whirling, no one knows how, in the

which the All has developed itself!

amazingly prolific chaos of ebullient

pour? What started it from its eternal

guided in its passage from (don't be

startled) chaotic homogeneity into the

multiform complexity of the cosmos? and

here comes in the difficulty of unbelief.

It can pull down. It cannot construct,

It whines in its puling weakness and

complains that we ask it for a substitute

down but do not ask us to put anything

who killed and maimed and destroyed

execration of the civilized world. Of how

the blood from our Common Christianity

for a living God; and a nebulous vapour

To our simple questions then 'whence

overlooked one difficulty, the originating

and working force. They will not have

a Living God. See then, what they re-

cognize instead. Dead matter is the

origin of Life. Could absurdity farther

Let us advance a step further. We

will ask these kind teachers to get over

another little difficulty. Now, we do not

care one atom what may have been the

origin of the body. It may have been

evolved. It may have been created. I

had as lief be evolved from an ape(simian,

But what about the mind, the soul, the

rational, moral, spiritual element, that

which we feel to be our true self, that

which lives and loves, lasts for ever? Of

what is it not capable? Its character is

seen in genius; and in what is far higher,

that goodness which triumphs over every

down in rapt adoration before the Father

we poor christians have a doctrine

about this. We are content to believe

Creator. This satisfies us. We are con-

tent with it. It is something to lean on

and rest in. What about that, my phil-

To this they condescendingly reply that

it it quite an easy task to answer that

question; "You must have noticed."

they say, the insect communities, with

of domestic pets, the humours and rival-

of lights. What is the origin of this?

go? And this is called science!

from the dust under our feet.

Whence does it spring?

for the origin of the world and man?

and 'from whom'

much sorer judgment shall

for what it ruthlessly deprives us

It says "If a doctrine is false, pull

#### Business Notice.

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ADVERTISEMENTS. The insertion of advertisements can only be insured each week by their reachin this office by 6 p. m. on Tuesday.

## Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

THE "RIPPLE" was again laid up this week, to the inconvenience of travel between Chasham and Newcastle.

CAPE BRETON HERRING were being sold last week from a schooner at Muirhead's wharf in half, quarter and fullsized barrels. The price asked was at the rate of \$6 a barrel.

RACING AT BATHURST. - A good afternoon's racing is in prospect at the opening meeting of the Bathurst Driving Park Association, which is to take place on Wednesday next.

CURLING. - Chatham Curling Rink Co. is to hold its annual meeting on Tuesday evening next, and the Curling Club will hold its annual meeting on the following evening-Wednesday. VALISE LOST,-Lost between the Can-

ada House and Railway Station, Chatham. a brown valise containing clothing and papers. The finder will confer a favor by leaving it at the Canada House, Chatham. THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE is to meet at Chatham, on Thursday and Friday of

next week and Mr. Crockett, the popular Chief Superintendent of Education, is expected to be present and deliver a lecture on Thursday evening.

but none the less spitefully-of "jealousy -miserable petty jealousy" and, yet, we have its "Calamity Joe" making periodical patronage. Of course, there is no jealousy harbored by Chatham's accusers!

YACHT IN PORT.—The handsome steam Yacht, Pastime, Capt. Kirby, from New York, bound for Detroit, by way of the St. Lawrence, is in port, having put in for repairs to her boiler, the tubes of which | ton only three years. The business has are leaky. The work is being done by in that time increased ten fold and the Mr. Ruddock, of the Miramichi Foundry present season has been more favorable and Machine Works.

A FINE STORE. -Sutherland & Creaghan are having their fine store front handsomely finished, in black and gold The work is being done most creditably by Mr. Humphrey Fayle, a skilful workman, and when completed, will very much improve the appearance of the store, which is the finest building in town. Messrs. S. &. C. are evidently determined to keep pace with the times. - Advocate.

