

their virulence, that they consume the mantle of charity as a flame the garment. This man's four children, mere babes, are weak, physically, and Herron owed his strength to them; they are ignorant, and he owed his wisdom to them; they are poor, and the father owed his earnings and the right to a good name to them. I cannot hear what Herron says, because the sobs of his deserted babes fill my ears. If he will publicly renounce this woman friend; if he will then rinse out his mouth with sulphuric acid and cleanse it of foul pledges; if he will ask the judge to remarry him to his deserted wife; if he will return to his little children and, when they are old enough to understand it, beg their forgiveness, I will, after I am confident of his penitence, gladly meet him on any platform, though I will never have any interest in the economic statements of a man whose intellect can be guilty of such vagaries. The time has fully come for some one to say to Mr. Herron that Brooklyn is a town that represents faith in the ten commandments. We believe in liberty, toleration and charity, but we also believe in the home, in the moral law, in God Almighty."

Professor Herron is an advanced—very far advanced—liberal. The *Western Christian Advocate* quotes his ravings as follows: "The world is no longer fit for free men to live in. We are all slaves. The world waits for that word, the daring word which shall tell the average man that he is a god to be revered. The new religion must teach that man is law unto himself, and that he has no priest or king but his own soul."

This reverend ruffian brazens out his guilt, and in a lecture in Park Theatre in Brooklyn, on April 22nd, said: "The time was coming when marriage laws would be modified, that a meaningless ceremonial need not be part of the union of the man and woman who loved." Dr. Herron has been tried by the Church which he disgraces and expelled from its communion.

THE GAMBLING MANIA.

A strange recrudescence has been given to the gambling mania in the United States—not merely in the Stock Exchange in Wall Street, but in fashionable society as well. It is affirmed that even during Holy Week, when the Church commemorates the passion of our Lord, society women in New York fleeced their guests—there is no other word for it—students from the colleges.

invited to spend their Easter in that city. Some had to borrow money to go home. One indignant father who protested against this abuse of hospitality was laughed at for playing the baby act. The fair hostess held on to her winnings but heard some wholesome truths. It is said that some of these spoiled daughters of fashion tried to appease their conscience by special donation from their winnings as an Easter offering. The indignant Church might well say, as Peter said to Simon Magus, "Thy money perish with thee."

Dr. Huntingdon, of Grace Church, New York, pronounced a scathing rebuke on this crime and sacrilege. The *Presbyterian Review* affirms that a Canadian society woman sat one afternoon after another from week to week behind closed blinds playing cards. It quotes the statement that the average gambling exchange of money throughout Christendom during twenty-four hours may exceed, though it is not less than, eighty millions of dollars, or over a hundred and twenty-three billions a year. The unprecedented stock gambling in Wall Street was at a much more rapid pace than even this. Many millions were lost and won in a few hours. With shattered nerves and wrecked health many, both winners and losers, came out of the maelstrom physically and financially ruined. After this excitement legitimate business seems dull as ditch-water.

The *Review of Reviews* says, that, if Mr. Carnegie live for thirteen years more and die at the age of eighty, leaving behind him a fortune of £25,000,000, he will still have to dispose of from £50,000,000 to £55,000,000 before his death. That is, he will have to dispose of £4,000,000, say \$20,000,000 a year till 1914. If he were to give a £5 note a minute day and night throughout the year he would have disposed of only £2,500,000. He will have to distribute his money at the rate of £8 a minute day in and day out, making no reduction in time for sleeping or Sundays. At this rate he will still have £25,000,000 intact at the age of eighty. Yet compared with the wealth accumulated by stock gambling in Wall Street, the money made by Carnegie in making steel is honourably and honestly earned. No wonder Mr. Carnegie says he has just begun to give.