



SURVEYING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

—Brooklyn Daily Eagle.

THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

The Independent comments as follows on the political results of the change of government:

Already the new ministry has stopped the importation of Chinese coolies into South Africa. That seems to mean that they do not wish that the British Empire shall enter into partnership with the milords of the gold and diamond mines to cut down the wages of the laborers, white and black. If they want workmen they must enter the labor market and get them as other people do, or go without. The world will not suffer for a little less gold and a few less diamonds. Meanwhile there will be liberty given to the people of the Transvaal to rule themselves, and we may fairly expect that the great South African empire will be made a self-ruling colony, as free as Canada or Australia, within a few years. That is the way to create loyalty, for loyalty hangs on liberty.

Next must go ecclesiastical privilege in England and Wales, for really it is the principles of disestablishment that are in the saddle. One is amazed to see how many Dissenters were among the candidates for Parliament. There were 155 Nonconformist candidates, most of whom were elected. The number is extraordinary when we consider that the

prestige of both wealth and rank is with the Established Church. And the Free Churches are the very heart of the Liberal party and its vital force.

The first thing that the victorious majority will do is to overthrow the authority of the Church in all state-aided schools. No longer shall the rector rule, and no longer shall the choice of teachers be limited to members of the Anglican communion. The Liberal party will not exclude religious teaching—it has not yet itself learned that a church is humiliated that asks the state to do its business of religious teaching—so we presume that it will not take the new Parliament long to send a bill to the House of Lords which will free the schools from religious control, and allow any denomination that chooses to enter the schools and teach its tenets to its own children.

But that is only the first step. Next comes the disestablishment of the Church in Wales. That is final. Wales will have no less. Anything more than that we cannot for the present expect, although certainly the Liberal party will be looking to disestablishment in England, and the Laborites will be one with them in this. The cloud already looms large, and the Anglican Church



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—Kladderatsch, Berlin.