THE VALLEY LINE. -The abutments for the railway bridge across the Nashwaak are now completed, and the stringers reach over half the distance. The bridge will be completed in another week. Tracklaying is completed to this bridge. The

THE SUNKEN RAILS. - The Globe of 17th says that a diver arrived from Halifax that morning for the purpose of raising, if possible, the N. & W. Ry Co's steel At slack water he proceeded is made for cutting out work. to the Falls with his apparatus and a scow, but the force of the tide carried him away from the spot where he wished to descend and he accordingly abandoned

BRIDGES. - The Telegraph says that a bridge across the Miramichi at Derby is in the course of construction. Our conbeen working on a paper bridge for Derby. Prehaps that is the one meant by the "Telegraph."—Advocate.

The Telegraph, doubtless, confounded the Barnaby River Bridge with the one proposed for Derby and which Mr. Mitchell has for a time, prevented from being

NEWCASTLE P. O. - "There is a hum about the new post office site. The cellar outlying parishes are to be stone-cutters are at work-and it is expected that the concrete on which the foundation will rest will be laid this week."-Advocate.

This is just what we told the Advocate and World when, only a few weeks ago, they were casting mean reflections on the The people should learn to think and act Government and contractors in connection with the new Post Office.

THE I. B .- Referring to the Indiantown Branch, the Montreal Herald says "Mr. Snowball has engaged to have the road graded by the 31st December and the ballasting completed and the road ready for the rails by the 31st May next. There are not less than sixty stone culverts included in the contract. The road will be first-class in all respects, and owing to the extremely low figures for grading, in St. Mary's and St. Paul's on Sunday baptise it with the name before which ballasting, etc., it is understood that complete, the branch will not cost over Paul. The Rev. Dr. delivered three very audacious transfer of the lalong the same line. Throw in reason, origin by its power. Unbelief says it

was caused ou Tuesday morning about 7.30 by smoke which was discovered issuing from the Golden Ball building, occupied by Messes. Fotheringham & Co., wards the rear, among some sawdust and of arranging a parochial Guild or associ- Temple of the Highest!" "And if you morality, religion, all these are nothing human character, approaching the mind it was evidently of incendiary origin, some ation for the furtherance of systematic want a church, why, there are all the else than vibrations of the particles or with persuasions to virtue by every one having effected an entrance for the work in connection with the Church. scientific societies to choose from: join molecules of the brain." With a coarse avenue; a code of morals which has been buckets of water, although the hand who having further explained the purengine, under Capt. Brennan and the poses of the meeting, called upon the religion or theology, a church and a wor. little more refined still, a dog or an are; been received, has dried up the fountains Steam Fire Engine were both on hand Rev. Dr. Partridge to address the Par- ship, from which God has disappeared is with a more delicate set, a poet, a of pollution and misery, and opened up and promptly made ready to throw water. ishioners on the subject of the proposed the play of Hamlet left philosopher or a saint. Charles Dickens those of purity and joy! Come boldly The occasion was improved for testing organization, which he did in his usual out, and that Nature, when enthroned in one of his books explains of pies that forward and proclaim that false principles the engines, both working first rate.

upper provinces, having included a trip up the Saugenay in their route of travel. His visit has been much appreciated by all who heard him here and especially by the Church of England people.

Charles Fisher and Samuel Akerley, Esgrs., of Fre / cton, were among Chatham's visitors of this week.

Mr. Snowball returned home from Ottawa on Saturday night, having while away entered into the contract for building the Indiantown Branch of the Inter-

colonial Railway. Miss Susie Benson, who has been Halifax, attracted quite a large audience what about it? "Oh, a law—a principle!" tific discovery, that thought is a natural than wisdom, and that darkness shines

Wardens and Vestry, held on Friday last, the following resolution, moved by G. A. Blair, Esq., and seconded by Messrs. F. E. Winslow and Richard Carman, was unanimously carried .-

Resolved that the thanks of the Corporation of St. Paul's Church be and are hereby respectfully tendered to Miss Susie Benson for her zeal and efficiency in the discharge of her duties as organist of St. Mary's Chapel, coupled with an expression of their cordial good wishes for her continued happiness.

Mrs. Sadler has been appointed organist of St. Mary's Chapel, Chatham, in place of Miss Susie Benson, resigned.

