

ADVENTISTS.—Of all the absurd theories with which diseased brains have worked themselves into hysterics with thousands of foolish theories about this mysterious personage — Jesus — and His mission, this seems to be the most absurd, and the alphabetical order proposed to be followed in this criticism comes in the proper place in more ways than one. We could understand the Greeks expecting some important events to follow the reappearance of Alexander the Great or the Romans Caesar, but it puzzles any student of human ethics to fathom the utmost folly of this absurd delusion. As the wish is often the father of the thought it is interesting to try to fathom the motive of this delusion. According to all accounts given of the first coming of Jesus his mission was a failure from every natural point of view. The foolish Jews were looking for a warrior to deliver them from what they considered a tyrant, the rule of the Romans, who this mysterious personage is said to have accomplished. He accomplished nothing from a material point of view. As a Saviour of any kind he was a complete failure. There are indeed some excellent maxims connected with his name and mission which might have saved the Jews much of their troubles since his time but only a small section of them accepted the reform doctrines and as they were characteristically persistent in preaching the same to them news, though not new to the Gentiles and the majority were equally tenacious of their own old ideas the whole ended in disaster for both parties. The minor

ity were persecuted as all minorities are where the people are of a fanatical disposition and in turn the Gentiles, feeling some sympathy for the persecuted Jewish minority turned on the persecutors and they have been persecuted in many parts of the world ever since. It is hard to understand the psychological basis of this delusion, so we will dismiss it as one of the many examples of human folly.

AGNOSTICS.—It is an old saying that politics like poverty makes strange bed fellows, so following the alphabetical form will be likely to bring extremes together sometimes, and so it happens in this case. As no one knows more about the origin and destiny of man more than any other it is hard to say why any one should accept this name for himself. It is a case, however, of the one who professes to know less knowing more than the one, who to use a common expression, knows all about it. It gives however too much ground for the enemy and a positive attitude is a much safer ground to take if one chooses to debate with religious fanatics.

ANARCHISTS.—This name has had a bad flavour for some years in European history. Its adoption by some people who in the ordinary affairs of life appear to possess ordinary common sense shows the lob-sidedness of human nature. There are so many of the human race so deficient in reason and self-control that no people can get on without some form of law and order as some of these people seem to think could be done. The strange thing about