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# The Flaming Sword

*"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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## The Success of the Koreshan Movement.

Truth Against a World of Sensualism, the War of the Few Against Modern Corruption.

UNDER the auspices of the Koreshan Unity, the principles of Communistic and Co-operative economics are being put into practical operation. Already there is a meat market and grocery store in successful progress, with the broom manufacturing department well advanced. The bakery recently opened promises success. Just arrived from Boston, we have a shoe manufacturer with machinery and stock for the beginning of operations. In a few days, the shoe establishment will be in active operation. We do not expect to introduce our methods of social development on the lines of communistic co-operation without a fight.

"There was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels," and it is not expected that the conflict will be an easy one. It is communism against competition, therefore when John in vision beheld the birth of the new kingdom, as he looked down the generations to follow him before the harvest, he saw "a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: and she being with child cried, travailing in birth and pained to be delivered." This struggle to bring to birth the man-child was merely the portrayal, to John, of the struggle the truth would have against error, and the practical life of divine uses against the spirit of the age as it would be manifest in the hell-born spirit of competition that now universally prevails.

The Koreshan Unity has struggled for eleven years in Chicago, against the powers of hell; and notwithstanding the efforts of foes within and without to break us up and destroy our potency, we are certainly making substantial progress. Our system is no longer an experi-

ment. Our printing office, which we started on the financial basis of \$350, much of which was obtained on credit, with a chattel mortgage on the material, has grown into a plant now utilizing the labor of from twenty-five to thirty persons, and growing. We not only print our own publications, but are doing quite an extensive job business. When it is taken into consideration that the commercial world, the politics of the city, and the churches are all against us, with the power of a vilifying press, we can congratulate ourselves that we have been able to hold our own.

It must be remembered that we have had a sentiment to create, and have therefore been compelled to turn the current of public opinion, with the prejudice of lies against us which the holy (?) Christianity of this modern age has itself instituted against our cause. We have steadily continued our victorious march, and will continue to do so until our Church will be, as its name signifies, the Church Triumphant. We need all the assistance we can muster from the friends of our cause; a constituency multiplying as the days and weeks go by, and months are compounded.

The CELLULAR COSMOGONY is multiplying our friends. There are thousands of pyramidal apexes who are not supposed to investigate anything new; of course, they reject it. But the processes of progress have developed an augmenting intellectuality capable of comprehending this marvelous enunciation of truth regarding the construction—the form and functions—of the universe, and whose minds are adequate to the deepest interest for that into which they are maturing as the fruit of the dispensation.

There will be no failure of our work. The God of



conquest and glory is the Captain of the salvation now being instituted, and though the devil may rage and rave, the god of the money power, which today seems all powerful, will be overthrown, and the King of righteousness will reign in this world as he reigns in heaven. As our work in its practical operations progresses, we will keep our readers informed for their encouragement; for we know the longings of that portion of the human mind which is ripening for Koreshanity, to become co-

workers in practical life in co-operative and communistic fields of utility. While others may agitate, and tell the world of a prevailing disease without diagnosing its character, and with false prognostications and without a remedy, we, having diagnosed, and knowing the only remedy, prognosticate scientifically. We know all the laws to be applied in the establishment of God's kingdom in the earth. It is our province to give to the world the gospel of perfection.

## "No Weapon Formed Against Thee Shall Prosper."

THE KORESHAN Unity revolves around the central principle or pivot of purification. There can be no immortality without the separation of mind and body from the sensual tendencies of the flesh. This mortal shall put on immortality; this corruptible shall put on incorruption. This cannot be done while mankind indulges in the propagative order of existence. The very intimation of the necessity for a separation from sensual indulgence in order to acquire immortal life, will incense the devil, and his emissaries will bring the very charge against the fruit of the dispensation, suggested to the sensual mind by the enunciation of the central truth of life.

A state prison convict, with her pal, is at the present time active against the Koreshan Unity and its Founder; and while she may endeavor to enrage the community against the progress of our work, and while she may attempt to divert the public gaze from her own nefarious practices of thieving, blackmailing, and appropriating whatsoever she can lay hands on, her effort does

not particularly disturb the equanimity of Koreshans. We would scarcely notice the onslaught she and her consort are making, but for the fact that she is liable to dupe others as she already has some who have entertained her, because she claimed to be an authorized agent of the Koreshan Unity. Her record is black with criminality, and it is impossible for her to avoid criminal offences for any length of time. She is neither a countess nor a baroness. The charges she makes are malicious and false, and are suggested by her own criminal life, for they are in line with her own corrupt practices. At present, she is operating in Florida in an effort to excite the ire of the people of that state against the Koreshan Unity.

We have never devoted much time to contradicting the calumnies of our slanderers. The truth we are propounding to the world is great enough to take care of itself, and is so much beyond the comprehension of the devil and all his modern emissaries, as to preclude the possibility of its being stolen for impure and impracticable uses.



### Full of Intellectual Dynamis.

We are glad to be informed that the CELLULAR COSMOGONY is a "dangerous book." Nothing destitute of power is ever "dangerous." We know it is dangerous to atheistic astronomy, modern theology, and the "Higher Criticism" having its basis in a system of so called science which has only assumption for its premise, and supposition upon which to predicate the formulation of intellectual activity.

We expect opposition; but the book will have the reinforcement of THE FLAMING SWORD, now placed at the east of the Garden of Eden to keep the way of the Tree of Life. "Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought, and his angels." Let the war progress. Selah.

We wish to encourage our readers by stating the fact that we have a real, live agent in New York state,

who is devoting his entire time to the sale of the CELLULAR COSMOGONY. He is selling hundreds of copies and stirring things up generally, in the localities where he is canvassing. The book is creating a sensation. Let the good work go on.

The beginning of every dispensation is ushered in through the promulgation of religious thoughts suitable to the genius of the age. By the promulgation of religious ideas or thoughts, we mean such restatements of the doctrines of life as will insure the restoration of the relations of God and man, broken through the natural recidivation of the outward church while passing through its regular cycle of regenerating progress.

Every attempt to establish communism upon the basis of atheism, or infidelity to the precept and principle of the personal Jehovah as manifestly human, will come to naught.



# Astronomical Evidences of the Approaching End of the Age.

Warning Written on the Dial of the Zodiac.

PROF. U. G. MORROW.

**A**STRONOMY is said to be one of the most sublime subjects for contemplation. If it be the most sublime, it should serve the greatest and most magnanimous purpose to which any department of the knowledge of the universe can be applied. The fact that modern astronomy has not served such purpose, only proves that it is not the system that is destined to enlighten the world.