R. B. Crombie, Esq., of the Bank of Montreal, Picton, Ont., is in town, and with him one of our best and fairest young ladies as his bride. The interest-St. Mary's at 9 a. m.

Hon. Peter Mitchell will, it is again stated, soon visit the County.

LUMBERING.-Mr. Lynch, who has been a heavy lumber operator on the Miramichi.'states that the outlook for the coming that any preparations whatever have been made yet for the woods. Everything at present points to a very dull season, Last season there was only about one-half the amount of lumber cut of former years on the Miramichi; and this winter's campaign will fall far below that of last season. Mr. Lynch has several million feet of lumber harbored near the mouth of the Miramichi which he summered over from unbeliever to show that the mystery and noblest births that have adorned the an- ficulties, so great that nothing but a creduhis rations last year.

Mr. Gibson is getting parties ready for

the woods. - Gleaner. COMPLIMENTARY SUPPER. -Mr. O. A Barbarie, the I. C. R. Station Agent at Campbellton, and local agent for the man agers of the steamer "Admiral," on Fri-THE "ADVOCATE" accuses the friends of day evening last, 12th, entertained Capthat vessel, at an oyster supper. The affair took place at Williams' restaurant. and besides Mr. Barbarie and his guests a visits to Chatham fawning on its people for | number of railway men and merchants of Campbellton were present. The usual toasts were drank, the speech-making being highly complimentary to Messrs. Dugal, Bogue and Barbarie, to whose affability and good business habits the steamer's success is no doubt fargely due. The "Admiral" has deen running to Campbelthan any other. All present report having an enjoyable evening, the general being that the host and his guests are not only "jolly good fellows," but useful members of the community.-

#### St. Mary and St. Paul.

At a meeting of the Guild of St. Mary and St. Paul held at the rectory on the 22nd Sept. 1884, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, -Mrs. W. B. Howard, President.

Mrs. D. G. Smith, Vice-President. Miss Williston, Sec.-Treasurer.

The Secretary's report showed that the closing year had been most prosperous, while all the members were unanimous bridge over the Penniac is also nearly fin- as to its being a most agreeable and happy ished. The piers of this bridge were one. Based as it is on correct principles completed Thursday evening. -Gleaner. | we pray that God will bless our labours and suffer not our work to decrease. The ladies of the Guild, while thanking

their numerous friends in Chatham for their patronage, beg a continuation of their confidence. All orders received will rails lost at the foot of the Falls a short be quickly attended to. An extra charge Trinity, He asks-"What is religion?"

K. M. WILLISTON, Sec.

The Municipal Elections.

It is said that several candidates for the representation of Chatham in the Municipal Council are on the war path endeavoring to secure pledges of votes temporary is in error. The ADVANCE has from ratepavers, either for themselves. singly, or others associated with themselves. So far, we have heard of no serious opposition to the present representatives, although there are, doubtless, aspirants enough for their places. In such matters, however, the people should seek the candidates and not allow men to thrust themselves upon them.

It is also said that some of the with a view of the people being instructed as to who they should send to represent them. Most parishes would resent that kind of dictation, but we have some peculiar elements in our politics. for themselves as much as possible in parish matters. They should neither be coached themselves, nor vote for men who have to be coached when they go to the

# Visit of Rev. Dr. Partridge.

The Rev. Dr. Partridge, Rector of St. George's Church, Halifax, visited Chatham during the past week, and assisted the in the entire physical universe. Bring Rector, Rev. D. Forsyth, at the services it to the philosophical font and boldly ries of many a bird and beast. All this is last, which was the anniverray of the for- the world has hitherto worshipped—call like manner the instincts of man find their \$8,500 per mile. The branch will be powerful and influential sermons to large Holiest. But the Professor hastens to add on experience, and you perceive how not. But if it is not, then you have to built and will be running by June next." and appreciative audiences. On Monday assure us of its advantages. "You ob. the soul of man has become sublimed, believe and maintain that a suc evening, Dr. Partridge delivered an able tain," he says, "a deity which the sen. has risen higher and higher, has become A SINGULAR FIRE. -An alarm of fire lecture on "Some difficulties of unbelief"

port of which follows. the cellar of the building, to. on Tuesday evening last, for the purpose thereby you become worshippers in the our enlightened creed. Instinct, min d strongly every virtue that can adorn the The chair was occupied by the Rector, any one of them and there you are!" lucid and effective manner.

