

## A Corner for Questions

Open to the public.

Under this head, any questions of a moral nature, that may arise in the minds of our readers, bearing upon phrenology, psychology, spiritualism, christian science, or kindred subjects will be inserted, and an answer given by the Editor. All questions must be briefly stated and must be received at our office, not later than the 15th, of the month as we propose to publish on the 1st, of each month.

MR. EDITOR.—DEAR SIR;—

Ques.—What is your opinion regarding the action taken by the City authorities last monday to put a stop to all public speaking in the “Queens Park” and other public grounds? L. H.

Ans.—I am not sufficiently acquainted with the laws of our City government to be able to determine upon what authority the council decided to put a stop to the privilege of free speech in the Parks. I have no doubt but that those who have decided the matter have acted conscientiously to the best of their judgment, and in so doing have been guided by their fears of greater contentions arising from the agitation of religious frenzy between the Catholic and Protestant bigots; yet I cannot see the propriety of denying the rights, privileges and advantages of the many in order to suppress the bigotry of the individual.

I think it would have been far more judicious on the part of the council, to have made or enforced an ordinance to prevent any person from personally attacking any particular form of religious belief, rather than to exclude the many who would be likely to listen to the gospel of truth, in some form, in the Park, who never perhaps go to church, and otherwise might never listen to the same.

I believe in liberty of speech, and am persuaded that truth can only be understood by comparison; yet I do not think it right to allow an individual to go so far as to abuse these privileges, and to abuse his fellowmen, by saying anything that he knows will wound their feelings, either for the sake of self aggrandizement, or to gratify their own prejudices.