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Some little good—not in dreaming
Of great things to do by-and-by.
For, whatever mon say in blindness,
And spite of the fancies of youth,
There's nothing so kingly as kindness,
And nothing so royal as truth.

We get back our mete as we measure— We cannot do wrong and feel right; Nor can we give pain and gain pleasu For Justice avenges each sight. The air for the wing of the sparrow, The bush for the robin and wren,

But always the path that is narrow And straight for the children of men. o cannot make burgains for blisses, Nor caten them like usines in news, And sometimes the things our life misses. Help more than the things which it gets. For good lieth not in pursuing. Nor gaining of great nor of small; But just inthe doing, and doing. As we would be done by, is all.

This' envy, thre' malice, thre' hating,
Against the world, early and late,
No jet of our courage abuting—
Gur part is to work and to walt.
And slight is the sting of his trouble
Whose wir nings are less than his worth;
For he who is honest is noble,
Whatenable fortunes on high Whatever his fortunes or birth.

Aller Cary.

RING OUTTHE OLD, MING IN THE NEW."

So says the bard in reference to the old and new year. But we would much prefer to sing this sentence in reference to the old civilization-or rather to the old lack of civilization -- and the new and the true, that we hope is now beginning to dawn upon the world. The theme is most inviting-would that we could do it justice! But alas! the prosaic pen of this humble scribe has never been dipped in poetieflame, and therefore we shall not try. In lieu of an effort which must necessarily result in failure, we have concladed to present our readers, as a New Year's pift, part of the address of an inspired woman while contrasting an ideal Home-not so ideal but that it is perfectly practical and practicable-with the present home under present laws, customs and environments.

"Irene,"--a representative woman υť of the new era, woman's era -having with the aid of like minded friends, established a home for the homeless waifs whose lives had been wrecked by conditions they had no hand in creating, was making a short address of congratulation on the success of their experiment, in the course of which she said:

"Oh my friends! much as I aspire toward perfect happiness, I can never be perfectly happy—never want to be perfectly happy—while there is one hu-man soul in God's great Universe who is in misery; for no matter what that being is no matter where that being lives, that soul is linked to mine by the eternal bond of human brotherhood.—And suppose it was not linked to mine?-Au there is utter selfishness in that thought The life of every human being is as precious as my own; the birthright of every human soul is happiness. We must behuman soul is happiness. We must be-lieve this if we believe our bressed Dcclaration of Independence. If we thereoughly believe that every human being is endowed with the inalignable right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, then how can we ever rest satisfied until every human being is in full evjoyment of these rights?

Can we rest satisfied when we con-By E. C. WALKER.

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this sacred right of life? Or with the horrible scaffold, where a burturous law lays its savage hand with the grip of death upon the throttle of an unfortunate fellow-berng, and threaks his neck in the ungodly spirit of ravenge? Or with the dreary dangeon, where the manacled limb of a human brother or sister bends with the yoke of bondage? Or with the which we know are caused by ignorance of Nature's laws—but an ignorance which we may help dispel?

"Can we be satisfied when we contrast this scene with the dark and dreary mines where tolling earth-diggers are forever shut out from the light of day? Or the overworked souls; and bodies in dingy shops where the flyranical grip of the monopolist bears down the aching limbs of labor? Or with the million cultivators of the soil, who tremble lest any day they may become the slaves of the robber-tyrants who are last gobbling up all the fewild and or or the core. the following which are fast gob-bling up all the fertile land of earth, and reducing to mere efficient the wor-thy sons and daughters of toil?

"Can we be satisfied; when we com-

pare this Home withighthe household where hate and discord reign—where the marriage is incompatible—where a poor, hard-working taker groans be-neath his bearth-uread Military before toiling sexual-slave mother weeps the sad, still hours of night away—where little children are bred in hate and strife -where in fine, both your juvenile offenders and men and women criminals

"Think of all of this, my friends! and then from the depths of your souls ory out in tones of thunder which shall shake Society from center to orcumterence; 'This earth shall ecase producing criminaist Fathers and mothers shall cease breeding tyrants and slaves, who, can nibal-like, are forever preying upon and devouring each other! -- And then raise your voices in gratitude to those who are preparing the way for a more civilized humanity!"

The Old Year has been rung out, the new year rung in. What say the readers of Lucifer? shall we make common cause with "Irene" and, profiting by the lessons of the past year, its mistakes, its failures as well as its partial successes-shall we with renewed energy, with hand and neart, with tongue and brain, work to usher in the New Era-the era of woman's as well as man's emancipation; in short, do whatever in us lies to 'Ring out the old and false and ring in the new and true?

"Spontaniety vs. Conscience" (Lucifer Aug. 27.)

Tritogen's caption betrays the confusion of his ideas. The real enemy he would attack is the authority of convention, to which consciouse, a principle of sentiment or spirit feeling, as well as reason, the thought principle, may be onslaved by education.

Conscience will rarely if ever be naturally opposed to spoutaniety in the developed character, though it may be so during evolution; viz: cruelty is spontaneous with many children even of gentle character, they amuse themselves by killing or terturing animals, but instruction, with reflection, corrects this tendency. Morality which is the con-ventional rectitude of a given social sphere, or rather moralism, which is the juffnence of this sphere over individual conduct, is the antithesis of spontaniety. Conscience, apontaneously in self-centered characters and by reflection, in tional authorities and initiates revolu-

T. will insist that his nation of con science as the principle of authority clerical or socular, is the practical one, because the greater number of so-called individuals are not individuated from their social sphere, so that their con-sciences are polarized by its constitu-tion. It received in Christendom, their conscience will be monogamic; it in Mormondom, polygamie; if in Turkey, neutral as to these customs.

