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AN ELOQUENT REPLY TO INGERSOLL.

We publish the following condensed reply of O. H. Rothacker to Ingersoll, which appeared in the Denver *Tribune*. We refrain from all comment upon the production, except that we consider it both able and eloquent, leaving our readers to decide for themselves as to the correctness or orthodoxy of the author's arguments.

"Mr. Ingersoll is a great phrase-maker. He has many musical mannerisms. The element in his lectures which tends most to make them widely read is the exquisite fugue on domestic love which he is constantly playing. He covers hardness and sterility with flowers of rhetoric. He adds to borrowed reason an artificial sentimentalism. Beauty and brutality go hand and hand with him. His infidelity is a Lilith who lures to spiritual ruin. He is the apostle of the shallow; the demigod of amateur thinkers. He bedizens impiety with pretty words, and exhibits reason as one would a puppet-show, to make the groundlings laugh. An eloquent juggler, he attempts to teach truth by trickery. He hides a snake under a tropical luxuriance of word-blossoms. He answers an organ tone with a jingle; a poem with a gibe. He is a phrase-huckster preaching the gospel of unrest; a Moment brawling an Eternity.

There have been many answers to him, but the majority of them have been utter failures in effect. So far he has held his own against the Christian world. The reasons for this are palpable. An analytical examination of his position shows that it rests upon three pillars.

First—The contradiction of the Old Testament as contained in certain texts.

These pillars would be pillars of sand but for the stubbornness and stupidity of the men who have attempted to reply to him. As long as it is maintained that the Bible, from Genesis to Revelations, is the inspired Word of God, that those who wrote its various books were the inspired amanuenses of the Almighty, and that, in all the centuries from its first delivery to the present time, there have been neither changes nor opportunities for changes, the anti-orthodox will have an advantage which will strike every reasoning mind. The moment the theory of inspiration is abandoned, and the historical portions of the Bible are regarded as history, subject to the errors of fact and opinion which belong to history, and to the alterations of time, Christianity will be on a foundation from which it cannot be shaken. Why should ministers of the Gospel cling to this theory of inspiration? It is not maintained in the Bible itself. Indeed the Bible is itself a contradiction of it. The Old Testament is a history of the creation of the world, of wars and conquests, of Jewish victory and Jewish defeat. Is it necessary to maintain that this narrative of facts is inspired? The New Testament is a record of the birth, life and death of Christ, with a subsequent detail of the growth of his doctrine. Is it necessary that these historical books, colored by the minds and varying with the memories of the Apostles, are inspired? By no means! What Christ himself said is thrilled with inspiration. What the men who read his utterances by a dim light, the men who disputed as to who should sit upon his left hand in the Kingdom of Heaven, the men who slept while he cried aloud in his agony in the sombre shadows and sentient silence of Gethsemane, the men who deserted him at the cross and left him to breathe out the God-life upon the atmosphere tainted with jeers—what they write with imperfect understandings, need not be called inspired, for all reason is opposed to it. It is of profound interest but no more. The doctrine of the divinity of Christ, and the doctrine of the inspiration of the Bible are by no means identical. It is not necessary to believe one to believe the other. Indeed, the latter belief is almost sufficient to destroy the former.—What he did not teach, it is not necessary for his followers to teach.

When this is conceded there will be an end of text-mockerings by loud debaters. The muck-hunters will cease to pick over contradictions, and hold a fresh one up in triumph whenever it is discovered. Contradictions will take their proper places as errors of man, and truths will take their proper places as one of the "order pulse beats of the Divine All." The vociferous declaimers who pass from platform to platform as prosecuting attorneys with a case against the Almighty, will turn to other occupations, and Christianity will stand upon a rock, instead of the quicksand it seems to have chosen for a battle-ground. Then the insects upon the rosebud will not make one inveigh against the roses.

Second—The rapine and murder enjoined upon the chosen people of God in certain passages of the Old Testament.

