





Christ himself made a distinction between diseased persons and those possessed of demons. He declared that he cast out demons, and conferred the same power on his disciples, and they too did cast them out.

SIMON MAGUS.

If we pass into apostolic times, we meet with Simon Magus, as a medium as Simon Foster, his successor. It is said, "Simon Magus used sorcery and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that he himself was some great one. To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, 'This man is the great power of God.'

THE FORTUNE TELLER.

Again, in Acts xvi, we read, "And it came to pass, as we went to pray, a certain damsel possessed of a spirit of divination, met us; which brought her master much gain by sooth saying. She followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, 'These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation.' And this she did many days; but Paul being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, 'I command thee, in the name of Jesus Christ, to come out of her.' And he came out at the same hour."

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this Bible in the w. from which I have this night preceded G's truth, and I, in the name and by the power of a living Jesus, will cast the devil out.

Let the ministers and apostles of this new religion, the teachers of the doctrines of devils come forth. They are here to-night; they mock and blaspheme the Nazarene as the divine Son of God. I challenge them to put his divinity to a test here in his own house, and before the eyes of this assembled congregation, or any other congregation assembled to witness the trial, and it shall be known to this city that his name has not lost its power over devils, as we have here so often seen that his blood has not lost its efficacy to save the penitent sinner.

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was capable of loving him; but he was satisfied with all the love my nature had, and we lived very happily.

I had imbibed the common idea among our sex, that I must submit to my husband, and I did not murmur when I found I was to be a mother; yet it was not of my choice; perhaps it would have been, but for this one idea of submission. Our child was a daughter, a frail bud, who lived but a few weeks.

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"I thank you most kindly for the patience with which you have listened to my story. I shall go with him, and you will hear from me again soon."

"The mother then said: 'May heaven's choicest blessings rest on you, my mother, may the angels ever protect and guide you through all the walks of life, and crown you with peace and joy, and may the blessings which fall continually around you, be as sweet incense, not only to yourself, but to all who come within the sphere of your influence. I, too, shall be glad to return and bring to you the expression of a mother's gratitude and love for what you have done for me.'"

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The artist's heaven. In a private letter to a friend in this city, the Spirit Artist, J. B. Starr, sends the following eloquent and impressive description of what his soul sees in the inner life:

"The azure skies bend down and enclose purple mountains, whose slopes are gushing with cascades of crystal waters murmuring and flowing through meadows of emerald beauty, perfumed with millions of flower-gems, while beaming breezes and gentle zephyrs play through the Arcadian groves of lofty trees, redolent with the songs of thousands of strange, bright birds with stony wings, that bear the rich hues of all glorious things; where the rainbow spray of gushing fountains makes responsive music to Eolian harps that forever sing of the glories of that bright and better land, where there are vast temples of pure white marble with Arcadian columns that loom up into azure domes, and thousands of niches, each one containing a gem of sculptured art. Vast galleries of painted gems whose living figures seem to breathe, and thrill, and glow with radiant beauty."

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In my last article was shown the impossibility of our organizing where Christians rule, because murderers and other criminals could be forgiven by them, but they could not forgive unbelievers.

Now let us consider the five primary principles of the civil rights party; they are the exact opposite of the Christians; they forgive all persons but criminals, and often the most wicked of these under the influence of kindness to all, and a wish to extend mercy to all, so as to use any means to make good citizens of them.—(Civilians are the most merciful and the most abused persons in christendom. Knocked down in the Senate; shot in the streets; spit upon in public places; butchered and hung by those who are inspired to evil deeds, by the teachings that there is no forgiveness to unbelievers. They still continue to advocate the most merciful and just laws of any persons on earth.

The civilian establishes the law that every person has a right to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience, when he does not interfere with the rights of others. This gives the right for persons to differ with each other in belief. Every civil person will concede this right without the least condemnation to others. They will not worship a God that condemn because of non belief; because they know that they will be apt to follow his example, and be condemning people for entertaining the very best opinions that ever entered the minds of men. This has been the "Christian faith in every age since the Christian era, and has caused them to be the most blood-thirsty criminals of all these ages. And as they have changed opinions in later ages, they have erected monuments of honor to those their fathers damned and murdered.

Civilians adopt the law, that people must agree to disagree in peaceful harmonious relations. They worship the God of natural law that sends blessings upon the just and unjust, and imitate Him by making laws that are blessing to all people who live under them. Under the rule of this party we have finally got such a public opinion, that we have organized upon a religious basis that is consistent with the principles of the party who have stood so nobly for the rights of man through good in all times.

Here we have the party that we are indebted to for the right to organize, and it is our duty to protect that party from the assaults of their religious enemies. If any of these religious partisan societies own property which is not taxed, we at once call upon the people to tax it, for upon such property they erect batteries to assail our common schools, so that people will become so ignorant that they can impose upon them the dogmas of their church, and in that way get the ruling of the nation, and institute their Christian bloody tortures upon unbelievers.

Milwaukee, Wis.

In a graveyard at Shrewsbury, New Jersey, is a row of ten graves, of a family of brothers and sisters, all of whom died at the age of ten days.