Also in a given country, you shall flud as many consciences as castes or social classes. The conscience of our capital at class calls for the blood of the Chicago communists. Presently the State social conscionce of our governmentalists class will call for the blood of the an-archiels of all sorts. But this is only a form of statement for the fact that in the economy of character, original force is scarce, but imitation and susceptibility to influence, general. You can-not prevent this by the spiritual unputation of conscience, any more than by the physical amputation of the spicen, which dogs very well survive. But cer-tainly, by better methods of education, the faculty of independent reasoning may be cultivated, and the prejudices which abuse conscience lessened Originality with its individual conscience, may thus comesto quidantalist over the conventional conscience of

Tritogen subtly remarks that a theists while expanging God nominally, re-remain enslaved to the God-idea under the name of conscience. It is probably rue that conscience was what the Paines the Parkers, the Garrisons, have mount when they said God; for after discarding the authority of "Revolution," what is there in common between the religion of loyalty to truth, justice and bearfi cence, and the religion of marifes and torment, whether of others, or uneself. with a view to propitiate an imaginary being constructed after the pattern of human tyrants? Tritogen defines consoionco as "the feeling that comes with knowledge;" this is nearer the truth than his other idea of it as the voice of authority. Conscience implies that in tunato knowledge which we term con sciousness, of external facts, more es-pecially personal, but it is the feeling not merely of their existence, and not merely of our sympathy with them, or otherwise; but of how we should not with regard to them; it pivots on the integrity of thoselfhood. It is only such knowledge as calls for my personal intervention that touches my conscience. An earthquake in Java does not slucke it, but one that the first touches. but one that tumbles down my neighhors dwellings calls on it effectively for

Being only a sentiment, conscience uncalightened by a sound sociology falls a prey to superstition, and is the favorite game of charlatan reformers like Karl Marx, whose cophisms against private property have roped seven heads in Chicago within the neese of capital istic conscience.

The discipline of reasoning from the basis of enlightened solf interest would have prevented such enslavement of con-science to spurious daties—magnetically imposed by Marx towards the collective proleturiat. A discuss with which Christian morality is peculiarly afflicted, though perhaps no more so than the Buddhist, is moddlesomeness with our neighbors conduct, irrespective of its bearing upon ourselves. A charlatan monk, like Peter the Harmit, proaches a cruende to deliver the Holy Sepulchre from the hands of the Infidel, and to from the hands of the Infidel, and to this imposition, this superstition, this tax levied by fanlastic prejudice upon conscience, Europe sacrifices its blood and its transmes.

The remedy lies no more in climinating conspience, then in extirp-ting hearts.

oxtirpeting

TThe sentiment directive of conduct like the ship's rudder, in the hunds of an ignorant or treacherous pilot, may run the ship upon the rocks, or into a hostile port; but that is no reson for building ships without radders.
Our fullacious education, as has been

happily shown by George Combe in his "Constitution of Man" taking conscience in plastic childhood arbitrariis attaches if to any thing or every thing except physical hygine, or the conduct bearing on our health, which is however not only of primary importance to us, but indirectly affects our neighbors and all our functions in the larger organism all our functions in the larger organism of society. Actually, all the prescriptive duties of conscience are colored by altruism, may, morbidly dyed in it. A good egoist education of conscience is needed to correct this, so that sympathy should not betray us into manus. "Tis conscience," says Shukspeere or Bacon, "that makes cowards of us all." The case of the soldier at once illustrates and qual fles thir. The educated or sophisticated conscience of the soldier makes bina a coward before his own government, while adding to his courage in tsee of the enemy. Fanatics make the best soldiers for national armies. The Indian, an individualist, an amutour soldier who lightgon- his ownshook, ourionaly contrasts with the army soldier. He evades many dangers to which the latter is exposed through his cowardice before authority. He is brave with calculation, as the other with superstition. If unfortunately we have come to that pass of slavish corruption which seems to justify Tritogen in saying that conscience means little if not an authority in the mind to be obeyed, to which the reason and will must be subjected;" then the need to emancipate bem is all the more argent; but authori-y implies an author external to ourwives, and conscience, the sentiment apulsive to action, must be emanci-al from such allen authority along with reason which enlightens it and will which it employs. Conscience.

Friend Harman:— I have not of writing not through negligence, but being myself in bundage, (not behind prison town, but in nonage, that behind prison over, but in tonopoly's grip and neary's power) which makes it impossible for me to corner the the almighty dollar that controls our laws which are founded or a gold basis instead of right and justice.

I was in hopes I could send some of the law winding areas.

law wielding power, but with my best en-denyors I find I cannot, for the delense fund. but will pay past dues and a few dimes or subscription.

Attoongh Lillion and E. C. had or on the to been a the meddling community could not et them do so

When I think of your daughter and son-in-When I think of your daughler and soli-in-love, two innocest: persons, seponding their time and money to clevate the human race from mental and physical slavery and bond-age, now being confined boning prison bars I fall for inngunge to express my indigna-

I this for imiguings to express thy indigna-tion and centempt for their persecutors.

I am somewint acquainted with Mr. Walker, he having delivered three fectures at Pipe Stone Cit some four years ago. Who, but a Christian that loves his neighbor as him-solf (7) would think of harmin so honest and could a countrapped. genial a countenance!

I think the ismates of that prison cell might better pay the cost through protost, then languish there, for they can do more good out of there than in that horrible place. I cannot see where they would retract one whether the colders.

I cannot see ... principle in so doing.
Yours Fraternally,
U. O. White

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The next issue of Lucifer will be dated Janu ry 14, '87. The reasons for skipping an issue are these:

1st. Unfinished pampblet and job work that have been accumulating on our hands for several months, a o which we are quite urable to reach while getting out the weekly issue.

