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Would the World be Better Off Without the Bible?

We have reason to believe that from the earliest age of the world, superstition has existed, causing intestine strife, persecutions, robberies, wars, and other disasters too numerous to mention.

On Monday, the 10th of April, the Adventists believed the existence of all things sub-lunary, would terminate; so many of them neglected their business, gave away their property, prepared their ascension robes, and patiently waited for that distinguished heavenly personage, Gabriel, to sound his trumpet!

Superstition in the early ages of the world was manifested in a different way than at present. Then humanity worshipped some rude object—a snake, or animal of some kind, finally progressing until they made the elements an object of adoration.

Superstition has, however, changed, to a great extent its base of operations. Supernatural properties are no longer ascribed to precious stones, the attention of the religious world having been directed exclusively to the Bible, and on that constructed a temple of superstition that has been a uniform curse to humanity.

By carefully perusing the last page of our paper this week, the reader will readily com-

prehend the situation, and observe the insidious poison that the Catholic Bible has generated. In view of all these facts, we believe that if the Bible, the cornerstone of superstition, should be abolished altogether, the world would be the better off!

It is a fact that our heaven-born Harmonial Philosophy has many beautiful counterparts in the Bible; the sublime maxims of Jesus shine forth there like diamonds in a muddy pool; his moral teachings scintillate on its pages like the stars here and there in a cloudy night.

Is it wise and proper for Spiritualists to seek among the rubbish of the Bible for examples to sustain their faith? A diamond in a mud-hole is rendered no richer by the contrast. A virtuous woman in a house of prostitution occupies the same relation to the world at large that an example of pure Spiritualism in the Bible does.

A Haunted House.

It appears from the Concord (N. H.) Patriot that a genuine haunted house exists in that section. The story is given as follows:—The Emerson place has been vacant all winter, Mr. James Emerson, the owner, only carrying on the place during the summer.

W. J. JACK M. D., clairvoyant and medium; gives us notice that he will return to Philadelphia in a few weeks.

Timely Advice.

The Spiritual (Boston) Scientist, says, "Do not act upon the advice of the spirits in opposition to your own convictions, or the dictates of common sense. In the first place the messages are all colored before they reach you by the channel through which they pass; in the second, the spirits who have the most control over matter, are not always good or intelligent.

The Dabque Times tells this story: "There were some strange 'manifestations' at the spiritualist seance at the Tremont House on Monday evening. The usual 'manifestations' were given to the satisfaction of the Spiritualists of the charmed circle and the wonder of those who were not believers, and then, when the light was again out, and the medium was singing to charm the spirits and get them in good tune to do something that was marvelous in the extreme, one of the firm believers in Spiritualism in the circle, W. Chandler, Esq., determined he would apply a test that would be a test.

W. Chandler's Test.

The colored folks of Cincinnati have had a spelling match, in which, among others, a good old aunty of eighty participated. The climax was reached, when the Rev. James Johnson, being invited to spell "nosegay," started off with a "N o s e a y," then, seeing the fog horn whistled to blow him down, suddenly corrected himself to "N o u g h t a g a y," and stepped down and out amid tremendous rounds of "Hi dar!" and applause.

A Definite Engagement.

The following illustrates in a beautiful manner the "Saving Qualities" of the Christian Religion. It appears that three brothers were in prison, in Charleston, South Carolina, sentenced to be hung—colored men, named Hardee, and the minister was engaged in administering the spiritual consolations so desirable to men thus situated.

A Water-Finder.

A New Hampshire correspondent says that Captain John S. Godfrey, of Hampshire Falls, who has gone to locate wells, never fails in his "manifestation" as to where water can be found. He works thus: With nothing in his hands, he walks over the ground until the water, if any exists, is approached, when he is affected with a nervous twitching in the limbs which increases as the water is neared, he acting very much like a person with the bars of a magnetic battery in his hands, and following the course of the stream, whichever way it may lead, regardless of walls, fences, or other objects, and seeming to be controlled by some power which he is unable to resist.

clears it to be simply a sensitive organism or powerful current of electricity in himself, so powerful as to attract him irresistibly to living streams of water and mineral deposits beneath the surface. During the war he located all the wells under General Howard's command.

