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Through seven or eight pages of sophistry the Dr. convinces himself that the unrest in the churches is the development going on in the Christian religion. The cross did not give a perfected religion.

Prof. Hanford Henderson says: "It is comparatively easy to refute a sophistry with a new face, but it is tremendously difficult to escape from the power of one to which you have been born and in the presence of whose ill-logic you have always lived, it takes genius to escape."

The "ill-logic" in which the Dr. has always lived and which he has not genius enough to escape prevents him from realizing that this unrest is because the people have begun to breath the pure air of Science, and to welcome "and honor the truths of Science, not only for the mastery they give over the outer world, but for the clear light they throw upon questions of moral obligations."

Mr. Briggs says, "It is only by the application of the scientific method of our age to dogmas possible for our age to verify dogma and accept it as valid and reliable." He goes on to say, "The Chicago-Lambeth articles, adopted by the whole Anglican communion throughout the world, reduces the essential doctrine of Christ's church to the Nicean Creed and the Apostles' Creed."

The application of the scientific method of our day to these creeds proves that they are superstitious and barbarous.

Science proves that the human family has developed from lower organisms, and that the damnation of the unborn generations because Adam disobeyed God is a horrid nightmare of the dark ages.

Science proves that the laws of the universe are uniform and inviolable and that no child was ever born without the agency of a human father; that no one really dead ever came to life again, and that the sacred uniformity of the law of gravity was ever violated by the ascension of a body of "flesh and bones." The creeds teach all of these unscientific things to the injury of the community.

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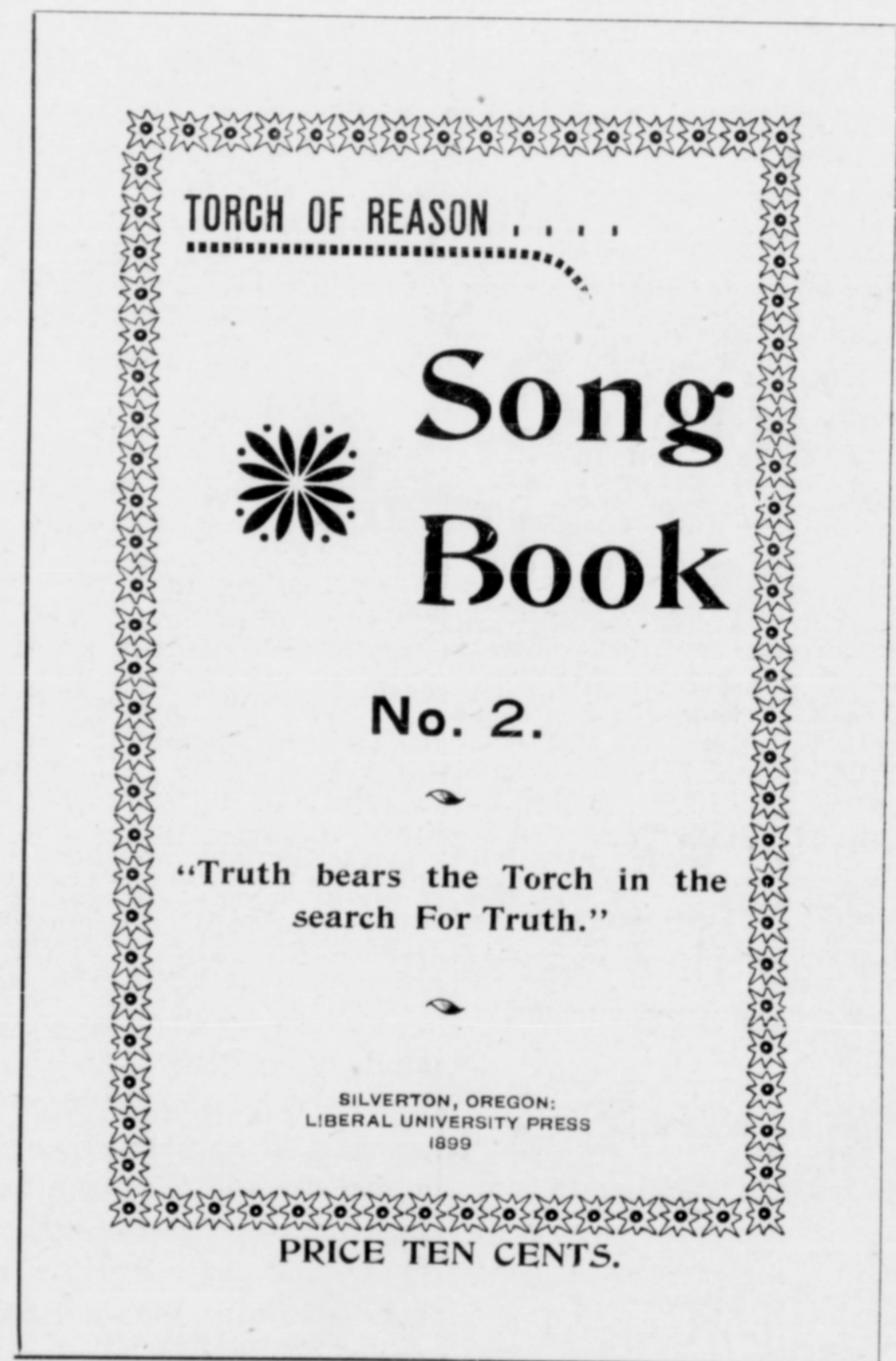


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