2nd, Increased business in our book trade, requiring an invoice of stock and better arrangements for prompt filling of ord rs.

"INFRINGEMENTS UPON MAR-BIAGE."

Of late quite a number of "The Truth-ceker's" "Letters from Friends" have eccker's'' been devoted to criticisms of Edwin Walker's present attitude towards or upon the marriage question. One of the most incisive and trenchunt of these criticisms is by Wm, S. Allen of St.

the most incisive and tronchant of these criticisms is by Wm. S. Allen of St. Joseph, Mo., and is as follows:

Mr. Editor: Brother Wetzet is right about the Walker infringement case upon patent-right marriage. We do not want the law to construe cohabitation as legal marriage—no such obtrusive, invasive tyranny. Legal mirriage behanged! Let every tub stand on its own bottom. Let those who want legal marriage get it legally—go where they have it to sell, buy it, and pay for it like a many and those who prefer the simon-pure, unaddifferated article of natural marriage, brew it at home and "say nothing to nobody."

No, all roads do not, and should not lead to legal marriage, and as to the old and nucle travelled route, do not love shorten it an inch, or make it cheap and easy, as Walker is trying to do. It's good enough as it is considering where it leads to. The told ought to be five hundred dollars instead of live, and the road in should be lined with briars and bandsetd with brimstone and bhasted hopes. The road out is the one than second may straight and free of tolk with free lunch and a band of musical every mile-post.— M. S. Allen, in the Truth Seeker.

While agreeing in the main with the idease expressed by this very pronounced.

While agreeing in the main with the ideas expressed by this very pronounc of unti-marriageist, we would just any that hemisupprehends if not misrepresents when he talks of the "Walker infringement upon patent right marriage," Mr. Walker opposes "patent right" or sta'ntmarriage as much as any one; this is why he is now behind prison bars claims and champions "natural marriage," i. e., contract marriage, and maintains that under a just construction of the Kausas statute the state officials have no ground on which to beson proseention against him.

If Mr. Allen, with safety to himself and his conjugal partner, can "brew it [marriage] a home and say nothing to nobody," "then it argues that Missouri is more nearly civilized than is Kansas, Kausas smelling committees would soon find him out, if he should adopt that method here, and he and his cara sposo would soon find themselves in durance

Antonomy—Self Law, what are its de-mande?—A brief statement of the Hoste Principles of Individualism. Price, 10 cts.

NEW YEAR GREETING.

Though two members of the Lucifun band are in a Kansas prison. where, judging from present indications, they are likely to remain for months it not years to come-condemned to that fite for daring to exercise their natural and inclienable rights; though seven men are now in a Chicago jail, under sentence of death, not for any thing that they have done but simply for what they aid--a sentence unparelelled in American jurisprudence; though Judge Sloan at Milwaukee, in effect tells the lawyers that the prisonersecused of riot are already condemned in his court before the evidence in their favor is allowed to be heard: though Grand Master Powderly will not permit the Knights of Labor to bely their brethren condemned to death; though monopoly is still rightening its remorseless grip up ar the throat of labor; though men, women and children by the hundr d and thou-and, in mines, manufa :uring towns and in great cities, are perishing of cold and hunger in right of vast accumulations of cod clothing and food, the result of their own labor: though the crimes of egality all over the land, are multplying in number and increasing in atrocity; though the prospects for peace and fraternity are daily diminishing, and though the threatenings of war and of mutual butche-IV by the workers themselves ar daily becoming more frequent an ominous; -- not withstanding all thes disheartening circumstances and prospects and many more of simila haracter, the little LUCIFER ban has not yet lost its courage—its hop of the final triumph of truth ove of the final triumph of alsehood, of Liberty over Despot sm-and therefore we again sent out (those of us still allowed to peak) this our annual greeting to ult the friends and patrons of th LIGHT-BEARER, and most cordially

wish them all a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

NO NEWS FROM JAIL.

Kinsas prohibition against fre m il, free speech and free press, un der the ruling of county officials, re mains in full force, if we may judg from the continued silence of the prisoners for co-science sake now loarding at the sheriff's hotel at Okaloosa. The distance and con-e quent expense and loss of time are too great to admit of frequent visitto the jail, and telegraphic communication is too expensive. Ther being no direct line to Oskaloosa rom this place we are obliged to pny double rates. Instance: Not having had any communication i her way, for more than ten days we ventured this morning (Jan. 1.) o send this messag, as a New Year's salutation, over the wires

Happy New Year to the persecuted and mprisonal for righteousness sake. All wel Will see you soon. Be strong and true deel. The LILLIAN HARMAN & FON. TO LILLIAN HARMAN & FOWEN WALKER! The Jail, Oskaloosa, Kan

For the transmi sion of this dispatch we paid a silver do lar. Whethit will be allowed to run the blockado an I reach the beleaguered ones in the Oskaloosa castle, is yet to be seen.

Sheriff Housh called on us Wednesday. He says the court issued an order for Walker and Lillian Harman to remain in jail until their time and costs were paid, and he is willing to take core of them until his time is out, and then be will turn them over to his successor.—Meriden Report.

Are all the men and women of Jefferson county willing to see the curtain fall and hide forever from sight and sound these two innocent. persons? We say innocont, because we think the people of Kansas are not so foolish as not to know that civil law cannot make that a crime which is not a crime in the nature of things and judged by this standard they must know that Edwin Walker and no crime against the people of this county.

Is there another state or territory in the Federal Union that condemns men and women to perpetual imprisonment because of their refusal to pay fines and costs?-whether that refusal be for conscience sake or from any other cause? Is there an English speaking country on the face of the globe, except Kansas, so low down in the scale of civilization as to be guilty of making and enforc-ing such a law as this? Is there a tribe of savages now living on the face of the earth that would do such things as are now being done by the Christian white people of Jefferson county, Kansas?

