

malice and cruelty. Then after the contest the fights were continued whenever Yale and Princeton men came together in a drinking saloon or at a hotel bar.

[Such barbarities are a disgrace to civilization and Orthodoxy. Are these the Colleges that denounce Andover University?]

### A BOY IN COURT.

It is not always safe to trust innocence to carry on a successful war against craft, or to expect a child to outwit a skilful lawyer who tries to break him down by cross-examination. But sometimes it happens that the weaker is the stronger. It was so in the case of the little boy in the following incident, which is said to have happened in Chicago. He did not know that his word was doubted, and he answered truthfully, without embarrassment. The incident occurred in Judge Barnum's court room during the hearing of an ejection case.

A little boy of eight years was presented by one side as a witness, and the opposing counsel objected to him on the probability that the child was unaware of the nature of an oath. "Do you know what an oath is, Charlie?" asked the court. "Yes, sir," answered Charlie. "It is to ask God to help you to tell the truth." "Where did you learn all this?" frowned the opposing counsel. "In the catechism," said Charlie, not to be frowned down or sat upon by the biggest lawyer in the business. "In the catechism? What catechism?" "In the ten cent catechism, sir." "Who told you to look in the catechism for the definition of an oath?" "My sister. She told me last night, and I got it and studied it." "Have you got your catechism with you?" "Yes, sir. Here it is," and the well-thumbed little pamphlet was forthwith produced from the depths of that mysterious receptacle for all known odds and ends, the trousers pocket.

"You see the boy has his documents," interposed the court with a smile, and a quiet titter went around the court room as it became evident that the legal luminary was being puzzled by the child. "H'm! Let me see the book. I wonder if you know anything more that's in it. Who made you?" "Why, God, of course," was the reply, as if the lad pooh-pooed the idea of being asked such a simple question, and wanted "somethin' hard." Several questions were asked, and elicited ready replies. The lawyer, though loth to acknowledge it, accepted defeat as gracefully as possi-

ble. Turning to the court, he said: "Your honor, I guess we will accept this witness, and as for this little book, I would submit it to my learned friend, the counsel for the other side, and recommend its careful perusal by him. It will do him good."—*Youth's Companion*.

SOME United States papers—the New York *Sun* at their head—are fond of repeating that there are no classes in the United States, that society there consists of one homogeneous mass of free and enlightened citizens, all on a footing of perfect equality. We have more than once had occasion to hint that the picture was truer to democratic theory than to actual fact, and have pointed to the *Sun's* own columns for the distinction between "society" and society. And now, in connection with Oliver Wendell Holmes' visit to London, we have his opinion quoted to the effect that in Boston society there are divisions as complete and as impassable as any to be found in the social life of England. The only difference is, he says, that in England they build stone walls, while in Boston they put up wire fences. The fences are less visible, but they serve their purpose equally well. We believe the Autocrat is right. It cannot be pleasant to get jagged on a piece of Boston barbed; and those who have been caught once will keep a sharp lookout for similar impediments in future.

To persevere in one's duty, and be silent, is the answer to calumny.

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