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CHRONOLOGY AND THE EARTH'S SURFACE.

Prof. Totten Reviews Some of the Fallacies of Ancient and Modern Times.

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Chronology deals with "time" as measured by the rate of planetary motion, and is founded on the periodicity of its phases. Ptolemy, whose calculations and records of eclipses, conjunctions, equinoxes, occultations, etc., have been the admiration of the world for nearly 18 centuries, believed that the world was flat or at least, fixed. This supposition, however, made no more difference as to the ratio of the recurrence of astronomical phenomena than the contention that "the world is globular, and revolves upon its axis once in 24 hours," does with the regular recurrence of sunrise and sunset at a constant mean of 12 hours apart; for the "period" is a fact, no matter how it is brought about. The Copernico-Newtonian hypothesis is that it is the sun itself which is relatively fixed as to the mere recurrence of day and night, and that it only seems to rise and set, while as a fact the world itself rotates about its own axis at a certain rate and produces night and day and by its orbital revolution and inclination also produces the seasons. The chronological result would be exactly the same if the earth were fixed as Ptolemy supposed, and the sun itself revolved about or around it.

All nature is thus full of motions and appearances of every kind whose relativity is confusing, for the truth as to what takes place is the opposite of what seems to occur because of relativity, and our failure to take the proper point of view.

Thus to one standing still, a quiet rain descends vertically, but let him

gallop through it upon horseback and it will fly almost directly in his face, and again watch the trees upon the horizon with reference to one close at hand as you rush along upon the railroad and you will notice a most peculiar example of relative motion. In fact, motion of all kinds, as viewed from a relatively fixed position, creates a first impression that is wrong, the investigation of which creates a certain degree of confusion that needs a special explanation, and as there is but one correct explanation to each particular case the opportunity arrives for discussion, and in uneducated minds for the origination of innumerable ill founded theories. Thus we have for many years collected all sorts of theories and vagaries upon the true shape of the world and its relation to the sun and universe around us. They are generally curiosities rather than sound theories, but their name is legion. For instance, Swedenborg and Fourier held that the universe is in the form of a man, and that our globe occupies a central position therein. Herschel, without reference to the specific form of the universe located the position of the solar system somewhat similarly, that is, at a center, while in Mazzaroth we learn that the Pleiades are at the center as Job implies, with Alcyone at their pivot.

The Zetetics hold that the earth is flat and fixed and round like a pan cake, with the north pole at the center, the south pole at the rim, and the ecliptic and equator half way between at the latitudinal belt. Prof. Seymms, the inventor of "Seymms' Hole," held that the earth itself was bead-shaped, i. e., hollow on the inside and inhabited both within and without. His problem was to find via the north west passage a way to get into the interior. Jules Verne and Rider Haggard found a way inside more readily. Another theory is that the earth is a concavo-convex surface, like an old style shallow fluted cake-pan, or that it is scooped like

a soup plate out of a square-cornered flat slab of universal substance and bulged up in the center. The Caister takes the earth to be a round cylinder and we to be upon the outside. There are thousands of similar theories, and certainly 99 in 100 of them are purely "cranky" ones, upon the shape of the earth.

Up to about 1895 a Professor Morrow of Allegheny, Pa., was editing a monthly in which he advocated what he called the cosmoenspheric astronomy, to wit: that "the earth is a circular plane, the orbits of the sun, moon and stars being circumpolar, and the universe enspherical." That is, we live upon a flat equatorial disk, and in or under a firmament which encanopies us like a hemisphere. A year later we find this very same theorist equally positive upon diametrically opposite premises, as we shall see further on. But perhaps the most original and curious conception is that of Dr. Cyrus R. Teed—the Chicago Sage—who defines his idea thus: "The earth is a stationary concave cell, about 8,000 miles in diameter with peoples, suns, moons, planets and stars on the inside; the whole constituting the only physical universe in existence."

Ah! here is one who is wiser than Daniel himself, and speaks *a la carte*—*a la* "Koreh"—(Cyrus.) He has no end of explanations to divulge upon this fundamental hypothesis, which we must at present omit, but it strikes us to ask, anent his primary definition, how he "knows" that this cell is the "only" one in existence, seeing that we are said to be in it, and no one has explored the space beyond? A little unhatched chicken pecking at its shell might say as much and with quite as much authority and likelihood of being right, nay, with an equivalent certainty of being wrong, or a larva in a beehive, and this unqualified qualification of his main-cell-theory is alone sufficient to illustrate and condemn the dogmatic irresponsibility of his so-called scientific method of deduction *in toto*.

