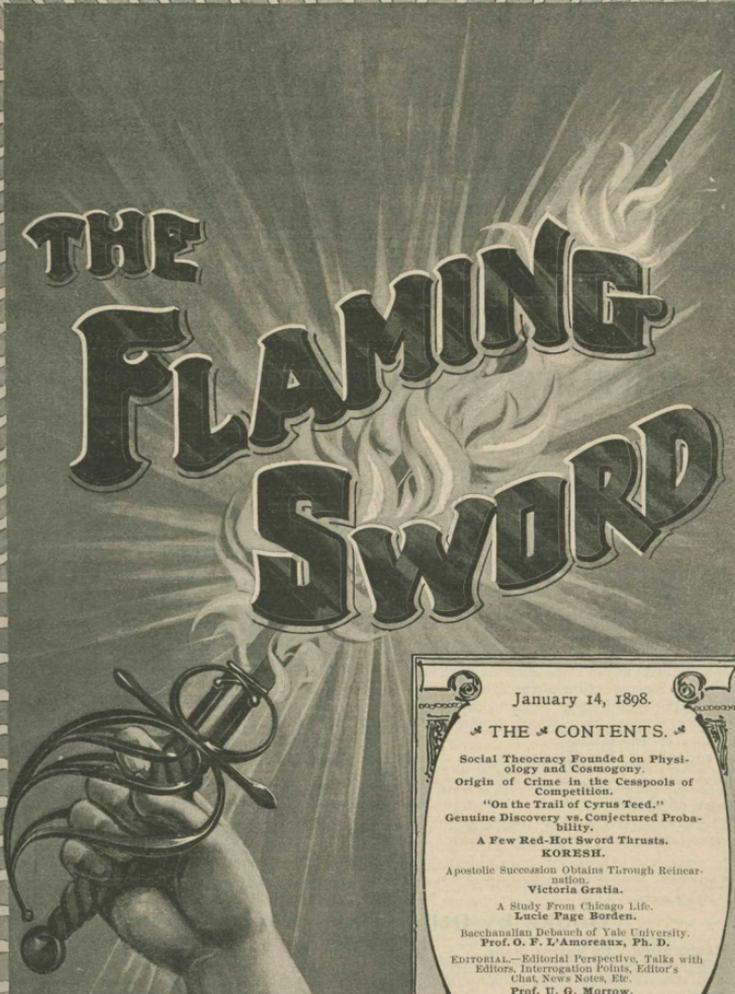


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"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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FROM THE PEN OF DR. CYRUS R. TEED (KORESH).

Social Theocracy Founded on Physiology and Cosmogony.

THOSE interested in the Koreshan System will always be glad to know of the progress and prosperity of our people at Estero, Florida. At the present writing, we are able to say that the little community at Estero is in a prosperous condition, and from last reports, especially happy. One of the sisters has just returned to the Northern Division of the Guiding Star Assembly, from Estero, bringing good reports of the progress made in improving the place destined to become the great center of the world's future development. We here repeat what we have so often reiterated, the opportunity there for a great and beautiful world's capital cannot be surpassed in any location. The climate is perfect, and the facilities adequate for the most extraordinary plans for a great model city, where may flourish religious development, social and moral culture, refined intercourse, and commercial enterprise. The location of a city and the aggregation of a body of people at San Estero, while a part of the great purpose of Koreshanity, do not include more than a mere item of the universal scope of our designs and the future fulfillment of them, as we are enabled to predict through the prescient vision of illumination.

Koreshanity is a kingdom in embryo, the gestative progress of which is culminating after ages of matriculative development. The laws of its government are the correspondent of the laws by which the universe is structured and its activities regulated. A true human government—after the world has passed the stage of social chaos into which the competitive system and

the financial insanity of political parties have precipitated it—will be organized upon the structural basis of the human organism. When we say that the individual—the biune man, the Lord Christ being the example—is the microcosm, and that present humanity as a whole, when organically constructed, is the macrocosm, we wish to be understood to mean what we say, and not to be interpreted as employing figurative language. The alchemico-organic world (the physical universe) is in the form of the man unincubated; that is, it is the egg of the man.

When humanity becomes a kingdom, it will be in the form and character of the macrocosm, the grand man. Its head will be the sons of God. Its heart is the commercial system. As the heart of the human body, with its arterial and venous system, collects and distributes equitably all the products of the body as they are developed in every locality of the structure, so the heart and vascular system of the grand organo-socialistic and theocratic man will be its commerce. Its symbol is the lion. The educational system, including religious doctrine and theology, constitutes the lungs. The symbol of this domain is the eagle. The liver of the grand man, or Theocratic social system, includes agriculture and the arts. As the object of this article is not to analyze and synthesize the coming Theocracy, but only to hint at the universal extent of its purposes and predictions, the reader must learn of Koreshanity through the general literature of the Guiding Star Publishing House.

The kingdom of righteousness will be established in the earth, not merely through evolution, but through revolution as well; not by a gradual development by virtue of the ordinary and so called civilized processes of the age, but through a sudden and overwhelming baptism, compared to which the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the beginning of the Christian age was but a suggestion. This baptism will come through the centralization of the human mind into the great representative nucleus of truth—the polar point of universal human desire. It will be the result of the recognition and fulfilment of the Messianic law, a recognition in which

the first of the ten commandments will have its fruition. We mean the statement, "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me." When the disciples of the Lord confessed him the Son of God, they acknowledged this commandment, knowing that the Lord was God, the source of all light and life, not merely of man regenerated, but that all things were made by him and for him. The church and the world have yet to learn that the perfect man is the Son—offspring of God, and that the Lord was the type of this coming manhood. The sons of God are yet to be born, immortality is yet to be attained, and the kingdom in earth established, but the time is at hand.

Origin of Crime in the Cesspools of Competition.

IN THE *Chicago Tribune* of January 2, commenting on the criminal phases of our civilization as suggested by the mental quality of Christian Merry, the wife murderer, we find the following:

Now, it is manifest that if society cultivated the will and the conscience as the good man cultivates them, the result would be much the same in the life of society as it is in the life of the individual. But society does not do this. If it did, the environment in which Christian Merry was brought up could never have existed. That environment is possible only where there is a monstrous avoidance of a plain duty on the part of society. The imperial city of Chicago has no right to permit such conditions to exist within its borders. Look for a moment at the surroundings amid which this wretched young creature was brought up. His own people and their neighbors, and the neighbors of these neighbors, by the thousands, live in crowded and filthy tenement districts. The houses they inhabit are the breeding places of disease and vice and crime. There is an insufficiency of air and of light, and a superabundance of dampness and of filth. Modern improvements are unknown. Within the walls of tumble down shanties or larger barren and barn-like structures, there is not a single thing to please the eye, cultivate the mind, or elevate the soul. There is unavoidable contact with the low, the base, the brutish, and the wicked. The common ambition of the inmates is to satisfy their sensual appetites. In such neighborhoods a saloon is the commonest rendezvous; the commonest form of social pleasure is a drink. The conscience and the will of the people of Chicago are typified in the saloon-keeper who sits in the Common Council and helps to make laws for the government of the municipality.

