



Pacific Department.

BY BENJAMIN TODD

Selden J. Finney.

It is with great pleasure that we learn that brother Finney has so far recovered his health...

Dr. J. M. Grant.

Had Spiritualism done nothing more for mankind than simply relieve the world to the extent that it has of physical suffering...

Antioch.

Is a fine growing little town on the south bank of the San Joaquin river near its junction with the waters of the Sacramento.

In November, we received an invitation to visit the place, and give them some lectures on Spiritualism.

Thinking that we had gone for good, the Rev. gentleman thought that he would annihilate Spiritualism, and gave notice accordingly...

Are the Orthodox clergy as ignorant, indeed, as they appear, or are they dishonest?

We gave quite a number of lectures in the place, the result of which is best made known by a remark of one of Mr. Woods' members.

The Errors of Theologians.

NUMBER TWO.

Probably, no greater or more erroneous doctrine was ever promulgated by popular Theologians...

Representing man as totally depraved, and, at best, only a poor, weak, sinful worm of the dust, and then to corroborate and substantiate their statement...

The M. D. kills his body when it suits him so to do, because he has a license from college that prevents his being arrested for the crime of murder.

The D. D. kills his soul when it suits him so to do and claims immunity on the ground that he has a commission for his work from the Almighty.

Now, we take the ground fearless of contradiction by any philosopher, that a man cannot be religious while he is suffering under a severe attack of the dyspepsia.

We have known several individuals in our life experience, that have been attacked with

dyspepsia. They would naturally become melancholy and low spirited. They looked upon their suffering as a dispensation of Providence...

After a time their suffering would become a kind of second nature to them, so that they would almost cease to complain.

But shortly after, along comes some good physiologist, who readily cures them of their dyspepsia, and lo! to their astonishment...

They are in a sad dilemma now; they do not like to leave the church and acknowledge that they did not have any religion...

But this demeaning mankind in their relation to their Creator, all grows out of the false idea that we owe God so much that we never can pay.

He never asked us whether we would be born of Peter and Marinda, or Joshua and Corinda, but sent us into the world with just such a constitution as Peter and Marinda could give.

But when the square of the Master shall be applied, and we are not found wanting, then we shall become a well wrought stone in that spiritual temple...

But on the other hand, God owes us all that we need to make us what He designed us to be, and we need not have the least fears...

The Last Outrage.

Is it possible that we live in a christian land and such villains at the head of those churches which claim to be christian?

The deed is this: A very excellent member of the Episcopal church, Dr. Collins by name, of this place, in good and regular standing...

O, those holy hands! Were they never stained with sin? Did they never take from the poor widow her last dime? Were they never caught in mutilating the poor Chinaman whose offense was nothing more nor less than that of passing through his lot.

A pretty compliment upon his religion. Then his religion helps him to be mean. These are beautiful institutions which tend to make men act like brutes, are they not?

too lazy to work. He was confident in his honor would not suffer by expressing himself in this manner, for such a thing as honor and principle would, like the fair exotic, wither and die transplanted in his breast.

Original Essays.

For the Religio-Philosophical Journal EDITOR JOURNAL.—The following lines are selected from Lord Byron's works.

LOLD BYRON A SPIRITUALIST.

When coldness wraps this suffering clay, Ah, whither strays the immortal mind? It cannot die, it cannot stay, But leaves its darkened dust behind.

The Death Penalty Examined.

BY HENRY L. SLAYTON.

A true system of human government still remains an unsolved problem. What code of legislation will best serve the peace and safety of society, and at the same time give the largest liberty to the citizen...

The penal codes of nations form the most important branch of legislation, yet they present the darkest and saddest picture in the annals of time. In all ages, the sacredness of human life has been disregarded...

An eminent writer has said: "When the rights of human nature are not respected, those of the citizen are gradually destroyed." The innocent as well as the guilty have suffered the rack and the torture, been exposed to wild beasts and nailed to the cross...

But thanks to truth and a more liberal Christianity, such aggravated systems of injustice are being numbered among the things that were. In our day, witches are suffered to live.

Thus, constant innovations have been going on, undermining the foundations of tyrannical power, until, in most countries, the punishment of death has been restricted to a few of the greatest crimes, and in some instances, its total abolition has become a practical fact.

But whence came this pretended right of governments to inflict death as a penalty? On one side we have the answer: Moses taught this doctrine, therefore it is sanctioned by divine authority, and on the other, that God, by precept and example, has denied to society, as well as to the individual, the right to take human life...

The code of Moses, the merits or demerits of which we will not discuss, was designed for a peculiar people, under peculiar circumstances, and has no reference nor application to any other nation or people, except such parts as the great teacher incorporated with the gospel.

This is the only perfect system vouchsafed to man. It is the living law. "Old things have passed away, and all things are become new." The law of Moses was an eye for an eye, and life for life. Christ taught us to resist not evil. Moses said hate your enemies. Christ said love them.

When God set a mark upon Cain lest any one should kill him, a most significant example was given to all kings and magistrates, and we would recommend to those who take to the Bible for a justification of capital punishment, a careful perusal of this trial, reported in the sacred vol-

ume. It points out a mode of punishment for the highest crimes, and not only warns man of the awful crime of murder and its consequences, but expressly forbids us, under any circumstances, to take the life of the murderer.