The mind of humanity today is not in unity concerning our location in time. There is an instinctive feeling that we are about to cross the threshold of a new world, a new era. The new century is thought to be laden with the fruit of ages, in which all of the high aspirations of humanity may be realized. Millions of people are expecting the ushering-in of an age of universal peace; indeed, here is a field in which man reposes the focus of optimism. The intuitive instinct is prophetic, vaguely expressed in hundreds of new theories of religion and reform.

The subject of the end of the age has concerned the mind of the world since the days of Jesus. As he came into the world in accordance with the operation of law, his return at some period of the world's history would be inevitable. Nineteen hundred years ago, the seed of the Tree of Life was sown in man—in the human race; and since that time there has been a looking forward to the *harvest* of that sowing. The processes of reproduction of that life span one entire age. Nearly 2,000 years have passed, and thousands are asking, "When shall these things be, and what shall be the sign of thy coming?"

The general evidences of the approaching end of the age are seen in all the current events of the world; in the rapid disintegration of church and state; the acceleration of all the forces of the world evinced through the unusual and startling events in the great panorama of progress. The pencilings of human thought converge in the new century. As the old draws to a close, there is renewal of agitation concerning the great questions of the ages, and once again the time prophecies are considered by chronologists. The focal point of the age is not far distant; the harvest is at hand.

## Dispensations Marked by Astronomical Time.

The relations of the human world to the physical cosmos are absolute. Man is the highest product of universal activity, the apex of all progressive evolutions through all the lower kingdoms of the world. The human world and the great cell which contains it are co-eternal and co-ordinate; cycles in the physical world correspond to cycles in humanity. The general mind accepts this, in the belief that the coming era will witness the perfection of both man and his environments. Disasters and cataclysms have occurred in the past as a consequence of the greatest mental darkness;

while the factors of peace of the Golden Age will hush the storms in the mental and the material worlds!

Astronomical time is invariable; the sphere of the heavens is the truest chronometer. The movements in the physical heavens are constant, and the revolutions of the orbs are completed with unremitting regularity; they make the calendars of the universe. One by one the years of equal length are divided into seasons, and even into seconds. Every orb returns to its place in definite times, measuring definite periods, from the smallest division of time to the great cycles spanning thousands of seasons. Epochs of the past have been marked by the unvarying standard of the stars; written in the physical heavens are the records of all the past, the unmistakable signs of the present, and the infallible prophecies of the future.

The astronomical mind is cognizant of the fact that in one cycle of solar precession the equinoxes pass through twelve divisions of the great belt of the Zodiac, which contains the ecliptic. Every one familiar with the practical astronomy knows that there is a continual shifting of the stars, a changing of the celestial longitude, so that in astronomical reckoning, allowance must be made for the precession of the vernal equinox, or the point of the sun's crossing the celestial equator, when considering stellar longitude. It is known positively and absolutely, from the records of the astronomical world, that about 2,000 years ago the equinoctial colure in its movement westward on the celestial equator, passed from the constellation Aries into Pisces; and that from that time until this, with the annual stepping of 50" arc of the heavens, the vernal equinox has been passing through the constellation Pisces, causing a displacement in celestial longitude of about 30°.

These movements are concurrent and co-ordinate with dispensational events in the human world. The divisions in humanity are so clearly defined as to be unmistakable. During the great Noatic dispensation, in which the light of Egypt illumined the Orient, the sign was moving through Taurus. The product of the Noatic dispensation was the beginning of the Jewish dispensation, the coming of Abraham, the head of a new people, marked by the precession of the sign through Aries. The anthropostic fruit of the dispensation of Aries or Lamb, was the Lamb of God, Jesus the Messiah. The constellation and its product agree in name. The constellation is the head of the Zodiac, the point from which right ascension is determined; Jesus was the head of humanity, the beginning of the new cycle, the beginning of the new creation. The birth of Jesus the Christ was written in the sky, and read by the wise men of the East. The memorable journey of the Magi, just preceding the first Christmas nearly 2,000 years ago, was the result of the correct interpretation of the stellar precessional pageant bearing the diadem



for the Son of the dispensation, and preparing to crown the world with a New Man!

The world is ripe for revolution; another great event in the world's history is about to occur. A stupendous tidal wave is about to sweep the sea of humanity; an appalling and world-wide cyclone, a destructive vortex, is forming and preparing to gather into its cone of disaster and cataclysm, the entire modern world. A terrible volcano is smoldering beneath human society, ready to burst into activity at the crisis of the age. We are nearing the end of a great cycle; we are about

to reach the culmination; about to reap the whirlwind of disaster; and we are about to pluck the fruit of the Tree of Life. The critical moment is arriving; the time when these things shall be—the sign of the coming of the world's great Teacher, is unmistakably marked upon the face of the sky. The vernal equinox is passing from the constellation Pisces into Aquarius, to bring the storm of vengeance upon the old, and to shed the light of Truth for the new; and when the sign reaches the meridian of the initial star in the Aquarian firmament, the great dial of the Zodiac will announce the hour of revolution!

## The Decline of the Christian Church and State.

Or, the Great Falling Away, and Revelation of the Man of Sin.

REV. BERTHALDINE.

THE ORIGIN of the Christian church and state has been shown to be the Lord Jesus Christ, seed of the biune Deific humanity planted in and crossed with the mortal humanity prepared for its reception. The Lord Jesus is represented by the vertical line of the cross, which both ascends and descends. The mortal humanity is represented by the horizontal line, which indicates the plane of demarcation between the ascending and descending energies of life. The point of conjunction is the point of terminal transformation, where the resulting product is manifest as the center of all activities, "the mighty one of forces."

It is written in the Scriptures of the Christian: "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." The seed of God fell into the ground of mortal humanity, and all its energies were quickened to newness of life by virtue of the disintegration of the seed, whose transforming potencies were absorbed by both the ascending and descending energies of the seed of the woman or earth-born church it vitalized.

The descending energies of a vegetable seed manifest their activities in the physical earth, which corresponds to the hells or mortal spheres of humanity. The ascending energies have their activities in the atmosphere, which corresponds to the heavens, the intellectual and affectional realms, from which the immortals come forth to bless with life.

The descending life of Jehovah was made to be sin in our mortal humanity. It has, in obedience to the law of transmutation, become the perpetuating force of sensual reproduction, by which every mortal man is conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity. Jehovah himself is thus transformed, as to his animal life, to the corruptible nature of sensual or carnally-minded humanity. He has become the messenger of death to all in subjection to the impulses of the sensual nature. The sensual nature perpetually proliferates and disintegrates, till the limit of its vitality is reached, and the man is left without an impulse to proceed. Disintegration comes through friction or conflict.

