If any of our emancipated breth- conduct prescribed by society or the they will write to us at once and human or objective world. give us a true history of his wonderful case, not neglecting to find ly measured by the enlargement of out which he is, a fraud or a lunatic.

We Must Grow to Live.

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tion of life. There is no such thing active matter that has been called "dead" is known to us only as a constant process of change. In the organic world of living matter, that is the world of protoplasmic bodies, the plant or animal that does not assimilate new material and grow is soon dead. So it is with human individuals and societies - when they cease growing, they are beginning to die-physically, emotionally and intellectually.

It is this relation of the fact and law of growth to progress, and even to life, that condemns all forms of Theology and Metaphysics. Their "Gods" and "Principles" are eternal and unchangeable. Their adherents have their hopes and faces turned to some past Eden or Golden Age, or to a sky Heaven Eternal above, for which our present world and life is only a "state of probafate thus inculcated is one of stagnation, and that has been and is the principal cause of the miserable and unprogressive past and present of the human race.

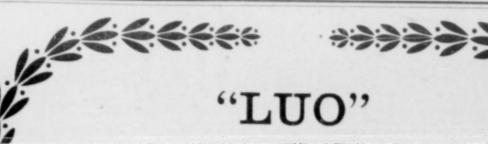
All of the progress there ever was in the past was the result of the evolution of Nature with its "natural selection" and "survival of the fittest." Even the progressive results of this natural law the old religions did all they could to defeat. The idea of progress is not three on growing and developing, but the countable Principium, or Beginning tween this old, silly, childlike myth of things. Science has raised us and the Infinity of the new World of above all of their old ideas about Science may well excite a smile of the word World and its origin, and contrast; but when we consider the the word Law; to both it has given millions of human beings who are new and true meanings, as above imposed upon, robbed and degradintimated.

as "governing" anything, or as be- passes away before thoughts too ing imposed by a god or any power deep for laughter or tears. before, outside of, or beyond Nature; it is simply the order that we new scientific meanings of old discover in the changes of the ob- words. Look out for such meanjective world around us. In Soci- ings in the Torch hereafter. ology or Morals, it is the order of

ren in Ohio can find such a man as individual for their common bene-Marshall O. Waggoner, we hope fit. The necessary order of our

The progress of the race is largethe meanings of words. Unless we learn and use these newer meanings, as in the case of the words World and Law, we are sure to get left The first page of this Torch shows and have to live in an old, playedhow to learn and grow in order to out world - absurdly behind the times. Thus this word World -Our healthy growth is the condi- that which is objective with Manhis Nor I,—how immensely has the as rest in nature. The inorganic or meaning of it grown since the old "Bible times", when it only described a bit of country around the Mediterranean Sea; and the firmament of sun and stars over it,—and Ohe only a short distance above the clouds! Their world-map was about as large as your hand; and thus, being very small, was conceived of as created and governed by a Man-God, or personal God. We have a world in which the whole Earth is a vast rotating planet, a Sun with an orbit 186 millions of miles in diameter and 358 millions of miles in orbit, which it circles every year. And this, our Sun, and its solar system, is moving through space at the rate of ten miles a second, or 300 millions of miles a year, towards the constellation Lyra, which is composed of similar suns and worlds!-and such suns and worlds are shown by the telescope and tion". The view of man's lot and photograph to be beyond our power to estimate or comprehend in number! So says our great astronomer, Prof. Newcomb (McClure's Magazine, July, 1899). How ridiculously absurd is it to think of applying the old "tuppenny" Bible conceptions about the world to the Universe or Cosmos as Science reveals it to us? How childish to talk, as those children of our race did, about its being created or governed by a man-like god for the benefit of a bit of protoplasm on the surhundred years old. Nature went face of our little planet called the human race? Equally absurd is priests went on swearing the people the story of the origin, lot and fate to their unchangeable revelations of our race:—the Creation, Flood, and creeds. The idea of law as the Vicarious Atonement, all for the ben-"order of change" was unthinkable efit of a few in a sky Heaven utterto them. Instead of law, as an ob- ly impossible, as now astronomy served order of events or of contin- shows it to be; and the damnation ual changes in nature or in human of a vast majority of the race in an conduct, they believed that law was equally imposible Hell! Shall we the command of some god, or had laugh or cry over their old world some power to govern things by or story as compared with the new? of itself as a "Principle", or unac- The immensity of the difference beed by this old-world Bible story Law should never be spoken of and its consequences, the smile

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