to proceed with the organization of the like a puppet, like a sham, we are gra- does it. The brain secretes thought, just falsehood and lies are a greater blessing to Guild. W. B. Howard, Esq., was ap- ciously encouraged to accept the travesty. as the liver secretes bile. Here is a won- men than purity and truth! pointed Secretary pro tem., and a Con- "Nature," they say, "dresses up very derful discovery! Here is an opening for Then, you must believe that a succession stitution of the Guild was adopted, and well in the garb of God-As soon as you the cookery of the future ! But oh ! the of ignorant, unprincipled men, in the signed by nearly all the ladies and gen- become accustomed to see her in her little difficulty—we must not let them darkest ages of the world's history, comtlemen present, while assurances were borrowed robes, you will find that she off. How do you explain this, my scien- piled a volume embracing in its vast given of a large increase of membership looks the part to admiration and gives tific friends? Every one knows that ranges not only theology, but several of at the next regular meeting. The Rec- every satisfaction." tor named a committee of gentlemen to act with himself in framing bye laws which are to be submitted to the next Can ridiculousness further go than to to them from the circulating blood. If successfully asserted its claims over the next, in the School Room at 8 o'clock.

# "Some Difficulties of Unbelief."

The announcement of a lecture by Rev. organist of St. Mary's Chapel, Chatham, to St. Mary's Sunday School Room on -But define it, what is it? "Well- secretion of the brain, eating and think- more brightly than the light!

lectures that had recently engaged atten- rational impulse which compels men to tion in Halifax on some of the difficulties, in their modern, form which beset belief ing of gainsayers and the establishing of so strikingly manifest. the faithful. Mysteries surround us on all sides. Truth of every kind that is a special attribute of theology as distinct religion tells us of an Almighty will from other sciences. After enlarging upon creating, endowing, evolving, if you like

of the day says it draws back from mys. by its own inherent forces. It is auto- world's history. Even skepticism itself tery. It will have none of it. God is a matic-self-moving and self-sustaining." cannot doubt that. We account for its God of love. He could not will to hide You ask, how is this? They answer existence tracing it back with unerring Himself in a cloud of darkness from His "We can trace it back by evolution to a surety to a certain era about 1900 years season is very poor. He is not aware intellectual creatures, and so they object primordial cosmic cloud, a formless imto Christianity and Revelation because it mense of attenuated vapour, reposing or now wide spread over the earth. It did contains mysteries unfathomable by mortal ken. In its place they construct a new Religion and create a new God;-and they fondly think the mystery is gone.

The lecturer next proceeded to compare the chief truths of Theology as usually There is the mighty Egg from which accepted by christian men and believers with the dogmas laid down by the modern the difficulty were not all on one side. The doctrine of Theology relating to God is that he is the great first Cause—a beni- of heroism, the emotions of saintliness, be reduced to four. ficent Creator who has given us an account | the genius of a Plato, a Shakespeare, a of the time, method, object and plan of Newton. There, within the primeval ne- imposture during the dark ages. his creative work. He has stated to us bulosity, were seething and fermenting with a code of laws progressing with the which people boundless space! This altogether unparalleled, and a darkness advance of mental power and moral capaeity of the race; has described its failure provided the Redemption. In connection | prudent just to ask a question or two. with these truths, of which we could Stay, my friend, that sounds very nice, have no knowledge whatever save what He has vouchsafed to us. there are some mysteries, -the existence of sin and of vicarious suffering, of miracle going beyond the ordinary condition of things, of the dim vail which advancing time must inevitably throw over the past, of future unishment, of Life and Death. But God reveals himself as omniscient, loving and good, who "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" for it. whose providence is a special one and who is just because He is mercilul. This idea of God is rational and clear and there is no essential difference of opinion among the vast majority of christian in its place." The Communist levellers

