

CLERICALISM and ANTICLERICALISM.

The clergy pretend to be a class apart by themselves whose business is to settle affairs between the gods and man. Whenever men will learn wisdom enough to cease to supply the cash to keep them in idleness they will disappear. Abusing or insulting them while so many people still believe in their usefulness only creates sympathy for them. Let us attack the ideas and not the teachers of the ideas. If we expect to pull down the strong hold of superstition.

COMSTOCKISM in the United States is something like what John H. Roberts tries to be in Montreal, directors of public morals. This is not done by a campaign of teaching public and private morals but by a sort of key hole spying system after the act. If half the energy and money spent on fighting the saloons were spent in providing decent public conveniences, lavatories, etc., the saloon evil would not have become such a nuisance as it has become which caused the recent drastic measures against it.

CREMATION. I have known people who were gone almost crazy through the advocacy of this idea. After all it does seem to matter much whether the mortal remains go up in smoke or are returned to dust in its natural element from whence it came—the ground.

CROSS (The).—It is subject worthy of the consideration of all real genuine reformers whether the universal exhibition of a representation of a dead man on a cross should be allowed in public school. Continual contact with such scenes certainly does not appear to make for the elevation of the human race. The living

has a natural repugnance to any association with the dead.

DANCE, BUCHRE and CARD PLAYING MANIA.—This mania needs checking for it never tends to the elevation of humanity.

DEMOCRACY.—This is the latest delusion that seems to take hold of some people. While hereditary aristocracy has its seeds of degeneration in itself it does not follow that it is wise to leap headlong into the other extreme. The masses are too ignorant of various phases of life necessary to leaders of the people to know. A wiser plan would seem to be to get selectt element of the common people to take part in politics instead of the whole.

DEVIL.—Whether there is a personal prince of darkness or devil or not we do not know. We know there is a great deal of wickedness in the world.

DIVORCE.—The trouble with too many people in the world is that they too often wish to involve others with their own troubles. People who were once lawfully married according to the laws of organized society should not expect society to bother itself with their affairs any more. If they can't live peaceably together let them separate but they should not ask society to legalize any more marriages for them while both parties to the first marriage are still living.

DRUNKENNESS.—This has long been a great nuisance to society. Alcoholic drinks certainly have their uses and it has seemed to me for many years that the habitual drunkard is the party that should be more severely punished than he has