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wickedness into the hearts of the simple ones who were confided to my charge. I taught people to hate each other. I preached the negro and abolitionism, instead of Christ and salvation. And I neglected the souls of sinners. And I endorsed wars. I preached that it was worth to save even one poor soul from hell. And I urged men to go to war—to become mad—to kill each other and to go into the presence of God with an oath on their lips—death in their hearts—their eyes set in rage—their hands striking the steel to the hearts of their brothers.

Politics paid better than religion. Politics were popular. I wanted notoriety. I did not care a curse for the cause of Christ. Private ends and a little money were the things I was after. Christ never preached hate, envy, discord, malice, etc., as I have for years. But this is American religion. It is popular. It is the kind that pays. Christ is out of mind now. It is all niggers and popularity. But ain't I a pretty man of God, to kneel beside a dying man! What damnable mockery! As if Christ would listen to such a liar, backslider, hypocrite and villifier of religion as I am!

My former hopes are fled: My terror now begins; I feel, alas! that I am dead In trespasses and sins. Put what of it. I'll go on and fool people. I'll fill hell with sinners, if I can't fill Heaven with saints. I'll have a friend in the devil if not in Christ. I'll damn poor ignorant souls if I can't save them. I'll earn political pay if I can't the approval of God—the God I am trying to fool. I'd like to hear Christ preach a sermon. I wonder if he'd instill hate, sectional discord, envy, oppression, persecution and such ideas into the minds of his followers. He said: "Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall," &c.

I think that is a mistake. I don't believe Christ ever said it. I think the one who reported that sermon must have been drinking the sacramental wine too freely. That is where Christ and I differ. American religion is that of hate, wrong, discord, envy, war, oppression, persecution and killing of people for a difference of opinion. "But thou, soul-searching God! Last known The hearts of all that bent the knee: And hast accepted those alone, Who in the spirit worshipped thee."

But it makes no difference with me. There is no true religion in me. I'd endorse the devil and preach hell, if it was popular and paid. I'd forsake Christ, any time, for an increase of pay, and let the cause of religion die out forever. What a liar I am! And what liars all those so-called Christians are who profess to have their hearts filled with Heavenly love, yet war upon a people for a difference of opinion—who read from stolen Bibles—who kneel by stolen chairs—who read in stolen books—who look at themselves in stolen mirrors—who lay their children to sleep on stolen sofas—who themselves slumber on stolen beds—who eat from stolen dishes—who beautify their dwellings with stolen ornaments—who go to church in stolen garments—who partake of the blood of the Redeemer from stolen silver cups—who ride to funerals in stolen carriages—who ride for pleasure behind stolen horses—who have shrouds made from stolen cotton—who are awakened in the night by the braying of stolen mules—who are purged with stolen medicines—who get drunk on stolen liquors—who play sacred airs on stolen organs and melodeons—who play patriotic airs on stolen pianos—who, surrounded by thousands of things stolen from the South, in the name of loyalty, by the men who are the brothers of their victims—by the Christians of the North whose preacher and Heavenly guide-board I am!

Won't I catch it when I die? If there is a hot place in hell—a lake where the molten brimstone is deepest—a locality where the eternal worm is bigger than the serpent of the rebellion—I'll have it, if there is a just God who punishes those who enlist for him and work for the devil—to fill hell with victims rather than Heaven with ransomed ones. The only consolation I have is, that four-fifths of the ministers of Christ are as great liars and hypocrites as I am, and if they can spend an eternity in hell, I know I can.

A spiritual circle was lately held in Harlem, and what purported to be the spirit of a Baptist Church member repeated itself to the medium. The following conversation then took place: "Where are you living now?" "In hell!" "Indeed! isn't a hard place to live in?" "Yes; but I would much rather live there than in Harlem."

Something Good Out of Nazareth. We have never known a public officer who presented, in a more striking degree, the characteristics of Robespierre and Danton, combined, than our present Secretary of War, Mr. Stanton. The French revolutionists were cruel, stubborn and remorseless, and defied all laws not created by themselves and their revolutionary tribunals. Stanton's illegal acts are sufficiently numerous to fill a good sized volume. His quality of mercy is so strained that it is never to be discerned in the performance of any official duty, and he seems to gloat in an opportunity to inflict condign punishment upon an offender. We have to congratulate him, therefore, upon an official act which will prove a terror to similar evil doers for some time to come. He has ordered the summary enforcement of the decision of a court martial in the case of a paymaster in the United States army, who transferred, without authority, a large amount of public money from one bank to another, from a sound to an unsound one—if any of the national banks are sound—whereby the Government became a heavy loser. The fair record of the paymaster, who had previously disbursed \$500,000,000 of the public money without the loss of a cent to the Government, very properly had no weight with Mr. Stanton, who, with the firmness of the Roman who condemned his own son to death, hurried the misguided paymaster to the cell of a condemned criminal. Here is an example of official promptitude and sternness well deserving of imitation in other departments of the Government. But let Mr. Stanton go a step further, and ascertain who were the persons who have made this paymaster their scapegoat. Let them be brought forward and dealt with as the cause of public justice shall demand. How is it in the office of the United States Attorney-General? How is it in the Treasury Department or the Postmaster-General's Department? How is it in Congress, with its whitewashing investigating committees and mammoth jobs that require the strength of a lobby Hercules to carry through? How is it in the case of a defaulter, like Fowler, who expended the public money in riotous living and corrupt party trickery, and yet is invited to an ovation by the official act of the Government authorities? What an anomaly! A poor paymaster, with but a single blot upon an otherwise pure record, is sent to prison, while a confessed defaulting officer in one of the most important and responsible places in the Government is welcomed to a feast and is expected to be received with unbounded rejoicings! When will we find in the Treasury and other departments, and in Congress, men who will, like Stanton, have the courage and the honesty to protect the public treasure from deprivations? Truly, the morals of our officials are in a very bad state.

CIVIL RIGHTS SUIT.—Great excitement prevails among the rebel and Democratic portions of the community at New Orleans, at the arrest of Judge Read, for failing to put into execution the civil rights bill. Parties stand ready to give \$2,000 bail for him, and pledge themselves to spend \$25,000 in his defence. On the other hand, the United States authorities seem quite determined to make an example of him, and to punish to the full extent of the law. So says the New York Times, which gives us no further light upon the subject.

ALL LEVEL.—Returning to the hotel, after the exercises were over, I mingled with the crowd standing near the door. Presently, General Lee passed. He was no sooner out of hearing, than some fellow spoke up: "Marse Bob has got a new suit." "Yes," said a bystander, "and I notice it is grey." "He seems to love the grey." "He do indeed, I tell you, his head is level."

"The Maiden's Prayer," written by Mr. N. P. Willis, begins thus: "She rose from her delicious sleep, And put away her soft brown hair." This maiden must have lived prior to the advent of the waterfall. At present, the maidens put away their soft brown hair before going to their "delicious sleep."

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Through Freight Arrangements From Columbia, via Charleston, To New York. SOUTH CAROLINA R. R. COMPANY, COLUMBIA, June 7, 1866. Cotton at \$5 per Bale, delivered in New York. THE South Carolina Railroad Company and New York Steamers have arranged a THROUGH TARIFF ON COTTON, which obviates all unnecessary delay and expense. Shippers may consign to either Willis & Chas. or Havenly & Co., agents New York steamers at Charleston, S. C. H. T. PEAKE, July 3 6 General Superintendent.

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