

panions as he coolly burned a piece of paper in the candle, and told the boys to imagine their finger and hand and arm and whole body on fire like that forever and ever. The af-frighted boy could not sleep that night, but cried for his mother, and asked pathetically: "Is yon God?" Perhaps some of us can remember similar evangelists, similar thoughts and similar scenes. Men have sometimes preached God as the devil, and the devil as God.

Dr. Watson believes and holds that Jesus taught that the whole spiritual content of this present life, "its know-ledge, skill, aspirations, shrewdness, enterprise, integrity," will be carried into the next life and set to work there, sub-ject to the law of eternal progress. "Unless this is so," he says, "it takes all purpose from our present effort," and "all oppor-tunity from the future," and leaves nothing to be looked for-ward to but "a state of practical inertia." To the question: "Is there a hell?" Dr. Watson would doubtless point out that the moral sense of man demands a hell. He says: "One can never crush out the conviction that there must be one place for St. John, who was Jesus' friend, and another for Judas Iscariot, who was His betrayer."

To the objection that hell is inconsistent with God's love, we infer Dr. Watson would point out that neither God's love nor God's justice immediately creates hell, but sin. Hell is "the inheritance of character."

Dr. Watson does not, however, seem sure whether heaven is to be a state of certain happiness, and hell a state of certain misery, or not. He says, "We can no longer think of Heaven as a state of certain happiness, and hell as a state of certain misery." "If one hunger and thirst for God, then for him is prepared the beatific vision and the eternal service. He has his heaven and is satisfied. If one seek nothing beyond himself and his own gratification, then he will be left to himself and taste the fullness of his lusts. He has his hell and is satisfied. . . . One is afraid that some will inherit hell and be content." If heaven and hell are uncertain states of happiness and misery, if one is satisfied whether in heaven