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## Bigoted

We wish to call attention again to the order issued by Indian Commissioner Valentine that teachers in Indian schools must not wear any religious garb and that all religious emblems must be removed from the Indian schools. Undoubtedly, this order was inspired by the non-Catholic bigots. However, it is likely to redound against the bigots, because under a strict construction of the commissioner's ruling, the Protestant Bible would have to be removed, likewise any religious pictures. Some such thing as this happened when the Briand regime banished religion in France. Protestant institutions suffered as did Catholic ones.

There is another phase to this matter, too. One would imagine that the United States Government was maintaining these Indian schools. Not so. The Indians maintain them out of their own monies, of which the Government acts as trustee. It is because the Indians themselves prefer to make contracts with the Catholic schools rather than with the regular government schools and those run by Protestant sectarians, that the howl of the bigots has gone forth.

The bigots scream that "no government money must be appropriated for sectarian schools." When the Indians pay for their own schools out of their own monies no appropriations are made for sectarian schools. But if these bigots want to raise the issue, they will only cut off their noses to spite their face because it is a well known fact that the regular Indian schools run by the Government are only Protestant proselyting agencies in disguise. They may rest assured that fish will not be made of one and fowl of another.

However, we have faith that President Taft will continue to meet the bigots vigorously and manfully. William Howard Taft was not a bigot in the past. We do not believe he has changed now and shall not until conclusive proof to the contrary is shown.

## Swearing

These pertinent instances of how profanity does not pay, even in a material sense, are given by the "Holy Name Journal":

I heard the other day of a young fellow who discovered quite unexpectedly that swearing does not "pay," says a writer in an exchange. He was engaged to a young lady, to whom he was much attached. All was going merrily as a marriage bell, when one day the girl heard her lover swearing at an old servant in her father's house. From that day she took an aversion to him and broke off the engagement. "I am truly sorry," she said to him, "but my husband must be a gentleman, and gentlemen don't swear." Here was a knock on the knuckles coming from a most unexpected quarter. Truly, swearing produces more kicks than half-pence. "What does the devil

pay you for swearing?" said a gentleman to one whom he heard using profane language. "He does not pay me anything," was the reply. "Well, you work cheaply, to lay aside the character of a gentleman, to inflict so much pain on your friends and civil people, and to risk losing your soul, and all for nothing! You certainly do your work cheaply—very cheaply indeed."

## Peculiar

It strikes one as odd that papers and publicists who inveigh against anarchy and agitation, generally, should be so tender on what they call the "right of free speech." A New York contemporary finds fault with the recent severance of relations between the University of Rochester and Professor K. P. Shedd in the following editorial:

"The recent resignation of a Rochester University professor was represented as due to his socialistic activities. But if college professors are to be recalled because their opinions on public questions do not suit an element of the community, they should at least have the right of appeal to a referendum that would express the full sentiment of graduates and all concerned. If it is necessary to muzzle them, the muzzling should represent the 'rule of the people' as applied by due process of plebiscite to university instruction."

Everybody knows that Professor Shedd was not dismissed because of his political opinions other failings unfitted him to be a good instructor of youth.

## Queer Reasoning

It cannot be denied that some queer reasoning is presented these days by persons of whom one would expect better things. It is this fact, which impels the suspicion that, perhaps, we are not so far ahead of our forefathers who are classed by the leaders of what they are pleased to term "progressive thought" as "old fashioned and behind the times."

For instance, here is the New York World's complaining bitterly that the State Legislature is even considering the passage of a bill nullifying marriages contracted by divorced persons in States where the law or the terms of the decree forbid their remarriage. The World assails the legislators as meddling and what not. Now, we are opposed to the marriage of divorced persons, whether the law or the decree permits, but it strikes us that if persons feel free to insult the majesty of the law, and any additional legislation will instill a wholesome respect for the law, no harm is done. If New York state law declared illegal the marriage of persons who had been divorced and forbidden to remarry in this State who afterwards went to California and again took upon themselves the marital bonds, it might prove a wholesome deterrent upon such lawbreaking. At least, these persons would not dare to return into New York state and flaunt their shamelessness in the face of the community. We hold that such a result would prove beneficial to the State and the community.

It is to be hoped that ere long the State will take measures to prevent absolutely spring floods and freshets along the Genesee.

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