If so we certainly do not know where they are to be found, and for the honor of our common humanity it is to be hoped that nowhere else upon the green or white earth, would such things be possible.

Christian theology condemns to perpetual imprisonment in the next world all who refuse to acknowledge allegiance to an assumed governor of the universe, and who refuse to consider themselves sinners in his ight, and will not ask forgivness or their alleged sins. So likewise he paternal state of Kansas conlemus to perpetual imprisonment hose who ignore its authority in transacting their own business and who, when told that they are criminals refuse to acknowledge themselvs such, and refuse also to pay the penalties assessed against them for such alleged crimes.

HULL VINDICATED.

As we predicted in last i-sue Dr. (?) Hale was defeated in his blackmailing attempt upon Mose-Hull and the New Thought. card from De Moines (la.) Dec. 80, savs:

I g fined my case. Hale left the state in disgrace. My suit cost me 100.

Moses Hull.

We again remind our readers that the New Toougat is one of the most tearle-s, earnest and able of all the progressive journals. Published weekly at \$1.50 per year. Lucifer and New Thought will be sent for \$2.50 per annum, together with the premiums as offered in our last issue. Send for the New Thought and thus help a most deserving comrade to pay the costs of this infamously unjust prosecution.

WHO IS TO BLAME?

We frequently get letters from subscribers similar to that of Bro. Pert, printed elsewhere. They say "I sometimes get a copy of Lucifer. but not regular. I don't know whether it is because you don't get it out or what."

For the benefit of all such we here wish to say that, while we are often tardy in getting the paper into the mails, on account of lack of help in office, we have not missed a full weekly issue for more than fifteen months, except one week. and then we got out a half sheet. We of course do not claim that er rors are never made in mailing, but we try hard to guard against mis-takes and omissions, and we do not think that all the trouble is traceable to this office. And we wish it distinctly understood that we are always willing to send duplicates of the missing numbers when notified of their failure to arrive, provided the edition is not exhausted. We can now supply duplicates of most of the issues since Sept. 17 of the year now closing

We were in Atchison on Sinday the 26th, and the general talk around the union depot was that half the population of that your was drunk on Christmas day. The verdict was, "we saw more drunken men yesterday than we ever saw in Atchison before."—Leavenworth l'imes.

We do not rejoice over the fail-Lillian Harman have been guilty of cause we want to see the prevalence of Kansas, recognized asequal citizens com-

drankenness, or oven of "moderate drinking;" far from it, but we are glad its success would mean the Decay of Manhood! Thus: Law-enforced prohibition means the denial of the right of intelligent choice: where there is no choice there is no personal responsibility: take away personal responsibility and you have no basis for true, self-reliant character.

Here, as I take it, is the key to the whole question of statute interference in the liquor business. There is one kind of probibition that we most emphatically endorse, that is nersonal prohibition Let every man and boy resolve himself into a probibition party of one-let him live up to his principles and there is at to drunkeness and no sacrifice of manliness.

On the 4th day of December there ere eleven ministers, three judges, and we justices of the peace arrested by the were cleven ministers, three judges, and two justices of the peace arrested by the police in Kausas Otty. This is a terrib's blow to the religious element, to heve the names of eleven of the worthy divines appear on the police register along with the drunk and norse thieve. This was, however, for the small offense of not complying with theolty laws in regard to reporting all marriages performed by them, to the Board of Health.—Springfield Transcript.

Bravel "old stiff-jointed Missouril" as Nasby calls her. She will soon over-

as Nusby calls her. She will soon over take young and supple jointed Kansas. From present indications it will not long be "bealthy" in oither of these states for a man to kiss a woman, or for a woman to return the kiss, without reporting the transaction to the "Board of Health? Soon, too, it will be made a crime pun-ishable by fine and imprisonment to drink a glass of ginger ale or a cup of "full strength" Hyson, without first purchasing leave of the Probate Court.

The Conflict between Liberty and Probibition; An Inquiry into the most Practical method of Reforming the world, 56 pages. By J. R. Beasley, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Economic Equities. A Compend of Natural Laws of Industrial Production and Exchange, 63 pages. J. K. Ingalis, author of "Social Wealth." Published by Social Science Club. New York.

Will try to give synopsis and more exto ded notice of these works as soon as we can get time to read them.

"It is a sad thing to an Anarchist. It is a much sudder thing to be an Anarch-ist condemned to death for murder."— Charlon.

Clarion.

nd it is suddest of all to be an Anarchist condemned to death for murder without one particle of proof to sustain the charge of murder upon which he was arraigned.—Torch of Liberty.

But the most sad of all is the fact that the American people are so wedded to state-superstition that they will submit to anything that is labeled with the sa-cred name of "law,"

"Armson" Heard From,
Editor Luciven: With mach interest and considerable impatience have I watched the controversy between Lillian; Edwin, yourself and a few others on the one side, and Yarros, Tucker, Warren et al on the other side. It seems to me that anarchists, radicals and reformers generally make the very serious mistake of assuming that the present State of of assuming that the present state of Church is a wholly arbitrary "created" thing devoid of any true principles. While the truth is that Society as it manufests itself in the present state of things, either as Church or State, is the the legitimate outgrowth of the past, a gradual development of autonomistic and anarchistic principles. This propaand unaremento principles. This professition appears to me, an evolutionist, and a believer in growth as against arbitrary creation, self-evident. We find to our political documents, be they Declar ations of Independence Constitutions or State Livs, many instances of radical principles of autonomy and self-government clearly stated. "The right to life, tiberty and the pursuit of Lappiness." for example, can there be anything olearer and better than that, and are we not justified in appealing to these guarantees, which men like Pame and Jeffforson have given us, when we are atforson have given us, when we are attacked by the minions of a prostituted eligarchy which is endeavoring to overthrow every bulwark of liberty?

