

goes about gulling the race and duping it to surplices and crosses.

But now and then a bold heart makes a stand. A Spinoza or Leibnitz comes forward, and many becoming ashamed of their cowardice rally and strike for freedom. Thus from the very beginning the individual has been coming to the front. Throughout all ages the man has been coming out of the race and claiming more and more liberty. The time has passed when government must be formed for governments's sake, but the world demands individual rights, and, as Spencer puts it, the "heterogeneous is evolving from homogeneous." Then as a means of education and religion personal freedom is to be recommended. For religion without education is no religion, and education without religion is no education, but they are both comprehended in culture. Let the man learn that there is a principle entrusted to his keeping which must last through eternity; that it is modified by impressions; that these are as lasting as the soul itself; that all merit is subjective, so too must be all reward. Let him learn that he must be his own philosopher, his own monarch, his own saviour, that there is no education but self-education; that each one must wear his own garment to heaven, and make his own way as best he can across swift flowing Lethe. Thus would salvation or perfec-

tion be placed on a new basis, and men seeing that there is no erasing of sin would cease to sin, and the whole world would be baptized by Personal Freedom in the name of Purity, Reason and Truth. Divine law would cease to be a necessity, seeing that man himself was already divine. Such, truly, is our coming condition when this gloomy concave above us shall pass away like a scroll, and we in the light of our own little lamps shall see each other eye to eye.

But if personal freedom has a balm for religion and education it comes, too, like a good Samaritan to the politician. For, in these latter days he has fallen among thieves and has been left half dead. He must again learn to value his own dignity and to be master of his own opinions. Conservatism will then go down. This dead mummy like conservatism, that serves only to call up the old mortal things of the past. The times have demanded a "trimmer," a Halifax in the foremost rank, and he has come to the front. And though the old time "victors" were mighty and were rewarded with a mighty "spoils," yet because of his own dignity and the freedom with which he has adopted the right, a laurel branch from the North and a myrtle twig from the South shall mutually intertwine to form a crown that shall ever encircle the brow of Rutherford B. Hayes.

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"Into each life some rain must fall"; over each head must hang at times dark threatening clouds which seem almost to shut out every ray of hope; to each heart comes moments, days, or even years of such sad despair, that it sickens with ter-

ror.

These clouds often over spread the horizon of lives which have previously been all sunshine; the sufferer sees the dreariness and thinks not of the silvery lining; thinks that it will grow darker and darker until every ray of sunlight shall be veiled by its terrible blackness.