

MODERN LIFE, AND NOW SCIENCE HAS TURNED AGAINST HER. SHE GAVE DEMOCRACY ITS POWER AND NOW DEMOCRACY SCORNS HER PRINCIPLES. SHE GAVE THE BIBLE AND THE DOCTRINES OF GRACE THEIR PLACE IN THE RELIGIOUS LIFE, BUT NOW SHE IS IN MANY QUARTERS REGARDED AS THE ENEMY OF BOTH THE BIBLE AND OF THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. SHE CREATED THE MODERN UNIVERSITIES, BUT TODAY THE UNIVERSITIES HAVE REPUDIATED THEIR ALMA MATER. THEY HAVE DONE MORE! MANY OF THEM HAVE TURNED UPON HER TO REND HER, AND LIKE THE PIRATES OF FORMER SEAS, ENRICH THEMSELVES BY THE WRECK. I HAVE SAID ALL OF THIS IN ORDER TO SAY ONE THING MORE, AND THAT IS—THE HOUR FOR THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE ON THE PART OF ALL INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM HAS STRUCK! THE TIME HAS COME FOR ALL SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES THAT REMAIN LOYAL TO THE FAITH THAT IS IN JESUS CHRIST AND INTEND TO REMAIN EXPONENTS OF HIS RELIGION, TO UNITE THEMSELVES AND TAKE THE DEFENSIVE AND GIVE PROOF ONCE AGAIN THAT UNLESS THE ANTICHRIST HIMSELF IS AT HAND, WE WILL NOT FEED AT THE HAND OF MODERNISM, NOR TAKE OUR ORDERS FROM ITS LIPS, NOR RECEIVE UPON OUR FOREHEADS THE "BRAND OF THE BEAST" OF UNBELIEF!

In fact, OUR FIRST AND FOREMOST DUTY IS TO ORGANIZE THE INDEPENDENT, FAITHFUL AND EFFICIENT SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES OF AMERICA into an orthodox fellowship that will not recognize the claims of this octopus of unbelief, but provide instead an education equally competent, yet Biblically based and Christo-centric, thereby meeting the demands of the literal millions of parents who are asking "Where can we educate our children without having them returned to us confirmed skeptics?"

#### "NEVER AGAIN," SAYS GERMANY

"Never again war," is said to be the popular slogan in Germany. Twenty organizations are said to be devoted to a nation-wide effort to spread the vogue of the shibboleth. It may be believed to represent the psychology of the Germany of 1921 much better than the futile foreign interpretations which conjure up all sorts of diabolical plots by which Germany plans ultimately to recover its military prestige.

Under the intensive, ceaseless teachings of Prussianism, it was no wonder that glorification of war became typical of Germany. It did not know what war was. It overcame Denmark in a few hours, whipped Austria in seven weeks, triumphed over France and the nephew of Napoleon in hardly more weeks, for although the Paris siege continued until January, the decision had been virtually reached with Metz. War was only a pleasant liltic holiday excursion in which its men marched away with flags and cheers and songs and returned in a little while with new provinces added or heavy loads in tribute gold for the common enrichment. Costs in bereavements, crippings and taxes were light. But Germany knows what war really is now. It views it as it was viewed by the American generation succeeding the civil war. It wants no more of it.

The victorious enemies of Germany have forced on it compulsory disarmament under most drastic terms. What a dramatic, what a happy outcome it would be if, by common consent, voluntarily taken, those enemies in the very flush of victory should a few months later force disarmament on themselves!—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Cuban sugar men have been clamoring for months for a plan that will enable them to carry over their crop till such time as they can make the public pay more for it. A year ago they were reported to have cleaned up millions on the twenty-five cent prices prevailing. We do not recall that at that time they were offering to make any loans to people who wanted to buy.

The bolshevik government of Russia has supplied everybody there with money by the mere expedient of printing some more when what they had on hand was expended. It is claimed that even when a report gained currency it was also circulated.

Was that "wet parade" in New York a bootleg advertisement or a funeral procession?—Boston Transcript.

#### A TRIBUTE TO MR. BRYAN

Mr. Bryan recently filled a series of Chautauqua engagements for the Redpath people in the state of New York. Everywhere he appeared he was received with enthusiasm and record breaking crowds. At Rochester, N. Y., the home town of Clinton N. Howard, he was the guest of the Kiwanis club at noon and addressed a mass meeting at night on Saturday, July 2nd, 1921.

Introducing him at the evening meeting at Asbury Methodist church, Mr. Howard said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, I present to you the most distinguished living American, a master of assemblies, a statesman, a prophet, a preacher of righteousness in the front rank of every reform, an American institution, William Jennings Bryan.

"He is a Seer; he sees things further and sooner than do other men of his time, and never has he been disobedient to the heavenly vision when there shined round about him a light from heaven.

"He has not yet been elected to the presidency, but he has polled more votes for that high office than any other man living or dead. He is the only man who has ever been or ever could be nominated three times for the presidency by one of the majority parties, whether defeated or elected.

"To go down to defeat standing for a principle is a greater honor than to be elected standing for office. Principle is bigger than the presidency, and to that high attainment Mr. Bryan has been elected and re-elected whenever the lines have been drawn between right and wrong.

