

must say I like it very much. Glad to hear from the Brethren in England and that the truth is gaining ground; but we must not expect to see it all at once, so that we need to be wise and have patience with those that differ from us. I wish the MESSENGER much success, from your Brother in Christ.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTES.

We have lately been reading the Gladstone-Ingersoll religious discussion with a review by a Congregational clergyman. Each of these contestants have displayed some remarkable talents, and furnished food for thought to intelligent minds, but though we may for a passing moment admire the display of wit, learning, and argumentive proueness of the different disputants, and give to each a measure of applause, yet, in conclusion we are forced to ask ourselves what good has been, or can be done, by the whole discussion; except to show that no matter how bad a person's case may be, he can say something in its defence. Mr. Gladstone's religious edifice rests on a foundation of sand, is being undermined and doomed to fall, notwithstanding the piles of ink and paper used to prop it up. While the pictures painted on the clouds or the morning mists, with so much eloquence by Col. Ingersoll does not improve matters, by leaving the falling fabrication in its ruins and desolation, for as much as they provide no shelter

to the weary pilgrim on life's journey, from either the summer's heat, or the winter's cold. One sheltering ray from the towers of Zion, as revealed in the book of Inspiration, or conveyed to the mind of nature's student, through the dictates of reason, from the visible hand of Earth's Creator, will teach more solid truth, as to man's present duty and happiness, and give more guidance to his future destiny than a house full of such literature.

The question of the authenticity and genuineness of the Greek gospel of Matthew seems not to have been discussed during the dark ages when popery held the control of the minds of men in the greater part of the countries of Europe, but it again began to be agitated by many learned men soon after the commencement of the Protestant Reformation. In Germany a section of the Anabaptists called Servatians, or the followers of Michael Servatus denied that this gospel was wholly genuine for the following reasons: (1st) That the author of the Greek Gospel misapplied a number of the prophesies of the Old Testament in order to prove the natural divinity of Christ. (2nd). That the true gospel of Matthew was written in Hebrew, whereas this which we now have under his name, seems to have been written in Greek. These objections on the part of the unfortunate Servatus, and the arguments to which they led, was doubtless the chief reason that caused the trinitarian Calvin to instigate his being burnt to death in the market place of Geneva.