

*Work*: "Much error exists on the subject of the income of the Church of England. Among the reliable statements of the *Guardian*, London, England, we gather the main facts of the case. The annual revenue is \$20,370,000. This is taxed to the extent of three millions and a half of dollars. The only grants the State every made to the Church of England was a million sterling in 1818, and a half million sterling in 1825. Not quite two millions sterling, or about ten million dollars, was the income of that Church before the Reformation; and the addition to that, making the total we gave previously, has arisen from the bequests of loving and pious members of its communion. The income of the Bishops and the cathedral establishments involves an outlay of \$1,725,000. The contributions by members of the Church of England, annually, for religious purposes amount to nearly \$33,000,000.

#### A SCEPTIC CONVERTED.

It is related that a Western skeptic once said, "If he could only see plan and order in nature he would believe in God." Just then as if taken at his word, he saw a plant known as the Texas Star at his feet. Picking it up he counted its petals and found there were five. He counted the stamens, and found five. He then counted the division of the base, and found five. Desiring to find in nature some evidences of intelligence superior to human, and other than mechanical force, he determined by multiplying to see how many chances there were of this flower, having in them three fives being brought into ex-

tence without the aid of intelligence. He found, of course the chances as a hundred and twenty-five to one. Then multiplying this number by itself, he saw that the chances of there being two such flowers, each having those exact relations of numbers, are as 15,000 to 1. Looking over the fields, and on the roadside, he saw thousands of this plant about him, evidences of supreme intelligence. Kissing the flower, he cried out, "Bloom on, little flower, you have a God; I have a God; your God and Maker is my God and Maker."

#### CHURCH SCHOOLS.

BISHOP GARRETT, in the *Spirit of Missions*, makes a plea for Church schools:—We need schools in the heart of our country for the benefit of our population as a whole. The influence of such institutions, when rightly conducted on Church principles, is of vast benefit to the community. Centres of light, they penetrate and help to disperse the surrounding darkness; fountains of health, they pour their life-giving streams through towns and counties; foci of attraction they draw towards them young and promising minds that otherwise could not be discovered; sources of Christian thought, they supply healthful food to the hungering souls of a needy population; examples of Churchly principle and life, they impress the community with the power and presence of organized religion. While these things are wanting, the pulpit and the altar cannot hope to stay the tide of worldliness, or win the homage of the rising generation.