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THE CONFLICT BETWEEN MAMMON AND GOD

Plat man bid is and ever has been engaged in a conflict between physical and spiritual things will be admitted by all thinking people; that the physical, or material has triumphed over the spiritual impulses to a-major extent will, also, be admitted by people, who know. For who can point out any period of human progress that has not had its record chronicled in the blood of its despoiled people? Who is there to bring evidence that the people of the world, by and large, have not conducted their affairs with more thought of Mammon, than of God? Ever since the more thought of Mammon than of God? Ever since the dawn of civilization man has resorted to his own made taws upon which to guide his footsteps, paying little.attention to the Golden Rule or the Ten Commandments.

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We, today, are privileged to look back through history and witness the foolishness that has attended the affairs of them and governments. In all cases, when disaster-intervened, it came close tipon the heels of a portion of people who substituted morthity fool; immortality. We, today, sit surgery content in the knowledge that we have progressed muck; we point set with pride our scientificant physical advancement; we admit that the incandescent bulb is the superior to the tallow candle—and we don apectacles to prove it. We loudly acclaim the substitution of the motor vehicle for the horse, and so we inspire our lives and our case; and then build more hospitals and morseuses to take care of the dead and injured. Oh, please do not think that we are trying to envelop the world in a wet blanket of pessimism; we admit that man has progressed physically and scientifically, and that is about all. Just a little better in spiritual understanding and application, as the generation roll along yet how-pitfully laggard in this respect in comparison to progress in other ways!

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But, it could hardly be otherwise than it is; you will remember that mankind cannon worship both God and Mammon. People cannot become truly spiritual in their thoughts, if the times that they do are steeped in materialism. You cannot expect a world that is engaged in exploiting the natural resources of the earth (including the labor of the toiling masses) to be very considerate of the immortal resources of God.

The Eccentric is making no lament against things as they are: it is simply pointing out that the situations that confront the world today are the natural compensations of the aggregate efforts of the persons who have inhabited the earth.

the earth.

So, when we attempt to delineate the progress that has attended society down to the present days, should we not catalogue it with its proper genus? Let's shout it from the housetops that mankind, confronted with the most primitive of physical aurroundings, has literally dug himself out of the cave, placing himself in most wonderful conditions of generative for some properties. conditions of creature comfort and convenience

But let us not forget that mankind in spiritual things is not very far removed from the cave and the jungle; instead of using a stone axe or sling-shot, he uses cunning

mechanical devices when he desires to do battle.

Have we progressed? Scientifically and physically, we have, a great deal. Spiritually, Christianly? A very little—a very hopeful little.

WARREN DUANE CLIZBE

The passing of Warren D. Clizbe from the citizenry of Birmingham last week has created an unfilled crevice in the ranks of our populace. A man whose personality has been connected with a community for over 40 years exannot help but leave an impurit upon it; such was the case of Mr. Clizbe.

There are none to question Mr. Clizbe is complete fulfillment of those responsibilities against the state of the control of the complete fulfillment of those responsibilities against the state of the control o

fillment of those responsibilities agending-the duties of husband, father, and neighbor; in the realm of public afairs conflicting opinions are in order none of which, however, can lay claim to any insincerity or dishonesty of pur-

pose.

Mr. Clizbe was a man of many angles. He did much—
perhaps more than any other single clitzen—to build Birmingham; untiringly he worked to preserve the traditions
of Piety Hill. His best thoughts were for a splendid community; he earnestly sought to make everybody happy in
his environment of Birmingham.

Blessed with an immense -physique, his towering
frame was a familiar figure beneath the beautiful trees
of Birmingham; trees were his hobby. The last words he
said to us were: "Do what you can to save Birmingham's
trees from the inroads of commercial progress."

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The only criticism that can be directed at Mr. Clizbe Ine only criticism that can be directed at Mr. Clizbe was that he did not make the most of his opportunities. Had he possessed the faculty to have had more faith in others, to believe them, he probably would have been a national figure in our political life.

Birmingham owes much to Warren Duane Clizbe: would it not be fitting to preserve his memory with some fitting memorial? Perhaps, when our new library is being constructed some part of it may contain an object desirand.

constructed some part of it may contain an object designed to perpetuate the memory of him who now is no longer active in our midst.

A free people is one that preserves its inalienable right to cuss its institutions.

A heathen is man who doesn't know enough about religion to understand the fights.

Years ago men discovered that the world isn't flat, after all—and that didn't kill Christianity.

One of the unfortunate lessons of the war is that it's

easy to think up an excuse for killing.

It isn't of record that the process of evolution ever was delayed by people who got mad about it.

IT'S MARBLE TIME AGAIN

It's time to get your tops out, boys, To find your roller skates. At recess you can play outdoors, And everyone who hates To button up his overcoat And put his mittens on Can laugh at Old Man Winter now. It's almost time to don That ragged cap you always liked. . 'afour sweater too, and when School hours are over, oh what fun! It's marble time again!

Ennt ap your old glassian and the same at That you do not chance to spill hose slippery marbles on the floor. It won't be long until School days and marble days are past.

A few short years, and then
Your own lads will be shouting, "Dad,

It's marblé time again!"
—Beatrice McDonald.

BIOGRAPHY

Biographers apparently are bent on capitalizing names and position. Let any man who has held high of-fice die, and immediately his biographers feed the presses until their rollers are hot with rush of biographical ontput.

until their rollers are hot with rush of biographical oftput. Let any man be elevated to 'high place, and instanter biographers keep the press inkwells bubbling with rush of matter detailing their life histories.

But why? Holders of high office are not unusual. Some of them are only medicore subjects for the biographer or less. The lives of many whe have never held office are more interesting as subjects of biography than-those of many men who have been shoved into high place. It has been said that biography is history, But (hat only applies to those whose lives are history-making. Let thatbe the test rather than passing distinction, and library shelves will not be so crowded with volume that will be handed over to the waste paper man a few years hence.

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It is easier for nations to get together in they are not trying to get the same thing.

They are beginning to broadcast ways by radio, and in a little while old eggs will be a total loss.

Hope isn't always beneficent. That's what encourages the making of more and more laws.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of the Birmingham Of Today

ard of Southfield, and Clara E liott of Bloomfield.

Norval Baxter of the Re

25 YEARS AGO

43 YEARS AGO

Mrs, A. Whitehead is visiting her sister, Mrs. Howard, at St. Jahns.

The singing class again has re- Ann Arbor for a week's vacation, ganized with about fifteen memory

James Brooks and wife have come back to Southfield to stay the sum-

Charles Reade, the novelist, died in London on the 11th instant.

Wednesday evening of last week about 25 Eastern Stars gave their Worthy Patron, W. A. Burtraw, about the control of the

London on the 11th instant.

The Welland Canal will be open for business on the 18th instant.

bir fliday surprise and presented hi with a nice chair together with be wishes for a long and happy lift fluctuations on the 18th instant.

Millard-Elliott.—Married, at the M. the E. parsonage in Birmingham, April 9, hop by Rev. George W. Lowe, Frank Mill-day

The Other Chap Says Something-

WOMEN, BRAINS AND POLITICS (Joseph F. Buck in Mason County

e.) Childe Dorr, noted writer, an outstanding woman with

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