Were his general hypothesis—that we live “in” a cell (egg) correct, then our own mind would conclude just the opposite as to outside matters, and we should be justified in maintaining that there must be innumerable other universe cells about us, because from the mere study of the egg-process all about us, our general experience would lead us to conclude there were others, and further to draw the conclusion that many of them must long ago have been “hatched out.”

The idea that nature, which is so prolific in the egg cell, and seed process within this (assumed) prison of ours, should have made but one small eight-thousand-mile-in-diameter-universal-egg-cell is ridiculous upon its face, and runs against every probability of inductive science. We might far more reasonably conclude that whoever laid this egg, if we can draw any conclusion from the way they—eggs in general—multiply about us, must have filled the Cosmos with an infinity of similar ones of all sizes!

In fact the process of nature as to cells is well illustrated by the following parody upon the progress of “freedom” upwards and downwards:

All little cells have lesser cells
 Inside their shells quite tight on,
 And these in turn have lesser ones,
 And so ad infinitum!
 While larger cells have larger ones
 Inside of which to grow on,
 And these in turn have larger ones
 And larger still, and so on.

But taking the Koreshan astronomy in combination with the idea of relativity of the schoolmen (who used to contend that the universe was in reality so small that millions of angels could dance upon the end of a cambric needle) there remains no need even of an eight-thousand mile diameter. Our system may not in reality be larger than a chicken's egg after all! and, happy thought, if so you take it, upon the cell-theory the egg in which we dwell may yet be hard boiled for somebody's breakfast!

The fact is all of these anti-Newtonian and we believe anti-Biblical theories are born of fiction, or are intentional "humbugs," for some of their originators know they are "frauds," but like Barnum know also that the people love to have it so. Some years ago one of them, "the flat earth" idea was so skillfully published—just for fun—that it got a wide circulation. But the followers of these new thoughts still confused by the relativity of things, rarely stay satisfied very long, and magnify the confusion by seeking to originate some new and purely individual interpretation of every thing. The process is this: (1) "Get an idea" from some upright and logical mind, (2) next go off and stand upon your own head, (3) then retail your new idea of the matter by inversion in the market place. But what shall we say of the idle ones that loiter there? Of those who accept such teachings? To be rightly able to divide truth from error, a man must know good and evil, nor can he exercise good judgment as to "this," until he has attained an equivalent knowledge upon "that."

Take moreover the Koreshan admission that the earth is "about eight thousand miles in diameter"; now, how does "Koresh" know this? Why, of course he borrowed it from standard astronomy. Its dimensions have been successfully obtained a thousand times by the rules of geodesy, a mere extension of our method of measuring a ten-acre lot or the height of a monument. These dimensions, perforce, he accepts as to the 8,000-mile diameter of the Terra Firma that is beneath our feet, but he rejects the application of these very same rules upwards, whereby similar triangulation from these identical base lines has demonstrated that the sun is about 92 1-2 million miles away, and that just because of this distance its diameter must be about one hundred times as large as that of the earth.

But if we grant Mr. Teed his fundamental idea—that we do live on the inside of a metallic egg-shell—it at once involves us in a host of brand new confusions from which there is no other extrication than the creation and acceptance of a corresponding host of other dogmatic definitions and ex parte explanations such as those he offers and his followers accept, and which stand upon no other basis than his own ipse dixit and vocabulary.

But we think that the astronomy of Mr. "Cyrus" Teed is all right after all in one sense, i. e., in an orthographical sense, to wit: it is an excellent "sell," and like anything else made up of pure sell-u-loid-humbug, is composed of a very dangerous substitution or explosive compound. It is well constituted to "go off," collapse, or roll together as a scroll when its own times and seasons have come to the full. Nevertheless there are already thousands (although they do not understand a solitary principle of the two great world contended systems of astronomy, nor why the standard Newtonian system is victorious over the Ptolemaic) who do accept the Koreshan scheme and descant upon its superiority over all opposing systems. They remind us of the boys in the market place who are wont to contend among themselves for the core of an apple off of which some companion is securing all of the meat. Mr. Teed's misguided people are welcome to the "Kore" of such personally interpreted astronomy as he provides; fortunately he can find no scriptural texts whereon to pin his preposterous proposition.

