

the pleasant verdure, the vine and the olive. Light,—light alone,—and the deep shadow of the passing cloud,—these are the gifts of the prophets of the race.

## The Liberal Faith.

### WHAT DOES UNITARIANISM SEEK TO BE AND DO?

It seeks to be a religion of life, a religion of reason, a religion of the spirit, a religion of beauty and good deeds and love, of worship and undying hope.

It seeks to be a religion that shall go hand in hand with scholarship and science and the free mind.

It seeks to foster education, to aid philanthropies, to be a mainspring of reforms.

It seeks to perfect individual lives, to sanctify homes, to lift up business into honesty and honor, to strengthen the State by giving it foundations of virtue.

It seeks to purify Christianity, to rid it of its unchristian and hurtful elements, and to make it once more the religion of the Golden Rule, the Beatitudes, the Two Great Commands, and the Lord's Prayer.

With Jesus as leader, with all great prophets of the soul as teachers, and with the Bible and all inspiring books as sacred Scriptures, it seeks to establish a Church in which all truth shall be sacred and all men brothers.

It seeks to build up the Kingdom of Heaven on earth,—that is, by love and helpfulness, to make earth a heaven.

It seeks to teach men, as Jesus did, to listen to the deepest voices of their consciences and souls as the voice of God;

To open human eyes to see in the universe a Father's house, and in the earthly life only a vestibule to something more glorious beyond;

To inspire men to do faithfully and joyfully the work given them to do while the day lasts, and, when the night comes, to lie down with perfect trust in the arms of Infinite Love and Care.

Did ever religion have aims loftier or more inspiring, more honoring to God or more useful to man, than these?

Then help us to disseminate the gospel of such a Christianity; to lay the foundation and build the walls of such a church.—*Rev. J. T. Sunderland.*

## Notes and News.

The grass grows green upon the hill ;  
Song-birds with leaf and bud are here ;  
Sweet Hope the heart with gladness fills  
Of what will be in God's great year !

—*William Bruntton.*

Rev. William Mitchell, who in the words of a correspondent has "recently escaped from the rigors of Canadian Presbyterianism," has become the pastor of a Unitarian church at Puyallup, in the State of Washington. Mr. Mitchell addressed the Pacific Northwest Unitarian Conference at its last meeting on "the Progress of Liberal Thought in the Evangelical Denominations." We wonder if this is the same Mr. Mitchell who was formerly the minister of a Presbyterian church in Toronto.

Rev. Howard McQueary, who was excluded from the Protestant Episcopal church because of his denial of biblical infallibility, is now the pastor of an increasingly prosperous Universalist church at Saginaw, Mich.

The "grand old man" of the Liberal faith, Dr. Martineau, reached his eighty-eighth birthday on April 21st.

The Brookes Fund to supply Unitarian books to ministers, has furnished donations of books during the past year to 133 clergymen in different parts of the United States and Canada and representing seventeen different denominations. Since the establishment of the fund in 1854 74,000 books valued at \$60,000, have been distributed in this way.

Rev. J. W. Chadwick, who has just made a tour of the Pacific States, writes as follows of meeting our much loved friend and pastor of years ago: "Our new church at Colorado Springs is altogether lovely and unique, and it was delightful to speak to such a company as came together in despite of wind and snow. Mr. Mellen, the pastor of the society, was long ago a neighbor to Mr. Curtis, on Staten Island, and knew him well, so that 'our conversation was in heaven,' as we talked together of our friend. I received the happiest testimonies to the character of Mr. Mellen's work from his people."

The little town of Concord, N. H., recently gave an exhibition of inter-denominational fraternity which is unhappily as rare as it is beautiful. The ministers and people of all the Protestant churches, except the Episcopal, joined in a series of Union Lenten services, held on Sunday evenings during Lent. They were held in the different churches, Baptists, Methodists, Adventists, Congregationalists, Universalists and Unitarians mingling freely together, and each uttering his own thought. Differences in theology were put out of sight and the great central verities of the Christian faith put forward. A correspondent reporting the incident says: "Congregations filling the churches to overflowing have attended every meeting, and a new sense of brotherhood and Christian unity has come over this city. Has such a series of meetings ever been held in this country before?" The Concord Unitarians have evidently been making the spirit of liberal religion fructify in that town.