

REFLECTED RAYS.

Bright Things said by Others.

A wrong is not right because it is gray-headed, nor clean because it has been baptized.—[Ex.]

Make yourself an honest man, and then you may be sure there is one rascal less in the world.—[Carlyle.]

The dissolution of old erroneous beliefs and ideas is a necessary preliminary to the reception of truth.—[Ex.]

If an untruth is only a day old it is called a lie; if it is a year old it is called a mistake; if it is a century old it is called a legend.—[Ex.]

The unseen hell of the modern clergyman has no longer any terrors for the wrong-doer; the tangible hells of modern civilization are sufficient to concern the world for the present and for all future time.—[Ex.]

When a liar is stopped he tells a fresh lie. That will serve the turn until he is stopped again. This is also the policy of superstitionists. When one yarn is refuted they drop it and go straight on with another. Sometimes they don't even drop it, but carry it on cheerfully. They feel that credulity is strong, and hope that refutations will be forgotten.—[G. W. Foote.]

We, who popularize science for the benefit of mankind have taught the clergy to behave themselves a bit, and respect public opinion; ay, we have made skeptics of the best of them, and rendered it impossible for them to preach the old horrors and frights and scares of the bible and Christianity. Why, a large portion of the humane clergy openly repudiate hell and eternal torments, and are endeavoring to turn the old horror called God into a civilized and well-behaved sort of imbecile that wouldn't hurt a hair of a man's head on any account. This is a great improvement on the past, and we have but to unite and persevere to destroy religion and its corrupting influence altogether. However slow our work may seem to be, it is expanding and progressing, and must advance until Secularism in some form shall occupy the whole field once bearing nothing but the weeds and poison-plants of religion.—[Liberator.]

Almost every Sunday the little boys in the country go swimming, and yet none of them are drowned. Almost every Sunday the rivers and the creeks and the ponds swarm with small boys, yet no deaths are reported. Therefore, something must be radically wrong. In the good old days when we were a small boy things couldn't

have gone on in this way; it would have been impossible for a small boy to go swimming on Sunday without being brought home on a shutter. Such a hideous offence would have certainly brought down the wrath. Why, we should like to know, are things so different to-day?—[Evening Telegram.]

Philosophy and Religion.

Philosophy invents nothing; it only establishes and describes what really is. Religion invents everything and describes heavens, hells, gods and devils that do not actually exist.

Philosophy studies man.

Religion tries to study God.

Philosophy explains.

Religion only mystifies.

Philosophy studies reality and tries to improve it.

Religion wastes its time trying, in vain, to read its title clear to mansions in the skies.

In philosophy, we take it for granted that we are sane and that things are what they seem. In religion they take it for granted that they are "saved" and that things are not what they seem.

Philosophy sees that, except through man, Nature forms without passion and without intention.

Religion believes there is good design everywhere—in Greenland's icy mountains, the Isthmus of Panama and the Desert of Sahara.

Philosophy sees nothing higher anywhere than the man who tries to do right.

Religion believes there is perfection in an imaginary God who does nothing.

Philosophy produces mental tranquility.

Religion gives only delirious joy. Philosophy builds lunatic asylums.

Religion furnishes them many inmates.

Philosophy pities religion.

Religion fears philosophy.

Philosophy is calm and gentle.

Religion is wild and cruel.

In philosophy men outnumber women.

Many men and women are neither philosophical nor religious, but "worldly-minded."

The civilization of a nation may be estimated by the number of its philosophers.

The barbarism of a country may be known by the number of its religious devotees.

Bruno, the philosopher, was murdered by religion.

John Calvin, the religionist, ought to have been hung by the sheriff.

Philosophy is common sense.

Religion is "inspired" nonsense.

There is a good time coming for philosophy.

Year after year religious conceptions grow less and less intense.—

[Independent Pulpit.]

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