

NTRODUCTION.

The Incoming Era.

ALL thinking men believe that the world is entering a new era.

By what name the new condition of things shall be known has not yet appeared. Some believe it to be the Second Coming of Christ or the Rediscovery of the Nazarene.

One thing is certain, the present manifestations are stirring up the same old feelings of strife which characterized the Galilean's first appearance.

The old Jew was not more bitter against the Babe of Bethlehem than the orthodox party of the present day is against what is known as Spiritualism. At the same time, the thoughtful men and women of to-day have either turned away from the orthodox teaching of the churches or are dissatisfied with the hollow sham and materialistic tendencies of the creed-bound teachings of our time.

Our boasted civilization, which is the outgrowth of the teachings of the creeds, has utterly failed to bring in the reign of peace and good will amongst men.

Social evils, commercial selfishness, bloody wars, all go to prove that there never was an age when spiritual truth had less hold upon the hearts of men than at the present