teachers in regard to it. Looking at the other side we need not | the fair city of Paris justly deserved the pray with Job that our enemy had written a book, for they have written books without number and laid themselves open | thought worthy, who would take away on all sides. Passing over the agnostics, pure and simple, who say that God is unprovable and unknowable and do attempt to put anything in His place, the lecturer referred to the expressed opinions of Mr. Matthew Arnold who says, "Our popular religion is brimful of miraclesand miracles do not happen." Thus, Mr. Arnold, one of the apostles of modern "Cultshaw," clears away a whole world Our high flying cosmic builders have of difficulty with one stroke of his magic nen, and settles the question. Then, coming to the idea of the Divine, he conceives of a religion which is to be severed from dogma-from a personal God in and answers- "Religion is conduct," and "What is conduct?"-"Three quarters of human life.', The idea of a personal God is in the nature of abstruse reasoning or

metaphysics with which religion has nothing to do But man will think and, on the conditions of religion, and forthwith he finds I believe is the correct term) as created these beyond himself. "To talk of God as a person-as a personal first Cause. the moral and intelligent Governor of the Universe, is to talk,"says Mr. Arnold" unverified nonsense. He does away with our God for us. He deprives us of loving Father by a wave of his wand. He blots out of the heart of man the instincts of his nature which bids him cry out to his God, In His place this Champion of the "Zeist Geist"-this expounder of the Modern Spirit" tells us in the language Science what God is-"the stream of tendency by which all things fulfil the law of their being." God is "The Eternal;" "the enduring Power, not ourselves, making for righteousness." These are the intellectual forms which he would

Professor Seeley, the Author of "Ecce Homo" and of "Supernatural Religion"who has been promising the world, ever since the publication of "Ecce Homo." a treatise on what the spirit of the times demands as the God we should worship and adore, says the real object of worship and trust is Nature (with a big N.) "Cast your net wide" he says " and take of the rooks in their council, the sagacity

This is the difficulty of unbelief with particle of the substance which issues history, geography, chronology, law, menregard to God. It gives us an absurdity. from them must first have been conveyed tal and moral science—which book has meeting to be held on Monday evening give the aching heart of man, burdened the brain is to secrete thought, it must most enlightened nations and over the with sin and crying to the Infinite for first be supplied with the materials, the most gigantic intellects richly stored with aid "a stream of tendency"-"a power elementary particles of thought, by the human learning-nay, which gave to the not ourselves, making for righteousness?" blood which nourishes it. But all that greatest philosophers the true clue to Ask a modern philosopher to define his the blood carries to any organ of the body their discoveries, and is the most success-Dr. Partridge, Secretary of the Diocese God. "We are not atheists" he says is derived from the food that is eaten. If ful patron of learning in all its branches. of Nova Scotia and Rector of St. George's, "We believe in a first Principle." Well, then it be true, as the last word of scien- Proclain it then, that ignorance is wiser

with a view, we understand. of entering taken by the Rector, Rev. Dean. Forsyth, God of all the earth is rejected and in together. Will science get over the little those mistaken and degraded men under- grand distribution of shares, which comes into new relationships under very happy who, in introducing the lecturer, remark- his place is offered a name—an idea— difficulties of discovering how the diet is stood better and taught more clearly the off on 22nd October next. By taking a ed that he had induced him to spend a an abstraction. Do they think we are to be arranged and varied so as to produce great principles of civil and religious lib- ten dollar share you receive a registered few days in Chatham with a view of going to give up our God for this thing? the required mental article, whether it be erty, and did more fully define the duties Certificate, which procures you an interincreasing the interest of Church people Nay, let it go again into the recesses of mathematical genius or poetical imagina- and guard the rights of individuals in all est in a business paying twenty per cent. generally in the important matter of their own brains and we wish them joy tion, or maiden modesty, or motherly the relations of life than any other men yearly, and likewise gives you a chance of it! It requires more faith to take in love, or the lofty self devotion of the hero who ever lived, and through their writ- of getting a money prize, ranging from Dr. Partridge, in opening, referred to in this than the God of the Bible. The and the martyr.

