

delectable a composit disquisition on the want of appreciation of men of elevated thought, by a great nation, reads at times.

The indignation of decent people, published or other, against such a character and his prompters is as misapplied as if used in shaming a pole-cat for using the means that nature has provided it with for attack or defence, and by a well known axiom its effect must be the same.

But while making allowance for nature's niggardliness it may be useful to enquire what kind of moral teaching such Bluenoses get.

It must be such as that of a "constant hearer" whose best point in a controversy on a religious subject is in derision of the physical infirmity of the person attacked. Such are the hounds that the church has used to hunt heretics with in all time. Many people do not understand why some lectures on the authenticity of miracles and the like have such an effect in silencing cavil. Now another question occurs, what can such constant hearers constantly hear? Broad principles of uprightness of conduct shown to be above petty distinctions and formalities of sect, or that the eastern attitude correct cut of toggery and gimcrack ornaments are all in all.

Does their religious training consist in such as this and in hearing people who will not stand silently by and see the liberty of the people that has cost so much, slyly undermined without raising a warning voice, called sneak thieves. Can we see an explanation here of the fact, that while people have more knowledge and the world is better than at any past time, religion is falling into discredit.

It ought to be, and no doubt is, a serious question with sensible church people, whether their institution is in more danger from the fierce attacks of infidels outside or from narrow heads within. Between them the spires are reeling like a drunken man; prevented from falling with a crash only by the unyielding solidity of the base.

The oldest inhabitant known about here is a blue-nose—one Peter Stone. He is far advanced in years now and has a remarkable appearance; never shaving or clipping his hair, and clothing himself in Arctic bear skins only. Of late years he is rarely seen—about once a year or so, when he comes to the settlement to dispose of furs, after which he goes away north and even the Indians are baffled on his trail. He is reputed to have a great deal of money hidden away in a cave near his hunting ground.

The history of his life though simple and briefly told is not without interest.

All these long years he has worked perseveringly and endured untold hardships to accomplish a single purpose, never once faltering or dreading failure.

He has been heard to say that no matter what position in life a man occupies he can accomplish great things by singleness of purpose and persistent effort, and two historical personages he considers his prototypes. One, the tramp Peter, who made Europe tremble with the march of armies led by kings and princes to drive infidel invaders