There is a certain school of philosophers who reply to this kind of an indictment by repudiating the obligation of society in the premises. This is especially true in the United States, where the word socialism has come to be a veritable bogey. More particularly still, is it true in the rural districts of the United States, where there is a woeful ignorance of urban needs and urban development, or degeneration, rather. During the fight against the notorious street railway bills at Springfield last winter and spring, an honorable, honest, and able member of the Legislature from one of the country districts, who did not wish to favor a railroad steal, was fully as much alarmed at the talk of municipalization as he was at the method of the boodling companies and politicians.

If the *Chicago Tribune* and other great dailies were as devoted to the public interest as they are to the cultivation and development of the morbid tendency to the sensational in journalism, there might be less reason to complain, even under the influence of the great cesspool of hell—the competitive system. But one thing is responsible for the condition of things that the above editorial so vehemently repudiates in theory.

We know that the competitive system governs the world. This statement does not rest on a hypothetical basis. We know that under this system we have a few millionaires and millions of paupers. These conditions are not exaggerated by the *Tribune's* statement, in a land of churches and under the civilizing (?) influences of the daily press. So long as the *Chicago Tribune* devotes its influence to, and exerts its energies for, the bondholders' and bankers' control of the monetary system upon the basis of the single gold standard,—a system which contracts the currency and pauperizes the masses,—it ought not to comment in contrast upon the untried theories of a "certain school of philosophers." If socialism can produce any worse condition than that portrayed in the editorial quoted, a condition we know to obtain under the church steeples of Chicago, and under the benign influence of the great daily from which we quote, it is yet to be verified in practice.

The competitive system is here and is a fact; under its operations these two diverse conditions obtain, and there is not a man living (having any sense) who cannot see that redundant wealth on the one hand and wretched poverty on the other are the sequential results of the competitive struggle, a struggle in which the great skilful plunderer and the soulless corporate pirate are enabled to accumulate and hoard the earnings of the masses who also struggle, not for the millions, but for a bare pittance of the riches they have created, and of which they are plundered.

If the *Tribune* will look over its file of papers, about the time the legislative boodlers were being sent to make our laws, it will notice that, if it has any influence, it had a good deal of a hand in the creation of the present legislation. We remember that Hanna, the gold-bug, and the *Tribune* are responsible for the Legislature which that paper now flatly denounces. We have noticed another thing to which we desire to call the *Tribune's* attention—the press of Chicago was a great power during the campaign which elected Governor Tanner and the boodle Legislature, while it had the gold-bug behind it, but impotent when fighting this same Legislature with the gold-bug arrayed against it.

"On the Trail of Cyrus Teed."

"Preparing to Vanquish the Fakir by Attacking His Concave Theory."

Cyrus Teed—"Koresh," has a woman on his trail, who has devoted her life to the exposure of his infamy and scientific pretensions. Of the vulgar fakir's moral depravity she has already written in the *Post*, and of the scientific feature of his fraud she will give an accounting in due time. This woman is Mrs. H. F. Wright, a Denver artist, who spent a summer at Teed's establishment, and seven months at his "Heaven" in a Florida swamp.

"My intention," said Mrs. Wright, "is not only to expose the false life of this audacious schemer, but to have all of his religious-scientific fallacies ably refuted, and thus to prevent others from becoming ensnared by this conscienceless fraud. I propose first to prove the absurdity of his concave theory. It is astonishing what a hold this doctrine of his has on his dupes. Before I openly joined his colony my friends in reasoning with me, abused and ridiculed the man, and I said to them, 'prove the falsity of his concave theory and I will hesitate.' None of them could do so, and I fell under his influence, abandoned my home, and gave him every dollar I had in the world.

"After I found out the man's true nature and the falsity of all his pretenses, I set about examining his concave theory, and with the assistance of men of learning was enabled to comprehend the utter ridiculousness of that theory. People often said to me, 'Why, how can or could you believe such nonsense?' When I questioned them they were utterly at a loss to give any valid reason for disbelieving it. Their own ignorance was as dense as the ignorance of those whom Teed had deluded. With the assistance of Rev. Dr. Utter I have prepared a statement refuting his theory; this I hope will have its effect upon those who are unable to answer his arguments.

"The real and avowed foundation of 'Koreshan Science' is what Dr. Teed calls the 'Cellular Cosmogony,' the theory that the earth is a hollow sphere and that we live on the inside and not on the outside of it.

"The wall of this sphere, he says, is about one hundred miles in thickness, consisting of a gold layer outside, other me-

tallic layers inside, arranged according to their specific gravity; then the geological strata, with the mountains, rivers, seas and homes of men finishing the inner concave surface. The remaining space of sphere is filled with the various atmospheres and the heavenly bodies, sun, moon, and stars. Three atmospheres are described. First, the air we breathe, extending upward, inward, a hundred miles; second, an atmosphere of pure hydrogen; third, an atmosphere of aobron—a word coined for a theory without a fact to support it.

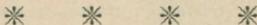
"Most scientific men, most educated people in fact, count this 'Cellular Cosmogony' simply absurd and give it no second thought. Yet, how many people are there who can refute it in a scientific manner, with an array of incontrovertible facts? It is not every person who has sufficient scientific knowledge, or every educated person who has sufficient accurate information to do so.

"For nearly a quarter of a century Teed has been proclaiming himself the Messiah, and to prove his Messiahship he announces that the earth is concave and that we live on the inside of it, and he has demonstrated this astonishing fact by scientific experiments. When a victim with property whom he wishes to inveigle into his clutches, questions this assertion, he rattles off a lot of pseudo-scientific gibberish to which his hearer has no answer available. She—for it is generally a woman—has no education or information with which to answer him, and the result is that she accepts his statement as gospel truth. My aim is to supply the necessary information to men or women who are on the verge of surrendering their all to this depraved monster. He must be met on his own plane and vanquished by the truth. With this object in view I sought Dr. Utter, who very kindly wrote for me a complete exposition of the argument against the concave theory, and this argument I propose to put in the hands of every poor person to whom it may come in time to save them."—Denver *Evening Post*.

Dr. Teed's Open Letter to the Denver Evening Post, Challenging the Rev. Dr. Utter!

TO THE Editor Denver *Evening Post*:—We have just noticed a communication from Mrs. H. F. Wright in the January 3 issue of your paper, under the caption, "On the Trail of Cyrus Teed." The article sets forth in a very general way, some of the facts regarding the Koreshan Cosmogony, for which, to reach as many readers, we have expended many hundreds of dollars. She trails into the article the name of a Rev. Dr. Utter, of whom we never before heard, who it is declared is preparing to vanquish this arch enemy (?) of the human race. Were Dr. Teed the fakir and fraud that the article claims him to be, let him alone and he will vanquish himself; but if his enemies desire publicly to show up the audacity of the so called fakir in question, Dr. Teed will meet in Denver, in public, at any time, in any church or hall that may be designated, the Rev. Dr. Utter, or any reverend gentleman of prominent and regular standing in the orthodox church, or any scientific man in Denver, in America, or in the world.