"He has not attained the presidency, but he has attained preeminency, and will live in the victories he has attained for humanity when presidents and kings of his generation lie embalmed in the tomb of forgetfulness.

"I crown him as the Friend of Humanity the world around."

#### A RECORD OF SERVICE

T. S. Allen has just finished six years of service for the public as federal district attorney for Nebraska. These were years when the nation was at war and when the federal government had joined with that of the state to ban the manufacture and sale of intoxicants. Under these circumstances an office that was once considered something of a snap for lawyers, a reward for political activity in the past blossomed into one that required the most strenuous and devoted attention and developed into a position of unusual power and responsibility. Mr. Allen has made so unusual a record of service, tirelessly, courageously and ably performed, that the public and its spokesman, the newspapers, would be derelict in their duty if they failed to make such acknowledgement as may be done without being suspected of a desire to fulsomely flatter. That his record is unusual is shown by the fact that the attorney general has commended him for obtaining the highest percentage of convictions of any district attorney in the federal service. Mr. Allen pursued a direct and straightforward policy in dealing with offenders more especially those who interfered with the nation during the war and those who have sought to use the prohibitory amendment as a means of getting rich quickly, that was productive of good results because it was devoid both of personal malice and personal favoritism. Mr. Allen has left his successors a high mark of service at which to aim.—Nebraska State Journal.

#### POOR OLD NEBRASKA

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Nebraska's eyes are tearful, there's sorrow in her marts; her sons pretend they're cheerful but they have aching hearts. Oh, still her hogs may fatten, her steers do passing well, from Broken Bow to Stratton, from Hastings to Odell; she still may harvest glory through fresh and salted meat, and live in song and story by raising corn and wheat; her bards may gain the bacon, her healers bring back health, but Bryan has forsaken that sad-eyed commonwealth. There other living wonders may dance around and sing, and with their verbal thunders make all the welkins ring; the state may always nourish strong men whose aims are high, boy orators may flourish and fade away and die; and Warwick's oft may ramble athwart the pleasant scene, and commoners may gambol upon the Lincoln green; the future is uncharted, we know not what may be, but Bryan has departed, alas and hully chee! No home's so well defended it has no vacant chair, no flocks so well at-

tended, but one dead lamb is there. From York to Weeping Water, Nebraska feels bereaved, and every son and daughter is sore and deeply prieved; men drink the bitter mixture and say the fact's a crime, for Willyum seemed a fixture, a landmark for all time. The altars all are shaken, and rent the temple's dome, for Bryan has forsaken his old Nebraska home.

#### BAPTIST CONFESSION OF FAITH

The adoption of a creed to which allegiance is demanded would be contrary to our historic Baptist principles and repugnant to our deepest spiritual instincts. On the other hand the adoption of a confession of faith, as a standard about which our Baptist people may rally, is consistent with the practice of our fathers from the earliest days of our denominational history. Living in a day of doubt, unbelief and irreligion, we feel that the time has come for Baptists publicly to reaffirm their faith in the great fundamentals. As Baptists and members of churches connected with the Northern Baptist Convention, we desire to restate the foundation doctrines of our faith in the following brief and simple confession which is but a re-affirmation of the substance of the historic Philadelphia and New Hampshire Confessions of Faith:

1. We believe that the Bible is God's word, that it was written by men divinely inspired, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

2. We believe in God the Father, perfect in holiness, infinite in wisdom, measureless in power. We rejoice that he concerns himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that he hears and answers prayer, and that he saves from sin and death all who come to him through Jesus Christ.

3. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, miraculous in his birth, sinless in his life, making atonement for the sins of the world by his death. We believe in his bodily resurrection, his ascension into heaven, his perpetual intercession for his people and his personal visible return to the world according to his promise.

4. We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from God to convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify and comfort those who believe in Jesus Christ.

5. We believe that all men by nature and by choice are sinners but that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life;" we believe therefore that those who accept Christ as Saviour and Lord will rejoice forever in God's presence and those who refuse to accept Christ as Saviour and Lord will be forever separated from God.

6. We believe in the church—a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and of which all regenerated people are members. We believe that a visible church is a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible confession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that to these visible churches were committed, for perpetual observance, the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's supper, and that God has laid upon these churches the task of persuading a lost world to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour, and to enthrone him as the Lord and Master. We believe that all human betterment and social improvement are the inevitable by-products of such a gospel.

7. We believe that every human being has direct relations with God, and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and autonomous and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; that therefore Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from the dictation or patronage of the other.—Ex.

#### PROSPERITY

They tell me thou art rich, my country; gold  
In glittering flood has poured into thy chest;  
Thy flocks and herds increase, thy barns are  
pressed  
With harvest, and thy stores can hardly hold  
Their merchandise; unending trains are rolled  
Along thy network rails of East and West;  
Thy factories and forges never rest;  
Thou art enriched in all things bought and sold!  
But doest thou prosper? Better news I crave.  
O dearest country, is it well with thee  
Indeed, and is thy soul in health?  
A nobler people, hearts more wisely brave,  
And thoughts that lift men up and make them  
free—  
These are prosperity and vital wealth.  
—Henry Van Dyke.