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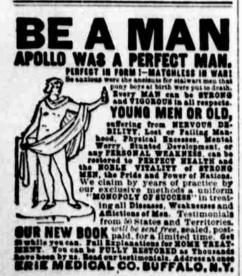


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movement of the age.

There are those who see no lofty lessons in the achievements of science, the discoveries of the explorer, the dissemination of wealth, the work of the missionary and the thousands of other good things being done all around us, but prefer with distorted vision to look on the darker phases of humanity, to regard crime as the concomitant of civilization and the world at large as in process of moral retrogression.

Happily, ministers of the gospel are nowhere to be found among this class. and when the writer called upon a number of them, as he has had recent occasion to do, in order to learn how mankind appeared in their particular mental survey, it was only to encounter a unanimity of opinion that this world of ours is growing better every day.

One of the most agreeable of these interviews was that held with the Rev. Dr. George H. Houghton, the rector of the Episcopal congregation of the Church of the Transfiguration, or, as it is popu- posed of in an interview." larly called, "the Little Church Around the Corner.

It may be well in this connection to recall an incident which may not be familiar to every one. When George Holland, an aged actor, as well known for the integrity of his life as for his professional ability, died some years since, application was made to the rector of a fashionable church in Madison avenue to read the funeral service over his remains in his church. His point blank refusal was accompanied by the suggestion that "There was a little church around the corner" where they did that sort of thing, and the party had better go there, to which Mr. Joseph Jefferson replied, "God bless the little church around the corner," and it has been blessed ever since. The burial accordingly took place from The Church of the Transfiguration, and the incident obtained such wide publicity that the edifice is best known by this characteristic

It is a low, gothic built church in the form of a Latin cross, seating about 800 persons and containing a number of memorial windows, among them one to the sittings in the church and the congrega- | ter? tion is made up from all classes. Almost "But this is not all God is manifestdie in or near New York are buried from it.

signs at the present time.

mortal vision than ever before. The not only enjoying the heritage of past | hands. centuries, but in our own century acquiring that dominion over earth, sea and air which was prophesied in the first command given to man by his Maker. Witness the expansion of science-how it comprehends the universe, invades nature, penetrates the crust of the globe in order that it may reveal if possible, the earliest secrets of the human race; ransacks untrodden regions and investigates all laws whether of visible or invisible nature to the end that mankind shall derive the fullest benefit. What

marvelous results have been achieved! "The intellectual aspect of the age? Look at it The schoolboy of today knows more than his grandsire. His school books convey ideas of creation is not merely universal but enforced. likewise become an intelligent power. and genius plies her calling at the lathe. the forge and anvil The mechanic and inventor have become great factors in our modern civilization. Business men have learned to apply new laws to their enterprises, and wealth more than ever is made and moved in masses. Capital, too, is being employed in a manner that confers larger blessings upon mankind. building our colleges, supporting our charities, maintaining our missions and developing the monster enterprises that and startling on dits about people in somark the progress of the age. Why, everything, even to the very toys of the children, teaching something about form or color or motion or noise is a part Mrs. Chose" for the benefit of some new of this spirit of intellectuality that underlies the prevailing growth."

"But is it not true that there is also a spirit of distrust abroad that sees in the hopeful conditions you enumerate causes | brother, her father, her son, nor her fafor alarm; that there are painful fears vorite cousin will see the joke or aid in of evil from the restless, earnest action that permeates society and breeds dissatisfaction among classes?

"To a certain extent all these may exist, but it has been so from all time Opponents of progress are to be found in every field, and why should they not abound in times like the present? There When Dr. Holmes has slain his servant are men who, notwithstanding the influence and power of inventions, seriously doubt whether on the whole what are a benefit to the community. The hand of industry is said to be palsied by MRS. FRANK LES

these, and our population to be growing up to habits of idleness and ignorance, while crime and pauperism are spread-A VOICE FROM "THE LITTLE ing through our towns and villages A superficial examination will destroy this objection.

