

## RELIGION OF THE FUTURE.

M. Constant Outlines Doctrines of a New Creed.

TO BECOME UNIVERSAL, HE SAYS.

A remarkable work from the pen of the French philosopher, Henri Constant, has just appeared. In it he explains at length precisely what the religion of the future will be. As the expression of the opinion of many thinkers in France and elsewhere, his views will be of interest.

The condemnation of confusion and failure of dogmatic Christianity, which, according to M. Constant, is to the religion of Jesus what the shadow is to the light—shall leave our people without any religious belief? No. The sterile negations or brutal affirmations of gross materialism can never yield satisfaction to the urgent need for sentiment to the elevated aspirations of the human soul. Materialism debases mankind, debases the noblest sentiments at their source and exalts society to a fatal abyss.

That day is coming when, after examination of the doctrines of the extreme Orient, of the sublime speculation of the neo-Platonists, they will be supplemented and modified in the light of the scientific achievements of fifteen centuries. The teachings of modern spiritualism and of the philosophers, thinkers and seers will formulate the religious doctrines of the future.

Just as the sun scatters the shades of night, so this doctrine scatters the errors which are the night of the spirit; for there will be no limits or frontiers, not even an obstacle.

This religion will be the holy bond between all intelligences, all free consciences, as Christ predicted to the Samaritan woman: "The hour cometh when ye shall neither in this mountain nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father, but He shall be worshipped everywhere in spirit and in truth" (John iv. 21-23).

First—A supreme intelligence rules the world. That intelligence, which we call God, is the conscious Ego of the universe. It is in this universe, for the universe and through the universe that the divine thought is objectified.

Second—All creations develop themselves in an ascending scale, without a break in the continuity. The mineral realm passes insensibly into the vegetable, the vegetable into the animal, and this, in turn, into the human with no sharply marked lines of distinction. There is a double evolution, material and spiritual. These two forms of evolution run parallel and jointly, life itself being but a manifestation of the spirit appearing as movement.

Third—The soul is elaborated in the midst of the rudimentary organisms. This might become what it now is in man it had to pass through all the natural kingdoms. A blind and instinctive force in the mineral realm, individualized in the plant, polarized in the sensibility and instinct of the animal, the soul tends unceasingly toward that conscious manhood in its own evolution, until at last it reaches man. In the animal it was as yet in a crude state only, in man it acquires consciousness and can never again go backward. But at every step the soul fashions and prepares its material garb.

Fourth—The evolution of the soul is infinite, and each existence is no more than a page in the book of eternity. In every stage of evolution attained by the soul it has in itself the crowning synthesis of all the lower powers of nature, and at the same time it possesses the germ of all the superior faculties, power, intelligence, love, which it is destined to develop in succeeding lives.

Fifth—The soul progresses in its corporal and spiritual states. The corporal state is necessary to the soul until it attains a certain degree of perfection; it is developed by the tasks to which it is adjusted for its actual needs, and here it acquires special practical knowledge. A single corporal existence would be insufficient for these ends. Hence it takes up new bodies as long as it finds that necessary, and each time it advances with the progress acquired in earlier existences and in its spiritual life.

Sixth—In the intervals between these corporal existences the soul lives on its spiritual life. That life has no fixed limit. The happy or unhappy state of the soul is inherent in its own degree of perfection. The soul suffers from the very evil it has committed. Because its attention is incessantly directed to the consequences of this evil, it understands the pain and is stimulated to correct itself. It is for strong resolutions, and the time having arrived, descends again into a new body, to improve itself by labor and study. It always preserves the intuition, the vague sentiment of the resolutions formed before its rebirth.

Seventh—When the soul has acquired in our world the sum of progress which the state of that world admits, it departs to be incarnated in another world, more advanced, where it acquires new knowledge, and hushes as now the incarnation in a material body is no longer useful to it, it lives an entirely spiritual life. There it progresses in another sense and by other means, arriving at the culminating point of progress, it enjoys supreme felicity, having been admitted into the councils of the Almighty.

Eighth—The soul has a fluid body, the substance or essence of which is drawn into the universal or cosmic fluid, forming and nourishing it as the air forms and nourishes the material body. This state of the soul is more or less ethereal, according to the degree of its purification.

There is thus an intermediary between the soul and the body; an organ for the transmission of all the sensations. These, which come from without make an impression on the body, the intermediary transmits it, and the soul, the conscious and intelligent being, receives it. When the action comes from the initiative of the soul it may be said that the soul wills, the intermediary transmits it, and the body performs the act.

Such is the doctrine which, according to M. Constant, will be the religion of the future. He bases this doctrine partially upon the traditions of the past and partly upon that universality of principles which lies at the source of all the religions. It was professed by the Druids and by the great

geniuses of ancient times and of our day, and it is in conformity with all the beliefs of modern spiritualism. —N. Y. Herald.

