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The Birth of 1900 (E. M. 300).

(WATCH NIGHT.)

TEXT.

The whistles are blowing-The roosters are crowing— And centuries given to Manhood are growing;

The churches are slowing-

I stand beside my own defense;

Is but a hash of ancient laws, Mixed by a rude and savage race

The Torches are glowing-And Science and Reason abundantly flowing.

Bring sword or gun, or false pretense,

Let come what may, I will not flinch;

But have outgrown their narrow needs. Your Bible, by the "Great First Cause",

And stained with ev'ry foul disgrace.

That marks three centuries of cheer,

bright;

And stained with every four disgrace. Its crimes would put a Fiend to shame, Where only "blood" your god can tame. I stand for Manhood firm today, Where gods have lost their cruel sway. I welcome in this closing year

Where Science her bright censer swings, Dethroning gods and Hebrew kings;

Where Freedom spreads her Torches

The perished godling's fair "footstool"! 10 Minutes A. M., Jan. 1, E. M. 300.

I feel like some of the brothers

and sisters of the Methodist church

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(Though Peace is nearly out of sight). Come soon the day when man shall rule

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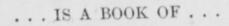
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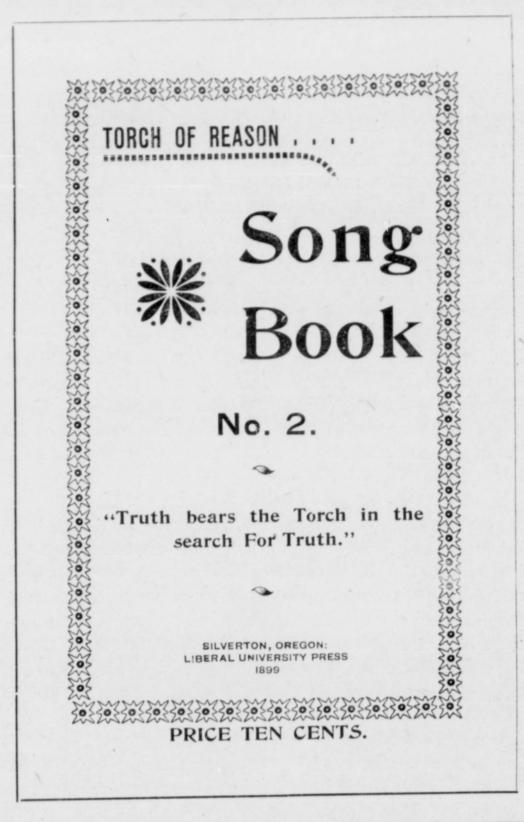
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in their "praar-meetin's" and "lovefeasts" when the Elder calls on them to "stand up for Jesus" and tell their "experience" so that he may know where they stand. I want my freethinking friends to know where I stand, not that they have any doubt of me, but because Excellent those Christian "propheciers", who stole my free family back into the Chapters church during my absence, are alwill come back into the 'fold' before you die!" Which reminds me of a Lincoln story: "There is always much uncertainty in this life," the Appeal. preacher said, while buying a fat ox and hoping to cheapen it. The farmer answered, "Oh, yes-the ox might calve, but there is no great danger of it." Now I like to "stand up for Freedom" and put myself "on record" as the years of life slip away, lest they try to lie me back into the church when I die, as an instance of a wolf coming into the sheep fold. I say "lie" because any churchman who will steal a family will not hesitate to lie for a wolf or a goat, as they have done before, for the "glory of God".



e have played our trump card and See the fruits of our grand vicwon. ways promising me that-"Oh, you tory against combinations and trusts

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