Mr. Ingersoll's second great position is that Christianity teaches murder and polygamy, and destroys the family relation. It does nothing of the kind. If it did, murder and polygamy would be as common in America to-day, as daylight, for Christianity is stronger here than ever it was in Judea. The Christianity which is taught in the New Testament is the Christianity which was preached by Christ against the Scribes and Pharisees which is recorded in part of the Old Testament. It is broad, and free and tender. It is spiritual cleanliness thrilled with the pulse-beats of divinity. The utterances of fanatics cannot sully it. The blood-stains of conquest cannot soil it. It is a grand spiritual poem instead of a doubtful chronology. It is easy for Mr. Ingersoll to take a passage from the Old Testament ordering the sack of a city, and then dwell pathetically upon the picture of a babe being torn from "the thrilled and happy arms of a mother." But there is no argument in the position. If Christianity taught this once, it would teach it now, and a record of what was done more than a score of centuries ago is no criticism of the present. All the beauty and pathos of the home circle centre in Christianity to-day.—What is more exquisite and tender than a child kneeling at the feet of a loving mother and lisping with sleep-clogged tongue the simple prayer which has been taught it? Mother love and religion are so enwrapped as to be almost identical. Because there are bad artists, one cannot condemn art. Because there are bad poets, one cannot condemn poetry. Because there are bad Christians, one cannot condemn Christianity. It is true that men enter the church as a means of individual advancement. It is true that the church is sometimes cowardly enough to accept the one-tenth as a tithe of that which was not honestly obtained. It is true that pretentious piety can hold its own at times against the purity which should overthrow it. It is true that the mantle of the just has covered injustice, and that falsehood has been a noisy partner of truth. Yet all these do not alloy the pure metal. The shams which Mr. Ingersoll talks of in the churches, have nothing to do with religion. A church is merely the expression of truth. If it is incomplete, the truth is not hurt. It is not the less the truth. Because Raphael be copied by a fool, is he the less Raphael? Because God is travestied by man, is he the less God? The argument will not do. There has been bigotry in the church. But there has been none in religion. Persecution is bigotry armed and in action, and bigotry is the bastard of belief; but that which is beyond it—the great living truth—cannot be held responsible.

Doctrine has too often been made a scapegoat for conspiracies of state; the church has too often been made a city of refuge for tainted reputations. Yet the higher teaching is not chargeable with the effects of the lower teaching. That which has been done in its name by men, can not be laid at its threshold. The quarrels of creeds, the fanaticism of forms, the assertiveness of sect, are all supplementary. They are finite additions to the infinite.

Third—A sentimentalism which charges that the family relations are destroyed, and slavery taught in certain portions of the Bible.

Mr. Ingersoll says that Christ was a great man, a manly man, a lover of freedom, but no more. That he was enthusiastic, but not inspired. That he was universal, but not divine. The divinity of Christ must rest upon belief. It is not a subject to be made the football of pros and cons. The grand simplicity of the life he led, the pastoral beauty of his wandering and teachings along the highways and through the byways of Galilee, the splendid courage with which he taught the truth which was to be the light of the world, in the face of the death that was soon to come, the marvellous quality of his words which gave them a universality which will reach to the end of time, the sweet manliness, the exquisite justice, the broad generosity which marked his every step—all these may belong to earth and to man, but they have never been repeated in any life which has been lived since, nor were they known in any life which had been lived before him. He preserved the harmony to the last, against temporal and church power, and at the end he was the joint sacrifice of both. Only in his utterances in the last hours is there fonnd anything for the quibblers to pick over, and these are his last words in the garden. And what is there in them? When the stern, starless darkness hung over the olives of Gethsemane and the disciples who could "not watch one hour," were asleep, when the winds shuddered cheerlessly through the shrinking leaves, when the Spirit of Dread stood like a sentinel between the time that had gone and the morrow that was to be an end, yet beginning, when the God-life that had been a poem of grace and love and light was wandering down the Valley of the Shadow to the deeper darkness of a tragedy, is it strange that the sad-eyed Soul of Humanity who was both man and God, should have suffered like the one and endured like the other? It is the accepted theory of free thought that it was the fear of death, born of the human in him, which thrilled through the pathos of that wild cry:—"Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me!" Yet is it not more probable that it was the profound sorrow and pity that his people were about to commit a great and causeless crime, that forced the words? Does not the prayer which came from his whitened lips, when, with unutterable love, he looked upon his murderers, and a mediator, in the death which was life, cried out:—"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!" support a newer theory? Perhaps not! They say that he was only a man. Ah, well! We are men also. Has the word two meanings?"