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An Unkind Retort.

A benevolent gentleman from Vermont applied to a Boston gentleman for aid in sending a Vermont missionary to Turkey. The reply was as follows: "I have invested much in Vermont securities, and lost many thousand by the acts of your railroad men, sustained by the people and the courts. I have also lived in Turkey, and had much intercourse with her people. I would far rather give my money to send Turks as missionaries to Vermont."

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Decease of S. R. Wells.

S. R. Wells, editor of the Phrenological Journal, passed to Spirit-land April 14th. He was a man of profound knowledge, and his loss will be deeply regretted by those who are familiar with his writings.

Spiritualism in Spain.

DEAR SIR:—I have the pleasure to send to you, as a sample, the Spanish Spiritualist journal published in Madrid, "El Oratorio Spiritista," to which I am a correspondent, and many times I have translated from your JOURNAL for the same.

THE San Antonio (TEXAS) Herald gives the following notice to its subscribers: "Hereafter we shall publish the list of the names of those who go a fishing on the Lord's day and fall to send us a string of trout. Perch and suckers have too many bones in them to allow us to forget that the moral element of our population look to the press to eradicate this growing desecration of the Sabbath."

DR. T. B. TAYLOR delivered a carefully prepared lecture on "What are the responsibilities of the Spiritualists of Boston to day?" at Rochester Hall, Boston Mass., on the evening of Sunday, April 25th.

WE understand that there is to be an Interstate Camp Meeting held at Dubuque, Iowa, the last of June. The indefatigable worker in the cause of the Harmonial Philosophy, Dr. C. P. Sanford, will take charge of it.

John King.

THE APPEARANCE IN AUSTRALIA—THE WONDERFUL SPIRIT LIGHT.

The spirit of John King is at present manifesting himself at Sandhurst, Australia, making himself visible by the wonderful spirit light. [This lamp is a self-luminous cake or cylinder about four inches long by two in diameter; it is carried by materialized hands and surrounded by drapery. It was about two years ago, we think, that this light was first spoken of in England, and at that time was brought by Katie King. It had not then attained the perfect form above described, but resembled a lemon in shape; it emitted a pale, bluish light which rapidly faded. It did not flicker, but faded gradually, though renewed its brilliancy when Katie made passes over it. Prof. Crookes has had the advantage of seeing this spirit light by the side of a lamp of phosphorized oil, and the color was perceptibly different and stronger.]

The appearance of John King as described by the chairman of the circle at Sandhurst, corresponds to that given of him by those who witnessed his manifestations in England. He has, however, since appeared in different shaped turbans, one being round in shape and twisted in a very artistic manner in front. All the circle has been permitted to feel King's head, face, and beard near the floor, a well-formed spirit hand coming up from the floor and passing the beard through their hands. The hair on the head and beard feels just like human hair. Lately he is trying to illuminate his entire form in the center of the room, so that all may see him at once. To a certain extent he has succeeded, as they are now able to see his face and form dimly. When he passes round the circle, carrying his light in his hand, each member is afforded the opportunity of having a good look at him, and sometimes when he perceives that any have not seen him well, he passes their hand down his face and beard.—Scientist.

The Horse-Meat Banquet.

It appears from the Paris correspondent of the New York Times that the horse meat dinner that came off at the Grand Hotel there was a brilliant affair. There was a very large attendance and they all pronounced the horse-meat excellent. Cooked by accomplished cordons bleus it ought to be, for they can, it is said, make a soup of an old boot, and serve up a cat so that it can not be told from a hare. Two or three hundred people ate horse, ass, and mule meat in a great variety of ways, drank a large quantity of champagne, and then made speeches in honor of hippophagy.

O. H. P. KENNEY, of Waverly, N. Y., sends resolutions adopted by the society there, endorsing Mrs. Nellie L. Davis as a most excellent lecturer.

DR. C. P. SANFORD, State Missionary of Iowa, gave us a call one day last week. He is doing a grand good work for Spiritualism, and is well received wherever he goes.