I hold that the proper and most effica-

cious way to gain ultimate victory is to defend every incu of ground conquered and force to the logical conclusion every correct principle embodied in our politi-cal framework. To limit chattel slavery was to abolish it. To limit property, as Proudhou shows, is to abolish it.

To make marriage a civil contract is to abolish it in its commonly under-

petent to make and enter into contracts riage is only a "Contract" between the Kansas, and if we once succeed in forcing this premise to a logical conclusion have won the victory and obtained autonomistic or consontual marringe.

I therefore heartily approve of Mr. W. and Mrs. H.'s line of defense. They had and have a right to expect that the courts would decide or interpret the law not as bigote, but as justice and logic would demand. The battle is not yet over; it may be won yet. They cannot They cannot always keep the brave prisoners Public opinion will awake the bars. and will learn; it is learning now, and Edwin and Lillian will emerge from their dungeous not only as martyrs but as victors as well, having gained a decided victory over bigotry, savagetsm and cannibalism by an appeal to the mante principles underlying modern society.

From Dugmar Murlager. FRIEND HARMAN: Here is one dollar's worth of sympathy for your "fulso pretences," as "Liberty" calls them.

Do what you please with it, and I will

count it in my list of profit and loss as

not wholly lost. There seems to be a most abominable caste-gradation

growing up among our boasted free-thought principles, and many of those comrades we deemed brave for support of the mottoes they flanut on banners, are lending willing hands to is cultivation. They creep into their holes as soon as they see a cut slurpening its claws, or run to the multitude for rafety instead of the man who dares to face it in assurance of his honor and sincerity. What does freethought mean if not the right to think and act in all things as the personal mind and princi-11. s dictate, so long as no other person's qual right is encroached upon and no sensitive crouture thereby suffers immediate or threatened harm? same rut your neighbor or some other man or woman thulks, then we "free-thinkers" ought to wake up, migrate to our real Mecca (the Pope's toe) and kiss it in our surrender of our falseness in the use of the English language, together with our personalities and responsi-bilities already forfeited. I fear the most worshiped gods of earth are greed and policy. Neither of these can gain respectability with the true freethinker humanitarian, but so-called ficethinkers have a detestable way of bring-ing the two incongruities under shelter of the libers' flag, while their real latitude is the church. We can't all sgree, but we can be just, or at least try to be so. We can be houest without perfect imitation of the same virtue in others one may go around the world going east, and the other do the same thing going west. The strait and narrow orthodox rut to salvation has been obliterated by the floods of science, and we are each to pick our way through the mud as best may, while the temporarily bad ther caused by such elementary weather changes last. Fre long the sky will clear and our children will have more light, more productive soil, and less mad in consequence of enrnest, progressive effort of our time. Reform is full of hardship, but a life lived without accomplishing a moral or other benefit to the world is inferior, though apparently innocent, to the weed that grows to feed a Reforms (and reformers too, sometimes.) in turn become fit subjects for reform. Virtuo is sacrificed for power, merit judged by a tondying expediency, action in behalf of autonomistic riage may not extrast the fang of legal sex union from the jaw of church and government monster, but its cutting edge will sastain a damage leading to a gradual crumbling away. Decay once set in and the work will do itself without all this battle with the weapon in its soundness. Unhappily it is human me-ture to admire and even honor beauty, though in menace of gross pertonal injustice or universal wrong. are fuscinated by gilded poisons as deadly to purity and honor, peace, comfort and true progress as aconite to the physical system. We are blind and physical system. We are blind and insensible to what doesn't dazzle as with the glitter of attitice, or freeze us with the strained and pompous grandear of I fully appreciate our two martyrs in

I fully appreciate our two martyrs in their refusal to pay the county for persecuting them. Let both be firm. Let even a fother's love and auxiety for his only daughter sub ait to their loyalty to their principles in this instance, and their principles in this instance, and await a greater victory for the leave of tiberty. Yours for said government.

Digman Maniager.

From Joseph Anthony.

Lucifer, Valley Falls Kas.: Inclosed
Shd funds or which continue Luciren to me the coming year. I am quite dis gusted with the misconceptions and wrangles of reformers. One makes a statement which is true, or does a thing which is right when taken in connection with corresponding things, but which is fotally out of the way to another to whom the corresponding things are not sensed Each means right, and is right from his own point of view. Would it not be well for references to preach less and practice more? If we have the trath and cannot make it clear to our own kind how can we expect to make converts of others? There is but one truth, and to flud it its makers must necessar tily live so that results can be commonly known and commonly compared, other

we disagree.

Probably the true life will be one of Brotherhood. A wise selfship, the fullest good, prompts to this state, for in it all will be as auxious not to eat the broad of idlences or its equivalent, as they are now careless in relation to it, consequently good will abound, and be longing to its producers will leave none of them unsupplied. If there are any among Luciren's renders possessed of a faculty of agreement and ability to be self-sustaining, who have a desire to candidly and patiently work out in actual life among themselves the reforms they urge, I shall be glad to correspond with them with a view of suchan acquaintance, if it can o had, as is necessary to insure the success of an enlarged and perfected home. Adventurers are not wanted, neither is money or property of any kind. But what is wanted is an honest and patient endeavor to deter-mine the relations that humans must, in the nature of things, sustain to nature and to each other in order that they may most completely enjoy her smiles and escape her frowns, irrespective of their name or source. Along with the good of life we nearly all sense grave errors, and what can we better do than to inaugurate such a life as our aucestors should have live I in order that existing unrest, discord and strife might not have had birth? Inshort, as our fathers shou d have lived that we might have been wholly free and blessed, so let us live for our own and posterity's good. Oclete, Ille. JOSLPH ANTHONY.