The Rev. Dr. Utter, we venture to assert, is no more



THE communication of doctrine depends first upon the central discoverer, then upon the few who are in the acme of desire for that doctrine, but who are in the acquisition (through an involution co-ordinate with the manifestation of the central and perfected doctrine) of

up in "science" than the professional "scientists" themselves; and all that any of them pretends to claim is, that the Copernican system is founded upon an assumption. We have promulgated our system for nearly thirty years, but the matter has been apparently too insignificant for investigation. We have endeavored to awaken enough interest to induce some one to notice us enough to attempt a refutation of what we teach. If a disgruntled ex-member of our community has gotten up steam enough to stir up the Rev. Dr. Utter to throw down the gauntlet, we are only too ready to place our system publicly by the side of fallacy originating in the dark ages, by atheists, and against which the church has battled for years. It will blaze the brighter in contrast with the sharpest enunciations of the Copernican perversity.

We are greatly obliged to Mrs. Wright for inducing so valuable and prominent a paper as the Denver *Evening Post* to announce publicly to the world so much—in a general way—of the Cellular Cosmogony.—CYRUS R. TEED, Founder of the Koreshan System.

the pure desire for truth, and are prepared to accept the truth when manifest, because seeking for something and not knowing precisely what until the doctrine is presented, when it is appropriated through the law of special adaptation.

Genuine Discovery vs. Conjectured Probability.

OUR attention has been called to a letter written to our office, in which it is stated that neither Koresh nor Helen Wilmans was the first to declare immortal life in the body a possibility, for the writer knew a man fifty-eight years ago who declared he would live forever in the body, but that he died—as all others will do, because no man will ever subvert the laws of nature. First, let us remark that there are probably a great many laws of nature that the writer of the letter may not have discovered, and of which he is yet in ignorance. There are many people who think that what they do not know is not worth investigating. We would remark further that we lay no claim to having first discovered the purpose of God to create men immortal. Enoch reached immortality. He walked with God and was not, for God took him. Elijah was translated, by which is meant that he attained to the possibility of overcoming, of dissolving his visible body and entering into life through absorption. The Lord Jesus, the Christ of God, after rising from the tomb and appearing visibly and materially to his disciples, in the presence of many witnesses, dissolved his body, which had attained to immortality, it being converted to Holy Spirit and

absorbed by the church baptized with the spiritual energy of his dissolution.

We merely claim that we have discovered the laws by which this change may and will be wrought. This law resides primarily in the dissolving of the pineal gland or conarium of the encephalon, and the formation of an annulus through the connecting fibres of the *crura pinealis* and the *processus e cerebello-ad testes*, the fibres extending from the cerebellum and uniting it with the cerebrum through the conarium. The changes to be wrought—by which death will be overcome, and of which the writer referred to knows nothing and probably is too conceited to examine honestly—are known only to the originator and Founder of the Koreshan System, and to such only as will learn from the only Teacher of the science of immortal life. The intimation that immortality is possible, might be made by ten thousand people and yet amount to nothing. The discovery and application of the principles of immortality are quite different. This knowledge we possess; not only so, but we are giving it to the world free. The prime secret is in a knowledge of the Messianic law, a law the principles of which are not known outside of Koreshanity.

A Few Red-Hot Sword Thrusts.

Formation of the Great Biological Battery.

THE readers of THE FLAMING SWORD are aware that it is the advocate of the doctrine and laws of immortality in the body. Man as now existing is not immortal, either in spirit, soul, or body. Immortality is an acquirement, and will obtain through an understanding and application of these laws. The Founder of Koreshanity has advocated these principles for nearly thirty years, and herein reiterates the fact that it is the only system having any knowledge of the science of immortal life, or the science of overcoming death in the body. The central principle of immortal life resides in the Messianic law. This law culminates at a definite time, when the energies of the theocrasis focalize in the Messenger of the Covenant. The theocrasis of the Messenger of the Covenant will be followed by a general dematerialization of thousands of men and women. This great electro-magnetic conflagration is the burning of the world so long predicted. Out of this fire will proceed the sons of God. One of the principal offices of the Messenger of the Covenant, is to formulate a biological battery through the organization of the nucleus of the Social Theocracy. The laws of the structure of this battery are known only to the Founder of the Koreshan System, as the laws for the organization of the battery through which the Lord was theocrasised were known only to him. While there is no mystery withheld by us regarding these principles, it is hard for the human mind to comprehend the truths we utter, because

they are so thoroughly in opposition to everything taught in the world, regarding life. It is only through the constant study of our literature that a knowledge of the science can be gained.

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Medical College Absorbed by University Trust.

IT APPEARS that the Rush Medical College is about to become an adjunct of the Chicago University. Among the conditions imposed, is that of a high standard of scholastic achievement in colleges and universities other than medical, before being allowed to enter and take degrees in the Rush College. This will provide for the development of learned quacks—so much required in these latter days of "scientific" progress. Before Bright's disease of the kidneys was scientifically diagnosed, and the discovery made of albuminuria and renal casts, constituting specific indications of renal consumption, the disease was commonly considered curable by the application of physical treatment. Since the critical signs of diagnosis have been scientifically stated, the disease is regarded as incurable. Now, if it be stated to the patient suffering from this disease, that he has Bright's disease, the mental suggestion precludes in the patient's mind any wholesome response to either drug or mental treatment, and the disease becomes incurable. Bright's disease of the kidneys is not an incurable malady, though so regarded by learned quacks. The best physician the world has ever yet produced had no collegiate, university, or medical training in the com-

mon acceptance of these terms. He was murdered for his ability, and were he here today, President Harper of the University of Chicago, and the Rush Medical College would unite in shutting off his opportunity to render consolation and also restoration to health, where learned quackery ever fails to accomplish any good results.

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Koreshanity Flourishes Despite Persecution.

WE COURT investigation on every line. The malicious charges against us by the press and disgruntled individuals have invariably benefited us. When the Daily Englewood Printing House was opened, the local press slandered us for weeks; but the more they advertised us gratuitously, the more our business prospered. It is almost invariably the case that when

a vituperous, lying slanderer launches an avalanche of invectives, some heart is reached who before knew nothing of the presentation of Koreshanity, and is thus directed toward us and an investigation of this wonderful system, the only one in the world having a premise corroborated by the testimony of absolute demonstration. We challenge the world and bid defiance to our enemies, and rejoice when men revile us and persecute us and say all manner of evil against us falsely for truth's sake, for we know that great is our reward in heaven and in the established kingdom in the earth. We are not presenting the truths of Koreshanity for fun nor for money. We are fulfilling an obligation reposed in us by virtue of our especial adaptation to the work in which we are engaged. We thank our enemies for all the free advertising they may incite for us, and we labor continuously in the full assurance of final triumph.

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Apostolic Succession Obtains Through Reincarnation.

BY VICTORIA GRATIA.

