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BEECHER ON IMMORTALITY.

Silence of the Old and Promise of the New Testament.

The text of Mr. Beecher's morning sermon Sunday week was from First Corinthians, xv., 19: "If in this life only we have hope in Christ we are of all men most miserable." "Taking human nature as it is in this life," said Mr. Beecher, "no abstract idea that virtue is the best policy would sustain men. The knowledge of an after existence is indispensable. All religions are founded on this belief. Whatever men may scientifically believe, there is something in men that refuses to doubt as to a future existence. When Tyndall was walking amid the glorious scenery of the Alps, his companion said: 'Can you look upon this glorious sunset and feel that there is no God?' 'Oh, yes,' he said, 'I feel it; if you do not ask me to prove it.' Now the mischievous notion of the Bible is that it has been dedicated by God and written down as the daughters of Milton wrote his poems from his dictation. The Bible is the work of evolution, the unfolding of human consciousness, the work of thousands of years. And no doctrine has been so long in unfolding as the doctrine of immortality. There is nothing of it in the early records, and it is not until you get down to the patriarchs that it begins, and then but faintly, in seed form as it were. Abraham was a grand old chief, but there is no record that he said anything of immortality or of anything else that you would call to remembrance. Isaac was also a great chieftain, but with him the woman was mightier than the man. Even the great lawgiver Moses said nothing of an after life. And so the ages go marching down, but there is not a man among them that gives any direct testimony as to this doctrine or belief in immortality. You cannot find anywhere in the Old Testament any mention made of it. It is not until you come to the New Testament that a life hereafter is referred to. The seed of this idea was in early nations, but the growth and development of it were left to modern nations. God left men to find this out as he left them to find out many other things, and this idea to me is far grander and sublimer than that other idea that God created it with a bang, a flash. It is the product of evolution, as is all other processes of life and creation. No man so strongly longs for immortality as the man that is most richly endowed. The old idea of a hell with an eternal, tormenting devil, is blood-red with cruelty, and men in their indignation at the abominable travesty of punishment have refused to believe that there was a future. They do not, perhaps disbelieve, but they say, 'prove it to us;' they become agnostics; they don't know that the agnostics are the know-nothings; they say that is true which can be demonstrated; there may be a God, but there is no proof of it; there may be a continued existence, but then we cannot prove it. Agnosticism is better than open infidelity. I have not an unkind word, but wonderful compassion for one who has been driven step by step into doubt. Now, is nothing true except that which admits of proof? I carry within me a heavenly body, and I defy anybody to measure it. If you are not bound to believe anything except you have proof of it, then away with honor, away with courage, away with many other qualities, the existence of which is undoubted, but which cannot be proved.

In behalf of the young men who take a paragraph in a newspaper for argument, who have listened to false teachings until their minds are disturbed, I ask them, 'Why should you want to disenchant yourselves of this belief of a glorified existence after death? Has it ever done you any harm? Has it limited your ambition? To take it away would be like disenchanting a castle--taking a way all its furniture, all its pictures and works of art and leaving nothing but the bare walls. If you could by scientific process prove that there was no evidence of immortality, what would you gain? What man worthy to call himself man that does not carry within him the assurance of immortality? Our life here has been so hampered and hindered, I must go where I shall not be dominated by the animal. Though ten thousand men should prove to me that there was no immortality, I have that within myself which declares that there is, and there is my comfort, my hope. Believe that you are more worthy than a dog, or more value than a rotting daisy; believe that you will one day stand with the spirit of the just, made perfect, and that they shall be your daily and familiar companions.'

Railroad Progress.

The Southern Pacific railroad is being built through Texas as rapidly as possible. Two construction gangs, consisting in all of 3000 men, are at work; one having started from El Paso, and the other working westward from San Antonio. It is thought that these two divisions will meet at the Pecos river, which is about 130 miles from San Antonio and 400 miles from El Paso. On the El Paso end of the line over 253 miles of track have been completed, and the work has been going on at the rate of one mile and a half per day. The country is wild and mountainous; deep ravines and gulleys abound, and mountain streams run through precipitous canyons. A still worse country for railroad work will be met in thirty days, if the present rate of construction is maintained, but the engineers will continue to push steadily forward. English steel rails are used in the construction of this road, and most of the supplies are brought from San Francisco. A few things are obtained from Los Angeles and the southern country, and some hay and forage for the stock are obtained by the men from the country through which they are now passing.