O pen Letter to commide Warren

My Old Friend and Co-worker: I am glad to see that you love the same clearness of vision that characterized you when, thirty years ago, you and I, and a few others joined hands for the after everthrow and extinction of that vilest and most outrageous and abominable thing that ever cursed the earth-the marriage relation. I have been thinking of doing what you have done in Lucifer of December 10-start an investigation to see if there was an old Free Lover who had not partly or wholly flattened ont, or a new one too dignified and rational to be found pottering with marriage

I have been besitating about saying anything of late, because I could not say anything that would not include a criticism of our brave Comrade Walker, and until he is well out of the clutches of Christma cullians, I have little beart for anything but bearing odings poor the heads of the cowardly miscreants and their despicable apologists.

I am glad there are enough of us (two at least) to constitute a Party. A Party devoted to the abolition, not reformation, of the system of forced prestitution, baby-stealing, rape and murder, known as marriage. This infernal system must be entirely destroyed. There must be no compromise with it. This upon tree must be dug up by the roots, and utterly burned up, and "its ashes and utterly burned up, and bits cast to the four winds of beaven."

But let it not be understood that comrade Walker has shown himself any more of a compromiser than any other of the great leaders. They, Nichols, Luzarus, Andrews, Woodhull, Heywood, Moses Hull, Walker, one and all, have been wont to stop in the midst of dealing ponderous blows upon this terrible ini-quity, to daily and to potter. Only a quiry, to dally and to potter. Only a few of us, comparatively obscure, have ever been consistent and persistent workers for abolition. But let it be understood that we are a party by our feely s. According to others all deserved merit, we are under no oblication to erit, we are under no obligation to ne or their cause. I will defend a them or their cause. I will defend a Jew, a Mormon, a Christian or a Free Lover, with equal alacrity, against outrage, but I can offer no support except

I close for this work by expressing my unbounded admiration—for Lillian Harman, for her conscientiousness and pluck, tates I will be one to rescue her, and would do it to-day if in my power, if I had to shoot down an army of her villainous oppressors.

FRANCIS BARRY.

Prom Leuis Morris.

EDITORS LUCIPER: I have real with much regret, and some amazement, most of the criticisms (made by Liberals (?) upon E. C. Walker's conduct in reference to his relations with Lillian Harman. I have said "Conduct," but per-haps-I should have said upon E. C. Walker himself-there are so few who seem to be able to comprehend that one may most inpocently make a mistakeand also the other and perhaps more important that no one as yet has acquired patent infallible mode of discerning instanter, precisely whether an action, or course of conduct, honestly perpetrated, is a mistake at all.

While I can say for myself that I nevershould have made the slightest recognition of the claims of either the state or the public to meddle in private affirs, I am not pre-pared to say that in Mr. Walker it On the other hand, I was a mistage. feel quite sure that for him it was the very best course he could have taken, and the very best possible evidence of the truth of the assertion is the fact of the course itself. It is not impossible but the time may come when he will himself see it, or parts of it, a mistake, but even then he will probably see also that even the mistake was needed to a further proper development. The great sin of Liberals to day (and perhaps neither you nor I are wholly exempt neither you nor I are wholly exempt from it) is that each and every one seems to feel it necessary in order to best advance the cause, to "enlighten the world" that all others should trim their lamps precisely after his pattern, otherwise their light will be quite as, or even more likely to lead in the wrong then in the right direction. This disposition is an accompanying element of incipient intellectuality, which is not set evoluted out of our natures, and like all other of the sentiments and feelings, nothing but the collect, most heartless, and logical reasoning

can over conquer or eradicate it. om over conquer or eranoute it.
We boast of being Liberals—with a large L—and yet we are not willing that others should do precisely what each and every one of us are doing continuous to the continuous continu tionally; moving slowly in the direction we (each one for himself) believe to be the right one, and accelerating that motion by just such means a, we (each one for himself believes to be the most efficient. Now in the name of the commonest kind of sense, also in the name of the highest Intellectuality, why our we not permit others within our rank (and also out of it) to onjoy the same liberty? I can find no honest explanation other than that each one of us thinks there is but one effective mode of thought or action, and that he alone (or be and others who think as be does) is in possession of it. Friends, commides brothers, (sisters too) let us look at his brothers, (esters too) for us look at the matter, this sin and well high curse of Liberalism. Let us be less agolistic and not full into the belief that, be-cause we have discovered a few trut is there is nothing more to learn, because we have found encourse through our own particular mode of operation, that there are not other ways -under different circumstances-just as effective as, and may hap superior to ours, and above all, let us be extremely careful to refrain from all unkind and irritating criticism of a brother's conduct unless we are quite sure that vice or criminal intent lies at the bottom of it.

Lewis Mornis.

Purity vs. Chistian Marriage.

I believe in purity. For that very reason I do not believe in Curistian marriage. If the Caristian religion is false, Christian marriage is false, and it seems strange that any man or woman who has mot see this. In discarding Caristian marriage we in no way harder a true marriage or a union based on the equality of the sexes. These liberals discard a flow of the superstitions of Caristianity, but still hing to their bosoms with the temocity of a convected Hottentot, Curistian marriage of a their bosoms with the temocity of a convected Hottentot, Curistian marality. The eighth section of the "Demands of Liberalism" and endorsed by the secular union, covers the whole ground and effectually silences all these sincklers who see impurity in every breeze not winnowed through a Caristian sieve.—Jay Chappel in Foundation Prinsples (Chinton Jown.) Partir rs. Chistian Marriage.

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rage, but I can offer no support except to the cause of absolute justice and equality—the abolition of all injustice and slavery.