ask whence?" and "why?" has proved too modern disciples of fies thought ask us to strong for them, and it is through their adopt instead of the old faith. We have in the truth of Revealed Religion, which | yielding to them that the weakness and | problems which we cannot with our preslectures had for their object the answer. absurdity of their position have become ent knowledge solve. We have to wait greatest blessing to the world, has done the above. Further particulars can be for clearer light and larger capacity. But Passing from God to man, let us ask our souls loathe and abhor the wretched these sapient teachers what they have to substitute which demand such senile really comprehensive cannot fail to con- say about the creation of the world: credulousness; which reason rejects, and tain the element of mystery, which is not How did it originate? The Christian which the sanctified common sense of humanity will never accept !

and illustrating this thought he said we -and ordering, so as by gradual process- The greatest difficulty which unbelief has pathway of life, and make the dying is to leave by to-day's noon train, taking fully admit the existence of mystery in es to produce this magnificent world, with to face -a mighty fact which it will take hour an hour of peace and triumph and Revealed Religion and defend its all its superb garniture of grandeur and a good deal of moral blindness to overlook joy! probability. We see in it a sign of its beauty. This is contemptuously rejected. and an immense amount of bad logic to ing event is, we believe, to take place at origin; and we cannot take up a single It is an old fable. They will have none efface—is the existence and power of the subject connected with Religion or Theo- of it. Science tells us differently. Now Christian religion. Here the believer has a are greater than those of faith. logy without being confronted at once by let us hear the other side. "The universe clear case. We see that Christianity exists. There is one point more which can hardly mystery. The shallow, flippant unbelief has grown of itself! it has been evolved That is one of the phenomena of the be passed over. I will endeavor not to tire ago, to a certain person called Christ, It is not have its origin lately. It did not be bosom of boundless space." "There," they | gin before Christ. It originated, then, at the say with exultation, "is the parent of period and under the circumstances which everything" There is the germ out of it claims for itself. Now unbelief demurs to all this. Are there any difficulties connected with their theory? Yes, I do Being was hatched! In that elemental not hesitate to say that their theory is world mist, were held in solution all the surrounded with and steeped in such difnals of time. There, floated in automatic lity which defies all reason can overcome shoals the triumphs of art, the resolves them. The most important theories may

I. It originated in priest-craft and But this requires us to suppose that sufficient for our moral guidance here and in embryotic promise of potency, the there existed at the same time an acutefuture safety hereafter; has provided us beauty and glory of the countless galaxies ness, genius, and capacity in the impostor takes away our breath. Oh! we gasp stupidity of those ages darker than history Mighty is this cosmic cloud! But pres. reveals. Yet this theory supposes that to keep them laid down the penalty and ently recovering ourselves we deem it the blindest and stupidest age in the history of man, produced impostors of a genius, daring, and intellectual grandeur bebut pray tell me-Whence came the fore which all the illustrious names of the world's best and highest ages sink into utter insignificance. This is a greater repose into the activity of self-organizawonder than any those impostors wer detion? and how has it been sustained and vised.

II. It originated at the time to which it refers itself. But it was then the work of imposture and falsehood. But this involves all the absurdities of the first theory, with the additional difficulty of not having the "dark ages" in which to play off its fantastic tricks. Think of the union of pre eminent villiany with transcendent purity-of low artifice with heroic chivalry, of satanic acumen in arranging prophecies and their fulfilment, joined with a stupid thoughtlessness in exposing themselves to detection by unnecessary reference to dates places and names which would disgrace even 19th century stupidity-these and a hundred other absurdities? Can you accept all this? I think and leave with us a stream of tendency not.

