

THE GOSPEL OF EVOLUTION.

'Tis a sad, a terrible thing, to see nigh a whole generation of men and women, professing to be cultivated, looking round in a purblind fashion, and finding *no God in this universe*. I suppose it is a reaction from the reign of cant and hollow pretence—men professing to believe what in fact they do not believe. And this is what we have got to—all things from frogs' spawn; the gospel of dirt is the order of the day. The older I grow—and now I stand upon the brink of eternity—the more comes back to me the sentence in the Catechism which I learned when a child, and the fuller and deeper its meaning becomes, "What is the chief end of man?" "To glorify God, and enjoy him forever." No gospel of dirt, teaching that men have descended from frogs through monkeys, can ever set that aside.—*Thomas Carlyle*.

STEADY IN DEEP WATER.

Little boats always totter about on the surface of the water, going all ways, as it happens, and overturning in a breath, while the great ship sinks deeply and more deeply in and goes steadily on. The cause of its steadiness is its depth. So abiding in the great truths of God gives steadfastness of motion to the soul. Under all the pressure of error and unbelief and false doctrines it is unmovable, abounding in the work of the Lord. It is not "tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." It is a great thing to take the truth and hold it. It is a great thing to know error and let it alone. Holding on to the fundamentals of truth and seeking God's help the soul is sure to come into the light. Every thing by turns and nothing long, what growth—what progress can be hoped for?—*Dr. Goodell*.

He who is not shy of the appearances of sin, who shuns not the occasions of sin, and who avoids not the temptations to sin, will not long abstain from the actual commission of sin.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

DOING EVIL.

I wonder if the people in America know what a sad hindrance to our work the drinking habits of Christian nations are. The fact that drinking is common in Christian countries is well known in all heathen lands; for are not their hands filled with books in which reference is constantly made to the commonness of drunkenness? The Hindus are afraid of English customs, fearing their sons will learn them, and become drunkards. The Hindu religions forbid the use of intoxicating drinks. Mohammedans have told me that if they could have sold liquor they might have become rich men, but their religion forbids it, and they dare not touch it; they dare not touch even an empty bottle. But under English rule, and with English officers in every town of importance, drinking habits are fast gaining ground. The young Hindus aspiring to government offices seems to think that learning to drink is a necessary part of learning English. They naturally confuse our drinking customs with Christianity. Is not this "crucifying the Son of God afresh and putting him to open shame?" When will Christians wake up to see what they are doing? Must not I call out to them, in the name of the millions of heathen, to beware how they dishonor Christ?—*Miss Leitch, of Ceylon*.

Christianity dies when it ceases to be aggressive. The pressure of heresy or persecution, like the weight on the arch, only makes it stronger; the indifference and inactivity of the professors, like the influence of the weather on the arch, destroy its cohesion and insure its ruin; and therefore it is that though more daring and resolute attacks were never made on Christianity than in our own day, they yet afford no ground for serious alarm, because the Christianity which is assailed was never so active as now.—*London Quarterly*.

Stories first heard at a mother's knee are never wholly forgotten—a little spring that never dries up in our journey through scorching years.

They whose office it is to teach others, ought carefully to study their own duty, as well as teach the people theirs.