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Can You Afford to Pay Costs? Dear Bro. Harman: I should not write neain so soon if I did not fool a great principle was to be contended for. Lillian's lotter entitle 1, "The Costs," occupied my thoughts almost every moment since reading it.

Since the arrest and imprisonment of

Since the arrest and impreenment of Lillian and Edwin I have been drawn to that marter woman with a stronger feel-ing than I ever was to any woman in the world, for she is suffering for a princiole; and that letter I shall have printed on a sheet by itself, put in a frame and hang on my wall for others to read

Such Grand Deflant words ought and will draw to her every redeemed man and woman who reads them. During the abolition days Garrison ones cried out, "thank God for another sifting." Dear Dear friends, this persecution you are passing through is absolutely nosessary, for it will cause a "silting," and show you just who your true friends are, and who are really the he friends of freedom.

I have a great amount of disgust for such men as the one who wrote "Of course he is only a girl raised under the advice of a brute,"etc., for from such animals whose proper associates are their brothers in the swine pens, we can expect nothing better, but from such men as Tucker & Co. who do know better: there is no excuse; and when they read the words by Bro. Walker, "The gist of the matter is right here,"and do not con-fess that they have been mojast to our perecuted friends, I shall have no faith in their honesty.

No wonder that the poisoned arrows of our enemies are simed at the grand trinity in prison and the Editor of Lucifer, for they occupy the proudest posi-tion of any persons in the world, and I rejoice to know that the spirit world has chosen a divine wom u and two menthree noble Lightbearers to illuminate this very dark world, and I assure you dear friends, that sometime you will be rewarded a thousand fold.

And now to the question, "Oan you offord to pay costs?" In discussing this question I am not unmindful of the fact that a dear and only danghter is in the power of worse than wild beasts, for they would make short work of their torture. wherens the beasts whose God-like ferocity the is now suffering from, bave it in their power to extend the torture in-definitely. Still, Bro. Harman, sad and terrible as is the case of a mere girl in years, may have to go through a daily and perhaps long years of crufixon, if she does have to thus saffer, it will be as all saviors gave had to do for the sins of the sins of the people. Some have had to give their very lives, while others have to endure the slow waste of life, but not all of life at the time.

Dear friends, I do not want you to feel it is mere blind chance that has brought you out before the world where you are to act an important part for the redemption of an ignorant, blind and brutal people. There has never been an age but some of the "elect" have had to give their lives for the salvation of others. It is not always that life is tak-at the time, as in the case of John Brown and others, some must endure long years of a living death; but in either case it is suffering for the redemption of a blind ignorant people. The principle that Lillian contends for is grand beyould the power of words to express and the will in the estimation of all noble son's stand at the head of the noble army of the world's saviers. With me, to pay the costs of the crucifixion, would be to yield a principle, though I know Bro. Harman does not so mean it.

The world is in a fearful condition, and traly can it be said that "dark ress covers the earth, and gross darkness the people," and it is a darkness that but few can feel. Dear Bro. Harman, try to be patient, though I know there are times when it is a crime to be resigned to the outrages that a brutal people heap upon us. Let the one chosen instrument for the redemption of her ignorant sisters, who are in terrible bondage to church and state, be guided by those who have chosen her for the very important work she is doing, and you need have no fears but you will be satisfied in the end.

I never can put my real feelings on on paper. I see, I know Lucifer, I know it is a glorious Light-barrer, standing way above the surrounding thick darkness of its persecutors, and the paper above all other reform papers in the world, because of its majestic position. You have made no compromise nor surrendered an iota of a principle, and those who charge you with so doing are ignorant or apprincipled, or they never would have made any such charges.

A word of criticism on A. Warren's communication is necessary. In the 4th paragraph he says: But to our friends I have to contess that I cannot disguise or ignore the fact that it is a compromise. that becenfter Walker & Hirmin will have to be recognized as exponents of Autonomistic marriage, whatever that may be, and not of freedom, pure and simple," Bro. Warren, there has been no "compromise," for I have read every word as understandingly as any one and claim to be as good judge as anyone; and grander exponents of "freedom, pure and simple" than the Harmans and Walker have never yet appeared on the earth. I think such words as friend Warren has used are wholly uncalled for. Nothing please's our bucumies so much as a division in our ranks, and to me it is painful, especially so whom I

know there has been no just cause for it.
Our friends married themselves, and it. is of no consequence nor a compromise of a principle, whether they kept it to them-

selves or produinted it to the wirld. If Warren, Tucker and Oo, can do any better than our friends have done, do it and not find foult, when in fact there has been no surrender to the enemy, no lowering of the standard of right, no compromiso of a principle, not the the least.

Albert Chavannes article ought to have been but half as long, considering the subject is not one of vital importance. I hope the Editor of Lucifer will pay no heed to those who think the vasily im-portant questions being discussed in his paper are getting "monotonous" No indeed, they are not, for they reach down to the very foundation of all that is wo.th living for,

Man made marriage, which is another name for licensed prostitution must go name for licensed prostitution must go, or the race cannot be redeemed. We read of the sale of "indulgances" by the Catholic church. What is marringo but a regular sale of "indulgances" by Protestant and Catholics both. It is the greatest, the most powerful, rigantic system of slavory in all the world, and the cunning unprincipled priests who they cannot be a superful to the response to the time the slavor in subjection. Away with it for it is an enormous crime-breeder.

Sewand Mitchell.

SEWAND MITCHELL. Newport, Me.

[In compliance with our wellknown rule we have a lowed Conrale Mitchell to "have lus own say;" else we should have fett obliged to rule out cart of his communication as savoring too much of personal culogy. J

enlogy.]