THERE can be nothing more definite in the doctrines of the Gospel of the Lord, than that of the Apostolic succession. There is nothing more absurd than the interpretation of the Lord's commission as rendered by the Protestant churches, and no greater perversion than that instituted by the mother of harlots, the Roman Catholic church. "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church," means, according to the Protestant churches, that thou art Peter, the rock, but I do not build my church upon the rock, Peter, but upon the rock, Christ. There is something particularly absurd and contradictory in such a definition of the Lord's words.

The Lord transmitted his life and planted it in the church, specifically in John, James, and Peter, the channels through which he disseminated his substance to the church. Peter was the centre of material transmission, hence with him were left the keys of the kingdom of heaven, to be employed by Peter when he should come into his divine authority. He never was given any authority to sublet those keys to any set of rascals who

might succeed him, when the church should have declined into the corruption of doctrine and life. Whatsoever Peter should loose in earth, should be loosed in heaven; and whatsoever he should bind in earth, should be bound in heaven. This is merely a statement conferring upon Peter all authority in heaven and in earth. What does this all mean? Merely that as the Lord planted himself in the race through the impregnation or vitalization of the church, and especially in Peter, the specific and central germ of his, the Lord's life, in the reincarnation or resurrection of the dead, Peter should first arise as the Apostolic successor at the end of the dispensation—not necessarily under that name, but with the truth of the Lord Christ involved and resurrected in him.

Instead of the keys being transmitted from pope to pope, Peter becomes, in the reincarnation, the successor of the Lord with all authority in the earth to be transplanted to the central throne and consciousness of Deity, as he is absorbed into the central nucleus of the anthropotic world. Peter then would be the Elijah of the age, the Messiah, and the precursor of the sons of God. What will be his special office when he appears?

A Study From Chicago Life.

BY LUCIE PAGE BORDEN.

"Liebe mutter, please get me the spinning music! Liebe mutter, Carl wants the spinning music. Oh, bitte, buy it for Carl!"

"Ach! thou'lt break thy mother's heart, mein kind. Leave crying lieblich, I'll sing to thee!"

THE poor mother began to croon a lullaby of the fatherland, vainly trying to lift the sobbing boy to her knee, but with the wilful perversity of childhood he slipped from her arms and retreating to the corner, flung himself face down upon the bare floor.

It was just after Christmas, a festival always pathetic in a tenement house, among the unsuccessful in the great struggle for existence, whose unfitness for survival is already determined and their consequent elimination from society, imminent. Nobody knew just how it happened, but this year, by some miracle of fortune, one of the children in "Prowitt's den" as the miserable, neglected building reeking with filth and teeming with vice, was called in the vicinity, had been presented with a musical top. Christmas gifts were rare at Prowitt's,

where dinner was problematical and other meals attended with an element of uncertainty which might be pleasing to a mind naturally indisposed to fixed monotony of habit. The fortunate possessor of this attraction was suddenly raised to the pinnacle of happiness, and his wonderful top became the envy, admiration and despair of all the children in the place. Jim McDudy openly announced his intention of stealing it; several boys were eager to fight the owner for his prize, while little Carl Elsenheimer after standing long in rapt contemplation of the gayly-painted, melodious whirligig, ran clamoring for one like it, to his mother who stood washing, drooping despondently over her task in the small inner room, scarcely more than a closet, lighted only by faint gleams struggling through two panes in the door from a window in the passage, supplemented by the smoky flare of a kerosene lamp.

Nothing that Mrs. Elsenheimer could say, would pacify the child whose pleadings, interrupted by bedtime, were renewed at daybreak, only to wax more pathetic and insistent as the hours passed. The poor woman was in despair; disappointed in receiving pay for her last work, she had not a penny, and there was only a crust of bread picked up in an alley, for their joint rations. Starvation seemed to stare them in the face, and here was Carl fretting himself into a fever over an expensive toy. She crept softly up to him and gently lifted the little fellow to the dilapidated mattress that served as a cot. Exhausted by crying, he had fallen asleep, though every few moments he started convulsively, moaned and drew his breath in a long quivering sigh; a pink flush overspread his cheeks; dark circles showed ominously below the closed lids; his flaxen curls were tangled and matted, his baby hands, dry and burning. Carl was the only joy-spring in the barren, desolate waste of his mother's existence; he was a delicate child, the last of a large family, all anæmic, and of late he had not seemed well. In a favorable environment, the little plant might have thrived in spite of lack of stamina, but in the unhealthy atmosphere of a tenement house, it could only droop and die.

Might not this passionate desire if ungratified, prove fatal to the physical poise of the child's nature? Mrs. Elsenheimer felt that she must secure the toy at all hazards; "Perhaps I can beg it for him," was the unspoken thought in her mind as she donned a rusty shawl and the faded apology for a bonnet that would have gone to the pawnbroker long ago, had it been of the slightest pecuniary value. It was growing dusk, but walking swiftly, she soon reached the shops still crowded as in holiday week, with eager bargain hunters. Most of the Christmas goods were offered at reduced prices, and so dense was the throng, so constant the stream of people coming and going, it seemed as if the whole population of the city had poured itself into the streets. Wherever toys were displayed, the poor mother paused

long and anxiously: So many beautiful things! Enough for all the children in the world, it seemed! Why should her darling be deprived of them? It was cruel, unjust! Presently she found herself in one of the large department stores in front of a collection of the coveted playthings; a dozen happy-faced children approached the counter as she waited, each in turn departing happy with his "spinning music."

Again and again she tried to tell her story and beg the gift that would delight Carl's heart. She thought how his great blue eyes would brighten and his merry laugh ring out at sight of the treasure; perhaps his very life depended on the gratification! Who could tell? But it was all in vain; her trembling lips refused to utter a syllable, and she found she *could not beg*. A terrible struggle went on in the mind of the unhappy woman as she lingered near the counter; at last in an evil moment, temptation proved too strong and she hastily slipped one of the tops under her shawl. The salesman's back was turned and Mrs. Elsenheimer did not notice the floor-walker at a distance in full view of the theft, but as she hastened toward the door, a policeman grimly interposed and arrested her. Too stunned and bewildered to speak, the wretched mother was conducted to the station-house where she essayed to tell her pitiful story to the officers, but her guilt was patent, the toy had been found in her possession and they were obliged to detain her for the night; the judge would attend to her case in the morning. Before she could realize what had happened, the iron door clanged, the key grated in the lock. Then an agony of shame, terror, remorse, fell upon her. Could it be that she, Lois Elsenheimer, the daughter of a respectable Lutheran pastor, brought up to fear God and respect the law, was in jail for theft?—worse than all, for theft actually committed! But when she thought of Carl helpless, alone, with no food, anxiety for him almost stifled the bitter consciousness of her surroundings. It was a night of anguish.

The judge next morning was in a hurry. He let the woman off easily, as he thought, but the sentence of ten days was like a death-blow to her. When the time expired, she went back to seek her darling in the tenement house, but little Carl's bright face and childish prattle would never gladden his mother's heart again. The nervous irritability which found expression in fretful pleadings for the toy, proved the premonitory symptoms of fever, to which he succumbed in less than a week. Poor little blossom, so frail and tender, shut away from the free air and the blessed sunshine, withered upon its stem!

