

short years! We have comfortable buildings, that with a few additions and dormitories will probably give us plenty of room for several years' growth. We have a large library of thousands of volumes. We have secured the services of a number of peerless workers and have increased wonderfully in numbers. Now that our work begins to prosper let us keep going. Our experimental stage is over; people know just where we stand, and peace and harmony reign in our own ranks. Let every lover of liberty do his duty and the greatest victory of the age will be won.

### Heroism!—Not Happiness!

Our first page this week carries a rich freight from Dr. Paul Carus. In a word it is: What are we living for? What is the use of life any way? Its object? He answers that looking at it from the true, scientific, evolutionary point of view--The only proper, decent, main object of life is HEROISM, that is MANLINESS! All of the great doers and thinkers, from Achilles and Aristotle down (though often mistaken in the way) have shown or said that they were of this bottom conviction. True life is the spring, the effort, the strife, the work, the aspiration! 'Tis enjoyment makes "common—gross" as Goethe says; and if we are not careful to get a renewal of strength and material from or by it, it lands us individually and socially in the death and grave of a Hedonistic manure heap.

As Dr. Carus shows, it is terrible that our great philosopher, Herbert Spencer, got off the right track on that great ethic question of the ages. But Science sets us right as soon as we strike evolutionary Sociology. Every organ has its function and duty and must "do or die," as Burns sings it. Happiness has to do with it as a means only, useful oil of the machinery, or as the pleasant "hum" of the machine, to show that it is working well. As

"Our being's end and aim"

it is entirely out place, and gives a false scent.

It is one of the greatest services Science has done us in making the proof of it so clear that no one, not even Mr. Spencer, needs to be further misled. She says, "Brace up" ("Zusammen raffen!") "Pull yourself together." Now get at some useful work, or die in the attempt. That is our only chance for any possible heaven, even if such we are weak enough to want. The only place and way to seek our happiness is in our Virtue—Manliness, Heroism, NOBILITY! The moment we sacrifice them to our happiness we are traitors to Humanity, and that and ALL are lost.

Then, as Goethe says it:

"Like the planet star,  
Without hasting,  
Without resting,  
Be each the circle  
Of his duty tracing."

T. B. W.

### Mrs. Turner's Book.

"The Bible God, Bible Teachings and Selections from the Writings of Scientists" is the title of a book just written and compiled by Mrs. M. M. Turner, of Washington, D. C., and published by Peter Eckler, 35 Fulton St., New York.

Mrs. Turner needs no introduction to the readers of the Torch of Reason, who know her to be, as she signs herself, "a believer in the sanctity of science". Her abhorrence of the bible god and the bible teachings dates from the death of her husband, a noble, kind and generous man, well known in public and private life in Washington. Mrs. Turner has always been a devout lover of truth and justice, and when she was told that this kind and loving man was doomed, by his "lack of faith", to eternal punishment, she saw no trace of justice in the decree, and knew that it could not be true. A personal investigation showed to her the absence of truth and justice in the bible and bible teachings.

From that date she has devoted much of her spare time to studying and writing in her effort to free the human mind from error and show to the world that the bible god is too cruel to be worshipped and that the bible teachings are likewise cruel and in error, while both god and bible are strictly unscientific.

This book is one of the things the world needs and to the careful and thoughtful reader will plainly show that "the ordered and organized knowledge which science gives to the world, is, in itself, virtue, purifying and unifying human life". No book, since the publication of the "Age of Reason", has been so capable of doing missionary work for Liberalism, and it should be placed in the hands of every Christian in our land.

The first chapter is devoted to "The Bible God", and is made up of quotations showing the character of God, from Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Judges, 1 Samuel, 1 Kings, etc., with comments thereon and quotations from scientists. Then follows a very interesting chapter on the bible, with many new thoughts worthy of emulation. The next chapter is devoted to "The Victims of the Old Testament". As the victims she classes Bruno, Servetus and Galileo as the foremost, to say nothing of the vast numbers convicted of witchcraft, while the following chapter, "Victims of the New Testament", shows that we are all victims. The opening words of this chapter are: "The mythical angels who are supposed to have sung that sweet song of 'Peace on earth and good will to men,' did not know the mission of the babe in the manger, who opened a new way to the theological hell, which,

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