The seed of the woman, or church, vitalized by Jehovah, the Father's seed, when conjoined through the adultery of the earthly church with the pagan states of the world, was forced to free herself with her inherent vitality, and withdraw from the conflicting and disintegrating elements of the body of the great harlot produced by adultery, and to reject any connection with the harlotries, the fruits of that adultery. The Papal states or governments, endowed with power from the male head of the great harlot, all give evidence of their being conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity. As they become hoary and worthless in the decline of their era, they are doomed to fall and disintegrate as corrupt democracies, so devoid of vitality that they are fitly symbolized by the feet of iron mixed with miry clay, as seen by Daniel in his vision of the great image.

The culminating power of the disintegrating democratic or demoniac spirit is becoming brilliantly visible in the United States, where all the legitimate relationships of church and state are made null and void, and where the most pronounced tendency to individualism is made free to exhibit itself. This individualism comes from self-centeredness, the desire of the self to claim the universe and become its hero or god. This desire is reflexed from the throne of the living and true God, the living self of every man dead in trespasses and sins, who can receive the wisdom by which He is recognized, and by which the man may be absorbed into Him. This reflexed desire of the Almighty to reclaim his humanity from its lost estate, is to the spirit of the ascending humanity, the power of attraction to God, and the Saviour of life unto life; but to the descending or retrogressive humanity, it is the savour of death unto death, leaving man without God and without hope.

The day of the Lord, who comes again a second time without sin unto salvation, cannot come, so the Apostle Paul wrote, except there be a great falling away and the "man of sin" be revealed. The decline of the church and state is for the revealing of the "man of sin." Salvation and its results cannot be appreciated without a complete experimental knowledge of sin and



its consequences, and also its remedy. Moreover, the God-man had to die or abide alone, just one of his genus, the Theo-anthropoi. This latter it was not in the nature of His Divinity to do. He conformed to the law of the cross, despising the shame, knowing that through the travail of His soul he should bring many sons to glory.

The ascending biune spirit-life of Jesus has, through the era of his continuous bodily disintegration, been occupying the throne, represented by the median line of progressive intellectuality, which in its celestial realms is conjoined to the altar of divine love. From this sphere of conjunctive unity there must descend the constructive spirits or energies, to gather the fruits of God's sacrifice in humanity, that he may appropriate them, and transform and reform the elements of his disintegrated body into a temple fit for the living God, by whose light is revealed the power and great glory of Jehovah.

By searching the records of history, it is easy to trace the descending steps of the Son of man. The earliest record, in the Acts of the Apostles, of the holy seed, represents it as a living epistle of obedience to the law of love. One, a little later, represents the mystery of iniquity, the sensuous energies as already working. Primarily, we have revealed a holy seed, a chosen generation in the midst of wicked and perverse nations, controlled by the spirits who compete for dominion in the lowest hells. These antichristian spirits instigated the early persecutions of the little flock for its destruction. Through the weaknesses of its unredeemed mortal

flesh, it finally compromised with the iniquitous, and sought the protection of the strongholds of satan, by tendering its services to the pagan powers of the world, who in turn courted the church for its favors, she having become a recognized superhuman power, even by the devils who believe and tremble.

A marriage was effected in the time of Constantine, in conformity with the language of the curse. The adulterous consummation of it has brought forth a belligerent progeny of conflicting churches and nations, which have filled the earth with violence and dishonor to the holy name of Jehovah, by practically denying all they publicly profess. They grope in a darkness which is only made visible by the lurid lights of the false sciences of the hells in which they breed the children of disobedience.

In 1893, the forces of disintegration gathered for a new and final impetus. This gathering was called "The Congress of Religions," and was made up of representatives of all nationalities and all conflicting spheres of religious belief. Each representative endeavored to furnish evidence of superiority to the rest, and by virtue of this, the right of dominion. The force of resistance met by each claimant for the throne, in the combined opposition of all the others, turned the forces of each by reflection, loose in the world to compass land and sea to make converts, to rally round the priests of Baal for their final conflict with Elijah, God the Lord of Israel, when the climax of the fall of Babylon will be manifest to the world, and the man of sin saved by fire from God out of heaven.

## Persecution is Always Antichristian.

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

**W**HEN some of the Lord's disciples wished to call down fire from heaven to destroy people who did not live and think as they did, or as they thought right, he rebuked them, telling them that they knew not what manner of spirit they were of. Every persecution is an attempt, by persons whose own lives will not bear inspection, to force others not to live and act after the promptings of their own spirit, but after the dictation of others.

As a matter of course, persecutors claim to possess superior virtues in some way; but their very acts in persecuting others give the lie to their professions. Any assumption of superior intelligence or virtue in such persons is *always* suspicious, as such assumption is merely a cover for ignorance, and fraud, and falsehood. The truth, which Jesus was, never operates in that way. It teaches plainly what right and justice are, and leaves people free to adopt or reject them, according to the dictates of their own consciences, with none to molest or make them afraid. When such people talk about others using occult powers to oppress, you may rest

assured that they are talking about that of which they have some knowledge, which they themselves are in the habit of using for the purposes of which they complain. The truth has no mysteries and no occasion for their use. **THIS IS THE TIME WHEN ALL MYSTERIES ARE TO BE REVEALED.**

Nineteen centuries ago, when the divine seed—of which the harvest, in humanity, is now at hand—was sown, the Apostle said: "But God hath revealed them [mysteries] unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." Now, when we are coming to the harvest of that seed sowing, when that holy and divine Spirit will mature an equally holy and divine body, soul, and spirit, there must come the doing away with all mysteries, for the Lord himself said: "Fear them not therefore: For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known."

Again the Apostle says: "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could



remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing." Charity is the love of humanity, which Jesus had, and having which he never persecuted anybody; and no man who ever received that Spirit became a perse-

cutor under its operation. Mystery has been the tool of tyrants long enough, and is soon to be, with every other evil and oppressive thing, swallowed up in a glad fruition of glory to God and good will to men.

## Observations and Reflections.

AMANDA T. POTTER.

### A Glimpse of Society.

**G**ENERATIONS wind the clock and retire to rise,  
wind the clock and retire to rise.

Truth and Good, manifest in man perfected,—Jehovah,  
—wound the universe as a clock, and retired.