MR. H. MORSE, who has been laboring so efficiently in Iowa, is about to leave that State for other fields of labor.

BLANCH A. RUTHERFORD writes to this office but gives no post-office address.

C. M. THOMPSON sends us \$3.65, but gives no post-office address.

A "HAUNTED" HOUSE.

The Spirits find a Medium in a Little Girl and do Wonderful Things.

DEAR JOURNAL:—Certain phenomena have been occurring here which astonish us all very much, and we would like to have some one explain them. At the house of Mr. Geoffrey, a highly respectable citizen and neighbor, a half dozen of us were visiting on Thursday evening last, when it was proposed we should hold a seance. Forming a circle as directed in the JOURNAL, we soon succeeded in bringing the raps. Little Minnie Geoffrey, a child of some ten years, sat opposite me. I am something of a skeptic, and asked if I could not get a test of a more convincing nature. Soon the following was rapped out:

"READ MINNIE'S FOREHEAD"

I did not understand it then, but on glancing at Minnie's forehead I saw what seemed red lines upon it. Closer examination disclosed that this was written upon her forehead: "Your uncle John Allan sends his love." It is true this was brief and we were all very much astonished at it. We again resumed our places at the table, when Minnie seized the pen and wrote in a plain legible hand:—

"Oh, his sweet, his rap'rous sweet, To leave the firm our friends to meet."

Minnie can not write. Some of the friends still clamored for more satisfying tests. Suddenly Minnie was influenced, and cried "wait." We all sat expectantly. Then she commanded, "Join hands." We did so, when some noise was heard in the room immediately above us. Bounds of hurrying feet and persons running to and fro. It grew louder and more boisterous until the confusion was such as to render our voices inaudible to one another. We broke our circle and filled with awe, doubtfully opened the room door (an 8 by 10 bed-room) when there was presented to our gaze the bed minus the clothing; the sheets around the posts, the quilts actually done up in such balls that we could not undo them. Mrs. Geoffrey suggested that the quilts would have to be ripped open with a knife, when Minnie again under influence exclaimed, "No! go down." So down we went, joined hands as before, when a few strains of the sweetest music I ever heard greeted our ears, and there was the sound of footsteps moving in perfect unison to the time.

Under Minnie's direction we darkened the room, when an accordian, violin, and the piano were all played together, the two former instruments moving in graceful undulations, and keeping perfect time in their movements. On closing, we found the room in good order. On Friday evening we met again, when substantially the same thing took place as before. On that occasion the three leading ministers and all the school teachers of Hartford were present. Now, are such manifestations common, or are they something out of the usual line. All that were there on both these nights are willing to attest the truthfulness of these things.

HENRY JOHNSON, Hartford, Wis.

Philadelphia Department

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In Memoriam.

How often do we find when death enters a household and takes one from a family, that several others follow in quick succession. This has been the case recently in our family. In the month of August last Mary H. Child, wife of my father, who is now in his 86th year, passed suddenly on to the home of the angels.

We were impressed to say that our beloved friend had not gone "unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, and to the sound of the trumpet and the voice of words." But he has gone "unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels to the general assembly and church of the first born, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made more perfect."

Compensation, Recompense.

The law of compensation is but another expression of justice. As an attribute of the Infinite it pervades all conditions of mind and matter everywhere. It finds expression in various forms of language. "As ye sow so shall ye reap." In the Golden Rule, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye likewise unto them."

The word recompense means literally to compensate again, and is not necessarily and strictly just. It may mean a reward of merit or a punishment. It is too often looked upon as the chief inducement for action, and then it becomes a lower motive than we should follow.

Individuals and society are in the habit of recompensing those who do wrong with punishments more or less vindictive. There is no authority for this. They may have the right to protect themselves if they do not injure others thereby, but this does not extend to the power to punish any one, even though they violate our rights.

The effect of a vindictive spirit may be more injurious to the person who harbors it than to those against whom it is harbored. It unsettles the mind; it deprives us of that clear, calm discernment that can reach the exact line and plummet of justice. It also injures the party against whom it is practiced just in proportion as they are on the same vindictive plane.

