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EDITORIAL JOTTINGS.

"I AM the Light of the world, and I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." The Light, and the Light lifted up Christ the lighthouse of the world. A lighthouse may be either a beacon to warn the mariner from a danger, or a guide into a safe harbour. Christ is both. His life and teaching and death are an eternal warning against the dangers of sin, the certain soul shipwreck that will follow it, and at the same time across the sea of life is thrown the divine light that will guide us into the harbour of eternal peace. So Montgomery sings:—

"It warns to shun the breakers near,  
Smooth into port the vessel guides,  
Points where a wider course to steer,  
Shows how to 'scape conflicting tides."

"YOU must be in a bad state, always pressing for money," said a friend to the Editor *re* some jottings on financial matters. Our reply is no, we are engaged in building, we want material. We have a campaign before us, we need the munitions of war. There is no cry from a vault for food, from a forsaken armoury for powder and ball. We are working, we need bread; growing, and like growing boys, we are ever ready for our meals. In this spirit look at the statement of our mission secretary and act accordingly. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse that the house may be filled.

THERE were two Peters, and if the Pope of Rome is the successor of Peter, it must be of the one before the death and resurrection of his Master and the pentecostal baptism, the Peter of the sword and swagger, of the protestation and denial, for those are the characteristics of the church of Rome. Was it one of the Leo's or was it a Gregory that said, "I have sinned with Peter, but I have not repented with Peter,"

he evidently was aware which Peter he had succeeded. If Rome does not use the sword now it is because she has not the power, let her once regain her ancient authority, and then—those alive will see if Rome is changed.

THE greatest safeguard against Rome is the elevation of the masses by the inculcation of Bible truths. That is the only true method, education alone will not do it, nor increase of pay, nor social recognition, nothing but the Word of God. If the great body of the people could come to feel that the Bible was the sure test of all things, men, teaching, actions, the touchstone of a nation's life, we could smile at the pretensions alike of Popery and its twin curse, infidelity.

"THERE NOW," say some, "putting Romanism and Infidelity on a level; is it not better to be a believer in Christ even if it be mingled with superstition?" For some, yes; for others, we are not so sure, it depends upon how much real belief is mixed with the superstition.—But we must remember that the Catholic countries of Europe are the most infidel countries: the testimony is indisputable that France and Spain are largely infidel with a varnish of Roman superstition. These things go hand in hand, and were it not that the bible is being circulated in those countries—slowly and inadequately it may seem, but surely—there would be little hope for their social or spiritual future. God keep this continent from either curse.

THAT is a funny idea started by one of our daily papers, that there are some men (or women,) so exceedingly conscientious that they will not teach in the Sunday school, because it might happen that the parents of some of the children whom they would teach were not doing their part in the instruction of those children: just as if standing by the lake side I saw a child drowning but made no attempt at