Edwin Walkor and Lillian Harman have been sentenced to two and a half and we are a half month's inpuisonment respectively for living together as nam and wife and minding their own business, in Kansus. There's republican rule for youl If our two brave contrades had mede a mutual contract in secret and acted hypocritically throughout, the law would touch them not. It is because of their honesty of purpess in making known to the world this automistic marriage and nothing else, that has seened their punishment. Law protects brothels and their supporters but hand hes honest enthusiasm and from affection and contempt for religious rites. Once again we have it proved by law itself that jils are for those who bright—those who do wrong nover or selright--those ight-those who do wrong never or sel-Iom see the inside of thom. -Loadon

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doing for them and their descendants; but most of them are too poor to be of much use manufally; though don't feet that they are not working for and with you, for they are, in more ways than one. There are those here who ought to give, it seems to me: Persays that they will after awhile; but they are having such hard work to my our speaker and keep things up at home, it is no use to look for much outside at present.

With love and good wishes for you all and especially for Lillian, believe me as ever your friend.

Many E. Priston.

Many E. Priston.

your friend, Majnoketa, Iowa, Dec. 23.

Mr. Harman: — Kind remembrance to the loved ones in prison. I really think you and Mrs. Walker are the greatest sufferers in this case. How I pity 3001 And yet you have that which will buoy sen up, the knowledge of being the parents of such noble children as Edwin and Lillian.

for having been true and stood by the principles you advocated.

Fraternally Yours:

Mr. Harman:— Find enclosed \$2.70, for which send Science in Story for the young: Cupid's Yuke-; and Alfred Cridge's lendlets. Since I came home we have been trying to organize a society for Freethinkers, but have not succeeded yet.

One word to the reformers and that is this:

to notice their action an important step toward reform—an action that the future generation will be proud of—one according to instice—one that every Liberal ought to be proud of, one that every reformer knows

Salem, Neb., Dec., 27.

E. C. Watker:— Having met you on several occasions, and being somewhat interested in social problems and having seen extracts in several papers concerning you, and as I am no friend of Church and but little of State, I should like to get the papers in your case if you will send them to me. Whatever the bill is I will remit for the same. I mean all the copies of Languege as they were puball the copies of Lacefer as they were published, if you have them to spare,
Yours for U. M. L.,
Jos. GREENWOOD.
Belleville, Wis, Dec. 19.

My very dear Friends;-- Yours of the 4th duly received, and I shall keep it with my

some five years ago.

some five years ago.

I hope your daughter and Mr. Walker will not back down one inch, but bear their persecutions as patiently as they can, and let the bigots see that they cannot conquer them though they may kill them.

I have often wondered what had become of you. I very distinctly remember a remark you made (thirty years ago) concerning the age of the world. In one of our lessons it was saidthe world was 6,000 years old; you remarked it is known to be much older than that. This was new to me at that time.

Your well wisher,
David Smith.

Goldsmith, Indiana.

Friends of Humanity:—Let us dake time to consider how many real criminals have been builed out of jail while part of the Inci-fer band are in jail for no crime at all. They had as much right to make their marriaga contract, as they had to make any other contract. It is a plain case that the Lucifer thand are personated because they have the benest, to speak and write what they believe will be best for the human family. I read in Lucifer that Lillian has served her much the costs of the prosecution are paid.

Inclosed and not a flow and a first transfer in the costs of the prosecution are paid. had as much right to make their marriage

paid.
Inclosed find po t-office order for one dol-int to help release tallian from the clutches of the fron hearted tyrants who caused her to be put in jail. Friends of humanity help. J. HARMAN

Jacksboro, Tex., 10.

Much is said about free Kansas. In what sense is it free? Our two friends now incar-cerated in your locality for not complying with the laws of marriage. What's to biame? We better go right to the point. Now we (and you) are sending men every election to make our laws; and they make us subject to those haws—bundered into by their inconsideration.

Now I am willing to suppose that men sent

Now I am willing to suppose that men sent by Kansaa electors, are about on a par with those sent by our state to make our laws. Last term they and their party prejudice sat and quarrelled and almost fought. One says the other were drank frequently; hence the scandalous conflict that tuck place for months at the cost of the state; and that is the recople. Now I take no sides. Could make no choice. They match well. Party is everything with the electors; the men and their competency are out of sight. This, I presume, was the condition that ruled when your state laws were made, and now it is found out that free as you are called, you are not free to manage your own business. are not free to manage your own business. For the Right,

WM. WILLS. Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Dec. 13.

M. Harman, Dear Comrade; - I just re St. Harman, Dear Comrade:— I just re-ceived a copy of Lucifor of Nov. 12 It had been lying in the office at Decatur since then and I had not been there to get my mail till this week, Wednesday. Comrade H., as I am only making on an

avorage \$2 a week this winter, and have to support four persons on that; paying three dollars a month house rent out of that, I can not express my sympathy for your big, brave mobie daughter Lillian and comrade-son Welker, literally. I can only tell you that I feel proud to cal such noble creatures companions in faith. Have a daughter Lillian and I only hope she will prove as true to her own convictions the dictates of her own heart and considered as your Lillian when she and consolence as your Lillian when she reaches womanhood, she is only six months

old.

I will try to help you a little by sending fitteen conts for Capid's Yokes, as I desire to read it, and when I can spare the money will abscribe for the Light Bearce.

Yours for Truth and Justice,
J. F. REYNOLDS.

Illiopolis, Illinois, Dec. 21.

M. Harman:— Dear Bro., I thought I would write you a line to let you know that I ametill your friend, and I feel that all of you are my friends and humanity's friends. I have only one dollar in the world and I end it to you to keep the lamp of light burn

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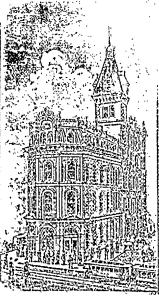
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