

smoke, no sickening odor; it is a process of great scientific skill, the reduction of the body to ashes by the application of intense heat—1000 to 2000 degrees Fahr., by which it is resolved into its chemical elements at once, and without the flame coming in contact with the body.

We are all more or less carried away by our emotions and sensibilities, especially in the matter of the treatment of the bodies of our dear ones. As rational beings, we must not allow our instincts and emotions to run away with our reason, especially in a matter as important as this.

Leaving out of the question all but sanitary reasons, cremation is far preferable to earth burial; and we can not but think that by degrees this reform will supplant prejudiced superstition, the pomp and profits of undertakers, and give to the living immunity from many diseases arising from foul air, impure water and poisoned earth, which they are entitled to receive from the progress of sanitary science.—[Scientific American.]

For the Torch of Reason.

**Death of D. L. Moody.**

BY D. E.

The decease of Mr. Moody coming so soon after that of Mr. Ingersoll, suggests a comparison of the two men. They were alike, and yet very unlike.

They were nearly of the same age. They were reared under the same system of religious teaching. They had great power as public speakers, and addressed vast assemblies. It is said that Mr. Moody's last sermon was delivered in the presence of 15,000 people. Their chief love was for the same object: they both loved their fellow men. Their chief motive was the same: they sought to benefit mankind.

But their differences were as notable as their resemblances. Ingersoll seemed to see only the errors of the religion which they had both been taught, while Moody seemed to see only the good of it. Ingersoll sought to benefit man by destroying this religion, while Moody sought to reach the same end by building it up. Ingersoll worked for the good of men in the life that now is, and which is therefore certain. Moody worked for the good of men in the future life, which is only certain never to come. Moody said he'd be damned if he did not love God, while Ingersoll said he'd be damned if he did.

But perhaps the greatest difference between the two men is in the way they are treated now they are dead. It is proposed to raise three million dollars to endow Moody's schools; while somebody suggests that a professorship in the Liberal University, Oregon, be endowed in

memory of Ingersoll. And this is done, though everybody may know that Moody's faith rested on fiction, while Ingersoll's was founded on fact.

Raise three million dollars for Moody if it is best to do so, but also liberally endow in every state a university founded on the sublime truths for which Ingersoll labored.

**Hash.**

The price of wisdom is above rubies.—[Job 28:18.]

Great is truth, and mighty above all things.—[Ex. 4:51.]

Life is a comedy to him who thinks, and a tragedy to him who feels.

Man's noblest gift to man is his sincerity, for it embraces his integrity also.

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.—[Prov. 25:11.]

The function of education is to prepare us for complete living.—[Herbert Spencer.]

There has never yet been a philosopher who could endure the toothache patiently.

A man's good breeding is his best security against other people's ill manners.—[Chesterfield.]

Work for thy character till it be renowned, then it will work for thee.—[Tunisian Proverb.]

The fate of a nation has often depended on the good or bad digestion of a prime minister.—[Voltaire.]

Wherever affection can spring, it is like the green leaf and blossom—pure and breathing purity, whatever soil it may grow in.

Success is a crown that transforms a murderer into a hero, especially if the shield of patriotism protects him from the law.

Suspicion is the attribute of a weak nature. Respect all you meet till you have cause to do otherwise, then avoid; do not condemn.

Humor is the electric light in the halls of literature. Wit is the flashlight and sarcasm a torch darkened by the smoke of prejudice.

A touch of humor makes one a keener critic, even of his own work. He that hath the salt may flavor life's stew as he pleases, and humor is the salt of life.

Knowledge is a pleasure as well as a power; it should lead us all to try to behold the bright countenance of Truth in the still air of Study.—[Sir John Lubbock.]

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