

Bryan can wave Senator Bailey into outer darkness with one motion of his hand, and consign Governor Harmon to oblivion with another, it evidently is a waste of sympathy to condole with him upon the political misfortunes he has suffered.

RELATED THINGS CONTRIBUTIONS AND REPRINT

IS "CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD" SYMBOLIZED BY CAIN AND ABEL?

For The Public.

If Christ should come on earth to-day
I doubt if he'd approve the way
These Christians, each with ship and gun,
Prepare to kill each other one.

The people born in our good land
We welcome with an open hand;
But those who chose their birth elsewhere
Are "aliens"—let them have a care!

"All hail, Jehovah! Peace on earth!
Mankind are brothers! Jesus' birth
Made all men know a Father's love!
Goodwill on earth, and joy above!"

Yes, that's the claim of Christian men,
And preachers vouch for it. Why then
Do Christian people love to kill
Their fellowman? Is that goodwill?

They say it's done in self-defense—
But that we know is mere pretense;
For England, Austria and France,
And all the nations—save, perchance,

Japan—are "Christian nations" true.
Why then for war this great ado?
Can't they be trusted everywhere?
Do Christians here doubt Christians there?

If God has favorites to play—
This one to help, that one to slay—
And all our talk of brotherhood
Is but excuse for war, we should

Save what we pay for Church and Priest
And help the biggest kill the least.
If not, let's bid all war good-bye
And help each other—you and I.

W. W. CATLIN.

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HIRE EDUCATION.

Bolton Hall in Life.

What is a College, Papa?

A College, Pauline, is a cross between a Country Club and an Orphan Asylum.

Then, why do such nice boys go there, Papa?

Because rich boys from sixteen to twenty are too old to be spanked and not old enough to reason.

Do they learn to reason in College?

Not if the Reverend Professors can help it, Daughter.

Then why do they go?

They go to be got rid of, because they would misbehave at home.

Don't they misbehave at College then?

Well, yes; but their parents don't know about it, unless they go to the foot-ball games—or read the police reports.

But don't their parents teach them morals, Papa?

Nay, nay, Pauline; it's cheaper to get it done by hired Professors.

Do the Professors know all about morals?

Not at all, my dear, but they know exactly what parents expect them to say.

Is that what makes a complete Curriculum?

No, dear, a complete Curriculum is an Imitation Education furnished by endowed Institutions at less than cost, to those who are best able to pay for it.

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THE TEACHER THE EMANCIPATOR OF HISTORY.

Portion of Address of Herbert S. Bigelow, at the People's Church, Cincinnati, March 12.

"Therefore my people are gone into captivity for lack of knowledge."

Isaiah's explanation of the downfall of his people will answer for all time. A thinking man cannot be kept in slavery. A man who will not think can not be kept out of slavery. It was the lack of knowledge, not the armies of the East, that enslaved the Jews. We, too, suffer slavery, and for the same reason. It is not because of the strength of our masters, but because of our own ignorance. The mind is the seat of slavery. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth will make you free." The teachers are the saviours of mankind. They are the great emancipators of history. There is no task so difficult and none so important as this, to teach men to think.

Man suffers, not from a bad heart, but from a muddled head. His trouble is not moral obliquity, but mental strabismus. He means well, but he has cross-eyed ideas. Poor Smike, in Nicholas Nickelby, used to tap his forehead and say: "You might knock here all day and find nobody at home." But Smike was a wise man, for he knew his head was empty. A street car philosopher had been reading a soap advertisement. "Yes," said he, "the hearts of men are ninety-nine per cent pure, but their heads float."

When it comes to toothaches and broken legs, I am a benighted sinner, dwelling in the outer region of the Christian Science limbo. But if it is the teaching that social and political ills are errors of the mind I can go in strong for that. What are protective tariffs, ship subsidies, fifty year fran-

chises, land monopoly, vice, crime and pauperism, but proof of the weak-mindedness of the race. These things are because we don't know any better. We have gone into captivity for lack of knowledge.

