





and then he begins to preach. He takes his text from the Bible, naming book, chapter, and verse, all the time lying flat on his back with his eyes shut, and for a half-hour or more preaches, using strictly grammatical and even eloquent language.

An interesting case from the Illinois University of Champaign is before the Supreme Court of this State. The question raised is whether the attendance upon religious services in our public schools or universities may be made compulsory by the enacting of rules by the school boards or faculties of the universities requiring such attendance.

Woman's Department.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

Mrs. Charles D. Haines, President of the Medina Valley railroad, Texas, is the first woman ever chosen to the Presidency of a steam railroad, but in her case there can be no doubt of the wisdom of the selection.

Hon. Edward Eldridge, in the Walla Walla Daily Journal, points out that under the new constitution of the State of Washington, a woman cannot hold an office of any kind, and he comments severely but justly on this backward step.

Prof. Richard T. Kly of Johns Hopkins university, Baltimore, issues as secretary of the American economic association a circular, stating that persons interested in the subject have given the association \$500 to be awarded in two prizes for the best essays concerning women wage earners.

The first step towards making the ideal real, says Mrs. Elizabeth Cary Stanton in Arena for April, is to educate our sons and daughters into the most exalted ideas of the sacredness of married life and the responsibilities of parenthood.

How oblivious even our greatest philosophers seem to the well-known laws of physiology. Think of a man like Darwin, so close an observer of every form of life, so firm a believer in the laws of heredity, venturing on marriage and fatherhood while he was the victim of an incurable hereditary disease.

BOOK REVIEWS.

[All books noticed, under this head, are for sale at, or can be ordered, through the office of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL.]

THE EDUCATION QUESTION AMONG LIBERALS: An essay by Sara A. Underwood. Boston: J. P. Mendum 1890, pp. 24. Price 10 cts.

Mrs. Underwood's essay is thoughtful and timely. It contains admirable suggestions for the instruction of youth, so that they shall have religious as well as secular knowledge, without sectarianism, and so that the moral sense shall be quickened and the character rightly formed when the mind is receptive and flexible.

Liberal parents who were brought up in orthodox religious beliefs, and who have had to struggle their way out from the dark shades of superstitious dogmas into the sunlight of free thought, do not wish—cannot consent—that the minds of their children should be so poisoned and hampered by imbibing with their first draughts of knowledge, unverified religious theories, while so much that is true and verified needs to be taught them.

One thing is clear and certain—that the moral sense, the conscience, of the rising generation should be in every way pruned, developed, and strengthened, and that children should be thoroughly instructed in the precepts of morality, and as soon as they are able to understand them, in the principle of ethics.

LIFE INSIDE THE CHURCH OF ROME. By M. Francis Clare Cusack. ("The Nun of Kenmare.") New York: G. W. Dillingham, Publisher, successor to G. W. Carleton & Co., 1890. pp. 480. Price \$1.75. From A. C. McClurg & Co., 117-121 Wabash Ave., Chicago.

"The nearer to Rome the farther from God," expresses the view of this author. "If," she says, "Rome is not pure, rather if we should say, if Rome is corrupt, what can the Church under Rome be?"

Miss Cusack says: "It is the policy of Rome to prevent the only thing which passes as 'scandal' in that Church, the exposure of the fault of a priest, as much as possible. The fault, if it can be hidden, is not considered a scandal."

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY FOR PSYCHICAL RESEARCH. Part XV, December, 1889. Trubner & Co., Ludgate Hill, London. Pp. 227. Price, three shillings.

pointed out some of the rules important to be observed in such investigations are clearly indicated. He thinks that if at the end of the next seven years, as much progress shall be made as has been during the seven that have elapsed, "the whole attribute of at least the progressive part of the scientific world in relation to the subjects we are studying will be fundamentally changed."

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HUMAN LIFE or "The Course of Time" as seen in the open light by Caleb S. Weeks. New York: Samuel C. W. Byington & Co., 334 Fourth Avenue. 1889. Pp. 359. Price, \$1.25.

This is a poem in which Pollock in angel life is supposed to present the history of the earth and of man from a higher standpoint than that from which he wrote his celebrated poem, "The Course of Time."