Not so, however, with some others of these vain theorists, who do pretend to find certain isolated texts whereon to place their precarious contentions, to wit: that the earth is "round," or "flat" or "fixed" or "square," is four-cornered and so forth. But the very fact that all of these and similar figures of speech are severally to be found in the Bible and generally in its poet-

ical parts, is proof positive that the expressions are employed just as we still use them, and are expected to be understood according to the actual facts. Thus, the "ends" of the earth are its poles; its "four corners" are its cardinal points, north, east, south and west; its "foundations" are the astronomical laws that govern the universe as established: "it cannot be moved" from its orbit, because of these fixed principles, for God not only "sitteth" upon "its circle," but "walketh in the circuit of heaven" and does either according to his pleasure.

Let these and similar explanatory terms be at hand and upon the tip of the tongue in the presence of any of these controversialists and the strength of their persuasions will be lost even upon the unwary; because knowledge after all has been far too widely increased nowadays for truth to fail when her case is properly put before reasonable men—an army full of unreasonable men is unfit to be led. Those who advance such idle nonsense are welcome to their very unreliable followings.

However, it will not surprise the scientific world to learn that at Naples Bay, Florida, under the direction of "Koresh" (who,*by the way, claims to be that "Cyrus" referred to in Isaiah) an actual survey has been run which we are assured is destined to establish the Koreshan geographical premises, to revolutionize astronomy itself, and even to overturn all previous thought as to the figure of the earth. In fact with but a few months' prep-

* We quote the following from Oct. *Flaming Sword*, under Editorial Discussions, by Cyrus. When a mortal gets as big as this we repudiate him altogether.

"KORESH proclaims himself to be the Messiah of this dispensation, the precursor of the coming sons of God. The Messianic manifestation of the present time is both the Messiah and the *Sign* of the Son of man, the Elijah who comes before the second coming of Jesus in the 144,000 sons of God. The word Christ means anointed; it is not a name, but a title. The church does not know this and uses the word as a name! The name of the Messiah at the beginning of the age was Jesus; the literal translation of *Ἰησοῦς Χριστός*, is Jesus the Anointed, or the Anointed Savior. The name of the Founder of Koreshanity is KORESH; it is the Hebrew for Cyrus; and Cyrus is his legitimate, first name, by which he has been called since 1839, and is the name prophesied that he should possess when manifest to the world. Isa. xlv: 28; xlv: 1-3." "Rats!"—C.A.L.T.

aration and after a fewer number for the perpetration of the manoeuver albeit the official report is not yet published, Dr. Teed, through the medium of a recent proselyte, now claims to have proved the correctness of his contention in a strictly scientific manner (sic?)

But ere we even listen to so wild an addendum to his extravagant theory, let us relate what has been undertaken elsewhere in the interests of science properly so called. Since 1873 Mr. Einbeck has been in charge of one of the most important pieces of geodetic work ever instituted by a modern government. It was no less of an undertaking than to run a survey straight across this continent, along the 39th parallel of longitude from the mouth of the Chesapeake to the Golden Gate. Eleven whole years were spent in the preliminary operation alone, and it was not until 1884 that a party of surveyors began the triangulation of this tremendous base line at the same time from each end. They did not complete their work until some three years ago, to wit, October 1st, 1896. The work itself cost over \$150,000, and is to be regarded as one of the greatest contributions ever made to science. The chief object of this undertaking was to determine the exact figure of the earth, and the line thus obtained will be the basis for a revision of all former astronomical work in which accuracy is desired.

Mathematicians have settled the fact long ago that the earth is globular and have already figured out what the modification of this shape ought to be upon each one of several premises, to wit: whether it is more accurately to be defined either as a sphere, a spheroid, an ellipsoid, an ovaloid, or a geoid,—that is a lop-sided or warped result from either of the foregoing figures. But in order to obtain its actual shape, that is to determine which of these figures fits the case exactly, a perfectly triangulated east and west

survey such as this was necessary, for we already have several meridional lines in different parts of the world that determine its degree of curvature, north and south, that is the length of a quadrant of latitude within less than 1,000 yards.

When the calculations now in process at Washington shall have been completed (and it is expected that the solution will soon be realized), and not until they are published, shall we be able to supply that truly vertical line, to the long sought absolute zenith which is so necessary to exact astronomical work, and so be able to narrow down all former estimates to the minimum of error.

Now beside such an undertaking as this one, of vast expense, extending over the full quarter of a century, every step of which has been painstakingly prosecuted through many multiplications, how ridiculously inadequate, how suspiciously inaccurate, how presumptuously assumptive should the operations of "Koresh," made at second hand to establish the cellular cosmogony, appear in the eyes of all right-minded men.

