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Ho, all who labor, all who strive! Ye wield a lofty power— strength, Do with your might, do with your will every golden hour!

BARTHOLDI'S GREAT WORK.

THE BIGGEST STATUE EVER MADE BY HUMAN HANDS.

I visited Bartholdi's great statue of 'liberty enlightening the world' to-day, but no description that I can write will give you a correct idea of its magnitude.

It has been completed as high as the chest, and only the shoulders and arms remain to be executed; in fact, both hands and the forearms are already finished and ready to be put in place.

The statue is one hundred and forty-six feet high, or about sixteen feet higher than the historic Columbus at Rhodes, and will stand on a pedestal one hundred and forty-three feet high, so that the lamp will be at an elevation of nearly one hundred yards above the level of the island.

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United States in upwards of three hundred pieces, but as to just when it will start, is something a fellow can't find out. I was informed to-day that it will be finished by the first day of October, but I have my doubts about it, as they are just now in a position where the work can't be very rapidly pushed, even if they wished to do so, and I don't think they do. The angels are not all on this side of the Atlantic.—Letter to the Philadelphia Times.

HAVE WE A COMPLETE SYSTEM OF EDUCATION IN NORTH CAROLINA.

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the white people, and are demanding office because they are colored, and in Virginia the contest is now going forward in favor of mixed schools, the Democrats sternly resisting, and the Republicans or Liberals under the lead of Mahone, contending for them. Mixed schools is but another name for equality between the races.

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the progress of Britain toward fair representative government, is, for such a prudent, conservative and staid country, somewhat rapid. Within little more than half a century great strides have been made in extending the franchise to various cases, such as Dissenters, Roman Catholics and Jews, as well as to the people generally.

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harder times than their pitied and lauded predecessors. I don't believe Bishop Asbury or Jesse Lee ever passed over a worse road than one I once travelled when in hearing of the church bells of Raleigh. Such roads are examples of suicidal economy.

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would 'improve' it. "Grandfather," he said, one morning, as he came in to the old gentleman's study, paper in hand, "I don't altogether like that hymn, 'Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing'; I think it might be improved in metre and language, and would be better if made somewhat longer."

"Oh, indeed!" answered the old clergyman, growling red. "And pray, sir, what emendations commend themselves to your precocious wisdom?" "This is my improved version," said the boy, and he read his hymn, the first stanza of which was as follows: "Lord dismiss us with thy blessing, High and low, rich and poor, May we all, thy favor possessing, Go in peace and sin no more."

"Now listen to the old version, grandfather," and he read that. "This one," he said, as the reading ended, "is crude and flat; don't you think so?" "Crude and flat, sir! Young puppy, it is mine! I wrote that hymn."

"Oh, I beg your pardon, sir! I did not know that. It's a very nice hymn indeed; but—but"—and, as he went out of the study door—"mine is better." In a few days the doctor carried the grandson to a boarding school. They arrived in the evening, and the grandfather departed as soon as he had handed the boy over to the master. The latter, being close-fisted, sent the youth to bed superfluous. The lad did not relish that, nor the bed and bedroom in which he slept. As the master was shaving on the next morning, he saw his new pupil with his portmanteau on his back, striding across the lawn, singing at the top of his voice, "Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing."—Leslies Sunny Mag.

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