



“ARE WE ANY LONGER CHRISTIANS?”

THE EDITOR OF THE “MAIL” MOURNING THE DEPARTURE OF THE GOOD OLD DARK AGES, IN WHICH “CHRISTIANITY” WAS “PROTECTED” BY THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT.
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SPORTING PROBABILITIES.

Hanlan and Ross on their way to the great boat race, which is to be rowed on Hudson's Bay, December 28, 1894.

Unwritten History.

In days subsequent to those of Christopher Columbus, there arose certain other discoverers, and after much battling with wind and tide, frost and snow, and several other discomforts common to travellers, they arrived at the land of the Algonquin, the Mohawk and the Five Nation Indian, and they said, These be but poor Red Men, we will take their land and give them leave to follow the buffalo, for of the flesh of this animal is their food mainly composed, that is to say, those other parts of it that do not consist of fish or fowl. And they did so. And in the course of time these discoverers increased in numbers and became powerful; and seeing that they were prosperous, their cousins to the fourteenth generation came and joined themselves to them, and there was plenty of room for all. And they built forts, and manned them with many men, so that their enemies

over the way and round the corner might know that it would be wise to let them alone. And these discoverers also built many mills, and gathered around them many towns and villages, and all the people and their children worked continually to heap up riches, and they forgot that the heaping up was not the whole duty of man. Yet they continued to heap and to grow rich. But after a while as other generations grew up and attained manhood, their parents, in many instances, did not know them, they were so rough and uncouth, and knew nothing except how to heap up riches, and in the course of time they became less expert at that, for the earth in her generosity had treated them liberally on the principle of barter, but they had taken all and given her nothing in return, so that there was danger that in course of time these rich children of the early discoverers would become bankrupt, and fare worse than the original Red Indian who knew how to chase the buffalo. And moreover these children of the discoverers were in worse case still, for they had grown so dull by reason of the monotony of their lives, that their understandings were darkened, and they could not see the evil that threatened. But some wise men who still remained of the old stock, said, There is but one remedy for all this, let us build colleges. So they built colleges, and sent afar for learned doctors who should understand the cause of this darkness of understanding, and be able to remove it. And the doctors came, and they did much good, and the fame of their cures went abroad in the land, so that much youth flocked to the colleges, and many young men desired to become professors of the art of healing darkness of understanding too. And the colleges became too small to accommodate them, and having a desire for much light and room, after the manner of the countries from which the learned doctors had come, they said, “We will build a University, and have chairs.” So they built a University and had chairs, and the chairs were well filled, so that the name of the University reached other lands, even the old land from whence the learned doctors came.

And after a time, when many of the old builders were dead, and the young men they had so carefully taught, filled some of the University

chairs, there arose a strange sound within the University halls and its several seats of learning, and the sound was like unto an echo from other lands, and the echo said, “Higher Education for Women,” and straightway those who occupied the University chairs turned pale, and stuffed wool in their ears that they should not hear, but yet the sound of the echo increased. And let them stuff ever so much wool in their ears, these learned doctors could not help hearing the sound, and it always said, “Higher Education for Women.” And outside of the walls of learning the sound was heard also, and many said, “What will these learned doctors do, for the spirit must be obeyed?” And seeing that there was no help for it, the learned doctors who ran the University and kindred seats of learning said, “We will give these women a smattering of knowledge, it is impossible that they should have the real thing, for they would not know what to do with it and would profane it.” But some of the wiser among them said, “Let us now give them High Schools and Colleges, and let us also set bars in their way, such as Mathematics and Chemistry, and they will so stumble and lame themselves against these obstacles that they will not ask for anything more.” But the young women stepped over Mathematics and exercised with Chemistry so well that they felt stronger than ever they had been in their lives before, and they asked for something higher. So certain wise men built and endowed a School of Technology, for the fact was the needs of the young men at the University required it, and they sent messengers to the young women, the sisters of the young men, who said, “Ye may come to the School of Technology, and whatever is taught there ye may learn, but take heed to yourselves that ye behave well and do not attract the attention of our young men, for they are but weak-minded where young women are concerned, and if it were not for the power of the sound which is as an echo from other lands, ye should not come near them at all to disquiet them and turn away their minds from learning.” But the young women laughed in their sleeves at the fumes of these learned doctors, and came, and studied, and grew wiser with great diligence. And certain fees were required of the students so that they should thereby acquire the right to attend all the courses of lectures given on certain subjects. And the young women paid these fees, but it came to pass that certain of the lectures in these courses were to be delivered in another hall of learning called University College, and the rulers of this College had made themselves stubborn, and heeded not the sound of the echo from other lands. And they said, “We are Trappists, and no woman shall enter the sacred precincts of our abode.” So when the young women went to hear the remainder of the course of lectures they had paid for, they were shut out. And the rulers triumphed, and it was a great triumph. But the young men, the students, who had not stuffed their ears with wool, and had sat beside the young women in the School of Technology and other places where young women are not excluded, said, “This is absurd! Why should our sisters and our cousins and our aunts be excluded from University College any more than from the ball-room, the Art School, the Church, and the Home? We will protest.” And they protested, but still the rulers triumphed and said, “Tell us not that women want equal education with our young men, we know better.” And the young women and their friends were very angry, and they said many powerful words. And the learned doctors of the University said, “Let us pull the wool out of our ears and hear what the sound of the echo from other lands really says, thereby we may be able to help ourselves and keep our chairs sacred.” So they pulled the wool out of their ears, and the sound of the echo from other lands was still “Higher Education for Women,” and the learned doctors clapped their hands in