To demonstrate the pretended truth of this superlative piece of imagination one Professor Morrow, already referred to and now a convert to the Koreshan insanity, invented a special apparatus called a rectilineator. It was built for him comparatively at short notice, and with it he and his staff of no particular scientific standing, experimented for a few months (weeks?) during the Winter of 1896-7 and in an out-of-the-way place, at running a curved level over only about one-half of a very short base line. It was then immediately announced that the demonstration was complete, to wit: That we live upon the inside of an egg shell about 100 miles thick!

Verily Puck must be more than ever amused at mortals who have come so to the full of folly that a hoax like this should be so seriously taken that it

is regarded (by the group which accepts Cyrus or "Koresh" as the reincarnation of the Messiah) as a new evidence of his identity, and that San Estero, Florida, his "New Jerusalem," is the location "of the world's great Religio Maritime City of the Golden Age, in direct water communication with all the world, and to be the heart and center of commercial activity, during the enlightened ages to come." Alas! for Zion, and for Jerusalem and Zionism now.

No wonder the labors of those who are verifying the literal Bible as written, and for the purpose written, are little noticed or altogether misrepresented, in an age that is not even trying to sail between the Scylla of the higher critics or professors and the Charybdis of such batches of nonsense as Koreshanity et cetera among the pupils. In any work that aims at determining matters of such magnitude, scientists are wont to repeat their observations at every step several hundred times so as to eliminate error as much as possible. But these operations in Florida were rushed in a most unbecoming manner, the instrument is understood to have been strained before the work was completed, and it is said that the balance of the survey had to be completed by a judicious estimate. The base line was not ten miles long (some say not five), the levelling was not finished, and the reductions or deductions were proclaimed at once. The whole matter is vitiated in every element and by no—even human—possibility can the result of such an experiment be deemed worthy of any further consideration.

Among the earliest recollections of my own childhood are the scenes enacted at a coast survey station near Dixmont, Maine. My father was then on duty in that department under the famous Professor Bache and we were then in the observation camp. I well remember how, day after day, and

over and over again, throughout the entire Summer they triangulated the angles from that and near by stations and how it used to take the entire Winter after such a series of theodolite operations to reduce them to their mean result. In view of such painstaking effort how, forsooth, can we be asked to accept the fumbled deductions of "Koresh" to the contrary seeing that the field work at Naples Bay was so indecorously hurried, and its result so soon proclaimed and explained in such a jumble of new fangled terms that with it we shall have to learn all other things anew as well! And how shall a world that has been benefited by the labors of the professors at Greenwich and Washington be expected to possess its patience in premises so puerile?

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MISCELLANEOUS DATA.

* * "What has become of 'Jim'?"

* Well, he got to San Francisco a month or so ago, in the first regiment that was ready for the front; then small pox broke out, although most of them had been vaccinated two or three times. They were quarantined on Angel Island for a month, and sailed for the Philippines (via Honolulu) on October 25. They are now at sea—will reach Manila about "Thanksgiving Day." The youngster is all right, and "in the right." So there's nothing else to say, nor to fear, in the premises, as "all things are ordained of God." Amen.

* * We have a lot of miscellaneous circulars that we wish not only to work off, but to seed down to harvest. They are mostly back numbers to you, but are always new to the world. Can you distribute some? If so, send us ten cents for postage and we will mail a batch to your address. We cannot afford the special postage as our current funds are for advance work. Seed down some of this and relieve us of its carriage. Then we can get out a new "composite" so as to further the ends of Gideon's band.

"*Dear Brother*: I am deeply worried: I find I do not not understand 'the *inward* sense of the Word,' its *mysteries*. I presume I mean 'its spirit and truth.' Each sect about me knows everything and can't explain anything. What on earth shall I do? A GIDEONITE."