The advocates of capital punishment frequently urge that it is necessary and expedient to hang the criminal for self protection and to escape anarchy. If there was any truth in this assertion, it might be well to consider how policy is to be substituted for justice.

Over ninety per cent. of those who were ever guilty of this crime have witnessed public executions. If, then, public executions have failed to serve their purpose, there can be no excuse for further resort to private ones.

Every execution "brings an additional candidate for the hangman." The Rev. Mr. Roberts, of Bristol, England, presents the astounding fact that he conversed with one hundred and sixty-seven convicts under sentence of death...

On the authority of Diodorus Siculus and Herodotus, no death punishments were enforced in Egypt, for a period of fifty years. Stated kinds of labor were substituted with success for the death penalty. By the Porcian law, it was enacted that no citizen of Rome should be punished with death.

In Tuscany, the practical advantage resulting from the abolition of this law have proved most satisfactory. While no death punishments were inflicted, only five murders occurred in a quarter of a century, and at one time the prisons of the Grand Duchy were entirely empty.

Every enlightened nation is losing confidence in its efficiency. Thanks to our enlightened age, laws which are enforced by the hangman are fast becoming dead letters.

In France scarcely one-half of the judgments of the courts are executed by the Government. In Prussia nearly nine-tenths of the penalties were commuted during a period of five years ending with 1862.

In Austria there was about the same proportion in ten years ending with 1864, and at the present time the death penalty is virtually abolished.

In Denmark and Sweden for sixteen years of the former ending with 1863 and six years of the latter ending with 1864, ninety per cent. of the sentences to death were commuted, and quite recently the King of Sweden has announced that no capital execution shall take place in his Kingdom.

Up to 1867 there had been no executions in Bavaria for four years, nor in Wurtemberg for two years, nor in Baden for three years, while the number of murders has not increased and the people of these German States are said to be well satisfied with this de facto abolition.

tions for murder have been fewer than the convictions, and by the efforts of the reform party, the death penalty has been confined to treason and murder.

In this country where capital punishment is in force, a large per cent. of the convictions are pardoned or commuted to imprisonment. Convictions are also less certain, because juries will sometimes let the guilty escape rather than be the instrument of his death according to the forms of law.

Of what avail are laws when no punishment follows their violation? Like so many rotten timbers in the building they weaken the whole structure of legislation. Confidence in their efficiency is lost, restraint upon crime is taken away, and the offender has always some hope of escape from punishment.

When our laws are mild and uniform, and based upon humanitarian principles, the penalty which follows their transgression should be as unfailing as the punishment which follows the violation of the laws of God.

The laws of the United States prescribe death as a punishment for treason, and yet, although these laws have been violated by thousands, no one has been tried and punished in accordance with their provisions.

All laws which are not enforced impair more or less the efficiency of others. Experience has taught that the law for the punishment of treason is impracticable.

The moral sense of the community is against it. It has not and never will prevent men from committing treason to their country. Let it, therefore, be blotted out from our statute books, and a law more mild and practicable substituted which will give us, as a people, better guarantees for future safety and protection.

In 1837, in the State of Pennsylvania, only one crime was punishable with death; while in the State of North Carolina there were twenty-three. This is only an instance of the injustice and inequality of our laws.

The signs of progress and reform were never stronger. There has been such an improvement in legislation during the last quarter of a century that not over two crimes are now punishable with death in a majority of States.

For many years past capital punishment has been abolished in the states of Michigan, Rhode Island and Wisconsin, and more recently Illinois and Minnesota have passed a law providing that no person shall be sentenced to death unless the jury shall have so found in death unless the jury find that not over two crimes are now punishable with death in a majority of States.

Five years elapsed and Rhode Island follows the example of Michigan, repealing her death penalty in 1851. Since that time there has been no executions in this state and in 1859, her secretary testified "that there has been no increase in the relative average of deadly crime."

Wisconsin followed next repealing the death penalty in 1853. In 1867 her Secretary of state wrote: "Notwithstanding the increase of population and the change produced by the late war, it is safe to say that the people are well satisfied with the present law abolishing capital punishment."

Are not such facts as these sufficient to convince any candid reasoning man that this relic of barbarism should be swept away. There are a thousand instances to prove that executions instead of preventing crime, foster it, and create a propensity in others for murder.

The alternative of death by hanging was presented to the jury in the case of Cole for the murder of Hiscock and between the two evils the jury wisely choose the least.

We are sorry to chronicle the fact in this connection that some short-sighted but well meaning persons are attempting in this State a revival of the old law of capital punishment, or one similar to it. A bill is already before the Legislature with a view to this object.

If the members of the State Legislature of Illinois know their own interests, the wishes of the people, and the happiness and prosperity of our noble State, instead of putting this relic of barbarism again upon our statute books, they will see to it that not even a jury should have the power to pronounce sentence of death, in any case, upon a human being.

If the Christian world would teach man a reverence and a love for God, they must first inculcate and inspire within him a proper respect and respect for human life. Love to God is first made manifest in love to humanity. When men will labor for this object with as much zeal and faithfulness as they do for self interest, and the conversion of sinners to their schemes of salvation and theology, then they will have laid the foundation of universal good will, and will have done something towards repealing unjust, unchristian laws. Governments are more or less swayed and tempered by the influence of Christianity. The people, to a great extent, look to the church as the great patron of morality and









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