

THE POPE THROWN OVERBOARD.

In the middle ages there was no European question in which the Pope did not interfere as a mediator or as an arbitrator, either nominal or real; that was the epoch of his influence and power. Little by little he was called, in the treatment of European questions, to act only a secondary part, and that merely *ad honorem*. Now, at last, in a question which agitates the whole civilized world, those who are most conspicuous in the hostile field are a schismatic emperor and a heretic queen! Nobody speaks of Pius IX. as having any weight, in Eastern affairs. And yet, strange to say, Catholic-apostolic writers would drive the world back to the middle ages! Priests of Rome, give up the papal *Bedinian steam-tug*! Look behind you, and you will find traces of centuries of blood, persecutions, and ignorance; now face about, and you will find that the earth moves, and that its inhabitants are more anxious for light than for darkness — *Crusader*.

FRIENDS WHO WRITE are always welcome visitors through their epistles. A goodly number have been quite social with us for some months past; and let it be said to all who have not had a hearing they will yet be permitted to speak to the people. The excellent brother "Evangelicus" will take his turn next month; the warm-hearted and clear-headed brother Butler will again be heard — (Brother, we have, for our next, put two of your letters through our editorial machinery, and made one of the twain!) Our worthy correspondent brother Chas. Walker will be heard without delay; and "A Bible Christian" will have a place soon as room can be made for him. Brother Sillars' article of June 9th was laid out for publication this month, but for want of space was crowded out. And an article from brother W. W. Clayton is in readiness for August. We are pleased to announce that our brother Clayton has consented to become a regular assistant by way of Corresponding Editor.

D. O.

NEW PAPERS.—The Gospel Banner, published at St. Louis, Missouri, is cordially saluted as an exchange. Although only three or four months' old our editorial namesake is as vigorous as a strong man to run a race. The language at the head of this southern flag is choice and rich: "Christ our Leader—the Church our Home—the Bible our Guide." Though brother Fulton, the editor, calls himself a Baptist, we hail him as a brother beloved while working according to this motto.

The Gospel Tribune, Toronto, edited by Robert Dick. This is a large monthly, at one dollar per annum. Brother Dick, a free communion Baptist, is, in our esteem, a worthy man;—concerning the great aims and efforts of his periodical we shall speak more at length anon.

The Christian Friend, Hookerton, North Carolina, by Dr. Wain comes to us much improved.

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