And what of the grief-stricken mother? Her tears, alas, cry out for something deeper than pity, stronger than charity, more effective than words,—nothing short of the demolition and reconstruction of the entire social fabric.



The very fact of a contest between the laborer and the accumulations he has heaped up for his employer, is

in itself a proof of injustice and of the disintegrative power of the competitive system of enterprise.

Bacchanalian Debauch of Yale University.

BY PROF. O. F. L'AMOREAUX, A. M., PH. D.

The great Yale-Princeton foot-ball game inaugurated and ended in a monster carouse lasting from Friday afternoon until the dawn of the Sabbath—two nights and a day of maudlin revelry. New Haven's saloons jammed to bursting with drunken, swearing students, shrieking out the merits of the teams and gambling on the results. Harlots swarmed the streets, gathering in the young debauchees. The calaboose packed to its full capacity; excise laws thrown to the winds—and the city wide open.—*New York Voice.*

THE above clipping contains the head-lines of a long article, setting forth the beautiful working of the modern so called Christian university. Another article tells us that had victory perched upon the other standard, Princeton, with its saloon obtained by the help of the signatures of some of its professors, would have been the scene of a similar debauch. The report declares that there were at least one thousand drunken students. The report from Princeton says that it was estimated that \$20,000 were carried out of that town to bet on the game, some students even selling their beds for money to gamble with. There were no killed in this Bacchanalian revel, and but seven wounded. If such things are done in the green tree, what may we expect in the dry? What sort of teachers, preachers, lawyers, and judges will such education naturally produce?

Just such as we see everywhere today; teachers, who having spent the time and energies of their school days in demoralizing games and their attendant vices, have little or no truth to teach, nor acquired mental capacity to learn; preachers who have no sacred regard for God or the interests and rights of their fellow men, and who are ready for a consideration, practically to condone the commitment of any offense against God, or outrage against the rights of men; lawyers who are eager to sell for money their utmost efforts to push any scheme of robbery or fraud, or rescue any criminal that is able to pay a fee, or even to send an innocent man to the gallows for a fee; and judges, who, swearing to dispense equal justice among men, are ready by injunction, or otherwise, often to favor the immoral rich and powerful, at the expense of the virtuous poor and weak.

Such monster exhibitions of human depravity in what are supposed to be the great centers of Christian education, show clearly that our Christianity has become a deception and a sham. While making loud professions of allegiance to Him who said: "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you," they do none of his commandments, but teach and practice the very opposite.

In the Editorial Perspective.

MR. S. B. NICKUM, of Logansport, Ind., claims to have discovered a few facts that will revolutionize all present recognized science, and overthrow the modern theories of gravitation and chemistry. He has invented a new illuminant, the nature of which is guarded with the strictest secrecy. However, he has divulged a few facts which enable us to form some conclusions. He has invented a "perpetual light," which consists of a ground glass globe, containing chemical compounds. A vacuum, as nearly complete as possible, is created, and the globe sealed. When the sealing is complete, a bright, mellow light, like sunlight, is emitted from the globe. We have no desire to do Mr. Nickum an injustice in divulging his secret, but it is due to Koreshan Science that we announce that it is a complete demonstration of the Cellular Cosmogony. First, notice, that he has taken a globe, only semi-transparent; he announces that it is destructive to the present theory of gravitation and chemistry. Now, what obtains in the globe to produce the light? Exactly what obtains at the center of the great universal cell—a partial materialization at the center of the globe, of the energies generated through alchemical action of the compounds; the material nucleus is in process of combustion, and is held, through attraction and repulsion, at the center of the globe. A vortex is created, and the intense vibration induced corresponds to the vibration of some substances in the central solar sphere. These substances are attracted to the pivotal vortex, and continually supply the perpetual light. The exceedingly refined substances come from without the glass globe—they come from the sun. The inventor claims to have "bottled the sunshine." His invention is a demonstration of not only the form of the universe, but also the science of the function of the sun at the center of the earth.

Koreshan Science involves the science of the destruction of the positive pole of the battery—something hitherto unknown to chemical and electrical science. The central, solar nucleus at the center of the great cell or hollow globe we inhabit, is a demonstration of the principle. Jesus Christ was the positive pole of the great battery of humanity; he is the perpetual Light of the world.

"We must wait and see!" Who says this? Some one who expects great results, the nature of which he possesses no knowledge. The expression is concerning astronomy, uttered by one of the greatest recognized scientists of the world—Lord Kelvin of England. He avows a disbelief in the Newtonian theory of gravitation, and favors the vortex theory of Descartes as being the more reasonable; yet he says that neither has been proven. We quote his own words: "I accept neither theory; I accept no theory of gravitation. Present science has no right to attempt to explain gravitation. We know nothing about it; we simply know nothing about it." Now, what is to become of the Newtonian System of astronomy? The hypothesis of gravitation is its premise, and now that premise is cast aside by one of the world's so called scientific leaders! He throws the Newtonian fallacy out of equilibrium by severing the push-and-pull force of the convenient gravitic mode of motion, and destroys a cherished belief when he shatters the old idol of the earth filled with liquid, molten matter; he thinks the earth is solid. In view of these admissions on the part of the greatest modern astronomer, we are somewhat curious to know what the Rev. Dr. Utter, of Denver, Colo., will have to say when he begins his puerile attack on the Koreshan Cosmogony—if he ever begins

Koreshan Science of Anthropology defines the relation each nation sustains to the great body of humanity. In each of the governments we find functions corresponding to the functions of the human structure. It is a body of the old order, the involution of which constitutes the germinal center or nucleus of the new world, the seed or pivot of all true reformation. The pivot involves the essence of all progress, the science of which is the great magnanimous, universal purview. The old structure is rapidly approaching dissolution. The vitals of the great body perform their functions only through excessive stimulation, while opiates of delusion deaden the pain and dull the sensibilities. The great visceral arch, corresponding to the continental belt of the north temperate zone of the alchemico-organic structure, has its keystone; a few more political convulsions will dislodge it. The structure of the old order, though afflicted with serious functional derangement, stands until the skin or environ is separated. China represents the skin or rind of humanity, where the memory is stored; it is the oldest nation, and it goes farthest back in the annals of known history. Powers are conspiring to make incisions and damaging rents in the great environ. A stupendous collapse is inevitable; the end of the old system and the birth of the new are at hand.

A writer in the *Philosophic Journal*, a spiritist publication, makes some startling declarations. It has been thought that spiritism teaches the immortality of the soul and many other things, but the writer referred to admits that "spirit phenomena" do not teach anything—that spiritists have never made a statement of their belief; that in fact, what belief there is in the spiritist body is merely private opinion. He says: "It is singular that a people should be so very enthusiastic about that which they do not define." It is strange, isn't it? They do not define a belief nor premise a science, because they do not know anything about the phenomena they witness. We have here an example of a movement of about fifty years, with an admitted absence of principle and scientific conclusion. They know no more about the cause of the phenomena of spiritism than the scientists know about human physiology, the laws of mind, being, and existence, or of the form and function of the physical universe. The above admission means this: If spiritism be called a system, it is a system without the *light* of positive conclusion.

