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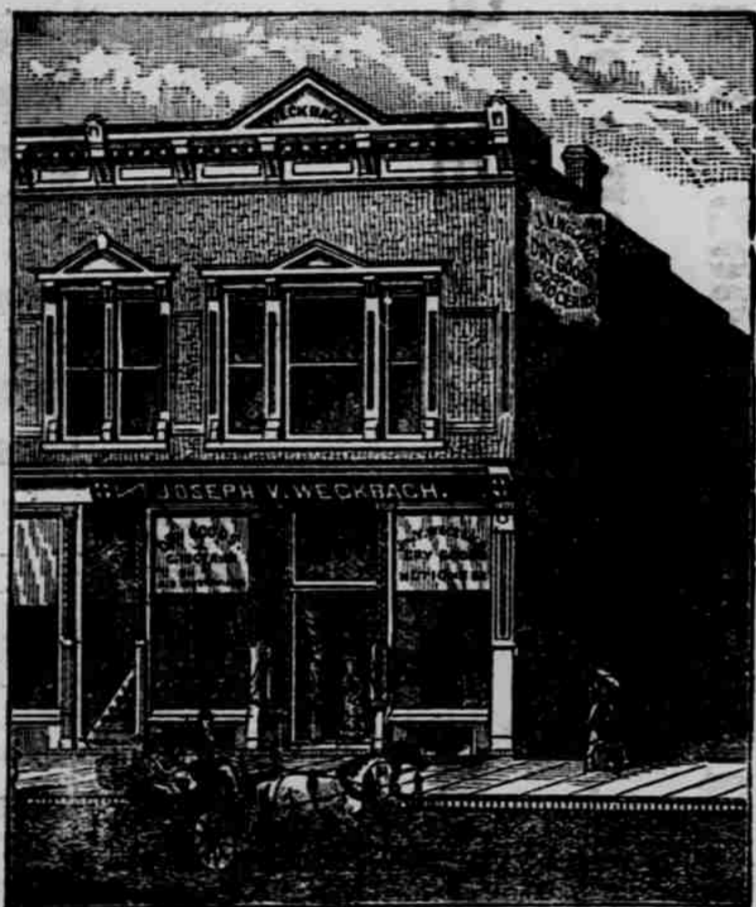
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MISCELLANY.

The Love of God.

Like a cradle, rocking, rocking,
Silent, peaceful, to and fro;
Like a mother's sweet looks dropping
On the little face below.
Hangs the green earth, swinging, turning,
Jarless, noiseless, safe and slow—
Falls the light of God's face beaming
Down and watching us below.
And as feeble babes that suffer,
Toss and cry and will not rest,
Are the ones the tender mother
Holds the closest, loves the best;
So when we are weak and wretched
By ourselves weighed down, distressed,
Then it is that God's great patience
Holds us closest, loves us best.

O, great heart of God, whose loving
Cannot hindered be nor crossed—
Will not weary, will not even
In our death itself be lost.
Love divine of such great loving,
Only mothers know the cost—
Cost of love, which all love passing,
Gave itself to save the lost.

—Saxe Holm.

The Baby's Prayer.

She knelt with her sweet hands folded,
Her far little head bowed low;
While dead vines t-uped the window,
And the earth was thick with snow.
Without, Earth dumb with winter,
Within, hearts dumb with care;
And up through the leaden silence
Rose softly the baby's prayer.
Bless all whom I love, dear Father,
And help me be good, she said;
Then stirred by a sudden fancy,
She lifted the shining head.
Did she catch on the frozen maple
Some hint of the April green,
Or the breath of the woodland blossoms,
The drift of the snow between?
"The beautiful trees," she whispered,
"Where the orioles used to sing,
They are tired of the cold, white winter
On, help them to grow in spring;
And the flowers that I loved to gather,
Lord, bring them again in May;
The dear little violets sleeping
Down in the ground today."

Al, earth may be chill with snowflakes,
And hearts may be cold with care,
But wastes of a frozen silence
Are crossed by the baby's prayer;
And lips that were dumb with sorrow
In jubilant hope may sing;
For when earth is wrapped in winter
In the heart of the Lord 'tis spring.

—Anon.

INGERSOLL.

His Arguments and His Methods.

II.

