

selves, as if they themselves stood before the court, willing to assume the undertaking, he exclaimed: 'Gentlemen and honorable members of the General Court of Massachusetts assembled, all these things will we do for you if you will vote for our bill to-morrow! and we will finish Bunker Hill Monument into the bargain! Will you do it? WILL YOU DO IT?'

He stood waiting as if in anxious silence for an answer. And there seemed to go up a long-drawn, silent vote of relief. 'NO MORE LOTTERIES!' It must have been reg-

istered in heaven. It was, at least, reiterated and confirmed in the Legislative Hall at the State House the next day, and entered upon the public records, never more to be called in question."

If all our ministry of to-day will but take such a vigorous and decided stand against this whole system of trading in human vices, it may be swept from our civilization, and the way be opened to the nobler and truer prosperity of that people whose God is the Lord.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A Church Strike.

VACATION is over. Pastors, church officers and church members are considering plans for the fall and winter work, primarily within their own congregations, but also in their communities. City Missions, Y. M. C. Associations, Y. P. S. C. E. Societies, W. C. T. Unions, and all the other divisions of the army will be looking to their equipments, studying their roll-calls, and planning for results. Let evil stand aside. It has had its time of work. Now Christians have recovered their energy, and are making ready for an attack all along the line. Will it be successful? That depends largely upon whether it be a concerted action or the straggling fire and charge of separate battalions. How would it do for the children of the Church to take counsel of the children of the world, who, the Bible says, are wiser in their day and generation than the children of light.

When the Knights of Labor found themselves hard pushed by the New York Central, they summoned to their aid the leaders of the Trainmen's Association, the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors, the Switchmen's Mutual Aid Association, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, confident that if all would join hands they could carry the day. The Switchmen were not asked to

become Firemen, nor the Conductors to be absorbed among the Trainmen, but all were to work together in unity.

Supposing we try their tactics, and see whether we cannot win a victory far greater than the one they sought.

Cardinal Newman:

AS we have read the various notices of Cardinal Newman, two things have impressed themselves upon us most forcibly, especially with reference to the ministry of to-day.

First, his reverence, in which the modern pulpit may well take a lesson from him.

Second, the fact, according to his own statement, that when he ceased discussion, he ceased to grow.

The problem of how to unite a true reverence for the great truths of Christianity with a fearless investigation and discussion of them, is one of the most difficult ones that we have to meet. Too many treat those truths as if they were mere experiments in chemistry, and talk about them as familiarly. Others would have us accept the conclusions of the past, as if they were complete. Both are wrong. It is hard to say which is the more productive of evil results. Hugh O. Pentecost is an illustration of one, Cardinal Newman of the other.