

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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