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If what men have given as God's utterances are true, then the old charge, which has traveled down the years and lodged in Ingersoll's mouth that God teaches polygamy and murder, is true. If reason is consulted and these passages in the Old Testament are accepted as the utterances of men only, the charge falls instantly to the ground, and Christianity is in a position to fight back. The answer to the theory of inspiration may be found in the life of Christ. He was born in Nazareth, on the shores of Galilee. He was raised in a village under the teachings of rabbis whose lessons in customs and religion were drawn from the records of the nation as found in the Old Testament. Yet his entire ministry was in protest against the formalism, the ceremonialism, the caste distinctions, the hypocrisy, and the false doctrines which were so constantly taught. His life and teachings were utterly antagonistic to the interpretations of the Scribes and the Pharisees, who taught the very doctrines in the Old Testament which today furnish Ingersoll, and those of his kind, such a rich source for argumentative guffaws and noisy denunciation. Christ saw the defects long before they did, and the realization of it was expressed in that terrible outburst beginning: "Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for ye pay the tithe of mint, anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, justice, mercy, and fidelity. Blind guides that you are, straining at gnats and swallowing camels!" The doctrine of the divinity of Christ and the doctrine of the inspiration of the Bible are by no means identical. It is not necessary to believe one to believe the other. Indeed the latter belief is almost sufficient to destroy former. What He did not teach it is not necessary for His followers to teach.

When this is conceded there will be an end of text-mongering by loud debaters. The muck-hunters will cease to pick over contradictions and hold a fresh one up in triumph whenever it is discovered. The men who keep their eyes so closely upon a detail that they miss the general whole will be less notorious than now. Contradictions will take their proper places as errors of man and truth will take its proper place as one of the "ordered pulse beats of the Divine All." The vociferous declaimers who pass from platform to platform as prosecuting attorneys, with a case against the Almighty, will turn to other occupations, and Christianity will stand upon a rock instead of the quicksand it seems to have chosen for a battle-ground. Then the insects upon the rose bud will not make one invigil against the roses.

III.

Mr. Ingersoll's second great position is that Christianity teaches murder and polygamy and destroys the family relations. It does nothing of the kind. If it did, murder and polygamy would be as common in America today as daylight, for Christianity is stronger here than ever it was in Judea. The Christianity taught in the New Testament is the Christianity which was preached by Christ against the doctrines of the Scribes and Pharisees which are recorded in part in the Old Testament. It is Levitical purity without Levitical hair-splitting. It is essence simplicity without essence asceticism. It is broad, and free, and tender. It is spiritual cleanliness thrilled with the pulse-beats of divinity. The utterances of fanatics cannot sully it, blood-stains of conquest cannot soil it. It is a grand spiritual poem instead of a doubtful chronology. What is outside is fragmentary, and it needs no additions. It is a harmonious whole in itself.

It is easy for Mr. Ingersoll to take a passage from the Old Testament ordering the sack of a city, and then dwell pathetically upon the picture of a babe being torn from "the thrilled and happy arms of a mother." This has been done often enough before, though not in such happy phrases as he employs. But there is no argument in the position. If Christianity taught this, it would teach it now and a record of what was done more than a score of centuries ago is no criticism of the present. All the beauty and pathos of the home circle centre in Christianity, today. What is more exquisite and tender than a child kneeling at the feet of a loving mother, and lisping with sleep-clogged tongue the simple prayer which has been taught it? Mother love and religion are so enwrapped as to be almost identical. The child grows in years, and the wrinkles gather upon the loving face that had beamed above him. He goes out into the world, where there are ambitions, and hopes and disappointments and realizations, unrest and strife, the world in which he is unjust, and injustice comes to him in turn, the world in which childhood becomes a reminiscence, as vague as the perfume of a garden in the silence of a summer night, and the present grows hard and metallic. And yet, though the year-carry him on and away, down devious and narrow paths, the blessing of the old tender time is ever with him. The head which bent over him then has grown gray; the voice has grown tremulous and tired, the feet step wearily and cautiously down the shadowy declivity, yet the undying love still sends its message for him to the heart of the Undying Love, which, in the form of a Galilean peasant, walked the straggling streets of Nazareth nineteen centuries ago. This is not born of a doctrine of rapine. Mr. Ingersoll. It may be a superstition, but it is a beautiful one. It may be the scoff of intellectual hardness, but it is tender, nerveless. It may be a doctrine of folly and falsehood but it is a beautiful idyll. Men may sneer at it, but when the sneer comes, one cannot help thinking of the wild, haunting, despairing cry which came from Alfred de Musset on his death-bed:

"Poisoned from youth with the writings of the encyclopaedists, I early imbibed the sterile milk of impiety. Human pride, that god of insanity and egotism, closed my mouth to prayer. How miserable are those who are called at that which can save a soul! I was born in a corrupt

cient to expiate. Pardon, O Christ, those who blaspheme!"

Voltaire, with a deep-searching glance into the Great Beyond, pleads prayerfully:

"O God, whom the world misjudges, and whom everything declares; listen to the last words that my lips pronounce! If I have wandered, it was in seeking Thy law. My heart may go astray, but it is full of Thee. I see without alarm, sterility appear; and I cannot think that a God who has given me life, that a God who has poured so many blessings on my days, will, now that my days are done, torment me forever."

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