"It is not a fact that industry is discouraged, for just in proportion to the rapid increase of improvements and inventions has been the demand for labor and the corresponding increase of wages True, the cry of distress may be beard in some parts of the world where there New York, Oct. 1.-At a time when is a dense population and a destruction so much skepticism prevails throughout and waste of property have been the Christendom, and men are inclined to melancholy results, but this state of take pessimistic views of the world's things does not spring legitimately from progress, it is cheering to listen to the the use of inventions. The real cause is observations of those who stand on the rather to be found in the bad political institutions of the land, in the partial ment note the various influences that and unequal system of laws by which these communities are governed, and in an oppressive taxation which grinds the faces and eats up the substance of the poor. Let the real simplicity of our republican institutions obtain general currency and those who are now pressed down to the dust will rise to a comfortable independence of life and intellect.

"No, it is a mistake to suppose that all advances upon the labors or changes in the habits of former generations are innovations not to be tolerated. The world has often cold charity for its greatest benefactor Even when wealth is enlisted to carry forward a great undertaking that promises to inure to the benefit of the poor as well as the rich, it is too often considered in the light of a mere speculation or described as a monopoly that bears in its train a list of sore calamities, when it is in fact a vast and necessary machine for the accomplishment of those things that confer the COUNTERS AND WALL CASES. greatest good upon the greatest number These are questions of political economy. however, that are not to be quickly dis-"How would you designate the gen-

eral tendency of the age?" further inquired the writer

"To me, the most expressive term is universality, by which I mean the diffusion of knowledge in every form that can affect the human mind. Our arts, our books, our edifices, our homes, what we eat and drink and wear, our amusements and accomplishments, in fact all things show us the higher refinement and broader taste that is reflected from an expanding and universal education.

'In literature, when has there been such a marvelous product of thought as now? Books that were once the prizes of the rich are now to be found in the cottage of the humblest laborer, and great names are as familiar as household words. The newspapers, each one a school teacher stored with the annals of the world, sending light broadcast, keeping men, women and children abreast of each other in the pursuit of knowledge and in touch with all human events. what a history has been theirs!

"Can any one fail to see in this wonderful development of intellectual activity the hand of provilate H. J. Montague, an actor. A charm- dence? Is there not abundant eviing bit of well kept greensward, the dence that some great design of shade from a number of noble trees, nature is in process of evolution the green vines climbing over and around end of which may be the establishment the porch and miniature fountains in of a closer relationship between us and the churchyard give it in summer a de- things divine and eternal? And if it be lightful rural aspect. There are 200 free so, surely, is not the world growing bet-

all members of "the profession" who ing Himself to the human heart not only by giving new impulse to man's work, but by enlarging, so to speak. His I asked Dr. Houghton what he re- individuality Man has become more garded as among the most encouraging universally a seeker after truth and is less than formerly intolerant Con-"They are all encouraging," was the scious of his own right of judgment, he wholesome reply. "I see God in his good- accords it to others, and thus, old barness making himself more manifest to riers being broken down, there is a recognition of the real spirit of Christ period in which we live seems to be the without regard to sect or name or form outcome of all other periods. We are Religious teaching is passing into all

"Women have become evangelists, and speak to us through missions and books The press has become a more mighty power than the pulpit. The infidel and atheist are no longer dangerous to the masses, because they encounter at every footstep of their antagonism to the Almighty an intellectual force fortified by faith that makes the masses invincible. Moral obliquity and intellectual degradation cannot subsist in such a soil, and the longer the globe revolves the more does it become apparent that though dust our bodies indeed are, and unto dust they must return, our living spirits, now passing through a scene of probation and pupilage, are becoming more and more in accord with the divine purpose. that a century ago were not even in the Yes." concluded the worthy rector, "it is dreams of the greatest minds Education a good world in which we live, and its glorious mission is not ended Those Knowledge is no longer chained to the who survive us may look back and wondesks and interpreted by the few, but is der that we knew so little, but we in the possession of the many Labor has turn can look back and be grateful that we know so much '

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