Well, this is a good effort at "lapping"—if you are that worried you are getting out of the wilderness:—our advice is to keep on a-going, and avoid all the "Camps" you meet on your way to the by-ways and hedges. *Verbum Sap!*

There are certain facts that it is essential to understand thoroughly before one can even begin to perceive the "*spirit and truth*" of the Messiah's teachings. To mention but one group:—There are three great churches—Abraham's, Isaac's and Jacob's, and they are the three great ages. The first ended at the fall of Jerusalem (Abraham's). Isaac's ends at the fall of "Babylon," Jacob's ends at the overthrow of Satan after the "little season." We live in Isaac's age and church, *now about to end!*

As to the *individuals*, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, they are now alive again—having been resurrected with Jesus (in the

wave-sheaf)! But they were types of the three *great* measures of meal; and in the Saviour's *day of preaching*, were awaiting the resurrection of *that age*. It was in *that* "age" that Jesus told the *Jews* (Jacob's church) they should have no repentance in Abram's day. Nay, nor in this, "Isaac's" (the Christian dispensation). But there *now* cometh-on their own "Jacob"-age in which their harvest is both to be sown, and reaped *at its end*! The three different percentages are 100, 60 and 30. Now if *you* can perceive—from *our* "Isaac"-church standpoint (age) that the *men* Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, are alive since March 20th, 29 A.D., and that they (as individuals) are all of Abraham's own "church" (so called), and that the Isaac-church-harvest is *yet* to come, and that Jacob's is still, therefore, *afar off* in the closing of the millennium age, you will obtain an inkling of the deep things of the spirit—and few there be that grasp even the hem of its garment—fewer still be there that follow on to do as well as to know thereof. The ratio is a descending one all along down "the (3) ages," 100, 60, 30, thus growing worse! for the Scripture cannot be broken! and no scripture is of a private or personal interpretation.

We are firmly convinced that the entire teaching of modern pulpits (—and we include every ilk—) is concluded in dense darkness as to their separate sets of peculiar dogmatic interpretations. Of course, we recognize the scintillating rays of light that flash from each and all—but each over-does its own part, and there is none that doeth the whole thing well, no, not one. Therefore, dear fellow pilgrim, do not take unto yourself an over concern in these premises. God has a "plan of the ages." Wiser men than we have sought for its manner and its times—and failed; less wise ones have *pretended* to know all about it and they have died in their own density.

What then? Have faith in God. Search the *Scriptures*—not the creeds, grasp what seems to be truth at once, albeit you are overturned, begin to follow after the Spirit of things and it will lead you far beyond the sect in which you were born. Isn't it better to have been born in error and to have come out of it than to have been born in Light with Lucifer and come out of it heels over head? Let us then hear the conclusion of the matter. If you have pondered *for yourself* over the Oracles of God, you cannot be on the wrong track so long as you are still open to "new light" and *firmer* "convictions!" We only know "in part"—part, therefore, with error as fast as you can, and never shut your inwards against a final revision of all the *premises*! Remember the old "Triads," the Khum-ric threes, Aaron was clothed in *three* sets of garments, so was the universal church divided into three—one is not, one is, one

is yet to come. All we have written could be supported by references (see Concordance) but what's the use? those who see see further on, those who are blind *are* "blind," and some of them DEAD—yea, worse, most of the dead are suicides!—because they embalm themselves into some or other dogmatic error. In our own experience we have met—(not in Gideon's Band!)—many *knowalls*—and have loved best the "know-nothings"—because of their simplicity and love for truth. Blessed are the *poor* in spirit (those who do *not* pretend to know all about the things of the spirit) for they shall—well, go to the Mount and sit at the feet of the teacher himself to find out the rest.

* * "What instances are there, if any, of legitimate violations of the Sabbath day?"

SABBATARIAN.

Reply. Well, there are several, and of various degrees of importance. For instance, Jehovah, who is Lord also of the Sabbath day, turned the Nile into blood for *seven consecutive days*, one of those days must have been a seventh day! Of course, this was before the commandment was given. Again, take the siege of Jericho. It also lasted *seven consecutive days*, and probably began on the first day of the week and ended on the Sabbath itself. But on that day they bore the Ark about Jericho seven times instead of once, and worked harder than on all the other days put together. Further, there is a fair argument to the effect that the first week of the Exodus, from the 15th to 21st of Nisan inclusive (hence the measure of the commemoration feast) was a week of *seven days consecutive marching for the Israelites!* The argument is this: Moses asked permission of Pharaoh to leave Rameses for "a three-day journey into the wilderness" (Exod. viii. 27). He started from Rameses on the 15th and reached Succoth; he left Succoth on the 16th and reached Ethan, he left Ethan on the 17th and came to the Red Sea, completing his first, "three-day journey." But here Pharaoh who had pursued him, caught up with him. That night (4th day coming on) the wind made a way through the sea and in the *morning*, that of the 18th of Nisan or 4th day) Israel went into the sea, and Egypt followed,—of course, much later—and so the 19th or 5th "evening"—(to wit, the beginning of the 5th day)—came on, and that night Egypt was overwhelmed. In the "morning" Israel passed on into the wilderness; on the morning of the 20th Israel went a second day into the wilderness; and on the morning of the 21st, she went on another day's journey into the wilderness, and so came to Marah after "a three days' journey" (Exod. xv. 22). So there were "3 days" to the Red Sea, 1 day through it, and "3 days" beyond it, without a daylight pause. Now, in spite of what we have written in former

