

Free National Schools.

About the only belief that has driven itself clean through our thinker and is now clinched, riveted on the other side, is the belief in free denominational schools. We have seen the education of the masses left to the church, to charity, and to church, charity and with a little state aid thrown in. Out of this "hodge podge" what have we? look you around! just about what you might expect from any kind of half-hearted work, a crude, unfinished product, as some other has put it, "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing," it was very little hence the danger has proved slight. Now we shall no longer stop our demands at our A B C's not even at the study of the three R's but from this out shall insist that every son of the soil shall have a full collegiate course with a scientific one thrown in, and yet more, all that shall at all deserve it shall receive the highest University education this country can give.

What if comparatively poor countries can afford to make every citizen serve a term of three years or more in the army, that they may become effective instruments of destruction, in many cases only legalized murderers can we not allow our sons of Canadian soil three years to receive the best education we can give him, paying school teachers, instead of sergeants, training our intellects for the real struggle in life, instead of training up soldiers, at an enormous expense, who, often never see a battle in a long life-time. Can education, a

high education, make a man less a man religiously? A monstrous argument, if religion is true; while if not true, 'tis well indeed we should know it. If it is good for a clergyman, a doctor, or a lawyer, or a gentleman of any kind to receive a college education, think you, it can do harm to the masses? As a nation we can spend millions on railways, drink up more millions, and still possess vast national wealth. We are abundantly able to give every young person in this whole broad Dominion a thorough collegiate training and be the greater, wealthier and wiser for it. Such an army would be one to create, build, accumulate; while an army for war is created to destroy, degrade, impoverish and brutalize.

Let OUR ARMY be a host of intelligent, highly trained scholars, this Canadian army then would indeed be a spectacle for "ye gods and men."

By jingo if you do,

We've got the country, got the brains,

And got the money too.

"LET THERE BE LIGHT."

The Earth.

The British Empire still has that chip, lightly poised upon her shoulder and more, she has thrown her soldiers into the Soudan, Africa, the Dervishes will now dance in real earnest.

It is settling down to the shape of Germany, Austria, Italy, and England; France and Russia on the other side. Let us count a moment the respective strength of these two proba-