

Missionaries.

The Hon. T. G. Geary of California said in a speech made in the House of Representatives, as reported by the Evening Star of Washington, D. C.: "I will vote for a bill requiring American missionaries in China to return to this country within a year. I would do this just as I would vote to expel every anarchist from the U. S. within a year. These cases are exactly parallel."

The God of the Bible in Ex. xxii., 28, says, "Thou shalt not revile the Gods."

The various denominations, Baptists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methodists, Congregationalists and Mormons, send out their missionaries, while the superstition they go to teach has its roots in the superstition they go to combat.

Presbyterians, exhorting their Sunday school scholars to be interested in missionaries, teach them to sing:

Far, far away, in heathen darkness dwelling,
Millions of souls may be forever lost.

Did ever a warm-hearted, thinking child ask why these millions of souls should be forever lost? Millions of years have passed over these heathen. Is the loving Father of the theologians still sending these souls to hell because they do not know Him as the theologians do?

"England in her Indian domains has made discoveries, the result of which is likely to be the infliction of restraints to prevent the Mohammedans from hurting the religious feelings of the Hindoos."—From "The Cyclopedic Review of Current History."

Why should the worshippers of the Israelitish God be allowed to hurt the religious feelings of other nations?

It would not do to send missionaries to the Esquimaux and tell them that their Creator said (Lev. xi., 10), "And all that have not fins nor scales in the sea, they shall be even an abomination unto you. Ye shall not eat their flesh." They might be taught, however, that there is some "spiritual meaning" in these words entirely different from the letter. Would it not be rather difficult to make a burning hell unattractive to them?

The Honorable Mr. Geary would benefit the human family if he could get Congress to pass a bill recalling the missionaries of the various denominations, each condemning the other, and in their place send missionaries of Science, "whose language is the language of Nature herself." These missionaries would not need governmental protection; they hurt no religious feelings. For every Bible send ten dictionaries. The teachings of the dictionaries can be understood and

accepted by all. Words are the pabulum of the mind—food that enables it to digest thoughts. Science requires a knowledge of words in her followers. It is not well for the heathen to learn the English of the Bible, because that is not what it means. There is a "different signification," the different denominations teaching a different "signification," or spiritual meaning.

Prof. F. Guthrie says, "Japan takes our Science at once and as a whole, for it finds in Science the one universal language—the language of Nature herself. In a couple of hundred years floods of scientific truth will be poured upon the Western world from China and Japan, unless these countries fall victims to some so-called higher civilization in the way as Peru and Mexico."

All nations will accept the teachings which led to the harmonious working with the laws of Nature, which, as Prof. Guthrie says, "belong alike to all nations."

There are no laws in the universe but the laws of the universe, by which life can be made more healthy, purer, more happy, more holy and more worth living, so that we need not look to some individual power somewhere in space, and to the far, far off resurrection day theologians dream of, for the joy that might be ours now and here, if only Humanity received the worship now given to man's erroneous conception of Creative Power, whose origin, shape, form, condition and designs man most likely will never be able to apprehend. All that is open to us is the divinity in humanity, not in kings and emperors, and the immutable, changeless laws that are the soul of the universe.

"Materialism" is the charge brought against Science, but what can be more spiritual than the vitality of the universe and its breathings? The universe lives by its own omnipotent laws, outside of which there is no omnipotence.—[The Bible God, Bible Teachings and Selections from the Writings of Scientists.]

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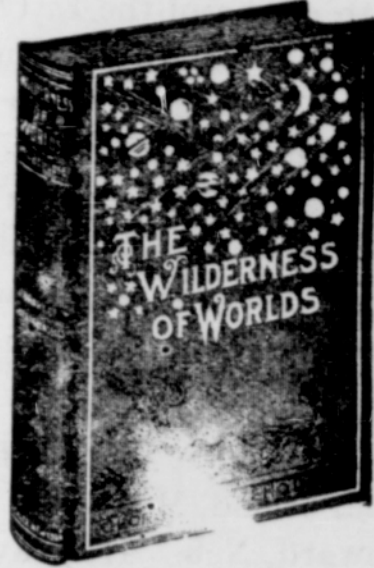
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