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SECTARIAN SCHOOLS.

No less than three amendments to the Constitution have been brought into the House of Representatives. There has never been any chance that they would pass, but they have served as a peg to air certain opinions upon, and in plain words to talk to the gallery.

On broad lines it is never well to tinker with the fundamental law. Unless there is very good cause, called forth by strong protest from the people, the fundamental law should be let alone. In the position these islands now stand it is sheer folly to attempt to change the fundamental law. The majority both of the Senate and of the House are convinced of this, and yet members out of a mistaken courtesy lend their signatures to the bringing in of amendments which they will vote against.

Of the three amendments which have been before the House, two have been disposed of already, and the third, having been partially debated on Saturday, is set for final debate next Thursday. The debates have wasted a lot of valuable time, which is absolute loss, because there has never been the slightest idea in the minds of their introducers that they would pass, and therefore nothing was to be gained by debate.

Yesterday, Representative Achi's amendment to do away with Article 97 was quietly laid to rest. The Article reads as follows:

"ARTICLE 97.—NO PUBLIC AID TO SECTARIAN OR PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

"From and after December thirty-first, 1895, no public money shall be appropriated nor public land conveyed to or for the support or benefit of any sectarian, denominational or private school, or any school not under the exclusive control of the Government."

This has been regarded by men of thought and of experience as one of the best in the Constitution. It prevents any government from granting assistance to any denominational school and secularizes education. This is the trend of all modern systems of education. So thoroughly is it recognized that it needs no argument to prove its truth.

The private and sectarian schools without Government aid have done very well. There is no diminution in the number attending them. Out of a school population of 14,522, as reported by the Minister of Education, 3,554 pupils are attending these schools. Many of the schools are very large: St. Louis College has 549 pupils, the Sisters of the Sacred Heart 361, St. Andrew's Priory 149, German school at Lihue 103, St. Mary's Hilo, 140; St. Anthony's, Wailuku, 295; Kawaiahaeo Seminary 94, and so on.

Besides the broad principle that State education should be strictly secular, the granting of aid to sectarian schools leads to much favoritism, and can even be used to buy votes. That such use has been made of it in the past is well known to those familiar with the politics of the last twenty years, and the opportunity would occur again.

As a fact, when we look at the sectarian schools, we find them really in a more flourishing condition now than when they had State aid. They are as well equipped, they employ far more teachers than they did four years ago, and there is not the bickering over this school having had a larger grant than that one. None get any grant, all are satisfied, and there is not the slightest chance of the misuse of the public funds.

CRITICISM.

Senator McCandless, like all reformers, is made the target against which the official minions hurl their arrows. However, the Senator is a man who is not afraid to state his opinions in good vigorous English, and who cares very little for the flings that are made at him. The duty of both Senators and Representatives is to criticize the acts of the various members of the Government, and they would not be doing their duty unless they did so.

The morning journal's idea of representative government is to have both houses lead by the Ministers. Both Senate and House of Representatives should with one voice cry that all acts of the Ministers have been heaven-

spired, that they have never made any mistakes, and that in no other manner could the Government be so well conducted. Then the two Houses should vote all the money that the Ministers ask for, in exactly the way it is asked for, and then go home.

Both Senate and House are supporters of the Government and as such are critics of it. A slavish body, such as the morning journal would have, is not a support to a government. It would be a detriment to it. The Ministry will, in time, be thankful for the criticism that it has undergone.

OFF THE HANDLE.

The morning journal, with that grace for which it is so celebrated, suggests that it would be good policy, in fact that it is good policy, to hide every species of wrong doing among the officials of any dominant party, and quotes the doings of forty-five State Legislatures in support of its suggestion.

Seeing that the morning journal is the cuckoo of one or more of the Ministers, it is a very unfortunate position to take in argument that "gross frauds committed by officials who are members of the party are concealed," and that criticism is strictly private except "by the ignorant and irrepressible who lose their tempers." No one has charged the members of the Cabinet or the officials with gross frauds, but apparently the morning journal thinks that there might be reason for such charge, and that if such charge did exist it had better be hushed up.

As a fact it is the carping of the morning journal, its attitude of lofty knowledge, so superior to that of any Senator, Representative or thinker in the community, that has antagonized some of the Ministers with the community. "Save me from my friends" must be the inner thought of more than one member of the Cabinet. But then what can we expect from the wearer of cap and bells in former court circles. After all the articles should not be taken seriously. They are but the foolish quips and cranks, the merry moppings and mowing of the ex-Court Jester.

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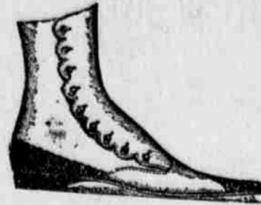
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