## IN OTTAWA VALLEY.

Reuben Draper, of Bristol, P. Q. Reports That He is Cured of Gravel by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Passed a Large Stone One Week After Commencing Dodd's Kidney Pills—Now Completely Free From This Trouble—Recommends Dodd's Kidney Pills to All Sufferers From Bladder Complaints.

Bristol, P. Q., Jan. 15.—The people on the Quebec side of the Ottawa River are fully alive to the boon they have in Dodd's Kidney Pills, as it witnessed by the large number who are publicly testifying to the merits of Dodd's Kidney Pills in the press. One of those is Mr. Reuben Draper, of Clarendon, near here.

Mr. Draper was troubled with that painful and dangerous bladder complaint known as gravel, and when it is remembered that a surgical operation was formerly the only means of dealing with this disease, the value of Dodd's Kidney Pills is apparent. Dodd's Kidney Pills were recommended to Mr. Draper, and he tried them, with complete success, as the following letter will show:

Jan. 3, 1900.

Dodd's Medicine Co.

Gentlemen—About three years ago I was taken ill with what I thought was gravel. I was suffering great pain, so I sent for a doctor. He gave me some medicine and said he would call again. He came twice more and urged me fifteen dollars for a little better but not well.

A short time after I had another attack, so I tried another doctor with about the same result, only was getting weaker all the time. Then a man advised me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills, for he said they had cured his mother. So I thought I would try them, and in just one week I passed a stone as large as a small bean, and in four days after I passed another, about the size of a grain of barley. This gave me great relief and I commenced to feel better and to gain strength.

That is two years ago, and I have not had any trouble that way since. I have the stone still in my possession, and can show them to anyone who doubts this story. Hoping this may be of some benefit to someone suffering as I did, I am yours truly,

Reuben Draper.

TRUE LOVE TRIUMPHED.

Peterboro Couple Wedded and Groom Gone.

Quebec, Jan. 18.—An interesting ceremony took place on Tuesday last when the Rev. Mr. Love, of St. Andrew's Church, this city, united in holy matrimony Mr. Adam J. Hall to Miss Edith Hartley, both of Peterboro, Ont., at the residence of the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. W. Russell, Civil Engineer of the Quebec Electric Railway and Light Company. The bridegroom is a member of a squadron, Canadian Mounted Rifles, who left town for Halifax yesterday, and the engagement between the young couple was broken off, consequently his determination after a long struggle between love and patriotism to save his country in South Africa. The young lady could not resist the pleadings of her heart to take one last look at her lover before he left Canada. So, without apprising him of her intentions, she came down to Quebec and was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Russell, who, by a happy thought, invited the young man to a surprise dinner. The unexpected meeting proved too much for colder and more prudent considerations. South Africa disappeared in the background, and Rev. Mr. Love crowned true love and hallowed it with the sanction of the church.

Aphorisms.

If men were stubborn just in proportion as they are right, stubbornness would take her seat among the virtues, but men are generally stubborn just in proportion as they are ignorant and wrong.—H. W. Shaw.

A great revolution is never the fault of the people, but of the Government.—Goethe.

With every breath we draw an ethereal stream of Life runs through our whole being, so that we have but a partial recollection of our joys and scarcely any of our sorrows.—Goethe.

A generation of importance can be produced only when its author isolates himself; it is ever a child of solitude.—Goethe.

Men love first, and most warmly; women love last and longer. This is natural enough, for nature makes women to be won and men to win.—G. W. Curtis.

Individuality is everywhere to be spared and respected as the root of everything good.—Jean Paul.

"The sea drowns out humanity and time. It has no sympathy with either, for it belongs to eternity, and of that it sings its monotonous song for ever and ever.—O. W. Holmes.

Greatness is its own torment.—Theodore Parker.

A fixed idea ends in madness or heroism.—Victor Hugo.

Many people make their own God; and He is much what the French may meet when they talk of "le bon Dieu"—very indulgent, rather weak, near at hand when we want anything, but far away out of sight when we have a mind to rebel. Such a God is as much an idol as if He were an image of stone.—J. C. Hare.

Finger Exercises.

The fingers can be strengthened for playing musical instruments by a series of spring-controlled cords set in a frame, with rings at the lower ends of the cords, which are slipped over the fingers and adjusted in position at the tip or base of the finger.

South America has greater undeveloped resources than any other continent. The soil can reproduce any crop grown on earth, and its mines of gold and silver and coal have scarcely been touched.

—Provincial Warden Tinsley states that 8,000 hunters were shooting deer in Ontario during the season last year. The number of deer killed was greatly in excess of the previous year.

## A MOTHER'S GRIEF.

First News of Son in Nine Years is of His Execution.