The great Durrant case has ended with the suspension of the convicted upon the gibbet. He was executed against the manifest protest of the greatest effort ever made to save the sentenced, and in the face of the doubt of thousands of American people. Durrant claimed to have been hounded to his death by the daily press; it is fair to say that the trials and discussions of his case have contributed more to the success of the newspapers than any other man in the world, charged with murder. From first to last he protested his innocence. Every effort made by him and for him for new trials, and every appeal to superior courts, vigorously voice the belief that the trials of the criminal courts were unfair in the extreme. During his last hours he said: "If I die, I die like a Durrant; it would be weak and childish to say at this late hour that I had not had a fair trial." The daily press contained flaming headlines that he had admitted that he had had a fair trial—an example of how the daily press can jump at a conclusion and make capital out of expressions they covertly disguise. Durrant meant just the opposite.

Editor Flower, of the *New Time*, arrives at the conclusion that it is necessary to elevate the morals of a nation by awakening and educating its people, developing character, inducing independent and broad thought, and creating ideals of the just and the noble—all this must take place alongside economic and

social reform. That is an easy conclusion; anybody can see that! But the question is, How is it to be done? When, how, and where is the *New Time* going to begin the work of the world's reformation? The true reformer must come as the involved *product* of the age, not the mere *flower*. Fallacious diagnosis is quite another thing from curing the disease!

Citizens of the United States boast of loyalty to law and to the Government. Last week two Indians were burned in the Indian Territory, for a crime. The right of fair trial is guaranteed by the Constitution. The people are losing confidence in the courts, and desire to administer the penalty by their own hands without due course of trial. They are therefore anarchists. Years ago the Indians burned Americans at the stake; they were considered savage and treacherous. What, now, are the citizens who are the disciples of Judges Lynch and Fireandfaggot? As savage and as treacherous as the Indians!

There is not an invention nor a discovery of modern times, outside of the Koreshan System, that is not under the control and in the use of agencies of evil for the promotion and facilitation of schemes of oppression. Inventions are not made by the moneyed capitalists, but through the genius of the workman. Inventors are but tools of monopoly; more than all other agencies in the world, they contribute to the wealth of the millionaire. They have not enough economic sense to benefit their fellow-workmen by placing their inventions in the hands of the producers of wealth.

Vagrancy laws demand the arrest of every man who has no visible means of support. The real trouble is not so much in those who have no visible means of support, as in those whose support is visible—too visible, too palpably evident that their support is stolen from the producer. It is such visible support that we object to. No man can have visible support if it is taken away from him and given to somebody else!

Americans have had much to say about the multi-million dollar salaries of the kings of Europe, and expressed their disapproval of the income of the crowned aristocracy by fixing the salary of the President of the United States at \$50,000 per year. And yet they tolerate greater incomes in America—conditions under which millions of dollars may be stolen from the producers in a single day!

In the great field of modern competition, the chances are a million dollars to one against the workman, and in favor of the millionaire. We see the weak arrayed against the strong, with an increase of strength for those who have it, with rapid disintegration of the forces of labor. This is the popular reformer's nightmare!

Pus is a secretion from inflamed tissue, and is an indication of corruption. This is especially true of the great newspaper octopus, the result of inflamed tissue of abnormal human society. THE FLAMING SWORD will puncture and cauterize the abscess!

Gotham society is becoming plutocratic; ten New York women have formed a trust to supervise the social register and to bar out all not entitled to social recognition. The standard is not worth of character, but worth in millions.

Walter Vrooman, with the abnormal conditions of society in mind, asks the usual reformer if he will be the surgeon or the corpse. Surgeon, if he knows how, of course; if not, the neighbor will be the corpse.

Compared with other countries, the people of America are the most uncivil, ungentlemanly, inconsiderate and impolite. A Hindoo is often more polite to his enemy than the average American is to his friend.

Quiet Talks with the Editors of our Exchanges.

EVER write advertisements? We want a number of striking advertisements of THE FLAMING SWORD written up. At your distance you can see some striking features of the Koreshan System, and you know what your first impressions of THE FLAMING SWORD were. We need twenty-five forms of advertisements, and of course someone of the twenty-five will be the best. The advertisements must be attractive, striking and tasty in display, and choice in wording, containing some extraordinarily apt, taking, and appropriate catch-line. You have the startling scientific claims of the system—the hollow globe, the scientific cure-all for all physiologic and economic ills and national evils, the character of THE FLAMING SWORD, its flames, its originality, and other unique features to choose from. Take one of these features and embody it in some catch phrase for the main or first line, and then draw on your imagination to supply other expressions to fit in an advertisement of 50 or 75 words. We will induce some effort by making the following proposition: We will publish in THE SWORD every good form of advertisement of this journal sent to us by editors or advertisement writers, making it a special department, with the name of the editor and his paper above—a sort of special advertisement of you and your work. It will be a kind of serial department, with a single form of advertisement for each chapter. To the writer of the best advertisement we will say that we will insert a form of advertisement of your own paper, in the style you devise for THE FLAMING SWORD, for four consecutive issues, twenty-nine ems pica width, and three inches in length, and we will announce above the advertisement that you are the prize advertisement writer of THE FLAMING SWORD. THE FLAMING SWORD is read by thousands of progressive thinkers and reformers, and by hundreds of editors and printers. Make your own display of the ad. you write for the SWORD, insert once in your paper and send us marked copy. Get it up at once; all forms must be in by March 1, 1898.

Many theories of reform have not yet reached the experimental stage. No reform effort should be an experiment. The nation's ills cannot be cured without a knowledge not only of what the trouble is, but also of the remedy that will effect the cure. In a case of serious illness you would not like to have a quack experiment on you to ascertain what is the mat-

ter with you. Every reformer is a socialistic quack if he is not able to take the nation as a patient in his own hands, and actually cure the disease! This would require definite and absolute knowledge of the true social organization, founded on the physiology of the human system and of the laws of construction of the physical universe. The true reformer must have the great panacea, the universal cure-all; and he must not be afraid to announce the fact. Now, who in all the world really possesses the ability to do the work? You say the man that makes such a claim is a fraud? He is not if he can do it. The man that cannot, but attempts to do it, is a quack. The man that is able to do it is either you, somebody else, or nobody. Which is it? We do not want you to be a quack, nor a follower of one. Now, we are going to look at the columns of your paper closely to see if you are able to do the nation any absolute good, according to the above standard. If not, we will have an opinion of you agreeable to the strong inference contained in this paragraph. Isn't that fair?

Here is something of special interest to editors—ahead of anything that we have ever offered you or that you have offered to us. The reform and scientific journals are saying a good deal about us, and we do not want this to be kept up without our doing something in return—it would not be fair. We can make a little competition assist in a little co-operation. We have a full column space for a special write-up of the journal which will publish from the pen of its editor, the best description of THE FLAMING SWORD, its character and the object of its publication. The articles should not exceed 500 words, nor contain less than 200; and they should be studied and well-worded, with much expressed in little. We mean exactly what we say; if you desire to enter the contest, publish the article we request, mark the copy of your paper containing it and send it to us. We will republish all of the articles sent us, with credit and mention; but the best one entitles its writer to the special, full-column write-up.

