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A SERMON

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"He heweth him down cedars. . . . He burneth part thereof in the fire, with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire; and the residue thereof he maketh a god."—Isaiah xliv. 14-17.

THIS graphic description of the idol maker sets forth in a very striking way the utter folly of idol worship, and while exposing that folly also reveals the working of the human heart in relation to its God, be that God the true object of worship or only a phantom of the mind. It argues surely a very low order of human perception to find men and women worshipping a creature of their own designing and moulding, yet we find the accumulated ignorance of ages has so darkened men's minds, that they may be found worshipping the most common of material things, and even among nations somewhat advanced in intellectual pursuits and in scientific research they are still prostrating themselves before lifeless images.

It is a natural product of human weakness and ignorance, one indeed to which we find some tendency among even the most enlightened nations. It is a perverted growth of that feeling which