

Monthly, with whom I had an interesting visit. Dr. Youmans is deeply interested in the cause of science, and is doing a grand work. The magazine he edits will be received regularly at the Liberal University for the use of the students. I also had a very pleasant visit with Dr. Elliott who is associated with Prof. Adler in the ethical work in New York City. Dr. Elliott is an interesting man and his work among the children of the city is indeed beneficial to society. I next called on brother Wakeman to bid him goodbye until we meet again in Silverton in the near future. I feel that my work in the East has been very successful, and I am proud to have associated with me Mr. Thaddeus B. Wakeman.

For the Torch of Reason.

**A Matter of Money.**

BY G. W. MOREHOUSE.

The independent thinkers and workers, devoting their time and talents to the cause of Freethought and science, are often brought face to face with disagreeable contrasts. When their thoughts are among the cells or the stars they are rudely jostled by bitter facts, probably relating to the great question of bread, with or without butter, which takes precedence of the question of books and instruments. When thus disturbed, a comparison arises in the mind that it will not do to dwell upon. Even one well schooled in the vicissitudes of life, and not easily surprised, will sometimes wince when the thrust comes from the hand of a friend.

Something like this must have happened to every educator, worker or author in our ranks: "I have read your book," said the friend, "and admire your work, and believe you are in the right, and that such work is needed; but, you see, I cannot do as I would like, my business would suffer." Another remarks that a sudden change from church influences might cause his children to drift to the saloons, and so he helps the church and not the Liberal school. Another friend of the cause might grieve his family, or lose a political opportunity, or social recognition, if he lived up to his convictions.

The general fear of ostracism is mixed with a vague idea that other people need to be deceived in religious matters, that they may be kept under safe control. The climax is reached when you are told, in a matter-of-course tone and manner, that your friend believes every word you have written, or in the work you are doing, but that to accomplish the things above hinted at, they have to work to help church entertainments, etc.; that the minister is a man of talent, and, on the quiet, really believes about

as we do; that he only gets \$2,000 a year salary, while smaller men are getting much more. So the smooth, well dressed, well fed hypocrite is paid by unbelieving outsiders, to mislead the people and pander to the popular fad, while the poor delver for the truth goes, worried and harassed, to an untimely grave. No one acquainted with the world will call this a fancy sketch. It is a matter of daily occurrence.

If those who think freely but dare not speak should withhold their support from the cause of superstitious error, and give the same amount, in time, energy and money, to the advancement of the cause of truth and natural justice, the right would quickly triumph. Sooner or later there must come a turn in the tide, and it may be in our day. The start, the constructive effort, with its positive purpose, may be the precursor of the dawn of the coming day. If one such attempt should meet with success, others would follow, and the pocket books of silent Liberals would after a time become less timid. There are already plenty of men who might help the cause if they were not helping the wrong side.

Nature is the same in principle amidst all its diversity. Compare human with fluvial action. See the curving stream, its bend becoming greater and greater as it wears its way across the valley and into the crumbling bank. The obstructions become greater, until at last a slight fall of earth from the bank turns the main current nearer the opposite shore. It begins to recede, wearing more in that direction, and retraces its course until it returns to the other side of the valley. The bed of the stream, its future course, is mapped out for it by the steady long continued action of the comparatively small volume of water that slowly erodes the shores, while the strong current in the center, wearing the present channel deeper, tends to keep it in its old course. Thus, with the moving water as in human life, the great masses are conservative. This gives strong evidence of being an age in the world's history when the old channels are being filled up by natural obstructions, and new ones are being sought. The one offered by scientific Freethought is the only one founded on the rock of truth—safe and enduring. The wavering current of public opinion is beginning to turn in its direction. It would be disheartening for a positive movement like that represented by the Liberal University to fail, through the indifference or timidity of Freethinkers.

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