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SUNDAY, AUG. 23, 1891. CONGRESSIONAL POSSIBILITIES: It is almost a certainty that the Republicans will nominate a resident of this city for congress...

THE NEW ERA. The experiments in Texas on rain making are meeting the hopes of the agricultural charges...

THE NEW ERA. There is no state in the union that will be more greatly benefited in this year or than Michigan...

THE NEW ERA. If the mountain will not go to McArthur, Michigan will have to hobnob it to the mountains...

THE NEW ERA. Growth of the Turnip Seed. The seed of a globe turnip is exceedingly minute...

THE NEW ERA. Certainly not. In his youth he spent more money than he ought, but in later years he was avaricious...

THE NEW ERA. An Irishman and a Yankee were both in bathing. In the distance a flock of ducks was sporting on the water...

THE NEW ERA. The Photograph as a Cash Register. It has been suggested that the photograph should be used as a cash register...

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THIS LITTLE MAN. Editor of the Hornet. With respect to the attention of all of which mothers and the widows, parents and children of deceased soldiers...

THE NEW PENSION LAW. Why it may not have been considered. It is very liberal. Pensions are being granted to a number of men who were in the army...

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To Satisfy You THAT WE HAVE SOME Great Bargains in New and Second Hand Bicycles.

PERKINS & RICHMOND. 13 Fountain Street. 13. A NEW IDEA!

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REDMOND OPERA HOUSE. BRADY & GARWOOD, Lessee & Managers. C. S. BURROUGHS, Acting Manager. ONE WEEK, COMMENCING MONDAY, AUG. 24.

WONDERLAND MUSEE AND THEATRE. W. O. SMITH, Manager. Grand Rapids Family Resort. One from 1 to 5 and 7 to 10 p. m. for week commencing Monday, August 24.

THEATRE CURIO HALL. Prof. Abbey's 11th Models of Modern Machinery. GEO. S. UN, The World's Greatest Juggler.

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By making a Small Deposit you can Secure your Garment Now, and get same whenever you can. We are always glad to show goods, whether you are ready to purchase or not.

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VICTOR E. WOLF, Manager.

THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

The "Hastings" Section of the **"Evening Monitor"** contains a work of a snake to infect the truth and sneak into the truth. In your recent issue Mr. Gibson suddenly accedes himself, springs upon "Myth," myself, and Mr. Houghtaling and an endlessly slips away into his shady retreat, no doubt congratulating himself that he has successfully injected the virus of doubt into some other mind. In his last postscript he informs us that he has retired from the arena. He says of never reply to anonymous writers. This effectively shields the writer from all danger. For as Mr. Gibson is an anonymous to me I choose to be anonymous to him. Perhaps however, if I may "not be worth replying to," Mr. G. may find something in the argument that may be worthy of his serious consideration. Mr. Gibson cannot screen himself from the stinging missiles of any dignified reluctance to the assault (he chooses to ride out and brandish his little sword near the ambush).

Now there can be no further doubts as to Mr. G.'s real attitude. In his article on "Christianity and Deism," he writes that he understands Christianity to be and says, "I wish it distinctly understood I do not deny the truth of the system. I do not say I disbelieve it. I was brought up under its teaching. It says that for the Christian; that is saying 'good Lord!' but realizing that the eyes of the Infidels are on him, he throws out a sugar plum for them by saying, "I am not ashamed to confess that I doubt whether it be Christianity. As for that 'good deity,' for an attempt to blow hot and cold, for a literary mousetrap performance it excels anything we have seen of late. Such attempts to roost with the poultry and eat with the fox will not pass, even in this honor-divine convictions, and bad men prize convictions. Be careful, Mr. Gibson, or you'll fall between the book and the dock. In his article on "Millions of the Truth," Mr. Gibson betrays what seems to have a friendly call, and makes it the occasion of Judaic betraying the Christian religion. Every article filled in doubt, sowers such as Mr. G. They like the instrument of "Ex. Damianus" and of those brought up under such influence. The instrument of a religious Christian, especially a preacher, is of more value to the cause of unbelief than that of his own majesty himself. But truth would still be truth, even if indorsed by the devil. But the same man who, as Mr. Gibson neither makes a thing true or false. I would most likely imply that they are, for Mr. Gibson doesn't know his own mind, seeing that according to his own words he both believes and doubts at the same time. His statements mind rove every positive statement in his article of value and compel us to doubt his sincerity.

