

class. Jesus promised his followers that they should work greater miracles than he did.

Dr. Drummond says, "Take a man and show him a miracle, with his own eyes, then he will believe." You bet he will. And why should he believe until he sees one?

"I have not wrestled with my God,
As Jacob did of old,
Except by preacher on his knees,
As we are often told.

"God has not walked in garden mine,
At morn or evening cool;
And if I said I'd seen him there
You'd take me for a fool.

"I have not seen exhaustless oil
In cruse or any dish,
Nor man, when sailing o'er the sea,
Take passage in a fish.

"My dead were never brought to life,
When friends around them grieve:
Such wonders I have never seen,
Then why should I believe?"

Warfare Against Science.

The warfare of science with theology has been amply and impressively related by such writers as Buckle, Draper, and president Andrew White; and many have supposed that science, having accomplished the warfare and come out victorious, had no other foe to fear. Another enemy has appeared in the field. That enemy is party politics, and the science it especially attacks is the highest science of all—the science of society in its various branches.

The very essence of scientific teaching lies in its freedom. Teaching that is not free can only usurp the name of science. If the word means anything, it means the growth of the human mind toward truth, toward a true comprehension of things. The world and life furnish facts; it is for science to observe, examine, tabulate, co-ordinate those facts, and extract from them their widest and deepest meaning. Science does this in the interest of mankind, in order that we all may understand the conditions surrounding us in the world, and apply our energies in the most profitable manner for the promotion of our own and others' happiness.

Bearing this in mind, we may see an ominous sign of the times in an article which appears in the October number of the American Journal of Sociology, describing how the Populist party in the state of Kansas, having captured the state legislature, proceeded to make a raid on the state Agricultural College, where, after some preliminary manouvers, they dismissed a considerable portion of the faculty, including the president, in order to insure that the doctrines taught therein should be in line with Populist politics.

All political control in such matters is bad. The only way to have great teachers is to seek out men who have profoundly studied their several subjects, and whose interest in expounding them is

beyond question. Such men may commit errors, but they will give inspiration and will so educate the judgment of their pupils as to make them incline to sound and reasonable views. He who is teaching by prescription will never teach with conviction. Truth does not need to be prescribed; it prescribes itself if it gets a chance. The greatest enemy of truth is organized self-interest. Theology did not object to cramp men's minds if it could only save their souls; but the politician would do it in order to get their votes. Good will come out of evil, however, if the lesson is brought home to the popular mind that education and politics are two things that should have as little as possible to do with one another.

Thinking the above passages, from the January Popular Science Monthly, well worth a place in the TORCH OF REASON, I send them to you.

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The Murder and Robbery of Jews.

On December 5th Bucharest, in Roumania, was the scene of an attack on the Jews, which reminds one of those frequent assaults on the people throughout Christendom during the Middle Ages and in later centuries. At Bucharest it is said eighteen were killed or fatally injured and large numbers were beaten and robbed. Students of the university started the row and the rougher element continued and finished the work of murder and pillage. A hundred of the Jew-baiters were arrested by the police, but most of these even, it is believed, will escape punishment.

Dr. Isaac M. Wise, the learned Jewish rabbi, and editor of the American Israelite, referring to the Bucharest affair, says:

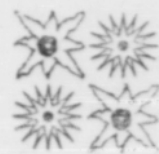
As long as Roumania was Turkish, nothing of the kind occurred. But now it is an independent Christian state, and there exists no cause why those semi-barbarous hordes should not slay and plunder the Jews, when their more enlightened co-religionists in Austria do the same, and their most enlightened confreeres in Germany preach loudly and emphatically the doctrine of extermination. It is evident that Christendom has turned stark and dangerously mad, deaf to the voice of reason and conscience, blind to the rights of man and humanity like the steers in the arena of a Spanish bull-fight—not among the lower class of criminals, but among students, priests and political leaders. This is the shame of Christendom at the close of this century.

If Christian nations should use their combined influence to prevent such outrages in Christendom they would soon cease; but the anti-Jewish feeling is still strong in some of the most enlightened Christian nations, and until this abates probably little will be done, by concentrated action to prevent these disgraceful outbursts of hatred against the Jews, whose sufferings by persecution have surpassed those of any other people on the earth. B.F.U.

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