Cleveland report says: A messenger boy rang the door bell of the home at No. 136 Dodge street yesterday afternoon. "I've got a telegram for Mrs. Marie Patterson," he said when the door was opened.

Mrs. Patterson is employed there as a domestic. She came from the kitchen, signed her name in the book and tore open the envelope. This is what she read:

Pittsburg Penitentiary, Jan. 15.

Mrs. Marie Patterson, No. 136 Dodge street, Cleveland, Ohio.

William Patterson, your son, will be hanged to-morrow. Come at once.

The mother burst into a paroxysm of tears. Members of the family by whom she is employed assisted her to her room, where she has since remained, almost completely helpless from grief.

Mrs. Patterson told her story as follows: "The terrible telegram brought me the first tidings I have had from my son for nine years. 'I was married when but 15 years old. Soon after my marriage my husband and I had trouble, and he left me, taking my 19-month-old boy with him. I did not see him again for six years. At the time I was living in Allentown, Pa., a detective told me my boy to me, but only to have him taken again by his father, four years later, and I had not heard from him since. I was told that he was in the terrible news that he was to be executed on the gallows for the murder of Alice Van Horn.'

"I have never thought that my boy would come to some bad end. I have prayed for years that the Lord would take him from this wicked world, and my prayer has been answered."

"I knew the Lord would some time hear my prayer, although the terrible manner in which my boy is to die breaks my heart. I am unable both financially and physically to go to see my son before he dies. I want to know where my boy's body is to rest, and whether he repented or not before he died."

Patterson was hanged this morning. He murdered Alice Warner, alias Van Horn. The result of the result of a quarrel over a pocket named William Champ, of whom Patterson was jealous.

## WONDERFUL RECOVERY.

Deadly Catarrh had fastened its clutches upon the sufferer and was fast developing into consumption.

Marvellous cure effected by Catarrhazone, the new ozonated air treatment, in case of Mr. Frank O'Brien, of Coldstream.

Mr. Mackie says: "About six years ago I contracted a very heavy cold, and allowed it to run on for some time, without attention. Soon I realized that it was a victim to the deadly ravages of Catarrh, and became so affected that I had to give up ordinary work. Friends advised me to use this remedy, and that one, and I soon experienced the long list of worthless snuffs and powders that are recommended for Catarrh. The result was that meantime Catarrh had developed to Consumption. At last I heard of Catarrhazone, which was recommended to me as a new scientific treatment of wonderful curative power. I procured an outfit, and applied a few applications, and in a few days I was able to get on my feet, and more than weeks of treatment from any other preparation, and a more extended use of Catarrhazone completely cured me, and I have had no Catarrh symptoms since."

## CATARRHAZONE

Is a guaranteed cure for CATARRH, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS.

Sold everywhere. Complete outfit, price \$1.00; extra inhalant, 50c per bottle. Money refunded if it fails to benefit. Trial outfit for 10 cents in stamps to any address.

N. C. Tolson & Co., Kingston, Ont., Proprietors.

Good Enough For Him.

The other day a man with an Irish brogue entered a newsagent's shop, where a poster was exhibited with the words: "The Transvaal." Entering the shop, the man said: "Shure I've come about that situation y're advertin'." "What situation y're mean?" inquired the news agent. "This is the one," said the man, pointing to the poster, "in the Transvaal, 'I'm after.' 'Pooh!' replied the agent, 'that's the state of affairs.' " "Beggorra!" exclaimed the man. "I don't care whose estate it is on; begorra! I'll take it!"

## The New Wedding Ring.

Wedding rings are supposed to be always the same, but since the fashion of them has altered lately among the smart people. The newest brides are wearing plain gold circles which are two-thirds the size of the old-fashioned rings. When worn it is exactly like any conventional wedding ring. In reality it consists of two separate gold bands, each made in a spiral. These fit so closely together as to form a perfect ring without visible joint. This marriage ring is symbolic of the joining of two into one.

## Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Kissing the Bride.

Manchester, N. H., is having a general debate upon the right of a justice of the peace to kiss the brides whom he marries. The justices to a man claim the right on custom as old as the ceremony, and claim that they have all the discretion in the matter.

Those unsightly pimples can be entirely removed by the use of Miller's Compound Iron Pills. 50 doses 25 cents.

Tailors to the Kaiser.

Though the German Emperor employs Berlin tailors, he believes in giving provincials employment also. In every important town there is a court tailor, who occasionally has the honor of supplying the Emperor with a uniform.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

A test occurred near Frankfurt of a newly-invented smokeless and noiseless powder. The inventor claimed his powder possessed ten times the explosive and propelling force of ordinary smokeless powder. The test was not satisfactory.

## LIFE'S DIFFICULTIES.

Penalties of Modern Methods of Living.