studies (as to the details of the Exodus) we are disposed to favor this particular view very seriously, and of course one of these 7 days was a Sabbath from creation—but “the Law” had not then been given. However, we do not dispute the “custom,” and have shown grounds for believing that a sabbatic “observance” was practiced by the Patriarchs themselves.

Moreover, the Maccabees took noticeable exceptions to the Sabbath, and won famous victories thereon, and God honored them, so that one of them saw the greatest victory of all, and led up to the Feast of dedication, Chisleu 25th, which Jesus Christ himself honored, and therefore also endorsed.

Finally, Jesus, who did naught but good upon all days, was frequently taken to task for working on the Seventh day—and announced that “it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath day.” Now, as it is never lawful to do evil (upon any day) it is lawful for us to do anything on the Seventh day that is lawful for us on any other day—for there is no longer any of the crucified “Law” left *but the spirit thereof which is far better.*

* * Watch for the Falling Stars (Meteorites) this November (12th-13th-14th-15th) until you see them (1799-1833-1866-1899). It is America’s time for the best display. You will hardly have a chance to see them again in this particular life-trip. If they come as they should come, on time, and as one of the “Signs of the Times,” they will be well worth seeing, and the bells of your town should ring an “alarm” so that no one need miss the sight—even if it be a mere sign and sight. The November ones are due at midnight on November (14th-15th) in the East from the constellation Leo—for the rest of the night. The Andromedas come August 26th-27th, watch for them also, from early eve all night (See Leaflet CII. March, 1899).

TO GIDEON’S BAND.

* * We wish you a happy Thanksgiving day—we regret the state of war that still exists in Manasseh, and the one that has now dawned over Ephraim—but as all things are ordained aforehand, no “Israelite indeed” need have any misgiving as to the eventual outcome of things in both. Possess, therefore, your souls in peace. War upon earth is no rarity—and there cometh one that will duplicate that one which once shook even heaven. All the oracles of God must be fulfilled. Take comfort, therefore, out of these current adversities—for one of the oracles is that no weapon that is fashioned against Israel can prosper. Apparent reverses therefore, to the contrary should be transparent to the faithful—so don’t give up the ship!

* * “Silver and gold have I none, but of such as I have give I unto thee. Arise up and walk!”—Peter (*never* a “Pope!”)

“You see,” said a real Pope to Thomas Aquinas, when he

was once upon a visit to the Vatican, "I cannot say, as St. Peter did: 'silver and gold have I none.'" The poor mortal was showing the vast stores of mammon treasure he had accumulated in the land of the Moth and the Rust—and what is the end thereof? Read Rev. xviii.

** We extend our Christian sympathy to the friends of H. L. Hastings, who has been called hence. He was one of the strongest independent characters for good we have ever met. His anti-infidel library has gone by the ton into the field and will come back a thousand fold in the harvest. We once spent a week in his camp at Goshen. That camp was wide open for truth and we hope to meet them all again.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

** They wedded a pair in New York City (Center St. Court) on October 25th, with an India rubber ring—i. e., a mere rubber band—what a commentary is this upon the law of divorce and matrimony. Elasticity given full play and the sulphur in the band dead sure to rot out in due time!

** Queen Victoria did her best to ward off the present war in South Africa. So did President McKinley to avoid the "rebellion" in the Philippines. The things that are are ordained of God. "This thing is of me"—all things are also so ordained because they are allowed. The duty of an Israelite is to face the foe. The traitors in *our* own midst and in *England's* midst, are of small stature, they can do no real harm, because they make themselves ridiculously too well known, known before their time—so their time becomes one of eventual and utter failure. Read President McKinley's Thanksgiving proclamation for November 30th, and see if a constitutionally chosen ruler could have said less or more: and keep the feast, for it is a fit one.

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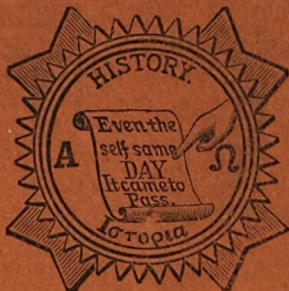
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