> III. It originated 1800 years ago but was livered, the chairs and tables which his the work of well meaning but mistaken hands have fashioned! You may have enthusiasts who attributed natural events | your individual trials and dissappointto supernatural causes. This is the theory ments. In the time of tribulation, and of German rationalism of present day. in the hour of death, think upon the ever When men gravely attribute the restoration | evolving organism of the race—the Conof sight to the blind to the modern operation for cataract, only a little more rapid: the restoring of speech to the dumb as a rapid teaching of the dumb to speak by this and depart in peace! some quick system of symbols; Jesus calming the waves, as meaning that by unknown mesmeric power he magnetised them, we can only laugh, but when the devotion and teachings of Jesus are said to be remarkably pure and good for the age and under thecircumstances, yet as only such as a well meaning but deluded impostor might have developed, we can only

shudder at the ridiculous impiety? not in imposture nor ignorance, but in legends and myths which were designed truths in the form or allegory-but these

cendental of Strauss.) The first difficulty about this is to concoive it possible for the human mind to have sceptical Sadducees on the other, and in celebrated for their fanatical attachment zeal, was embraced by such numbers that it revolutionized the Roman Empire

their aptitude for social order, the cawing doubtless quite familiar to you. And in Now come to the Bible. We believe mation of the Guild of St. Mary and St. it God!" We are a little startled at this evolution out of chaos by an advance this is the word of God. It proves its ses can perceive and the hands can man- perfected and purified, and man becomes deceivers (for such they were if not in in St. Mary's Sunday School Room, a re- ipulate; you can get a comprehensible the highest grade in the social scale. spired) through a period of 1500 years. theology; for as soon as Nature is called "You mean," we say, "that man has a when universal corruption prevailed Pursuant to notice given by the Rec- God, all the natural sciences, chemistry, higher kind of spirit than that which is among all nations, became the authors tor to the Congregation at St. Mary on astronomy, geology, etc. at once become found in the lower animals." "Oh, no!" the purest code of morals the world ever Sunday last, a number of parishioners branches of divinity. You have only to they reply, "not at all. The ideas of saw, a code condemning most severely met in St. Mary's Sunday School Room, feel admiration of natural beauty and spirit and immateriality have no place in vice in all its forms, commending most set of vibrations we may get a goose or a cherished by the good and hated by the If you still hesitate and hint that a bear, or a dogmatic bigoted parson; a evil in every age, which, wherever it has on the altar before which we are to wor. it is the seasoning which does it. So here produce finer morals and more elevated It was then unanimously determined ship looks too much like a lay figure, it is the quality of the vibrations that virtue than the truth, and therefore that

secreting glands create nothing. Every the most important branches of science, as

It is such stuff as this that the yoke of tyranny and proclaiming liberty there being sixteen hundred and forty two

more than all other causes to dry up the had on application to fountains of human crime and wretchedness-to make every man a blessing to paradise-to meet and satisfy the noblest | 15th October. aspirations of the human mind, inspire But we must pass on rapidly. it with glorious hopes, smooth the rough

We cannot forget the part which personal

religion has played in the story of man's

life. In all ages tired and suffering hearts

Truly

have turned with an irresistible impulse, to seek consolation and strength from a Being above them, who they were persuaded could feel for their woes, and was worthy of their Trust. This is our Faith. There are some difficulties connected with it. We do not know everything. But we feel we have a Father who loves us and we bear the difficulties for the sake of the love. But let us be fair and hear the other side. What are we to do when our instincts of worship overpower us, and we fain would fall down before a higher power and offer our tribute. The philosophers are quite ready to answer us. They can supply the want. But there is a little difficulty in deciding which to accept, and which to endorse. They admit the necessity of religion. They say that worship is somewhat difficult to find in a universe of imponderable matter any object worthy of worship. But they are brave, and go to work manfully. At the present moment mastery - One side shouting "Worship the Unknowable." The true refuge under the pressure of mortal ills is the great Unknowableveiled in impenetrable, everlasting darkness. Before the veil which curtains this viewless imaginable phantom we are to bow down in grim silence. We could not speak to it. We must, they say, concentrate our thoughts on this when we feel ourselves in need of tender consolation or moral support. To this we are to refer the stricken children of mortality, Sin! Death! The other faction cries that all that is the merest nonsense. Worship "Humanity" they cry-(Write it in large capitals) Brothers and sisters they say

Total into which the best and worst of man and beast is sublimed-think of all I forbear remarks on this, the latest outcome of scientific religion.