Utilizing The Law.

There is a Justice of the Peace out in Crosby county. Week before last he found a man guilty of shooting a bull that did not belong to him, and fined him \$75. "Why Judge," said the doomed man, "I haven't got no \$75; I can't pay no such fine." "The state of Texas puts me in this office to find out a way to make men pay their fines. You will cut cedar poles till you have cut enough to satisfy the majesty of the law," replied the Judge. "But Judge, what use has the state of Texas got for cedar poles?" "The state of Texas hasn't got no use for cedar poles. It's this court who needs them poles to build a fence. I'll take the poles and settle with the state of Texas for them." And the poor devil is cutting cedar poles for the state of Texas now.

An Improved Congressional Record.

If Congress resolved to act upon the suggestion made by Senator Miller that the Congressional Record be issued as a weekly and sent to every family in the country,

some modification ought to be made of the contents of the Record. The paper is much too heavy and dismal in its present condition to be welcomed in the ordinary American household. Perhaps it might have a puzzle department, and if so one of the first puzzles could take the shape of an inquiry how it happens that so many Congressmen get rich on \$5000 a year. The department of Answers to Correspondents could be enriched with references to letters from office-seekers, and the department of Household Economy could contain explanations of how members frank their shirts home through the postoffice so as to get them in the family wash. As for the general contents, describing the business proceedings in the Senate and House, we recommend that these should be put in the form of verse. We should treat them, say, something in this fashion:

Mr. Hill
Introduced a bill
To give John Smith a pension,
Mr. Bayard
Talked himself tired,
But said nothing worthy of mention,
This would be succinct, musical,
and in a degree impressive. The younger readers could grasp the meaning of it and it could easily be committed to memory. Or a scene in the House might be depicted in such terms as these:

A very able speech was made by Cox of Minnesota
Respecting the necessity of protecting the black voter.
'Twas indignantly responded to by Smith of Alabama,
Whose abominable talk was silenced by the speaker's hammer.
Then Atkinson of Kansas rose to make an explanation,
But was pulled down by a colleague in a state of indignation.
And Mr. Alexander, in a speech about insurance,
Taxed the patience of his hearers pretty near past endurance.
After which Judge Whitaker denounced the reciprocity
Treaty with Hawaii as a scandalous monstrosity.

It would be advisable, of course, to vary the meter as much as possible in order to prevent the monotony which would otherwise dull the interest of the reader.

After giving the proceedings in the House as above, something of a more spirited nature, perhaps, could be inserted into the Senate reports. Suppose, for example, the pages devoted to the Senate should lead off with something of this kind:

Then up rose Smith of Florida, the best of the debaters,
And spoke about his measure for protecting alligators;
He showed how tourists shoot at them without regard for reason,
And asked to have it made a crime to kill them out of season.
Then Brown he moved amendment by inserting a brief clause
Compelling alligators not to operate their jaws;
But Smith he up and said of him who thought the subject comical,
That Nature, when she gave him sense, had been too economical.
And Brown, responding briefly, wished to say in this connection
That Smith in guarding reptiles had an eye to self-protection.
Then Smith he flung a volume of the Message and Reports,
And Brown was laid upon the floor a good deal out of sorts.

Of course verification of the Congressional Record would require the services of a poet laureate of rather unusual powers. If Congress shall accept seriously the suggestions which we make with an earnest desire to promote the public interest, we shall venture to recommend the selection of the Sweet Singer of Michigan as the first occupant of the laureate's office.—*Max Adler.*

Together they were looking over the paper. "Oh, my, how funny," she said. "What is it?" he asked. "Why here's an advertisement that says: 'No reasonable offer refused.'" "What's so odd about that?" "Nothing, nothing," she

replied, trying to blush, "only those are exactly my sentiments." If that young man hadn't taken the hint and proposed right then and there, she would have hated him.

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