We find a few editors making the mistake of writing with their scissors and of clipping from THE FLAMING SWORD with their pens. We refer to those who copy, without credit, editorials and original matter published in this journal. We have no copyright on our matter and do not intend to have unless we change our minds; but we would suggest that we en-

tain an unexpressed opinion regarding the course of the *People's Press*, Albany, Ore., for publishing about a column and a half of original matter from one of our contributors without the name of the writer or THE FLAMING SWORD appended. What is the consensus of opinion of the editorial fraternity regarding such a course? The *People's Press* may join in the reply. All we ask is credit for what we originate.

Imitation is the sincerest form of commendation and flattery of the thing imitated, and an evidence of the worth and merit of the original. If we may judge from the appearance of a few publications which have recently been changed in their tone, style, and make-up, THE FLAMING SWORD is original in design, make-up, and expression. We copy after nobody; we are original.

You either have the whole truth, a part of it, or none of it. If you have the whole truth, why don't you say so and prove it? If a part of it, how can you reform the world with a partial truth and some fallacy? And are you sure that you have not distorted what you have so that it will not fit the whole truth when it comes? If none of it, what are you publishing a theory for?

We mention every new publication that comes to our desk. We are going through our entire list of exchanges, giving name of publication, price, subjects discussed, etc. You like to see us friendly—we know you do, for several papers have said so. We like to see you friendly, too.

The time is at hand for empty journalistic boasting to cease. The claims of a journal must now be backed up by facts; such is the policy of THE FLAMING SWORD. We prove our claims; any other course is deception and fraud, however covert it might be.

A man with a good idea is able to convey it in the best forms of expression. The gift of the generation of good ideas and the gift of apt expression always go together. These two things conspire to make THE FLAMING SWORD brilliant and forceful.

Thanks, all of you, for favors, notices, and quotations. The reform press is echoing expressions published in THE FLAMING SWORD as never before. You will lose nothing by it—we are giving you valuable returns; and the gain will be mutual.

As advised by our advertising pages, our advertising proposition is meeting

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with a hearty response. We are going to ask our readers to look at your advertisements and to send for sample copies.

No theory is beautiful unless it is practical, because "a thing of beauty is a joy forever." Fallacies are transient theories, and are not enduring.

Dress your paper well if you want it to make an impression when it goes abroad. People rarely ever listen to tramps.

Be brisk and brief. The longer your articles the longer you will be in inducing the people to read your paper.

THE FLAMING SWORD is the "perpetual light" of journalism.

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Coming Events Cast Their Shadows Before.

Thanks, my noble duke, we are not receiving things free or running on credit, to any great extent. We never will attempt to usurp the power of THE FLAMING SWORD, which should be in the hands of intelligent persons. Its parries, inticement points and thrusts are too hot for our howitzer, so we will have to do something the Devil would not do for its pen-pusher, and that is, to try to do better in the future.—*Coming Events*, Evansville, Ind.

Editor's Chat With Our Readers.

The readers of THE FLAMING SWORD will appreciate the situation when we say that only the very best articles are acceptable for its pages. We accept articles solely on their merit; we are not desiring to fill up space merely, nor to lumber THE SWORD with dry, uninteresting reading. We desire to induce interest in an article from the very first line, through each paragraph to the end, with the matter interspersed here and there with brilliant points that cannot fail to strike the reader as rational and conclusive! What we want now in this paragraph is to induce the application of the principles of apt expression. We want to stir up our Contributing Staff, by directing the magnetized blade of THE FLAMING SWORD toward ingenious writers hitherto unknown to us, so as to attract others and draw them out! We want to induce manifestation of some ingenuity outside our regular corps of writers. We desire the very best efforts of writers, studied and well-worded articles and stories, with ingenious arguments, apt expressions,—brilliant ideas conched in striking and exceptionally clear and lucid language—articles that are up-to-date, forceful and truthful, and full of points of literary excellency, not exceeding 1,200 words, nor less than 600. We want scores of articles coming as the result of high-tensioned mental activity. Now, who are the writers that will undertake the work? We have excellent and brilliant writers already, but we want a variety. It will be a sort of a

contest! To the person sending us the best article or story illustrating some principle of Koreshan Science, Economics or Theology, or something else, previous to March 1, 1898, we will mail THE FLAMING SWORD for a period of five years without cost; besides, the name of the fortunate contestant will be placed on the list of our regular contributors, with special mention of the writer and article accepted as the best, previous to and at the time of publication. Credit for other articles according to their merit, and the good articles published. Now, here is a golden opportunity for some bright minds—an education in itself. Go to work and see what you can do; but before you undertake it, feel that you can and must succeed!

Our readers have noticed our efforts to make THE FLAMING SWORD the brightest, the best, the unique and unequalled journal of the world. We want it to bristle with surprises week after week, and now we propose to have wide-awake readers share in the work of contributing to its interesting features and departments. You know something of the character and tone of the weekly FLAMING SWORD, and you know what strikes you with peculiar interest in all other papers you read. We desire striking newspaper articles, containing new and startling statements of prominent men, accounts of new discoveries, inventions and events. The daily press of Chicago does not contain all of the interesting things in the world, and we want to know of them all. Now this is what we propose: We will give credit of two years' subscription to THE FLAMING SWORD to the reader sending us the best assortment of clippings previous to March 1, 1898, and will give credit for all other assortments according to their merit. Keep a sharp look-out, and scissor out everything you see that is particularly interesting; mail them in a package as third class matter, with your name and address on the wrapper.

A small sized sensation seems to be brewing in a puerile attempt to overthrow the Koreshan System of Astronomy. A woman formerly professing a comprehension of its principles, has visited a Denver preacher, Rev. Dr. Utter, who lives in at least national obscurity, and between them a remarkable discovery has been made that is claimed to eclipse all previous scientific effort to overthrow the science of Koresh. Read it!—"On the Trail of Cyrus Teed," and Dr. Teed's challenge through the *Denver Evening Post*. We conclude beforehand, that the opposition is Utter nonsense!

This is to be read in an undertone!—The regular contributors to THE FLAMING SWORD might glance over the first paragraph in this department, and see what kind of an effect they can imagine it would have on them if they were not on the regular writing staff—the editor included! Sev-

eral suggestions might arise spontaneously, so that they could still be original. Self-applied spurs are always the best!

Read in the Editorial Perspective the solution of the mystery of the perpetual light accidentally discovered by a Logansport, Ind., chemist and machinist, the secret of which he jealously guards. THE FLAMING SWORD will contain the particulars of the invention and process when the new illuminant is ready for the public.

Do not forget page sixteen of THE FLAMING SWORD. Did you see our description of its undescribed features last week? Great transformation scene after a little—and you will like it; but in the meantime, you are going to gues in vain as to what it is!