It is time that I drew to a close. Pro

fessor Huxley, in one of his earlier re

gians lie about the cradle of every science,

views, says - "Extinguished theol

what matters this little fleeting existence

of any of us? We may come, we may

go, but the race goes on for ever. What

nobler immortality can any one desire

or conceive of than to live hereafter in

the books he has written, the sermons he

has preached, the speeches he has de-

like strangled snakes round that of Hercules." This is the ungracious sneer of a man of science who yet has invented the title of agnostic or "know nothing" to IV. It did originate 1800 years ago, describe himself by. It is as untrue as if is ungracious. Truer far were it to reply that it is science which has always, like by their authors to convey great moral Kronos, devoured her own children as soon as they were born. The Copernican were mistaken for fact and reality. (Trans- theory of the universe extinguished the Ptolemaic. Newton's doctrine of attraction devoured DesCartes'theory of Vorticals. Astronomy extinguished Astrology: devised it, and if challenged we can shew | Chemistry ate up Alchemy; in Geology the temptation, in that saintliness which bows that there is more difficulty in believing Convulsionists have been devoured by the that a certain German doctor named Uniformitarians; in Natural Philosophy the Strauss lived who projected this theory of | Corpuscular Hypothesis of light has given the Gospel than in believing the proposi. way to the Undulatory Hypothesis; Evolu-The answer to this question we vainly tion which asserts the most remarkable tionists are trying to dispose of Creation crave. We beg it on our knees. For miraculous event in the Gospel. You ists. It would be more exact to saymust believe that in the Augustan age of "Extinguished scientific teachers lie about the Roman Empire, in the age of lawyers | the cradle of every science. For it is that it is the living breath of a living and critics who had reduced the law of Cuvier and Agassiz, not Augustine and evidence to a science, in the face of a Calvin, that Darwin and Hackel are stranlearned priesthood on one side and of gling, and it is Comte and Harrison, not Paley and Butler, that Huxley is devourspite of the prejudices of Jewish people ing. And at the present moment the thinking world is being edified, and their to their religion; this wonderful "myth", faith in scientific certainty is being was mistaken for truth, was adopted with strengthened by a pretty quarrel between Harrison, the disciple of humanity, and Spencer the apostle of the Unknowable itself. This surely requires more credulity in the pages of the Contemporary Review. to believe than the simple historical fact In the presence of quarrels and differences of Christ's life and teaching as recorded like these the petty squabbles of the theologians sink into insignificance. To sum up then: The authoritative standard of Christian Faith presents a unity, little short of miraculous, between men of every variety of natural gifts extending ever 1500 years. The diversities of unbelief are almost equally wonderful, but only as exhibiting the endless vagaries of the human mind. Christian philosophy with its fundamental fact of a revelation admitted

> on the credulity of the world. Unbelief subverts all the laws of evidence, and if consistent with itself makes all history one vast blank. You have reached the climax of puerile folly and recklessness in the latest doctrine taught in a Halifax pulpit in what may be called the Apothesis of Doubt, when doubt is advised to be taught to our children and then doubt is set up as a God. We are thankful for this ultimate exposition of the logical outcome of

can explain on almost any theory the

phenomena of humanity and the universe,

Unbelief, repudiating that fact, runs into

every conceivable absurdity in the attempt

to construct a theory of the universe.

Christianity contains mysteries. Unbelief

exhibits endless contradictions. Christi-

anity is accused of setting at naught the

law of reason and of evidence and of open-

ing the door to all manner of imposture up-

advanced thought. In short, in its sublimest results unbelief leaves man's soul doubtful of his own existence, without moral principles to guide and enlighten it man's intellect is rudderless-the whole race is condemned to an eternal orphanage, wandering forever the sport of a fitful chance or (what is no better) left to the guidauce of certain blind natural laws, or to the iron rule of a cold, heartless and remorseless destiny. the most tremendous difficulties?

for several years, has resigned the position, Monday evening last. The chair was we cannot tell what it is." Thus, the ing, food and ideas are bound indissolubly You must go further and affirm that St. Mary's Coach Manufacturing Coy' Nelson, 9th Sept., 1884.

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