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The Truth will Make us Free.

EDITOR REPORTER :--- We have just read a piece in your paper entitled "A Searcher after Truth," which criticises the lectures of Mr. S. P. Putnam, delivered in McMinnville July 5th, 6th and 7th. We think this searcher after truth will have to delve considerably deeper into the laws of nature than he ever has done, to be amply qualified to criticise, and do justice to lectures as scientific and intelligently delivered as were those of S. P. Putnam.

This seeker after truth's remarks were right concerning Mr. Putnam's views, and also the views of all liberals, that the Bible is not inspiration, but the work of designing men, teaching by their precept, and example of many of the characters, therein, that they were ignorant, superstitious, bloodthirsty, lying, adulterous, and, on ; but this truth secker would che that God told the people to de those things, and of course At w right in those days ; but you /say God is the same unchangeable being, yesterday, to-day and forever ; if so, such things are right to-day. We quote many passages of the Bible to prove what we say but will not take the the space, as Mr. Putnam exhorted his hearers to read the Bible thoroughly, and find out for themselves what is in it, and not take the say so of others. This seeker after truth claims that those wicked men were responsible for

their bad deeds, committed under the

cloak of religion. Now I say they ought

do not find the Bible God a perfect being, but as changable as the low, undeveloped minds, that made him sometimes angry, at other times sorry, the same as we, finite beings; so we very reasonably draw the conclusion that science and nature are more to be relied on than the im-

a model of perfection, but as we

aginary God of the Bible. You speak of the great discord in the works of God in nature. We liberals do not claim that nature matures its objects to perfection at one step, but development and progression being the law, by which we see lower forms of creation developing into higher and better conditions, gradually, step by step, attracted or repulsed by the law of attraction or repulsion or positive and negative principles. The law which attracts particles of matter together and causes motion and life, by the same law the planets are attracted or repulsed, so as not to clash or interfere with the rights of each other. And so we could go on, reasoning from cause to effect and from effect to cause, judging the present by the past, the future by the present, using our reason all the while manity up to a higher standpoint of manhood, thereby developing honesty, brotherly love and a general good feeling, and interest in the welfare of humanity. Then we will realize what there is a future life. (which we hope there is) we will be ready to go on progressing through ceaseless ages.

I have tried to show that the initerent laws in nature which are ever existent with matter, is all the God we can comprehend, and guided by reason we can delve into the seeming mysterica of nature and learn more and more of the laws by which she works. A. LIBERAL

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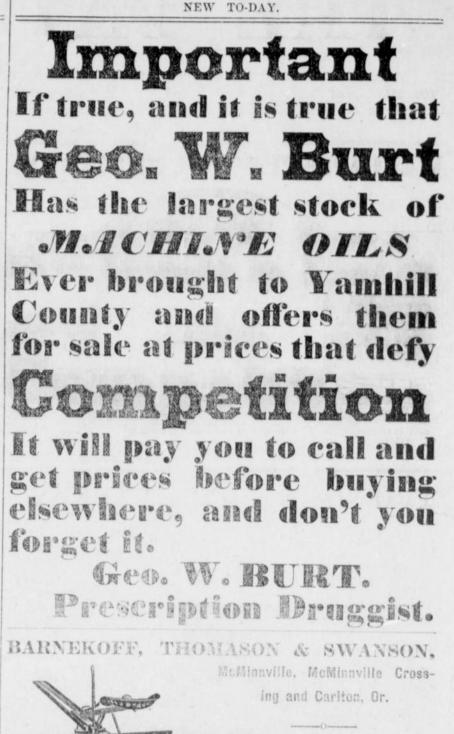
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being as the Bible represents, all wise, all powerful, seeing due end from the beginning, knowing before he created those wicked persons, just exactly how ignorant and undeveloped they would be in their natures. If he did know all this to a certainty, which the Bible says, time and again, he did if in the face of all this God would bring those bad characters into existence, when He, being all powerful, could have kept them from existing, and also could have kept the jy-11-tf devil and all evil spirits, witches and so forth, out of existence, so that we never would have known evil, and that he had made man, (such an idea of an all wise, and all powerful creator), his act in creating would throw all the blame and responsibility on developed characters of the Bible, and if God has all the noble attributes ascribed to him in his holy word, and if he did inspire men to write just what LOGAN he wished them to, he being perfect of perfect cadence, without jar or discord, cappble of the clearest comprehension, perfect and regular in every respect; this must be the result of a perfect being, no getting around it. But this spelled liter trails says the works of God are full of irregularity berfect, then all His works must be Bank.