Pictou, Dec. 18.—We read a great deal concerning the hardships and sufferings endured by the Canadian pioneers in the early days of our Dominion. But the truth is that many of their descendants, in our own times, endure equally as much as did their forefathers.

The case of Miss Anna Young, of this town, is an instance. Miss Young is a grand-daughter of Col. Henry Young, the United Empire Loyalist, in whose honor Fort Henry at Kingston, was named. She says: "I had suffered with rheumatism for twenty years. My poor body was all twisted out of shape, so you can imagine the agony I endured. My physicians could not help me; all the medicines I used were utterly useless."

"I read of Dr. Arnold's English Tonic Pills, one day, and thought I'd give them a trial. I am thankful for having that inspiration, for I am now free from very terrible pains and aches, thanks to Dr. Arnold's English Tonic Pills—and to them alone. I cannot, of course, be made young again, for I will be 79 years old in December, yet I feel I can end my days in peace, thanks to Dr. Arnold's English Pills."

Dr. Arnold's English Tonic Pills, the only medicine on earth that cures disease by killing the germs that cause it, are sold by druggists at 75c. a box; sample size 25c., or sent prepaid on receipt of price, by The Arnold Chemical Co., Limited, Canada Life Building, 42 King Street West, Toronto.

Literary Snap Shots.

Calculations of the enormous fortune awaiting the popular author of the future stagger belief, but they seem sound calculations, none the less. For example, for a "hit" for a novel means a sale of 300,000 copies. When U. S. population has doubled, such a "hit" will mean 600,000 copies. The growth of the book-trading public is infinitely more rapid than the growth of population. Hence by 1950 a novel of the day might easily meet with a run of 750,000 copies. The royalties of such a novel then mount up to fabulous sums.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh.

That Contain Mercury. as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, O., by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by druggists, price 75c per bottle.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

If your every-day duties are a burden, it is because you are not well. Miller's Compound Iron Pills will correct this condition.

Comma in the Wrong Place.

A misplaced comma has got a Greeley, Kansas, paper into a peck of trouble. The journal in question recently published an item in which the following sentence occurred: "Two young men from Leoti went with their girls to Tribune to attend the teachers' institute and as soon as they left, the girls got drunk." The comma belonged after the "girls" and the latter are making it hot for the editor.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

A Warm Welcome.

A Colorado Springs clergyman announced through the papers that he would preach on "Hell and Who Will Be There," and closed his notice by saying, "A warm welcome extended to all."

Miller's Grip Powders Cure.

Compressed Air Cars Withdrawn.

Compressed air-cars have been withdrawn from service on the 28th and 29th street crosstown line of the Metropolitan Street Railway, owing to their unpopularity by reason of their excessive vibrations, noise, and the greasy drippings left on the street.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

Gowned's Lost Opera.

Few people are aware that Gowned, once in a moment of anger, tore up the manuscript of an opera he had composed, and though he afterwards repented of his action, he was quite unable to recall its melodies. Gowned's opera "Faust" was nearly lost to the world by the religious scruples of the great composer. About the time he wrote it he determined henceforth only to write sacred music, but happily for posterity, he thought better of his resolution.

If the children require physic, none acts so nicely as Miller's Worm Powders; very pleasant to take.

Oysters Saute.

Put two tablespoonsful of butter in the dish, and when hot put a single layer of large, well-drained oysters in the bottom of the dish. When browned on one side turn them and brown upon the other, adding more butter if it is needed. Season with salt and paprika, and serve with toasted crackers and sliced lemon.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

Near Cape Horn a quantity of coke has been seen floating, and it is feared the Matterhorn and Reliance, and ship Annie Thomas, on all of which insurance has been offered, have been lost.

## WIVES OF BRITISH GENERALS.

Long Continued Suspense of Lady White—Lady Methuen.

Much hearty sympathy, says London Sketch, is felt for Lady White, who has now been for so long in a state of terrible suspense. Few distinguished officers' wives have gone through worse moments than has Lady White during the last 25 years—her Ladyship and Sir George celebrated their silver wedding this last year. Ever since their marriage, he has been constantly on active service, and he accompanied Lord—then Sir Frederick—Roberts on the latter's famous march from Kabul to Kandahar, on this occasion performing the feat of arms which won him the Victoria Cross. Owing to the fact that she was the daughter of the Venerable Joseph Bayley, at the time of her marriage, she was appointed D. A. G. of the Cape of Good Hope; while the year following—that is to say, in 1885—Lord (then the Hon. Paul Sanford) Methuen commanded the famous Modder River in Bechuanaland. Lord and Lady Methuen have four children, of whom the eldest, their son and heir, is just 13 years of age, while their youngest child, a daughter, is 6 years old. Since their return from South Africa, and while Lord Methuen was in command of the Home District, they spent a great deal of their time at their Wiltshire seat, Corham Court.

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