If the cricket on the hearth thought the "gude man"  
had gone to come no more,

He was as much in wisdom as the multitude of ists and  
isms who,

Fancying that they inhere the Truth and Good—the  
Christ—expect not the reappear nor the rewind.

Men desirous of truth will adhere to facts, which, in  
part, have their mainspring in truth.

The reading public demands a brilliant pen before truth  
or fact.

The public, when it subsides from the main line of  
acquisitive instinct,—money getting,—seeks  
amusement.

Instruction is secondary, and must embody that which,  
in the eyes of the world, enhances the brilliancy  
of the instructed.

Imposture is welcome, if it appears in the wedding-  
garment,

And the brilliant pen does not scintillate anything that  
would discredit the acumen of penetration.

Hence, all in all, the uncertainty which hangs over those  
vivid portrayals of foreign personages and environs

That else would become an almost tangible relationship.

From over the water, barring uncertainty of data,  
floats the thistle-down of the seed of love of money  
and pleasure.

That symbol of fortune, the horseshoe, has at present a  
very intimate connection with the "Jersey Lily."

A racing-stable of a double thirteen is the charm

Which opens wide to her the doors of society erst so  
tightly shut.

It matters not that the greater number of the twenty-  
six steeds were spoil from the wrecked fortunes of  
her friends—

They are her passport to the good graces of the British  
world of exclusives:

"The winning of a great horse-race atones for all sorts  
of shortcomings."

Horse-racing is foremost among English pleasures, and  
the "Lily" is rapidly taking her place in its van-  
guard.

If she has not yet radiated her smiles upon the English  
throne, and embraced its queen, the heir-apparent  
of said throne has doubtless made amends.

He leads her off on his arm, rides with her, and sits as  
star guest in her enchantingly beautiful race box  
at Newmarket.

Her town house in Cadogan Garden, London, is the  
scene of lavish entertainment,

Where may be found women of rank and social emi-  
nence who have forgotten "the long train of ruin  
and death in her wake."

This phase of society is a highlight of the whole.

The journey from hut to palace is through a maze of  
degrees of similar condition.

The two great demands of our modern civilization are  
money and pleasure,

And the way from hovel to palace will be lined with  
starveling contributors thereto,

Until people are educated into a sense of duty to them-  
selves and their dependents.

Men should not contribute to the coffer of thieves.

By so contributing, they share the dishonor with added  
vengeance to themselves.

Men who possess themselves of the unrequited earnings  
of their fellow men are thieves,

And those whose minds are open to this truth, should  
be fearless in speaking out.

Hugo says that hunger digs a pit in the heart of man,  
and fills it with hatred.

But it is quite legitimate to say that it is hate which  
allows hunger to dig the pit.

Where love to the neighbor exists, there is no hunger.

The hunger of the world will cease through restoration  
of those conditions

Which obtained as result of the teachings, and particu-  
larly as the result of the baptism poured out by  
the Savior of mankind.

### SEED MULTIPLIED.

**G**OD SPAKE, and the Word that was with God and was God,  
Invisible, Intangible, became

The Visible and Tangible; the pure,

The undying flesh; the Son of God, the Bright

And Morning Star, even like unto those

Of whom God demanded of Job—those Morning Stars

That sang together, those sons of God who shouted

For joy. God spake; his Voice was his Son, the

Sower who sowed the Word—himself—in men.

The harvest is near when is heard the "great

Voice out of heaven," the many sons of God

Upsprung from that one Son sown in the race.

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**T**HE TRUTH complete must stand for naught  
Unless with action it be fraught;  
And action itself will run but lame  
If sprung from aught of selfhood's name.



## In the Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

THE WORLD repudiates reason; its conclusions are formed not in accordance with logic, not in accordance with evidences, but in accordance with desire. All through the ages the thought of the world in general has followed its desires, retrogressing into sensualism until reason is lost, and the mental world is left in chaos. Today the world is in chaos; we have unmistakable evidences that reason is not the world's guide. Man entertains popular opinions held in the times in which he is born. If in Europe or America, he is likely to be a Christian; if in Africa, he is a Mohammedan; if in Asia, he is a Buddhist or a Brahman. The modern church repudiates reason; it asserts that reason is not a safe guide. Recently, Dr. Dixon of New York declared that "man, all reason, would be as near the devil incarnate as I can imagine." This means that the modern church will denounce the man who is able to reach absolutely true conclusions concerning the universe and its origin. In other words, it despises knowledge and loves ignorance; it declares in actions speaking louder than words, that absolutely scientific knowledge is of the devil, while ignorance is of God! The truth is antagonistic to the interest and the life of fallacy. Truth and fallacy will come in conflict in the human world; great armies of entities will engage in the battle of Armageddon, —reason against credulity, light against darkness. Reason incarnate, reason enthroned in the scientific mind, is in the world today, lifting again the standard of purity of life and thought, challenging the sensual world to war! It is waving the red flag before the sensual bull of perverted uses. The great Matadore, SWORD in hand, glides upon the arena of conflict. The church denounces the Man and his System, and will endeavor to crush it out as it endeavored to extinguish the light of Jesus, thereby only adding fuel to the flame!

The question has arisen concerning where the weak minds are. Occasionally we hear the insinuation that there are weak minds in the Koreshan Institutions; while we say that the world's insipidity and stupidity are surprising as well as alarming! Suppose there should be weak minds among us; what of it? We didn't make them; they came right out of the old world, which, if we would believe some of its hypocritical representatives, produces nothing not strictly first-class. Very well; the world produced us; the Koreshan System is an evolution, the result of factors operating according to inexorable law. Intellectually, it is the highest product of the universe. Occasionally, we have the happy opportunity of saving some minds from the conditions the world has produced—from the *hells of fallacy*—and to receive them for development of character for a noble purpose. We are proud that any mind can in *any* degree comprehend the marvelous system of Koreshanity. It is immeasurably to the credit of so called weak minds that they can understand the profundities of the universe; and indeed, to the everlasting shame of boasted intellectual capacity, that it is incapable of understanding that which is left to individuals socially beneath them to grasp and appropriate! It is simply a difference of standards of tests; the most advanced and able minds are those who can *reason from a premise*, while the weaker ones are those who allow the blind leaders to lead them regardless of the consequences and regardless of rational conclusions, no matter whether they possess thousands or millions of dollars. Nineteen hundred years ago, a few recognized the Teacher of Truth and entered upon planes of experiences which were closed to the self-centered, hypocritical, and conceited sensualists. The hypo-

crits always get left; the big bugs of hell are the last to be rescued from it!

