

to make as great attainments as those to which you aspire. You must study hard, and improve your advantages well, or some of them will outstrip you.

The sons of working men like I'hilip Smith, may receive great encouragement by the life of the "*Learned Leather Dresser*;" and those who say they have no time for books, and no need of knowledge, as they are expecting to become mechanics, should blush as they read of his wonderful acquirements and faithful labours. I hope that if any who read this paper, sigh over their shortened schooldays and hard work, and envy their companions who have more liberal advantages, they will remember that there is more than one kind of LL. D.

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INFIDELITY IN LONDON.

Few, indeed, can have any conception, how thoroughly infidel London, as a whole, has become. Not many, we suppose, regard the Island of Jamaica as altogether the model of a Christian country; and the South Sea Islands, when thought of at all, must be thought of as still in some degree, darkened by the departed shadows of Paganism. And yet it is a statistical fact, that tried by the test of church membership, in proportion to the population, Jamaica is about *six* times more Christian than London, and that tried by the test of church attendance, in proportion to the population, Tonga and its sister islands are about *seven* times more so. The capital of the most Christian country in the world, in its downward progress, and these remote islands of the sea, in what, we trust, may be deemed their progress upwards, passed one another long ago, and are now so widely apart in their religious standing, as to have become the legitimate subjects, not of comparison, but of contrast. It is ascertained that considerably more than a million of the adult citizens of the metropolis—a greater than formed, in the middle of the last century, the entire population of Scotland—attend no place of public worship. Well does a gentleman remark, that while some delight to designate the Established Church of England as the Church of the poor, and others to speak of Methodism as the poor man's religion, the poor of London have no church whatever, and their only religion is practical heathenism.