

A GOSPEL OF ART.

Work thou for pleasure, paint or sing or carve
The thing thou lovest, though the body starve.

Who works for glory misses off the goal,
Who works for money coins his very soul.

Work for the work's sake, then, and it may be
That these things shall be added unto thee.
— Kenyon Cox in Nineteenth Century.

RELIGION AND SECULARISM.

A writer in the "Free Review" does not understand the indestructible quality of "superstition," as he terms it. "In spite of the death stabs inflicted upon every side, in spite of the logical deaths it had died over and over again during the present century, at the hands of geologists, biologists, archaeologists and anthropologists, comparative mythologists, Biblical critics, Hibbert lecturers, literateurs, philosophers and other foes, superstition has, after a brief pause of dismay and anger, commenced to revive." Would it not be more philosophic, seeing that this remarkable "recuperative power," as the late Dean of Connor put it, exists in religion, to endeavor to arrive at the knowledge of what it is. Secular thought, in endeavoring to stamp out religion, is taking exactly the same course that religious thought formerly took, and perhaps would still adopt in trying to stamp out scientific and philosophic thought. Each and all of them fill their place in man's economy, but some men are so stupid or so obstinate that they will only consider one side of the triangle, and that from the outside. Theosophy gets inside and sees Religion, Science and Philosophy each filling its place; each necessary to the other; each one the base upon which the other two are erected.

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1. To form a nucleus of a Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex caste or color.

2. To promote the study of Aryan and other Eastern literatures, religions and sciences, and demonstrate the importance of that study.

3. To investigate unexplained laws of nature and the psychical powers latent in man.

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Attendance at the following meetings of the Toronto Theosophical Society, 365 Spadina Avenue, is invited:

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SUNDAY, 9.45 a. m. to 10.45 a. m., Scripture Class.

SUNDAY, 4 p. m., Public Meeting for students of Theosophy. Address and answering of questions.

SUNDAY, 7 p. m., Public Meeting, at which Theosophical Addresses and Readings are given by members.

SUNDAY, 8 p. m., Class for the study of "The Secret Doctrine."

FRIDAY, 8 p. m. to 10 p. m., Public Meeting for the informal discussion of the World's Religions, Sciences and Philosophies. This Meeting is specially intended for those who are unacquainted with Theosophical ideas.

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A meeting for the members of the Society is held Wednesday evenings. Persons desiring to join the Society should apply to one of the officers of members. The entrance fee is \$1.50. Annual subscription, \$1.00.

Books may be had from the Society's library on application to the librarian.

The programme for the ensuing month will be found on another page.

The down town office of the Society will be found in the Medical Council Building, 157 Bay street, and is usually open between the hours of 10 and 5