The directions east and west are the only continuous ones in the physical universe. West extends all the way round the world, and east likewise. There is no end to east nor to west because they are at the periphery of revolution; a wheel may turn in one direction continuously. North and south are limited directions; the longest north possible is  $180^{\circ}$ . From every point on the earth's surface there is a due north and a due south, because north and south are *points* representing the axis of revolution. Follow a meridian around in the earth: The direction traveled would be north to the polar point and then, without turning to the right or to the left, without making an angle in the path, the direction would be south! Semi-cardinal points are still more limited; northwest, for instance, can only extend  $90^{\circ}$ ; then the direction is changed to the southwest without any actual change or angle in the line! If the mind can grasp how these simple directions change, how a straight course upon the arc of the earth's surface can change in its relations to the magnetic needle, it can easily comprehend the limitation of interior space, and how a single point at the center of the great cell divides the entire universe in the creation of antitheses of *space* as well as its thousands of qualities of energy.

The Chicago *Journal* rejoices over the success of the Chicago water-works in meeting every demand of the times. The system is under the control of the people of the city, and the expenses are reduced to the minimum. It excludes monopoly, and absolutely precludes speculation and profits. The people get the benefits of the entire system, and there are no private interests. Of course, now that the evidences are so obvious, any newspaper can safely argue for the city water-works! But what about the street car systems? If the people owned and controlled them it would preclude monopoly and private interests; the expenses would be reduced to the minimum, and the fares a mere insignificant fraction of a cent. The same is true of railroads, and all other industries of the nation and the world. Take them out of the hands of the millionaires and put them into the hands of the people! See how the water works: It flows in free circulation through the city system. There should be no obstructions to commerce; the dogs in the manger should be removed!

Before the Spanish-American war and the consequent colonial policy of the United States were thought of, the Founder of Koreshanity announced that the center of the world's future religious, governmental, and commercial activities would be in the tropics. The founding of the Koreshan Colony in southern Florida, the beginning of the great work of founding the world's greatest city, in 1894, establishes the priority of the conclusion that the South, not the West, involves possibilities for the highest ethical and ethnical culture. The great magazines of the world are now discussing these possibilities, foreshadowing the white man's ultimate relation to the tropics. The movement in Koreshanity toward the South, is definitely and specifically *prophetic*, the result of the scientific revelation of the world's future as related to the change in the ecliptic of the physical world, the consequent conjunction of the solar and lunar spheres, and corresponding conjunction of God and man. Southern Florida is at the point of the *vitellus* of the great egg of the universe.

Are there any weak minds in the modern church? we might



ask, when the question of weak minds is insinuatingly asked us. Look at the character of the classes it presumes to save. Thousands are taken from the slums—induced through offers of food, clothing, and employment, to leave their old habits and join the church. Out from the lower classes, millions swell the church roll but add nothing to the intellectual stores of Christendom; and it has almost exhausted its stock! The mind of the modern church is rather lowered to the level of the majority. There is no difference between the people of the church and the people of the world, unless it be in favor of the world. There is more crime in Christendom than there is in heathendom. We are not opposed to whatever moral influence there is inhering in the church world. The highest degree of the morality of hell is the standard of a fallacious church; the lower wears the cloak of the higher, ultimately wiping out all distinction.

Life cannot exist without organic form. Human society must have form—the true form—before the true social life can obtain. As human life exists in form analagous to the form of the universe at large, it follows that the form of the social structure in which the goods of life are conserved and appropriated in equity, must correspond to the form and function of the physical world. There must be a point of concentration as well as the circumference of commercial activity. Where the goods of life—the products of labor—are misappropriated, it is a manifestation of social disease, social injustice, which must terminate in disaster to the social and economic structure. The socialism of Koreshanity is a system of organic unity, involving the specifications for the construction of human government and definite human relations which will insure the greatest happiness and health, life, and liberty to humanity that the world has ever known in all its history!

Some minds cannot conceive how there can be an interior terminal point of space, nor how the astral center is the point of convergence of all perpendiculars. The problem is an easy one: A light shines *out*; radiations extend in all directions from the point. A rifle ball may be shot *toward* the light; in its path it changes its relation to the light—going *in* to it, against the radiations, and then *beyond* it, following the direction of the opposite radiations; the ball would go *in* and then *out*, although moving in a straight line. A straight line extending from side to side of the concave earth would extend *up* one half the distance and then, without changing its direction, without being refracted from its course, it would extend *down* to the other side! Up is toward the center; down is from the center of the earth, the center of the hollow sphere.

It is in the order of the evolution and deterioration of thought that its retrogressions culminate in *infinity*, as opposed to the *finite Center*, the point of all mental impulse. The Copernican system of astronomy and the modern theology are the result of retrogression, the exact opposite of the truth.

When the sun and moon are in opposition on the ecliptic, the Zodiacal clipper severs the magnetic currents of relation between the sun and moon, and the moon is eclipsed or cut off from the positive pole of the battery of the universe.

There is a startling difference between the primitive and the modern churches. Jesus instituted a system of *regeneration* of man, while the energies of the modern Christian center in the functions of *generation* of common mortal humanity!

The world vainly endeavors to ascertain who is Who. He is a stranger, lost and unknown; he is the prodigal son, who, when he overcomes death, will sit on the throne of the Almighty.

Toy stores have been stocking up for Christmas; for a small share of the entire lot, the Sunday school boy is hanging his stocking up.

Modern reformers are endeavoring to revive the spirit of '76. That's the trouble already; the spirit of '76 millionaires rule America.

Even Christmas has its restraints; it can come only once a year. When the modern Santa Claus is dead, it will not come at all.

In the promulgation of the Koreshan System we are writing the condition of the world, the beginning of the work of making it right.

God's knowledge is limited; when he knows *all* things, he knows all there is, and hence he cannot know anything else!

The motto of the modern astronomer is "Silence is golden," when confronted with the facts of Koreshan Cosmogony.

Copernicus was the big sun of fallacy; the modern mental worlds revolve about the absurdity.

Stump speakers are in the backwoods of political progress.

The Almighty must lose himself to find the world.

Saturn rings the curfew for its many satellights.

The life of the modern church is death.

The revolution of cycles is e-turn-al.

The pul-pits are bottomless!

## Editorial Discussions, Chats, and Correspondence.

THE EDITOR.

### Remarkable Total Eclipse of the Moon Dec. 27.

I send you a copy of *Storms and Signs* for December, to call your attention to the marked passage mentioning the total eclipse of the moon Dec. 27, and the statement that it will be witnessed by "all peoples of the earth." As such a statement cannot be explained according to the usually accepted Copernican theory, I shall be glad to get one of your lucid explanations.—W. B. G., Chicago, Ill.

