

**Reason Regina.**

BY JOHN P. GUILD.

[Down, forever down, with any religion that requires upon its ignorant altar the sacrifice of the goddess Reason; that compels her to abdicate the shining throne of the soul, strips from her the imperial purple; snatches from her hand the scepter of thought, and makes her the bond-woman of a senseless faith.—Torch of Reason.]

Down with religion that requires Queen Reason's sacrifice, And asks that Love should quench her fires

To find immortal bliss; Which Faith enthrones to outlaw facts, Gives Ignorance a crown; Hurl from the world with all its acts— Down! down, forever down!

The mind should never be a slave, Nor fear to walk in light; He surely is the rankest knave Who blinds the moral sight With laws which fence the path of truth, And torch of Science drown, Forbidding knowledge to the youth— Down! down, forever down!

Let Reason reign in her own right, Above all priests and kirrfs; Let those who know her, ever fight Against such robber things: In purple, throne her as a queen, Give her the lustrous crown; With senseless creeds and mum'ry mean Down! down, forever down!

Then man shall be real man once more, And woman equal be, As when ere priests the truth foreswore, And dwell in liberty: And while the truth shall make us free, On falsehood we will frown; And all the lordly tribes will we Keep down, forever down!

**The Function of Science.**

BY DAVID STARR JORDAN.

The ability to see ones way to realities through a multitude of non-essentials is the basis of personal success. By the study of realities wisdom is built up. It is the function of science to find out the real nature of the universe. Its purpose is to eliminate the personal equation and the human equation in statements of truth. By methods of precision of thought and instruments of precision in observation, it seems to make our knowledge of the small, the distant, the invisible, the mysterious, as accurate as the common things, men have handled for ages. It seems to make our knowledge of common things exact and precise. That exactness and precision may be translated into action. The ultimate end of science as well as its initial impulse, is the regulation of human conduct. "The world as it is" is its province. In proportion as our conduct conforms to the world as it is, do we find the world beautiful, glorious, divine. The truth of the world "as it is" must be the ultimate inspiration of art, poetry and religion. The world as men have agreed to say it is, is quite another matter. The less one's children hear of this, the less they will have to unlearn in their future development.

**Science Study and National Character.**

BY ALBERT B. CROW.

We should honor and reverence those, who above other men possessed the power of reason and beneficently used it for the world. The spirit of Science, which sets infinite value on knowledge, cannot fail to teach reverence for those who have made it possible for us to know.

At every point the Scientist opposes the tendencies of blind passion, prejudice, willingness to swallow any statement offered by some one else, reckless generalizations and hasty guesses. Against all he must stand, by training and by instinct. Against them all he would teach others to stand, by giving to them his own training. Against them all we Science teachers may arm our countrymen if we are faithful to our duty. But this end of our work is defeated if our students are allowed to indulge in careless statements of what they see and do; if they are permitted to use exaggerated descriptions or inaccurate terms. Right here is the crucial test of a teacher's honesty of purpose. The careful examination of written descriptions and reports, the enforced correction of every inaccurate detail, the personal consultation—all require untiring labor. But such work carried out has its own reward. The student first respects the truth, then learns to love it. He conscientiously avoids the vague, the doubtful, the unsubstantiated. If in our schools we could secure to every boy and girl this attitude of mind, this desire for strict veracity, we should have started him well on the way to correct judgment and wise conduct; we should have planted in his nature the first elements of good citizenship.—Popular Science Monthly.

**Guided Points.**

Honesty is lonesome, but a hero can go it alone.

Kicks may help you more than kisses.

A polecat will not go out of its way to offend you, but some people will.

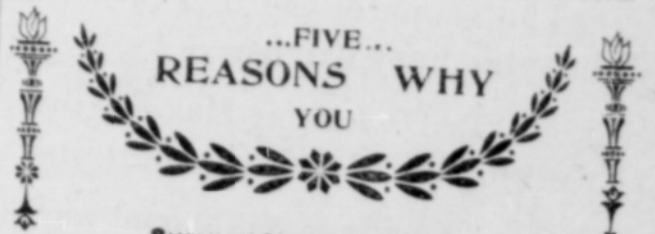
The most illiberal people are the illiberal Liberals; they want all the liberality themselves.

The silence of those who should show their friendship when you are assailed, and the compliments of those who tie slurs to their praises, show how thin a thing their friendship really is. If some people's was as thick as their skulls are, there would be far fewer cowards in the world and there would be much more "help for the widow's son" when wounded by traitors and flunderheads.



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