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OUR VIEW OF THE WAR.

It would seem a piece of foolhardiness for one to attempt to stand in the midst of a stream where the currents of sarcasm, satire, invective and ridicule seem to carry all before it, and yet, with a sincere conviction that emboldens speech, we declare it as our faith that the Great Disposer of events is unfolding His own mighty plan in our war with Spain and our war now continuing in the Philippines.

It would hardly be within the scope of an editorial to analyze this theory even if our powers were equal to our faith.

Chimerical as the view may seem to be to some, we think the workings of the Omnipotent hand may be discerned in our late trouble, especially when we turn on the light of sacred history and scriptural teachings. "The powers that be are ordained of God." "The King's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will." We believe that Spain was a source of oppression to her colonies. Along the current of events she has lost the most of the possessions to which she was not a blessing.

This great American nation has been blessed above all the world and doubtless owes duties to the world outside of herself. "Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee; the remainder of wrath shalt Thou restrain."

Some murderer was permitted to blow up the Maine and it did much to precipitate the interference and delivery of the oppressed Cubans. As soon as war, by which Providence has so often brought about His purposes, was seen to be upon us, the Spanish fleet in the Pacific was seen to be a menace, beside Admiral Dewey needed a resting place for his fleet. It seemed a mysterious leading. His unprecedented achievement need not be reiterated here. Who will be so bold as to ascribe that victory to aught than a force more mighty than his guns? Can such a victory be gained against the choosing of Him who rules all things?

Think of the solicitude of this nation lest Cervera's fleet bring sore calamity upon us and yet just see how events seemed to follow a line marked out. He went into the bay at Santiago as a bird into a snare or into the mouth of its charmer. This story needs no telling over here. Can we open our eyes to the wondrous things wrought and not see the Divine benedictions therein?

Again we turn our eyes to the Philippines, and, while our successes

have been uniform without being so clearly stamped with a miraculous impress, it is well to note that from the first step up to the present there seems to have been no great errors, mistakes or blunders that almost always attend human efforts.

Call it imperialism if you will, but as man was made to have dominion over all the beasts of the field and then one chosen people was made to carry truth and righteousness into the world and drive out from a goodly land those who would not consecrate it to His glory, so this young Western nation, the recognized leader of the world, was doubtless chosen to free, to elevate, to bless those benighted islanders.

Say you that we cannot kill the rebellious according to Divine will.

The Israelites were required to kill men, women and children.

Do you inquire of the destiny of the souls of the slain. Inquire the same for those who are dying not in battle and inquire the same for ages on ages with environments that admit of little amelioration. But again see the natives enjoying the better light and the benign influences of the world's greatest nation or yielding as the Canaanites and the American Indian the goodly lands on which the kingdom of righteousness shall come.

Freedom is sweet, very sweet to those especially who can enter fully into its joys, but to be governed by others is doubtless better for all these people than to be left to themselves. Much of the problem is to be solved as the unfoldings dictate.

We mourn the death of some soldiers, we might mourn their death as citizens. Life insurance tables, we believe, show that the death rate is regular independent of wars. If the cause is by Divine will the life is an acceptable sacrifice.

We trust that the course the United States has taken has the approval of the Omniscient and that when we shall be wiser we shall see more clearly the unfolding of His purpose.

If the wars have been costly this nation is well able to bear it. She owes much. Beside most of the money taken from the United States treasury is dispensed among her own citizens and will return in their circuit. That bestowed on the less fortunate outsiders may be, and more than probably is, as bread cast on the waters.

We cannot join in the popular vein in the consideration of our recent national experiences.

IT IS EASY TO ERR.

As an illustration of how easily we grow up in habits without suspecting error and, by continuing, teach them to others and they still to others, just think of how often you have heard people reading the twenty first chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel and the first verse a word sounding as if written Bethpage. Yes, about nine out of ten will say Bethpage and we suppose that pronunciation has given rise to the names of a number of churches over the country spelled Bethpage. The name of that village near Jerusalem, however, is spelled Bethphage and by all arthoepists that we have consulted is pronounced beth-fa-jee with the accent on the first syllable. Walker's dictionary is quite severe on the common pronunciation of the word.

It would seem to matter very little how we call proper names and yet if it were our own name or the name of our town, county, State or coun-

try we would think that the people should pronounce it right and not arbitrarily wrong. It would be well if, to avoid misleading each other, we could have better opportunities for calling attention to our errors.

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Unfinished Work.

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We never pass a house that has remained unfinished for any length of time without thinking that something unusual must have occurred after the building was begun.

It is a great satisfaction to look upon anything that we have undertaken and say that it is finished.

Habit has a great deal to do with thoroughness. In like manner the disposition to complete one thing before beginning another is largely due to habit.

The pupil who drops out of school before he has finished the course can never retrieve the loss. Whenever he reverts to his school days he sees there an unfinished work that is not pleasant to contemplate.

He not only misses the knowledge and discipline that come from pursuing the studies, but he starts out in life by leaving a work not finished and rounded up as it should be.

Circumstances may sometimes be such that it is not possible to continue to the end of the course. But for the most part when pupils drop out it is for lack of perseverance and determination.

No matter if a child is not intending to enter college or study for a profession, he can not well afford to leave school till the last lesson of the required course has been recited.
O. S. Coler.

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The Time For Synod Yet Undecided.

On account of the repairs being made on the Lutheran church in Salisbury, it was some time ago decided that the Lutheran Synod be not held on the 4th day of May, which date was fixed at the adjournment of the last session, but that it be held on the 25th of May. This date was found to conflict with the commencement of the college at Mt. Pleasant, and so the date was again changed. This date conflicts, however, with the commencement of Elizabeth college and so another has been agitated, which is the 4th of May, the time which was first fixed. The petition to the effect was started Wednesday at Mt. Pleasant, and the required number of petitioners—one, fifth—has been secured.

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