The present structure of society is based too much upon selfishness. The desire for wealth and power is so generally encouraged in the youthful mind that there are few who can rise above it. The question: Will it pay in money or power? seems to be almost universal, and not. Will it bless the world, our fellow-men and ourselves?

There is an innate respect for the good and the true, the noble and the elevating, even with those who are not always up to this plane in their lives. How important it is for all of us to weigh well our lives, to measure their responsibility, and in all departments endeavor to rise to the very highest plane. Physically, we should resolve to take the very best care of these bodies, and do every thing we can to maintain the highest health, knowing that the compensation which this brings is the very best and most desirable.

Extract.

Deep and powerful souls do just everything in silence, and make no noise with their doings or with themselves. They go on their way like the works of God. In deep silence the sun ascends the heavens; silently sinks the night down upon the earth. What prepares itself in greater stillness than the re-awakening of nature, and what is more glorious than the opening of spring.

large, sacrificing thereby without hesitation but his reputation as an investigator, and large literary interests; nor could the dear pioneer of the cause he has so long and so nobly served, be made to retract his statement, when, after having returned to the field of his defeat, he found the treacherousness of the mediums; he could not and would not have anything more to do with such characters. It may be said by some it matters little how the battle was won, provided it is won, but it does matter. The Vandals of old won many battles, but how do we look upon their conquests? We are not working for the present only, but for the future also; we want, when we shall have dropped, as Professor Tyndall so poetically expresses it, into the "dim azure of the past," and become an anathema, to leave to our descendants a fair historic page and that it may not be said of us, to read our records, that we fought like Huns and Goths. "A man's manners, commonly make his fortune," says the proverb, and although this would seem a rather worldly wise maxim to be applied to a religious movement, it is nevertheless true that the aspect of things has much to do with their success. It is all very well to be indifferent to the world's opinion as long as we hold the truth, and it stands to reason that the promulgation of it had better be entrusted to a grave teacher than to a Harlequin.

Among the various things Europe reproaches America for, is the latter's impatience to arrive at results. Education is hasty, financial, commercial, industrial enterprises are hasty, everything is hasty in that land overgrown waters. They eat everything green in the New Country; they pull their young plants up by the roots to see how fast they grow; they have not learnt yet the real significance of the little word, wait, like all young athletes, they shoot beyond the mark. Remember the Italian saying: Chi es piano, es sano, e chi es sano, es valentano.

Ithaca, N. Y. C. R. CONSON.

A Church Edifice Under the Hammer.

The Shiloh Presbyterian Church, at Prince and Marion streets, New York city, was sold at auction April 23d, by order of the Presbytery of New York. Two years ago the Rev. Henry Highland Garnet and his colored congregation moved to 140 Sixth avenue, where they have since worshipped, the Presbytery taking the Prince street property off their hands, and proposing to pay them \$65,000.

Why don't the spirits find Charlie Ross? No! that is not the question we desired to propound. Why does not the Great Spirit—God—prevent the sale of his own church building?

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Mrs. A. H. ROBINSON,

My DEAR FRIEND AND SISTER.—You may perhaps remember I wrote you last September in regard to my own health. I am happy to inform you that through your aid and that of your guides I have entirely recovered my lost health. I do sincerely think that I should now be in Spirit-life, only for you. Your raising me to health is what induces a friend of mine to send to you now. She is a poor woman and can only send you two dollars at this time, but says she will try and send you more as soon as she can. Her family are all Seven day Adventists, and are bitterly opposed to our beautiful faith, hence her getting me to write for her. She also desires you to send the prescriptions in my name or to me. I want you to do the very best you can, for she has been to several physicians here without receiving any benefit whatever, and her family being so opposed to Spiritualism, I want you to show them a little what the spirits can do. [Then followed a description of her case.]

I will inclose an order of two dollars and a lock of her hair. I have become partially developed within a few weeks, and have been thinking that it might help me if I were to send to you for some more of your magnetized papers. Please let me hear from you as soon as possible, as my friend will wait anxiously for a letter. Direct to Mrs. M. A. Leonard, Manston, Wisconsin. Gratefully yours, M. A. LEONARD.