The statement in *Storms and Signs* is not quite correct. The eclipse will not be visible in Australia, nor in the South

Pacific islands. As the moon will be in Gemini, the most northerly constellation, the eclipse will be visible for the most part in the northern hemisphere. On December 13, there was a partial eclipse of the sun, when the moon was new; but as the sun was in Sagittarius, and the moon southing considerably, the path of the eclipse was thrown to the extreme south, and consequently was invisible in the north. The coming eclipse is simply one of longer duration than usual, and is seen *successively* in the different horizons

as the path of the eclipse moves toward the *west*; it is *not* visible simultaneously all over the world. The eclipse begins in the eastern part of the United States, and continues until the moon passes over America, the Pacific Ocean, Asia, and Europe, or ends rather, when rising in Europe, about 18 hours after the eclipse begins. It is not visible on the Atlantic Ocean.

A number of things contribute to the duration of this eclipse. The moon reaches its descending node in Gemini on



December 27, and crosses the ecliptic at a very acute angle; its movement for nearly one day is due east and west over the sign Cancer, and consequently is in the plane of the ecliptic for that time; and its altitude is greater, the moon nearing its apogee, or greatest distance above the earth's surface. This places the line of the lunar apsides in the direction of the visible sun, and the visible moon deeper in the inverted cone of darkness having its apex in the focal point of darkness  $180^\circ$  west of the projected sun.

All of these facts conspire to throw the path of the moon on the ecliptic for a longer period than in the usual lunar eclipse, and hence its remarkable character. When the moon is on the ecliptic and in exact opposition to the sun, (which occurs 29 times in an eclipse cycle,) the *magnetic circuit* which connects the solar and lunar systems, is opened and the currents are *cut off* from the visible moon as actually and really as the electric currents are cut off from the arc light by the electric switch. In this coming eclipse, the *cut off* (or eclipse) lasts over 18 hours.

#### Sun, Moon, and Planets Move East and West at the Same Time.

Please explain a statement I have seen in THE FLAMING SWORD, that the sun, moon, and planets move in the heavens from west to east. All of these bodies rise in the east and set in the west, and so far as I know they have never moved the other way. It is certain that they could not move *both ways* at the same time. I have seen the apparently inconsistent statement in works on the old astronomy, and now I find that the same thing exists in yours.—W. B., New York.

It is not a correct conclusion, that the heavenly bodies do not move in two directions at the same time. Take a rotating globe for instance: It has  $360^\circ$  in the periphery of its rotation; suppose it to rotate once a minute. A fly is crawling in the opposite direction, and covers the space of nearly  $1^\circ$  for every time the globe turns  $360^\circ$ . The globe is moving the fly in *one* direction, while it is actually crawling in the *opposite* direction! When the globe has turned over 366 times, the fly will have gone around, as related to your eye, 365 times, because crawling in the opposite direction to the rotation of the sphere it has gained one rotation, which must be deducted from the number of rotations of the globe in 366 minutes.

It is the same way with the sun, moon, and planets. The sun moves in the order of its path in the Zodiac toward the east in the heavens about  $1^\circ$  of arc, and completes its revolution in 365 days. In the meantime, the stars record 366 revolutions. The moon moves about  $13^\circ$  per day toward the east, and completes its revolution or lunation in about 28 days.

The planets have longer periods of revolution in the Zodiac from west to east; the shortest (Mercury) being 88 days, and the longest (Neptune), 164 years. These movements are *in* the sphere of the heavens, but being *in* the sphere they turn *with* it in its *diurnal* revolution, and hence rise, reach our meridian, and set once a day.

#### When Will the Vernal Equinox Reach Aquarius?

Will you please give me the exact date when Aries, the Head, will be entirely out of Pisces and into Aquarius?—Mrs. J. W. R., Springfield, Mass.

Approximately, in a few years. There is a period of lapping between the dispensations; and the passing of the sign from Pisces into Aquarius will not be in a moment. The new dispensation began in the anthropistic in 1839, and we are now in the period of twilight. The culmination of the present dispensation will be when the beginning of the sign Aries, or the point of the vernal equinox, reaches the initial star of the constellation Aquarius. See article, "Astronomical Evidences of the Approaching End of the Age," in this issue.

The time when that will occur will depend upon the *ratio of acceleration* of physical forces of the universe, which depends upon the primary impulse given in the mental world nineteen hundred years ago. We are entering the period of *foreshortening of time*; similar foreshortenings occur at the end of every dispensation, making the cycle of precession 24,000 years instead of 25,816, as indicated by the normal precession of the equinoxes. For the same reason that Jesus withheld the time from his disciples, KORESH leaves the mind to depend upon unmistakable evidences of the proximity of the event.

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#### Words of Welcome for the Cellular Cosmogony.

One Universe Is Sufficient.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—Having written my endorsement of Part I of the CELLULAR COSMOGONY, I would say with special reference to Part II, that it is very ably constructed and put forth in the strength of exact science. The old astronomy brought to me no lasting impressions that it possessed absolute knowledge. One reason why it did not suit me is, that it seemed burdened with superfluous worlds. The earth as a *concave* sphere and the universe in one, does afford plenty of room for the illustration and full demonstration of all laws, phenomena, and uses of God and Nature. One earth (universe) being enough, what need of a billion more? Even were there other inhabited worlds, as taught by the old school astronomy, and the inhabi-

tants of the different bodies were in different states of progression or retrogression, all of the different states of the low and the high have been manifested in endless series in this earth (universe).

There must be an economy as well as order in being and manifestation. If so, one inhabited world, with its kingdom of heaven inside (within) and all that it implies, involves that economy. Jesus taught the Godhead, the Godhead bodily, to the people of *this* world. What use or economy in having other worlds of inhabitants to teach the same thing? And should there be a different style of expression of Divinity in *other* worlds, they could not transcend the manifestation of the Godhead bodily, that is a known accomplishment in this our world. What use in other worlds that could not, at some time, compass a greater thing than that manifested in one of its parts?

My objection to the superfluous worlds is only exceeded by a little more than inclination to rejoice at the invention and practical demonstration of the Rectilineator. The quotations from Procter on page 66 of the CELLULAR COSMOGONY, are indicative of the uncertainty that haunts the old system of astronomy. That which follows as to experiments on the Old Drainage Canal and on Lake Michigan, as well as the accounts of the experiments made on Southern waters, is *very* interesting. Beginning at page 87, the Principles of Mechanical Survey are given in less space and more readably than by any of the authors of the old school text-books. The matter is specially educative in its neat illustrations, as under the subhead, Fundamental Principles of Geometry, pages 90 to 93. Then follows the description of the Geodetic apparatus and its methods of use.