Mr. Gibson criticizes Mr. Houghtaling's method of trying to convert abolitionists and supposes an attempt made on Mr. Lisle. Now of course the conversion of Mr. Lisle is out of the question. Mr. Lisle is not accountable to the nation. Physical law has no power of ad-

justment and he being strictly a product of physical law, he cannot but be what he is. But Mr. G. says what we want is truth, and "with it we can conquer the world." Well, now suppose we assume that Mr. G. goes to Mr. Lisle with the truth, would he be converted? Why, Mr. Lisle, like a fish in the Pacific, has been swimming in truth, still Mr. Gibson deplores his non-conversion. Mr. Gibson, let us suppose, has the truth—but he doesn't know which it is—why does he not try it on Mr. Lisle? he surely could not fail for he has the double advantage of having what he both believes and doubts. Mr. G. would be converted to that which Mr. G. doubts if not to that which he believes.

But honestly Mr. Houghtaling would stand a better show at converting the atheist than the Infidel, who doubts. He would ask some questions which Mr. G. would confess his inability to answer and ask Mr. L. some that he cannot answer, but Mr. Lisle would be convinced of the honesty of his interviewer, he wouldn't see a man rowing in one direction and looking in another. To that extent he would see truth embodied in the breast of an affectionate Christian man. Possibly if Mr. H. should happen to see when Mr. Lisle is near death's door, he might be more responsive to tender Christian solace than to profane and learned arguments on what is true. Certainly a believer like Mr. H. could do more for a man just than that a doubter like Mr. G.

Mr. Gibson as the characteristic fault of the infidel which is to imply that the clergy are dishonest or ignorant. Now the pope may be the back number. Mr. G. says the Bible is a modern book. That subject is safe in the hands of "myths," but does Mr. Gibson mean to say that no body is safe to grasp the m of physical laws that are the gods of man? or to the atheist and pleiad doubters? He ought to know that such a bold assertion cannot be contained. Dana and Herschell, Faraday and Agassiz rise from the dead to resent the foul slander. As for the wrong of Mr. G. is evidently that he writes as though at some time and some place every man was a Christian and every young man attended church. Let Mr. Gibson, seeing that he has thrown down the gauntlet, and he will humbly decline to notice a shameless anonymity, but he enforces full of upon the wrong of clerical deification himself, what he really does believe, and then inaugurates at once some system church, school or college, or organization, agency, association or something else that will cover his infidelity from friends and elevate his followers.

Molesworth.

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It will stand that test—except small portions of the last three gospels, and the only one worthy of much consideration, and still so much error has been interpolated into that gospel, that philosophy, science and reason must be constantly on the alert while reading that book of John. When Tyndal, an accomplished linguist and scholar of England, avowed that he would produce a version of the Bible that even a plowman could read and understand, he became the enemy of, dangerous to, priestcraft and they burnt him at the stake; because if that had been done by him, there would have been no further use for plasterers. His writings were destroyed and the world today is in darkness and doubt.

It must be remembered that no man, not man, or, each, have a "corner" on truth, nor have they, or any of them, all the truth, while all have some of it. Truth existed long before man, Christ, J. G. East or angels, as entities; and since they know no such increase in knowledge, why should we fall down and worship that portent? They were brought forth, and existed under the same laws that we were and do. If names were blotted out of existence and from the memory of man so far as at teaching them to the expressions of different individuals, and only the truth of their writings remembered and lived, could we be able to know of them. The God of Israel, Jehovah, John or Jesus said of wrote anything it was so, to many, whether truth or error.

If those names could be blotted from the memory of man and only the truths uttered or written by them remained and lived up to, the world would be much farther advanced in principle, in truth and love than it is at now. The God of Israel commanded the Heb. W. H. to do so and to worship him without regard to his utter lack of principle.

As proof that the church has truth and made great religious progress, notice the church of the past, its increase in membership and the vast amount of millions of men who have been brought from 1870 to 1880 was double that of 1850 and that mission money also double.

Now if you will examine statistics it will be observed that crime has increased in about the same ratio. All records show the increase of crime; and statistics of prisons show what class of people commit crimes. I will cite but one state, as what is true of one is substantially true of them all.

Dr. B. Francis, 80 Leominster street, Chicago, asked A. P. Alsworth, warden of the Ohio penitentiary, for a report of the religious beliefs of the prisoners there, and he said: "The chaplain of the Ohio penitentiary reports that for the month ending Oct. 31, 1880, 292 were convicted among them; Methodist, 9; Baptist, 144; Presbyterian, 6; Lutheran, 36; Episcopal, 2; Disciples, 1; Congregational, 3; United Brethren, 6; Dunkard, 5; Christian, 3; Universalist, 2; Evangelical, 3; Protestant, 2; Catholic, 1; Swedenborgian, 1; Spiritualist, 1; no church, 16."

Now if the increase of church members, the increase of crime as per jail records, and the report of the chaplain show the Ohio penitentiary together, and draw your own conclusion.

The society referred to by Molesworth

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