A CASE OF CHRONIC INFLAMMATION OF THE STOMACH CURED.

PRAIRIE CITY, Jasper Co., Iowa, March 25th 1875.

Mrs. ROBINSON, Chicago, Ill., DEAR SISTER:—Your letter dated the 15th of this month, with magnetized papers, is at hand. My wife is now well, and the remedies she takes will last about two days more. She thinks that she will get along without taking any more. Inclosed you will find a post-office order for \$2.00. Please accept this with best thanks. I remain yours in truth, EDWARD SCHULLENBERG.

NO MORE FALLING OFF OF HIS HAIR.

Mrs. A. H. ROBINSON, CHICAGO, DEAR SISTER:—I do not know as it is necessary for me to send for new magnetized papers. Since I began to use your remedies my hair has quit coming out. You have done me more good than all other doctors I have ever tried, and they are many. My wife continues to be successful in your noble work. If you think that I should wear new magnetized papers longer I shall do so. Yours truly, PETER MAERKUC.

510 North Lee St., Bloomington, Ill., March 25th, 1875.

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TAMA CITY, Tama Co., Iowa, March 14th, 1875.

Mrs. A. H. ROBINSON:—I sent to the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE, Chicago, in February, for a box of your tobacco antidote, which came in due time. I followed the directions on the box, and it has cured the hankering desire for tobacco on me. I would say, tobacco chowers, try it. It will cure you. I want the agency of Tama County, Iowa, to sell your tobacco antidote. I think I can sell a good deal of it this coming year. I shall make a business of selling it. How much will it cost me a dozen boxes? Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain, W. F. BURLIN.

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HOME RULE. Harper's Weekly, whose services to the cause of truth and Protestantism, are extremely valuable, has a very significant picture in its last number.

Senator Tilden is standing before two urns. One is labeled "HOME RULE. NO ALLEGIANCE TO ANY FOREIGN RULER."

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The United States Republic, standing in the American Senate, points to each and asks: "To whom do you owe your allegiance?"

In the same number one of Eugene Lawrence's papers describes the situation as follows:

A DIVIDED ALLEGIANCE.

The election of an Ultramontane Senator from New York will necessarily awaken new interest in the question which Mr. Gladstone has suggested and to which Dr. Manning has recently replied: Can a believer in the Pope's infallibility be a good citizen in a free State?

A divided allegiance is all that Senator Kernan can give to his American home, and the State of New York will be represented at Washington for the next six years by one who is opposed at heart to all the principles that lie at the base of free institutions.

AGENTS IN THE CRUSADE AGAINST KNOWLEDGE.

The Kernans, Kellys, and other men of that class who now hold the State and city of New York in subjection, who have succeeded the Tweeds and Sweeneys of five years ago, with apparently even more absolute power, are the appropriate agents in the crusade against knowledge which was begun anew by the Vatican Council of 1870.

fostered in Europe in ignorance and driven from the school-house, and once more, in the New World, it would prohibit them from accepting that free opportunity of instruction which is offered by the common school.

NOT GOOD CITIZENS.

But possibly the strongest proof that our Ultramontane population are not good citizens is the fact that they have insisted on the election of Mr. Kernan to the Senate upon the plain ground of his religious tenets.

ROMAN CATHOLICS SHOULD PROTECT THEMSELVES.

This is what our Roman Catholic population will probably discover as they become educated in American ideas, and we trust they will themselves at least admit that their first allegiance is due to that government which has given them a shelter from the sorrows and the tyranny of the Old World.

THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH.

A case has just been decided by the Court of Review at Montreal, which has a special interest, considering the recent bold utterances of Quebec newspapers on the subject of priestly influence.

no purgatory, the parish priest became alarmed, and resolved to crush him. On the following Sunday he (Rev. Renaud Blanchard) devoted the greater part of his sermon to this purpose.

Richer was a member of Father Blanchard's congregation. Finding himself thus denounced, he immediately put the case into the hands of a lawyer, and the action for damages was tried and dismissed by the court at St. Hyacinthe.

