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A GREAT EVIL.

Last week we discussed briefly the subject of Government by the People. Attention was called to the fact that in this country with its Democratic institutions the powers and sanctions of government are derived from the popular will.

It is easy to point out these evils. There are many who perceive and acknowledge their prevalence. There are some who keenly feel that these corrupting influences vitally affect the country's well being.

THE FREE CHURCH CONGRESS.

The last received number of the London Freeman has an interesting report of the fourth National Congress of the Evangelical Free Churches of England.

WATER AND FIRE

are the two great cleansing elements of the world; but the difference in their effectiveness is immense. Fire can purify when water is powerless.

and possessed of very limited intelligence respecting matters political, and being also poor, it is not surprising if they fall an easy prey to the dispenser of bribes.

It may be said, and with reason, that the sin of those who offer bribes is greater than that of those who receive them.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS occupied over an hour in delivery and was received with manifest approval by the large congregation.

OUR NUMERICAL PREPONDERANCE. The Congregationalists, the Baptists and the Methodists—leaving out all other denominations—of the English-speaking world in this country amount to 7,000,000 of people.

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