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Those who try to break the fall of orthodoxy will only make the fall heavier at last .- Goldwin Smith.

Let each man learn to know himself To gain that knowledge let him labor, Improve those failings of his own

Which he condemns so in his neighbor. -Old Song.

A man rarely gives up Christianity all at once. When he drops out of orthodoxy he usually turns up in Universalism or Unitarianism. He generally takes several dips in the theological sea before he comes up serenely as a Freethinke.-Investigator.

the House of Commons, said the other day that until he had visited India he had always thought that kindness to animals "came in" with Christianity. Now he had found a city in India the remains of a Buddhist hospital for animals established 300 years before Christ. And so the acquirement of elementary knowledge goes on .- Freethinker.

The true "liberal" endeavors to use the means at his disposal in effecting all the good he can. But he guards against attacking, with fire and sword, evils which are often unavoiadable-striving by ju- us better wives and better husbands dicious progress to correct obvious and more beautiful children. I defects without destroying an equal know it has enriched a thousandamount of good by violent meas- fold our lives; and for that reason ures. He rests contented, in this I am in favor of intellectual libimperfect world of ours, with the erty.-R. G. Ingersoll. "good," until time and circum-"better."-Goethe.

The flatterers of kings and princes have ever been held in deserved hatred and contempt. this country they seem nearly to have had their day; but their successors, the courtiers of the people, are equally contemptible, and much more pernicious.—Thomas Walker.

The story of the miraculous con- General Gordon. ception, the ascent of Christ into heaven, the temptation, the opening of his grave by angel, etc., was taken bodily from the religion of the Buddhists .-- E. W. Howe.

to do all things, and yet infinite poor .-- Freethinker. goodness be unable to do evil? How can infinite justice exact the utmost penalty of sin, and yet infinite mercy pardon the sinner? How can infinite wisdom know all that is to come, and yet infinite freedom be at liberty to do or to forbear? How is the existence of evil compatible with that of an infinitely perfect being? For if he wills it, he is not infinitely good; Not in some cloister or cave, and if he wills it not, his will is thwarted and his sphere of action limited.—Spencer.

From the moment that religion seeks assistance from philosophy her downfall is unavoidable. She strives to defend herself, and always talks herself deeper into ruin. Religion, like all other absolutisms, may not justify herself. Prometheus is bound to the rock by a silent power. Æschylus represents the personification of brute force as not speaking a single word. It must be dumb .- Heine.

Why, then, eternal punishment for the temporary offences of so frail a creature as man? Heaven and hell suppose two distinct species of men--the good and the bad; AS A MACHINE BIT IT IS UNEQUALED. but the greatest part of mankind float betwixt vice and virtue. Were one to round the world with the intention of giving a good supper to the righteous and a sound drub-Canon Wilberforce, chaplain of bing to the wicked, he would frequently be embarrassed in his choice, and would find the merits and demerits of most men and women scarcely amount to the value of either .- David Hume.

> Science broke the chain from human limbs and gave us instead the forces of nature for our slaves. These slaves have no backs to be whipped; they have no hearts to be lacerated; they have no children to be stolen, no cradles to be violated. I know that science has given us better houses. I know it has given us better pictures and better books. I know it has given

Nothing can be more abject and stances favor the attainment of the miserable than the usual conception of God. Imagine to yourself what pleasure it would be to him to burn us or to torture us. Can we believe any human being capable of creating us for such a purpose? Would it show his power? Why, he is omnipotent! Would it show his justice? We credit God with attributes which are utterly hateful to the meanest of men.-

The personal wealth of Pope Leo XIII. is estimated to exceed £4,000,-000-a pretty considerable sum for a follower of Jesus Christ, who preached poverty, and enjoined his How can infinite power be able disciples to sell all and give to the

> The claims of morality to our allegiance, so far as its precepts are solidly established, rest on the same positive base as our faith in the truth of physical laws .-- John Morley.

Stand not aloof nor apart, Plunge in the thick of the fight: There in the street and the mart, That is the place to do right. Not in some kingdom above, Here, on this side of the grave, Here should we labor and love. -[Ella Wheeler Wilcox. . . Forstner's.

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