F. Harper, of Chicago University, is to deliver the address.

—At the December meeting of the trustees of Dartmouth College, it was voted to suspend for a time the custom of conferring the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. It was also decided to give no more Master of Arts degrees in course. Henceforth that degree will only be conferred upon those who have distinguished themselves by meritorious work.

—The Harvard annex for women is hereafter to be known as Radcliffe College, by which name it has been officially recognized by Harvard's overseers. It is to be a part of the university, and the Harvard seal will be attached to the diplomas it gives. The name is in honor of Anne Radcliffe, of England, afterward Lady Moulton, who, in 1643, gave to Harvard £100, the first pecuniary gift to the university that any woman had ever made.

—Football has been formerly abolished at the Theological Seminary of Princeton. "The rough and brutal game," says the senior professor, "does not comport with the purpose for which students are here and must be abolished." The action of the authorities is freely commented upon by the students of the college as well as the seminary. Several students of the seminary have in past years played on the 'varsity team and had arranged several games. The dates have been cancelled and the team disbanded.—*The W. P. I.*

—This State is noted for the variety of metals which are here found, and now comes to the front the discovery of a new metal in the hills of Pinenut by a prospector. It was found in a clay bed and is clear, tough, light and very white. A sample of the material will soon be analyzed and a name given it.—*Silver State.*

—The Leopold hazing affair at Princeton has assumed a serious aspect. The college authorities first investigated the matter and suspended several men. Last week Justice Abbott charged the Mercer county jury to investigate the matter and indict the offenders, "and the Court will then make it disagreeable for these parties who indulge in this thing in the future." The public prosecution has taken up the case and detectives have been set to work. The men who are indicted will be tried for assault and battery, for which the extreme penalty is two years imprisonment. Those of the men who have returned to their homes will, if necessary, be extradited.—*University Courier.*

—The official registers at Yale University show a presence of 2,190 students, a gain of 234 over last year. The Academic Department gains 118, Scheffield Scientific School 102, Law School 17, Theological and Medical Schools 3 each, while the Art School and Department of Philosophy and the Arts show a small loss. Connecticut sends 688 students, New York 506, Pennsylvania 156, Massachusetts 120, Illinois 102, Ohio 99, and New Jersey 67. Thirty women have registered in the post graduate department. Last year at this date there were twenty-three. Of the thirty who have registered this year ten are from Smith, five from Wellesley, six from Vassar, three from Cornell, six from Bates, and one each from six other institutions.

THE following is a faithful copy of a letter found on the Campus a short time ago. It was evidently written by a Freshman who had gotten his classics slightly mixed.

MY DEARLY BELOVED:—Whose beauty combines in its scope all the perfections of the past and present, the bright and dazzling whiteness of whose skin rivals the alabaster of ancient Rome, whose eyes are like two stars eclipsing all lesser constellations, whose gently drooping eyelashes are fairer than those of the fairest maid of the East, whose form and carriage surpass in grace and ease the soft airy glidings of the ancient goddesses whose hair in soft and dazzling brightness, beauty and splendor far exceeds the magnificence of the golden and rosy sunsets of balmy Italy (her hair must have been red). O, most rare and radiant maiden I do most humbly beseech you to receive this slight token of my everlasting, enduring, never failing, undying love for you. Though the flowers may wither my love will not and ever growing stronger now threatens to carry me away into the realms of bliss if you but condescend to accept my humble gift. I can hardly finish on account of emotion. S. E. G.

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Editorial Comment.

AN illustrated edition of the RECORD will shortly appear giving matters of interest pertaining to the work of the University. It will also contain illustrations of Nevada's exhibit at the World's Fair. This edition was to be published as a holiday number but failure to secure the necessary electrotypes in time prevented its issuance.

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Is it not a little strange that seven of the twenty-three newspapers of the State have not, although politely requested to do so, exchanged with the RECORD? If they are sincere in their expressions of desire to build up the State and its institutions, why do they treat the RECORD so uncivilly? We do not expect every issue of the dailies to appear in our sanctum, although several, through the kindness of their proprietors, are sent us regularly. We do, however, expect the courtesy of an exchange semi-monthly with all.

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A COLLEGE education is beyond the reach of very few young men of our State. The seeming difficulty with many is that of financial inability to obtain it. This need not be a hindrance to energetic young men, as our University offers peculiar advantages to a limited number who are without means to support themselves while in school. It is the settled policy with the Regents to aid worthy students as far as possible. Some of the best young men in the University are employed in caring for the buildings. Their duties are performed after recitation hours. They receive for their services, in some instances, more than enough to meet the expense of board. Nearly all the work on the grounds is performed by students. During the summer opportunity is afforded to a limited number to earn enough to assist largely in defraying the expense of the books and clothing required for the year. As rooms in the Dormitory are provided free of charge, the cost of living is reduced to a minimum. We would say to those desiring an education do not hesitate to avail yourselves of the advantages offered by the Nevada University. In working your way through college you are following the footsteps of many honored names. The effort put forth in doing so

will beget strong, self-reliant character. It will become an essential part of an education that will enable you to overcome many difficulties that will be encountered in after life.

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FOOTBALL FOR THE ACADEMIES.

WALTER Camp's "Book of College Sports," just published by the Century Company, of New York, is devoted to the four branches of sport in which coaching has been most generally demanded, viz: track athletics, rowing, baseball and football. It opens with an introduction in which the principles of manly honor recognized in the military service are urged upon the attention of collegians; "Be each, pray God, a gentleman." A gentleman plays only to win and never competes for money. If you are a player, don't break faith with your captain, yourself and your fellows by your surreptitious indulgences. Do not, if you are a spectator upon the ball field, cheer the error of your opponents, but do cheer them when they make a remarkable play. Cheer your heads off when you win, but don't insult those who have lost with gibes and jeers at the fallen. Have your jolly fun if you will, but show that behind it "there is the instinct and cultivation of a gentleman, and that the ebullition of enthusiasm, although it may be a bore to those who fail to kindle it, has nothing of the vicious element, and is thoroughly innocent of intentional offense to anyone. If you find you are loosing your head, go home; you will not be sorry for it." If you are a captain, see to it "that every one of your men is straight and square." What a gentleman wants is fair play and the best man to win. If you find that you are on the weaker side, do not try to shield yourself behind technicalities. "Don't take the coward's part and try to legislate means of avoiding the issue."

Football is the game that chiefly interests the young men of our Military and Naval Academies. It is the game of all others, as this expert tells us, which requires "that peculiar type of courage called pluck." Hence it is of all games the one best entitled to encouragement in institutions intended for the training of officers of our army and navy. One requirement that Mr. Camp lays stress upon is brains. "That team is the best which has the most brains. Football even now is an undeveloped sport. There is room for an almost infinite number of as yet unthought of plays. Every season brings forward many new ones." Endurance is another element of success. Plenty of dash when it is necessary, but behind it there must be the steady, even, staying qualities. For these good training is chiefly responsible.—*Army and Navy Journal.*

The quartz mill, for the School of Mines, is, under the superintendence of Professor Jackson, being put in place. A small smelter will be added soon.

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