

Monopolies and General Selfishness ; but until then his empty, swept and garnished house will only be a habitation for seven other devils worse than the first. The Strong Man has to come for this end, and when the world's plebiscite says, Come, O Strong Man of God, we shall need no Edward Bellamys. The author of Uncle Tom's Cabin defends her brother, Henry Ward Beecher ; and this defence is followed by a symposium, "Should Clergyman Smoke ! The answer recorded in *Our Day* is an emphatic No ! but two notable divines say that some of the "sweetest, best, noblest, most devoted, most consecrated ministers smoke or burn their idol, which leaves the question in such a position that you can hardly discipline a father or brother for using the weed that King James so abominated. Don't be brought into subjection by anything but the love of God. Otherwise act as God's freeman, not as the slave of any meat, drink, physic or public opinion whatsoever, including the newspapers and *Our Day*. Who comes between you and God ? He can make you stand, and will, if you are God's man, in spite of all editorial staffs and the tailors of Tooley street. The best thing in this magazine is an article containing extracts from Dr. McCosh's, "Whither, O whither ! Tell me where !" a serious book with a funny title. The veteran of Princeton is a marked contrast to his ultra-conservative successor. Some men grow mulish, crabbed, and censorious with age. Dr. McCosh has grown in reverence and in charity. Referring to the revision of the standards, he says, "I know there is some risk in stirring up the inquiry, but there is more danger in trying to ignore or suppress it—which, in fact, cannot now be done. Our students, our young men generally, and our laity, are raising the question, and it is the plain duty of the church to face it boldly and to guide the movement in the right direction. There are some passages in the Confession of Faith and in the Larger Catechism of which it may be doubted whether they are founded on the Word of God, and which are offensive in their expression. Further, there is a want of a clear and prominent utterance, such as we have in the Scriptures, of the love of God, as shown in the redemption of Christ, which is sufficient for all men, and in the free and honest offer of salvation to all men non-elect as well elect" Contrast this with President Patton's pitiful statement ; "I am surprised that so many seem willing to debate the question regarding the wisdom of making the confession speak more voluminously upon the love of God, *as though that were a matter of much moment*, and remain blind to the fact that the real question in the minds of our leading men is whether the denominations have not outlived their usefulness." President Patton must have known when he penned that unworthy sentence that he was unmanfully shirking the question and taking the trouble of creating a sectional bogey for the purpose of frightening away the common run of timid thinkers from an unprejudiced survey of the true issue. I simply do not believe that the leading men in the American or