This book is particularly valuable not only for school teachers, but every student of general learning. The article copied from the editorial pages of the Chicago Times-Herald, and the Louisville Courier-Journal reporter's interview with Prof. Morrow, are such as to afford new readers a complete bird's-eye view of the Koreshan System of Universology. Even such questions as, What is on the outside of the hollow globe, and what do the Koreshans hold with reference to the creation? are answered. Then the Professor shows how the Koreshan Astronomy demonstrates the truth of the Bible. That part of the book is of even startling interest!—MAJOR OGDEN WHITLOCK, Colo.

#### The New Book a Chrysanthemum.

All hail to the CELLULAR COSMOGONY and New Geodesy! It is a beautiful large chrysanthemum! This flower says, I love truth; the book does more, it *gives* the truth, which is as lasting and enduring as eternity. We all know how long-lived the lovely and stately chrysanthemum is, not like its frail sister, the sweet rose; and so the flower is a fitting emblem of this pearl of great price. May it break down all strongholds of error and fallacy, and teach the world the true science of universal form and function!

The lovely article by Rev. E. M. Castle was read by me with the greatest interest and reverence; I made a study of it, reading it over and over again, trying to make it a part of my understanding. I was



delighted! I refer to "Angerboda's Brood," recently published. Oh, how grandly beautiful when the mind grasps these glorious truths! The theology of the Koreshan System appeals to me the most of all. Rev. Castle has truly sat at the feet of the great Teacher and drank deep of the living water from the fountain of truth.—MRS. C. M. BLANCHARD, Cal.

**Our New York Traveling Representative  
Stirring up Professors, Clergymen,  
and Business Men.**

This is a college town (Hamilton), containing the Colgate University, a Baptist institution. I have sold books to the professors, and also books to the ministers and business men. They have created quite an excitement here. The professor in astronomy denied that a vessel could be seen at sea after it had disappeared to the unaided vision. Another professor said that it *was* true, for some of his friends had tried the experiment. I told the first professor what the other professor said, and he replied that Dr. Teed lied about it, and that it was a money-making scheme! He seemed very much excited.

I stopped off at Earlville. There I met a surveyor who told me that he had been convinced for years that the earth was *concave* on account of his surveys. The first professor referred to above, informed me that the "book is a dangerous one, and ought not to be circulated." So it goes on!—REV. U. GORDON MITCHELL, New York.

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### The Jackson Conspiracy.

**Citizens Will Not Drive the Koreshans  
Out of Lee County.**

Princess Editha Loleta Jackson is right handy with the pen, and she continues to throw hot shot through the columns of the Ft. Myers Press at Dr. Cyrus R. Teed and his colonies at Washington Heights, Chicago, and Estero, Fla. She wants the citizens of Lee county and the local government to assist her in running the Estero colony out of Florida. The citizens of Lee county and the local government are not likely to do this, however, until they are asked to do so by some one other than Princess Editha Loleta Jackson, or until Koreshans infringe upon the rights of Lee county citizenship and become obnoxious. From all accounts, Princess Editha Loleta Jackson is not the proper person to get after the Koreshan crowd with a sharp stick, nor to tell the citizens of Lee county and the local government what should be done. Teed and his peculiar religion may be an infamous fraud, but the learned princess should leave that for some one else to say. She is said to have many conspicuous peculiarities herself. Besides, it is understood that she, too, desires to establish a colony down this way, and it might not be so vastly superior in any respect to the Teed following.—Punta Gorda (Fla.) Herald.

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### Chat With Readers.

We published last week a short sketch of a notorious criminal who attempted to wage a war of persecution against the Koreshans at the Estero Colony in Lee county, Florida. The citizens of Lee

county have long recognized that the Koreshans there are quietly and peacefully attending to their own affairs, persecuting no one and infringing on the rights of nobody. The fact that a number of like attempts have been made before and resulted in failure, leads the citizens of southern Florida to question the character of any further attempts to drive law-abiding people from the county. The Constitution of the United States is some guarantee to religious freedom, and frauds who oppose us will become startlingly aware of the fact when the proper time comes! Prof. L'Amoreaux describes in this issue the motives for all persecution, and by whom it is always waged. Noble causes always suffer at the hands of those whom truth exposes. In another column, the comments of a Florida paper concerning the fraud "Princess," appear. Every attempt made against the Koreshan Unity thus far, has resulted in lasting good to our Institutions!

Despite the fact that any attempt to destroy the octopus of the money power and the corruptions of modern times is met with the mental and material resistance of the entire world, the Koreshan movement is succeeding. We are rapidly growing in numbers, and in influence and power. A review of the Koreshan work is given by KORESH in this number, descriptive of a few of our industries—the result of the application of the principles of communism and co-operation. Our friends are always interested to know of the character of the work against us; another reference to the unsuccessful plot against our people in the South is published this week. The effort of the two crooks against us is a *failure*, and amounts to nothing. When the characters of the conspirators are known in the vicinity of their operations, it will make every citizen our staunch friend!

A foreign correspondent desires us to publish the name of some Chicago post-office substation recognized by the English postal books, so that money orders may be procured payable at our post-office. In the first place, we do not know what is contained in the English postal books; and second, we do not desire money orders made payable at any substation in Chicago. Will all our readers please read the instructions on second page of cover; there we designate that money orders intended for us should be made payable at the *Chicago post-office*, NOT at any substation. We make our collections on money orders at the main office in the city.

*Special Offer until Jan. 15.*—If you send us \$1.00 before January 15, either as a renewal or as a new subscription, we will send you THE FLAMING SWORD for one year and mail you *free* one copy of the CELLULAR COSMOGONY. If you are a reader of THE SWORD you cannot afford to be without the book. It will be the cause of much discussion in this Journal during the coming

year, and you can the better appreciate the situation if you become familiar with the contents of the book.

Begin the New Year by presenting your friend with a copy of the CELLULAR COSMOGONY and a year's subscription to THE FLAMING SWORD—both for \$1.00.

A Merry Christmas!

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### Formation of Clubs for the Study of Koreshan Universology.

**Victoria Gratia Stipulates Conditions of  
Organization of Initiatory Councils.**

As our work develops, inquiries are constantly being made regarding the organization of Clubs for the purpose of discussing and disseminating the gospel of Koreshanity. In reply to such inquiries we extend the privilege of organizing Initiatory Councils as preliminary to the regular organization of Camps of the Society Arch Triumphant.