It almost seems that there must be invisible mental deformities corresponding to deformities of the body, and that people who believe in privately owned public highways, in the infallibility of nine nice old gentlemen in wigs and gowns at Washington, in the inevitableness of poverty, etc., must have mental defects which would be as palpable as hunch-backs, if they were not invisible. Here I fall from Christian Science grace. Doubtless the theory is rank heresy. But it is attractive.

For instance, there really seems to be some such thing as mental asthma, for some people wheeze when they think, just as others do when they breathe. Is there not curvature of the mind, as well as curvature of the spine? For some wobble when they talk just as others do when they walk. Surely we have all known folks with locomotor ataxia of the brain, for they have as much difficulty in managing their thoughts as others do in managing their feet. Some minds are anaemic as some faces are bloodless. Some have sallow complexions, others have sickly cadaverous opinions.

Moreover, as in the case of the body, the mind may be sick only in spots. A man may be entirely well mentally in business or religion, and yet when he comes to politics he will go lame. He may be sound in business and politics and yet be an epileptic in religion. He may be the frothing kind and subject to religious fits. Whatever political or religious maladies men have they usually display common sense in business—they have to.

Much of the religious thinking of the world is tubercular, needing freer air, better nourishment and more exercise. When I see the crowds on election night dangling their chains in glee and rejoicing in the triumph of their masters, I say with Isaiah: "My people are gone into captivity for lack of knowledge."

BOOKS

IN HONOR OF TOM L. JOHNSON.

The Tom L. Johnson Testimonial Banquet. Printed for Daniel Kiefer, 530 Walnut St., Cincinnati, Ohio, 1911. Price, paper, 50 cents.

"In our undivided affection, as in the annals of freedom, these names are inseparable and immortal—Henry George, the most useful thinker this nation has produced—and Tom Loftin Johnson, the happiest combination of clear thinking and right feeling; the finest blending of idealism and action, the most radical and the most truly conservative and soundest statesman in the American Republic," said Herbert S. Bigelow.

"He has kept a steady grasp upon methods without making a fetish of them, and a steady eye on the vision without resolving it into a dream," said Louis F. Post.

The addresses given by Messrs. Bigelow, George, Jr., Post, Warner, Baker and Cooke at the testimonial dinner for Tom L. Johnson last May, with Mr. Leubuescher's remarks as Toastmaster and Mr. Johnson's response, have been printed by Horace Carr of Cleveland for Mr. Kiefer, in handsome book form. Herein also are the names of all those present, and of the hundreds who contributed to the medallion then presented to Mr. Johnson. An impression of this medallion stamped on the dainty brown cover accords with the dignified beauty of the creamy hand-made paper and the perfect print of the book.

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AN OLDER LAW.

The Bible and Land. By James B. Converse. James B. Converse, Publisher, Morristown, Tenn. Price, \$1.00.

The author of this scriptural study of the land question is claimed by the editor of the *Homiletic Review* to have done what Henry George did not (need to) do—"He has gone to the Bible, to the institutes of Moses and the legislation under the theocracy to determine the matter."

And yet the whole thing was determined in the creation of man, ages before Moses and the Bible came into existence. The eternal principle of right and justice implanted in the original constitution of man and destined to overcome the resistance of his reactive selfishness is a stronger force than the laws of Moses, which have weight simply because they are founded on the older law.

But for those who need the authority that Mr. Converse has carefully searched out and wrought into his argument, "The Bible and Land," is a powerful ally, and may be brought most helpfully to the support of the single tax advocate.

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APPLIED MYSTERIES.

The Wonders of Life. By Ida Lyon. Published by R. F. Fenno & Co., 18 E. 17th St., New York, 1910. Price, \$1.00.

"New Thought" sadly needs deliverance from its prolific author friends. "The Wonders of Life" is one of those books which roves boldly over the realms of science, bagging here a law and there a fact, and brings the whole catch home for household use in a moral recipe:

Cheerfulness spreads by the law of wave motion—here insert statement of physical law—and love should be a universal space-filler like ether—here insert discussion of ether substance. The concoction? Neither food nor poison, but a weak tonic.

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