It was in November, 1870, that the priest denounced Richer in the manner described, and the case has remained ever since undecided, a fact which goes to show that the law's delay is often as aggravating in Canada as elsewhere.

BISMARCK AND PERSECUTION.

Prince Bismarck claims to be a Christian crusader, as well as a German patriot, in his present desperate struggle with the clergy of Rome within the Empire of his Imperial master.

IS IT AN IMPERIUM INFERIO?

A Catholic statistician claims that out of the forty millions of souls in the United States, 5,761,242 are Roman Catholics.—They occupy 6,929 stations, chapels, and churches; they have the services of 4,874 priests, 6 apostolic vicars, 49 bishops, 9 archbishops and 1 cardinal.

If we were to pay attention solely to certain indiscreet priests, like Father Walker in New York, whose denunciations of the public schools we have heretofore referred to, we should say that a collision between the Catholic Church and the United States Government was only a question of time.

We do not, however, regard mere theological theories as decisive in this matter.—They have their sphere, and while they may occasionally impel to rash utterances or even to rash conduct, they combine with other influences to control practical life within limits which allow enlightened citizens to live together in peace and harmony.

and the Mexican Catholics in some provinces are now acting equally badly toward Protestants; but where civilization and public institutions have rightly trained the masses, ecclesiastical dogmas will generally be kept within their proper sphere.—Boston Journal.

A ROMAN CATHOLIC CARDINAL.

The Catholic religion is evidently gaining ground in this country. Running down in Europe, in consequence of the loss of the Pope's temporal power in Italy, the opposition of Bismarck in Germany and Gladstone in England, Catholicism looks with longing eyes to the United States as the locality in which she is to retrieve her fallen fortunes and regain her former power.

Yet the Irish people, who seem to admire liberty as much as any other nation, appear to be infatuated with Catholicism, which allows them no liberty at all. Just now, they are rejoicing because Mr. McCloskey, the former Bishop of New York, has been raised by the Pope to the supposed dignity of Cardinal.

CHURCH AND STATE IN PRUSSIA.

The Government of Prussia has proposed a bill in the Chamber of Deputies withdrawing all State endowments from the Catholic clergy, and providing for their restoration to such of the clergy who may assume the prescribed obligations to the Government.

The hope of the world is not in the Bismarcks, but in the Gutenbergs, not in politics, but in the dissemination of knowledge. If the clergy could have the power to stop the press for "constructive" heresy, there would be serious danger, but as matters now stand Prince Bismarck may look to the needs of Germany, without giving himself any anxiety about the cause of religious freedom in Christendom at large.—Chicago Journal.

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take that is inevitably followed by calamitous consequences, especially to the Church.

The sooner the Government rids itself of the task of running the religion of its people; except to protect it, the sooner it will destroy the antagonism of the churches towards the Government. Let Religion be free, and it will flourish infinitely better than when dependent upon the smiles of Princes or the stability of human Governments.

THE CATHOLIC POWERS.

Though the Paris dispatch that the Pope has appealed to Austria and the Catholic powers to resist the unreasonable demands of Prussia, which, he says, are making the position of the Church more and more intolerable, is contradictory, it recalls a remarkable fact which we are in some danger of forgetting—that there are no longer any "Catholic powers." Occasionally some small Indo-Spanish Republic in Central or South America, such as Peru, places itself at the feet of the Pope, promises to tolerate no religion but the Catholic Apostolic and Roman, abolishes civil marriages, and sends a remittance of Peter's pence to Rome.

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE CATHOLIC POWER.

The disappearance of the Catholic power is one of the landmarks of modern history. It shows that the spirit of many foreign governments has altered much more rapidly than their form, and that the maintenance of several apparently half or three quarters despotic systems is no longer the will of princes, but the opinion of communities.

IF, THEN, THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IS EVER TO REGAIN THE ASCENDENCY IN STATE AFFAIRS WHICH IT ONCE ENJOYED, IT WILL BE BY OPERATING NOT ON THE CONSCIENCE OF RULERS BUT ON THE COLLECTIVE OPINION OF SUBJECTS.—Chicago Inquirer.