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A diagnosis of the symptoms point to no other conclusion than certain death. Life will undoubtedly be prolonged for a time by doses of "modern criticism," but these doctors do not even agree as to the exact formula, and the medicine only tends to gradually weaken the patient. Many of the diseases are chronic and are of too long standing to respond to modern treatment. The death struggle will be long and hard, but like all things earthly it must pass away, and in its place will come the religion of humanity—the offspring of truth, justice and right.

Madison, Wis.

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"Whether men will hear or whether they will forbear", was the charge to the first Christian preachers, and the Christians of today ought not to kick at us Cosmians for following suit.

If the Liberal University, Oregon, was not built to battle ignorance and superstition, to unsettle faith in fraud, to put something sensible in the place of pretense, for what purpose was it built?

Consistency does not require liberality to cower to orthodoxy. Those who profess orthodoxy are most inconsistent to insist on others' liberality toward themselves. Concession to orthodoxy is suicide of liberality.

To effect a certain purpose of utmost importance, we may drop other issues and unite with all who will agree to that; but the best good has been done by dropping the things agreed in and antagonizing the disagreeing.

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