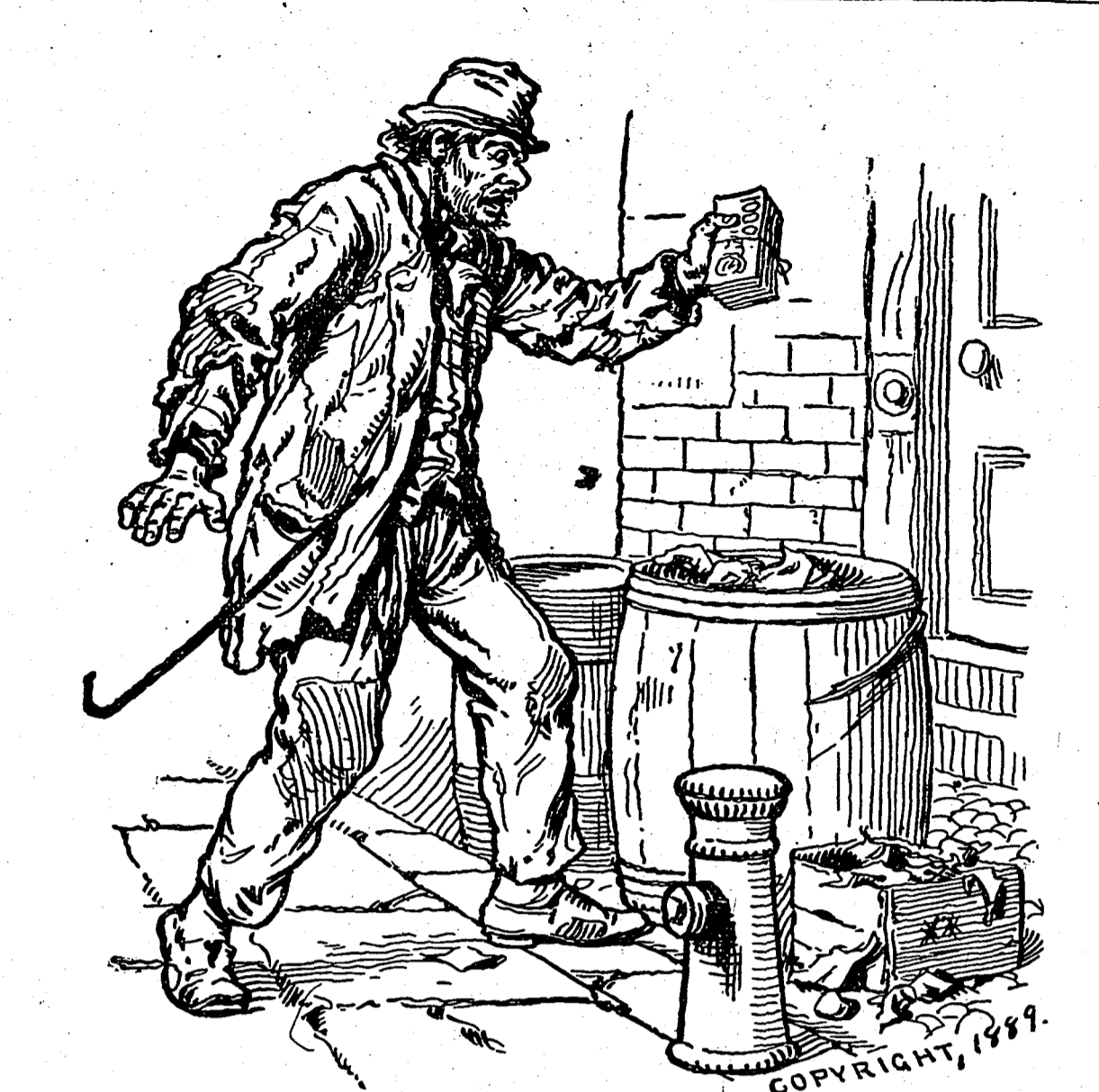
ON THE CHAFING-DISH, A Word for Sunday Night Teas. New York: G. W. Dillingham, Publisher. 1890. Pp. 70. From A. C. McClurg & Co., 117-121 Wabash Avenue, Chicago.

Judge Waiter's History OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION TO A. D. 200. Many consider this one of the most important books of the present century.

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