

What are your views as to each? 1, electricity; 2, Prussic acid or other poison; 3, the guillotine; 4, the garrote.

Fifth—If a less painful method of execution than the present should be adopted, would any legal provision as to the disposition of the body of the executed criminal be expedient in your judgment, in order that the deterrent effect of capital punishment might not be lessened by the change? What do you suggest on this head?

A large number of replies have been received which reveal wide differences of opinion. Some favor the present system of hanging; others favor electricity, and again some favor other methods. The weight of opinion, however, was against hanging. It is believed that the final report of the commission will recommend the adoption of some form of electrical apparatus for the execution of the penalty for capital crimes.—*London Free Press*.

WORSHIP AND SCIENCE.

There are no good grounds for the vague but earnest dread of those reverent souls who fear that the unchecked progress of science will ultimately destroy all the mystery of the universe; and that the continual explanation of the marvellous, which characterizes the advance of knowledge, will at last banish all the poetry of nature, rob life of its romantic charm and sweetness, and drive religion from the hearts of men by leaving them naught to worship. The fallacy of such a fear is found in the noteworthy fact that for every delusion, however beautiful, that science exposes and dispels, a hundred fresh mysteries, before unsuspected, and vastly more august and inexplicable, come to take its place. As one after another of the old myths and marvels vanishes; new wonders are perpetually disclosed. The central secret of things continually eludes investigation; and the scientist finds confronting him as he goes on, a constant succession of unsolved, if not insoluble enigmas.

The modern quest for truth only enlarges the domain of mystery. "The wonders of science" has become a proverbial phrase. Amidst all the revelations that are being made

relative to the material nature of things, in all the reading of the riddles of physical phenomena, religion remains the one high and unmoved reality. As the realm of the natural encroaches upon what was once thought to be the realm of the supernatural, the latter but expands as it retires, and the more the true grandeur and glory of the Divine Being becomes manifest. It is not the scientists, but the dogmatists, who have undertaken to define the Infinite, to formulate his laws and to explain his attributes. It is these grotesque attempts to reduce the Ineffable Oversoul of the universe to the apprehension of the human mind that are responsible for a large part of the atheism which was so prevalent in the last century, and of which too much survives to-day. The result of such theology is to encourage infidelity, to minimize reverence, and to banish the mysterious element from religion almost altogether. Science increases religious faith by teaching us to believe implicitly in the regularity of the Divine laws, which are everywhere revealed. To see the Divine in everything is surely not destructive of religion.—*From Swarthmore Phoenix*.

A GOOD MOTHER'S PLAN.

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A lady gave us a rule not long since by which she succeeded in interesting her lively, fun-loving boys, so that they preferred to remain at home evenings instead of seeking amusement elsewhere. She said:

"I remember that children are children, and must have amusements. I fear that the abhorrence with which some good parents regard any play for children is the reason why children go away for pleasure. Husband and I used to read history, and at the end of each chapter ask some question, requiring the answer to be looked up if not given correctly. We follow a similar plan with the children; sometimes we play one game and sometimes another, always planning with books, stories, plays, or treats of some kind, to make the evenings at home more attractive than they can be made abroad. I should dislike to think that any one could make my children happier