

not the result of molecular forces and that science is unable to explain mind in terms of matter.

The truths of Christianity, though intelligently accepted by us, are of *supernatural* origin. Christianity cannot be accepted unless miracles be allowed. Inasmuch as Reason cannot prove the truth of the divine communication, that communication must present to us a visible and external sign of its truth, which can be nothing but a miracle. Religion stands or falls with miracles. Science pronounces miracles impossible. Here then is the battle-ground of revealed religion and physical science. Although the fact that science has from time to time wrested provinces from the realm of the supernatural yet no expansion of scientific knowledge will reduce Christianity to the vanishing point. Finally all the sciences in their fundamental principles conduct us into metaphysical problems.

What is a miracle? A miracle is the interposition in the train of nature's sequences of an antecedent not found within the sphere of nature and undiscoverable by scientific research; it is an effect produced by the intrusion of the supernatural into the realm of the natural. Against the above, scientists argue that natural sequences cannot be broken, that the LAW of cause and effect cannot be set aside. This objection involves a confusion of thought, which has arisen because of a misconception of the term "Law." Now 'Law' is a name given to an observed order of sequences, to the mode of action of some hidden power. It is not itself an independent entity. The only cause we know is Will-force. All secondary causes originate in volition. This is disputed by those who maintain the theory of the Conservation of Energy."

The Lecturer hereupon dealt with this theory showing that it held good only of an eternal force continually reinforcing itself; after which he went on to enumerate some miracles.

I. Creation was brought about by interference in the prevailing disorder of matter and was consequently a miracle.

II. The uniformity of nature was again broken by the appearance of life. This was another miracle. Although it is contended that we find in matter, 'the forms and potencies of all kinds and qualities of life', all attempts to generate life from matter have failed.

III. The prophetic utterances of Scripture lie outside the natural laws. Prophecies are not adequately accounted for by unusual genius and foresight. The predictions of Astronomy again are not in the literal sense prophecies but only deductions from ascertained data. Such a prediction means only that if the conditions remain the same, then such and such will take place. In this there is not present that contingency found in the history of nations. And lastly, many accurate guesses and clever previsions are based upon only a rare power of drawing correct inferences from confused facts."

At this juncture the lecturer developed a fine argument in the course of which he met the antitheistic scientist on

his own ground. He dealt with Spencer's theory concerning the reduction of matter &c., to Force, and proceeding from that he closed with the proof of the supremacy of intelligence drawn from the evidences of internal adaptation. He noticed that the antagonism between religion and science was in the hearts of many giving place to an enlightened comprehension of the province of each, and that the feelings of many eminent theologians as they gathered about Darwin's grave were very different from those they had entertained on first perusing his doctrine of evolution; and he hoped that the time was drawing nigh when for all there would be "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL, QUEEN'S VS. BELLEVILLE.

*Quis eruditus enim legit albumque spiravit.*

ON Saturday (Oct. 27th.) early in the morning and before old Sol had shown himself above the embattlements of the fort, a bus might be seen moving noisily about the streets of the Limestone city, gathering up the various members of the Association Football team. And when the last man, and he the spare man at that, had been summoned from a breakfast, which he was hastily trying to dispose of, by the Indian war-whoops and yells of being left, of the other members; then the odd dozen of jolly collegians having crowded into the bus, the whole affair rolled off to the station to the tune of 'We'll roll the old chariot along.' As it would be some time before 'The Mixed' was ready to start the various members employed the time in roaming around the dreary station or in making excursions down to the gate to see if the last man was in sight. It is always necessary on such occasions that some one will consider it his duty to be late, and this was no exception to the rule. So anxious was the delinquent to be late that he was actually left behind, and so anxious were the other members to see if he were coming, that they were almost left too, and it was only by scrambling on the train as it moved out of the station that this was prevented. A start having now been made the boys proceed to make themselves easy, but this could not last long as the spirits of a football team are not of a quiescent nature but bubble up like the waters of a spring, and seek to vent their activity in movement; so a game of football was necessary in the car, and the ball was banged around and kicked in a furious manner, placing the lamps and other glassware in imminent danger of being sent to smithereens. Again when the train made its usual halts for no particular reason, except it may have been to give the engineer a rest, the ball was taken outside and a practice game held. Still, though the train was slow yet it was sure for at last we were safely landed in Belleville. Some of the High School boys were down to meet us, so we immediately adjourned to a street car in which were packed about twice as many as it was built to hold. Still the more the merrier for the mile