We call special attention to the star articles by KORESH; "Apotheosis Succession Obtains through Reincarnation" by Victoria Gratia, and the "Bacchanalian Debauch of Yale University" by Prof. O. F. L'Amoreaux, Ph. D.

We credit three months' subscription to THE FLAMING SWORD to every person sending us a list of one hundred names and addresses for sample copies.

Find truth in a story form in "A Study from Chicago Life" by Lucie Page Borden, this number.

"Interrogation Points and Encouraging Words" next week—brighter than ever.

This number is full of interesting things—do not miss a single paragraph.

THE FLAMING SWORD will send one month's title to ten names for \$1.00.

Miscellaneous Notes.

Wednesday, Jan. 5.—Money makes China grant concessions to European powers.—Henry M. Taber, of New York City, makes a will denouncing Presbyterianism.—Milwaukee declares against the work of hypnotists.—Russian orders 10,000 rifles and 5,000,000 rounds of ammunition from the Winchester Arms Co.—Reports coming in of severe frost and freeze in Florida; 10 degrees below freezing point.—Rev. Bainsford, N. Y. City, declares the Bible full of mistakes.

Thursday.—Cuba to receive official financial aid from U. S.—Death of British Com. on the Afghan frontier reported.—Mrs. Dr. J. C. Ayer dies in Paris.—Capt. W. E. Hall falls 600 feet down a mining shaft at Spokane, Wash.—Voice travels 1,500 miles in a long-distance telephone test from Gallatin, Tenn.—Tesla announces success with vacuum tube electric light.—Rev. Scoble, of N. Y. City, has been appointed director of Vatican astronomical observatory, at Rome.

Friday.—Durrant hanged at San Quentin, Cal.—Police watch 300 Armour elevator strikers, Chicago.—New evidence developing in the Leutger case.—Stock market bullish.—"Don't Worry Club" organized in N. Y. City, to fight new disease, "Americantitis."—Partial eclipse of the moon; greatest obscuration at 6:30 P. M.—Finances

of Spain in desperate condition; thousands out of employment.

Saturday.—Walkerton, Ind., banker arrested for attempting to operate a confidence game.—Japan proposes to join Great Britain in whipping Russia.—Lancaster, Yeor, baker goes to prison for embezzlement.—Gen. Weyler's case under critical investigation.—Wheat higher.—Chicago police to be Lexowed.—Major Hooply dies at Augusta, Ga.—Spain loses hold upon Cuba; refuses to send more troops, and will propose to U. S. to establish protectorate and afterward annexation.—Two Indians burned at stake at Mand, Okl.

Sunday.—England may order all other powers to keep hands off China.—Milan may again become king of Servia.—Famous Mrs. Maybrick trial to begin again in London.—The Hanna senatorial fight the most disgusting case on record.—Democrats select Bryan to wear old Hickory Jackson's mantle.—Chicago teachers demand increase of salaries.—Gen. Blanco tries of war, and wants a change.—Dreyfus may be acquitted.—S. B. Nickum, Logansport, Ind., invents a new illuminant, the pergelium light, and purposes to overthrow modern science.

Monday.—England, Japan, and Russia said to have reached agreement concerning Korea.—President of Uruguay calls out troops to coerce legislation.—Possible outbreak of Indians because of cremation of two of their number.—Eastern syndicate to buy up fifteen breweries and form a trust.—Winter cyclone at Morganfield, Ky. Spain endeavors to borrow \$40,000,000.—Bismark improved in health.

Tuesday.—Convention of United Mine Workers; purpose to have more pay.—Senatorial police investigation in Chicago.—Inauguration of Gov. Bushnell, of Ohio.—Member of Consolidated stock and petroleum exchange in jail for attempted swindle of \$18,000.—Daughters of the Revival convention in Chicago.—Increase in eastern freight business.—Foreign wheat markets lower.—Ice trust formed in Chicago to freeze out small concerns.

Books and Periodicals Received.

Circular of Information of the College of Medicine and Surgery, for the year 1898. Wm. H. Cook, M. D., President, 1222 W. 18th St., Chicago, Ill.

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Annual Report of the Press Committee, 8 pages. Isabella Tyson, Chairman, 1208 Madison avenue, Baltimore, Md.

The above pamphlet is the report of the committee on the purification of the press, to the Religious Society of Friends, which convened at Baltimore, October 10, 1897, which shows the result of endeavor to elevate the tone of the popular newspaper. Accompanying the report is a circular letter addressed to the editors and journalists of the country—an appeal for a better press, so that it will contain fewer harrowing reports and dispatches, and fewer lies and slanders. We assure this Society that we are not only in sympathy with their work, but are fighting the great newspaper octopus with all the power of THE FLAMING SWORD. We welcome to this great work all efforts directed against the corrupting influence of the modern newspaper. It needs thorough renovation, and in many instances, if not the majority, total wiping out of existence by better influences and examples. We do not know just what this society has been recommending to the newspaper world, but we are in this work for all it means and for all it is worth. We publish the *real* and the *ideal* journal, and would suggest that we can supply hundreds of thousands of copies to this society to be sent to the journals of the world as a model journal of purity of tone, truth, refinement of expression, and all other points of excellency.

Chicago Medical Observer, monthly review of medicine and surgery, Vol. 1, No. 1, \$1 per year. Wm. H. Cook, M. D., publisher, 1321 Wellington avenue, Chicago, Ill.

The Philanthropist, social purity and reform, monthly, 24 large pages, \$1 per year. American Purity Alliance, New York, N. Y.

The Augusta Round-Table, 16-page weekly, devoted to Society, literature and reform; \$1 per year. Augusta, Ga.

The Progressive Thinker, 8-page weekly, spiritism; 40 Loomis Street, Chicago, Ill.

The Weekly Sentinel, news and reform, weekly; Tonganoxie, Kansas.

The Melbourne Times, Florida news, weekly, Melbourne, Fla.

The Medium, weekly, spiritism, 50 cents a year. Los Angeles, Cal.

Banner of Liberty, news and reform, weekly, Minden, La.

The Pen, prohibition and reform, monthly leaflet, Melton's, Va.

The Common Cause, weekly, reform, Newport, Ky.
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Thoughts From the Reform Press.

The Spirit of Massacre.

Competition, starvation, strike, injunction, and then the massacre! It has been repeated over and over again, and will so continue as long as the present system exists. The miserable tools who committed the murderous deed are not altogether to blame; they, too, are merely incidents—effects—and ought not to be mixed up with the cause that created them. So long as natural monopolies are owned by private interests, the Pinkerton thug, the corrupt Judge, Cour de Alene, Cal Creek, Homestead and Hazelton will flourish.—*Machinists' Journal.*

The main use we have for the silver question, is to demonstrate that if 40 cents' worth of that metal is worth 100 cents, because it has the government fiat, how much nicer it would be to have it all flat.—*Tacoma Sun.*

When the conservatives start out hunting up poor relations, it signifies that they want votes to make themselves richer and their poor relations poorer.—*The Worker.*

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The Open Court for January.

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