Every Initiatory Club should have a President, Vice President, and Secretary; and the meetings of the Club conducted according to Roberts' Rules of Order. All meetings should be held strictly according to rules and discussion of questions regulated through the office of the Presiding Chairman of the Club. No person should be allowed to take part in discussions who doubts or opposes Koreshan Science. What we mean by discussion involves questions of differences in opinion regarding the true interpretation of that which is taught in Koreshanity and Koreshan literature.

If those interested in the subject of Koreshan Universology will be painstaking in the acquisition of the fundamental principles of our System, they will not get very far away from the main line of Koreshan Gospel. To acquire this knowledge it is essentially important that the literature of Koreshanity be read thoroughly, and whenever there is a question of uncertainty regarding a matter of doctrine, the President should communicate at once with Rev. Berthaldine, Matrona, Honorable President of the Society Arch Triumphant, Beth Ophrah, Cor. 99th St., & Oak ave., Chicago, Ill., Substation 48, when the point in question will be elucidated.

Any person may become a member of the Investigating, or First Degree of the Club,—for the general division of the Club into two degrees must conform to the general division of the Society Arch Triumphant—but no member shall be permitted to vote who is not a member of the Second Degree.

No person can be a member of the Second Degree who uses tobacco, profanity, or intoxicants. Moral character must be a prerequisite to membership to the Second Degree. Whiskey, beer, wine, tobacco, opium, profanity, and vulgarity favor sensuality, and militate against any successful effort to reform the character. When a Club is sufficiently advanced to appeal for entrance to the Orders of the Koreshan System, it may apply to Rev. Berthaldine, Matrona, Honorable Presi-



dent of the Society Arch Triumphant.

Halls, or parlors occupied for the convening of Clubs, should be so seated as to demark the members of the two degrees. The Club has no jurisdiction over the habits of those in the First Degree, which is merely investigative. It has, however, absolute control of the conduct of the meetings, and no tobacco or intoxicants shall ever be tolerated during any of the sessions of the Clubs. When convenient, the line of demarkation of members of the two degrees shall be from front to rear of the room occupied; the members of the First (lower) Degree sitting at the left, and the members of the Second (higher) Degree at the right.

These are merely general principles for the conduct of meetings by such as desire to enter upon the great work of re-formation, which will only come, in its ultimate fulness, through the impending revolution.

VICTORIA GRATIA,

Pre-Eminent of the Koreshan Unity.

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## The World's News.

Wednesday, December 14.

Gen. Brooke, recalled from Porto Rico, is appointed military governor of Cuba.  
Gen. Lee, staff, and Chicago battalions reach Havana, Cuba.  
Germany desires a new commercial treaty with America.  
Four Belgian traders reported eaten by Congo cannibals on the Upper Ubangi, Africa.  
American Federation of Labor resolves to have 8-hour law.

Thursday.

Government to send four warships to Havana to quell Spanish riots.  
McKinley visits the South; Georgia gives him a welcome at Atlanta.  
A Canadian syndicate after street car franchises in Havana; money power preparing to shackle Cuba.  
Carlists losing ground in Spain.  
Workmen on 30,000 silk looms at Cologne, France, threaten to strike.  
Chicago and Alton R. R. sold at last to the Goulds.

Friday.

Georgian jubilee over McKinley; Mason and Dixon line being swept away.  
Senator Brice dies of pneumonia at New York.  
Jews are driven out of Vienna city councils; members in disgrace, engaging in a drunken, "knock-down and drag-out" fight.  
Eduard Meuller elected President of Switzerland.  
American Federation of Labor declares against child labor.

Saturday.

McKinley visits the Tuskegee institute, Booker T. Washington's school for Negroes.  
Gen. Merritt arrives in New York from Paris.  
Czar of Russia demands reforms in penal settlements in Siberia.  
Terrific storms raging on the Baltic sea; city of Borgholm flooded.  
Federation of Labor in session at Kansas City, declares against socialism.

Sunday.

Victoria, Queen of England, declares against war; desires peace and promotion of civilization.

Senator Vest, of Missouri, hurls himself against expansion policy.

Admiral Cervera's cat, captured from the Cristobal Colon, dies at Benton Harbor, Mich.

War brewing between Russia and Japan, over Japanese interests in China.

England wants influence of America in checkmating Russia in the Chinese territory.

Monday.

McKinley visits Savannah, Ga.; reviews the army there, and compliments the volunteers.

Lient. Hobson in Chicago; lectured Sunday evening at Auditorium; kissing fad in full display; 163 cases of osculations.

President Harper, Chicago University, declares against socialism.

Riots in Havana; Cubans and Spaniards engage in battle in Cerro suburb.

Expert officials report export trade of United States for past year to amount to \$1,250,000,000.

Tuesday.

The European triple alliance approaching dissolution; Austria angered over Prussian expulsions.

Chicago deals Yerkes a severe blow over proposed street car franchises.

Porto Rico wants to be a state.

Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia visits the Sultan.

Chinese massacre Catholic priests and 100 converts at Chung Yang, China.

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## THE SONG OF THE SAVAGES.

We are savage in our dreaming,  
No odds how we sigh and pray,  
For our brain is always scheming  
Conquests for a future day.  
Ev'ry man may be our brother,  
Ev'ry maid our sister, too;  
But we're skinning one another,  
Just like savage creatures do.

What is commerce now, but taking  
Food and clothing to the poor?  
And beneath their starved eyes shaking  
Things they're needing, to allure.  
See their eager, starved eyes burning  
While they all our goods behold!  
See again, how hopeless turning,  
At our cool demand for gold!

Send again our pious mission  
To the heathenish Hindoo;  
Save his poor soul from perdition  
With the Christian gospel true.  
But when famine, grim and awful,  
Brings him miseries untold,  
Deny him bread, for it is lawful,  
Unless he can pay you gold.

But we've nearer need for pity;  
In our own land hear the cries  
Going up from crowded city,  
To that home beyond the skies.  
Help me! Comes the cry appealing,  
From the hovels damp and cold;  
But the rich can stand unfeeling,  
Until they are paid in gold.

We are savages, my brother,  
And the gospel Jesus taught—  
How we should treat one another—  
Simply now amounts to naught;  
For our face with greed we're carving  
Like a granite statue cold;  
And our answer to the starving,  
Is a stern demand for gold.

—Jacob Huff.

Knowest thou well yesterday, its aim and reason?  
Workest thou well today for worthy things?  
Then heed thou not tomorrow's hidden season,  
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