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FOR between two and three years past the Maritime Provinces have received periodical visits from the chief champion of Agnosticism in Canada. His discourses are very much a reproduction of the teachings of Paine, Ingersoll and Holyoake, though other names are set in the foreground. He dwells on "Names," and claims for the ranks of what is improperly styled "Free Thought," a large proportion of the leaders in the departments of Science and Statesmanship, of Literature and the Arts. We are informed in the published Reports that "John Stuart Mill, Huxley, Tyndall, Darwin, Arnold, Harriet Martineau, &c., were extolled in glowing terms for their genius and independence of thought." Some of the names noted, *e.g.*, Darwin, Huxley, Martineau (both Harriet and James), cannot be included in the Infidel class, but, even giving it the benefit of them all, we do not fear comparison. Need we refer to the "burning and shining lights" that have through the Ages "shone over the place where the young Child lay," those true Wise men, not the representatives of a Science and Philosophy falsely so-called, who have come, not from the East only, but from all points of the compass, and in all periods of time, to pay homage to His Person, and pour their treasures at His feet.

Sir Isaac Newton, the Father of Modern Physical Philosophy, *John Locke*, of Mental, bow their heads reverently together before the cradle of Bethlehem and the Cross of Calvary. Newton says:—"I account the Scriptures of God to be the most sublime Philosophy." Locke says: "To give a man a full knowledge of true Morality I should need to send him to no other Book than the New Testament." *Goethe*, that