

atonements from the old animal sacrifices of the ancients to the absurd theory taught by all Christian denominations that belief in the atoning value of the death of Christ will atone for breach of the moral law of nations by the simple process of giving assent to an absurd theory would require a good deal of space.

BAHISM—is one of the newest things in religious delusion. The founder of this new sect pretends to be the latest receiver of divine revelation which without denying the use of the others in their day yet is going to supersede them.

BAPTISTS.—The principal distinguishing point of this sect is that they do not consider the mere sprinkling of a little water on the face of an infant as sufficient means of initiation into the mysteries of the Christian religion. One point however that seems to be in their favour is that they defer initiation till the applicant comes to mature age.

BIBLIOIATRY.—This is the strangest and most absurd kind of fetish in human history. A scrapbook of disconnected Hebrew folk lore is raised on such a pedestal that the mere reading of portions of it at stated periods, in many cases every morning and evening is considered a sacred duty, the neglect of which causes a person to be looked upon by his neighbours as a sign of depravity.

BLASPHEMIES.—This is a foolish habit very common among professing Christians of using lightly the name of their God. They seem to be even more given to this foolish habit than unbelievers.

BOODLERS.—While this class of people do not profess to be strictly reformers,

yet their ideas seem to be that it is quite proper to get as much of other people's property as they can without being caught. If some people who profess to be teachers of morals would give a little dose of hell fire damnation to such people instead of denouncing honest people for not swallowing all their thread bare theories about salvation by simply believing in Jesus we might expect some improvements in public morals.

BOOT-BRUSHING is a mania with some people and while it may be quite proper to keep boots clean to adapt the mania of permanent polish seems futile and foolish.

CELIBACY.—Why some people should imagine that they are holier than others by going through life single instead of being in pairs as nature intended them is one of these things that is hard to understand.

CHRISTOLATRY.—This is the greatest superstition of our day as it has been for 1,500 years. Many good men and women have found consolation in this practice. Why it should be so is one of the many mysteries of human history. Many people have suffered martyrdom for the mere differences of opinion as to the mere form this worship should take.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.—This is one of the latest delusions that has afflicted Europe and America. Most of those touched with it are people who do not have to work for their living. The cure mostly consists of getting the patient to change his melancholy hobby which indeed is a wise thing to do but there is nothing new in the cult except the pretention and the confidence Game attached to the cult.