

whom he called together with the of like occupations and said, Sirs, ye know that by we have our wealth. Not alone at but almost throughout all This Paul hath said that they be no which are made with So that not only this our is in danger to be set at naught, but also that the of the great should be despised and her magnificence should be whom all Asia and the world worshippeth." When they heard these things they were full of and cried out saying, Great is of the And the whole city was filled with and, having caught Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the and when would have entered in unto the people the suffered him not. Certain of the of his friends desired that he would not adventure himself into the Some cried and some for the assembly was and they drew out of the multitude the putting him forward and would have made his defense unto the people, but when they knew that he was a all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out is of the

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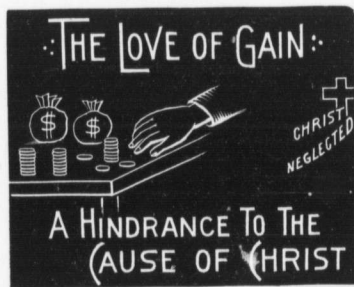
All unseen the Master walketh.
Though troubles assail.
Is this thy time of trouble?
In thy cleft, O Rock of Ages.
If on a quiet sea.

Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.
Here on earth, where foes surround us.
O sometimes the shadows are deep.
I am safe in the Rock.

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Is It Fair?

Is this day of free thought what are known as liberal ideas are carried so far that in many so-called Christian homes children receive no religious education. A school teacher was shocked on examining several new scholars who had come to her little school to discover that they had apparently never been taught anything about sacred matters. They did not attend Sunday school or church. That was not so remarkable, as many are not sent or taken to either of the places. But beyond knowing that there was a God to whom several of them said "Now I lay me," in a parrot-like way at night (when they remembered to do it), they knew nothing of the Christian belief. Of four girls from six to nine years of age two knew that Christ was born on Christmas Day, none knew what event took place on Good Friday, and Easter was merely a Sunday in the spring when people wore new hats. Of Bible history, the occurrences in the Old Testament, and of the story of stories in the New, they had never heard. And yet the mothers of three and the fathers of two of these children were members of evangelical churches. They simply believed in letting the children alone, in not making them think of religion while they were young. Indeed, the father of one of the girls was quite indignant when he learned that the school-teacher read and explained a chapter from the Bible to her scholars every morning.

"I do not like the idea," he declared. "I want my child's mind stocked with matters that are useful and necessary until she is older. Then, when she is old enough to understand, she will bring to bear upon religious things an unbiased judgment. I do not want her influenced for or against religion."

Is there any important secular subject that she will have to face every day in her life concerning which this man would keep his child in complete ignorance until she chose for herself? Does he not bias her mind in favor of morality, honesty, politeness, cleanliness? And why not be as fair toward religion?—*Harper's Bazar.*

THE first film of ice is scarcely perceptible; keep the water stirring, and you will prevent the ice from hardening it; but if once it film over and remain so, it thickens over the surface, and it thickens still, and at last it is so solid that a wagon might be drawn over the solid water. So with conscience, it films over gradually, and at last it becomes hard, unfeeling, and it can bear up a weight of iniquity.—*Bishop Simpson.*