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Public Sale
—OF—
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THE undersigned intending to discontinue farming, will sell on his farm adjoining the Antietam Iron Works, three miles south of Sharpsburg, on **Tuesday, January 10th, 1882,** at 10 o'clock a.m., the following property, viz.:

7 HEAD OF WORK HORSES! all young; 5 of them good Brood Mares, 6 of them good Bar-shear Leaders, 2 Colts, one a two yearling, the other a yearling,

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Dec23,—3t. JAMES MARKER.

Public Sale
—OF—
VALUABLE REAL ESTATE!

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Circuit Court for Washington County, sitting as a Court of Equity, passed in No. 3,222 on the docket of said Court, the undersigned Trustees will sell at Public Sale, in front of Shay's Hotel, in Sharpsburg, Washington County, Maryland, on **Saturday, January 7th, 1882,** all those lots or parcels of ground in Sharpsburg, Maryland, belonging to the heirs of John Hines, deceased, viz:

No. 1, improved by a one and a half story Log House, Stable and other outbuildings, situate on the Main street, with a width of 51½ feet on said street, bounded on the East by the property of Benjamin Malone, on the West by the property of James Marker, and running back to an alley parallel with Main street, 206 feet.

No 2 is a Vacant Lot, containing **one Acre** more or less, on said Main street, at the western end of said town, bounded on the North by said street, East by an alley, South by the property of Jacob Mose and West by the property of Martin V. Cramer. This lot can be divided into four excellent building lots, each to contain 51½ feet width and 206 feet depth, and will so be offered on day of sale.

Terms of sale as prescribed by the decree are: One-third of the purchase money to be paid on the day of sale, or the ratification thereof, and the residue in two equal annual payments, the whole to bear interest from the day of sale; the purchaser or purchasers to give their notes with sureties to be approved by the Trustee for the said deferred payments, and when all the purchase money is paid a good and sufficient deed will be executed.

JACOB MARKER,
Dec. 16,—3t. Trustee.

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where everything kept in a first-class Grocery Store can be found. Nov4 1y.

Trustee's Sale
—OF—
VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
LYING NEAR
Sandy Hook.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Circuit Court for Washington County, as a Court of Equity, passed in Cause No. 3,214 on the docket of the said Court, the undersigned Trustee will offer at Public Sale, in front of Elgin's Store, in Sandy Hook, on **Saturday, the 14th day of January, A. D., 1882, at 2 o'clock, P. M.**, all the following described Tract of Land, of which Thomas Russell, late of said County, died, seized, to wit: **A Farm containing 82 Acres of Land, more or less,** lying on the West side of the road leading from Harper's Ferry to the Antietam Furnace, adjoining the lands of James Beck, Christian Smith, and others, and about 1½ miles from Harper's Ferry. There is a good **Tenant House and Stable** on said property.

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WILLIAM KEALHOFER,
Dec. 16,—3t. Trustee.

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Southward		STATIONS.	Northward	
P. M.	A. M.	Arrive. Leave	A. M.	P. M.
5 00	11 55	....Hagerstown	8 00	1 05
5 16	12 11	.....St. James.....	7 44	12 50
5 24	12 19	..... Grimes.....	7 36	12 43
5 47	12 32	....Sharpsburg.....	7 24	12 32
5 55	12 40	. Shepherdstown..	7 14	12 22
6 12	12 57	..Shen. Junction..	7 00	12 05
6 26	1 11	....Charlestown....	6 45	11 50
.....	1 42	.....Berryville.....	.....	11 17
.....	1 59	.....Boyceville.....	.....	10 58
.....	2 07	.....White Post.....	.....	10 50
.....	2 35	.....Riverton.....	.....	10 22
.....	2 43	... Front Royal....	.....	10 13
.....	3 10	.....Bentonville.....	.....	9 42
.....	4 10	..... Luray.....	.....	8 35
.....	4 57	.Shen.Iron Works	.....	7 48
.....	5 10	.....Elkton.....	.....	7 35
.....	5 48	...Port Republic...	.....	6 57
.....	5 52	...Weyer's Cave...	.....	6 53
.....	6 30	....Waynesboro...	.....	6 15
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

CHAS. P. HATCH, G. F. & P. A.

WESTERN MARYLAND RAILROAD

SCHEDULE OF TRAINS.

On and after Dec. 1, 1881, the trains on the Western Maryland Railroad will run as follows:

DEPARTURES.

8 00 A. M. Martinsburg Express for Baltimore, due at Hillen Station at 11.55 A. M.
10.25 A. M. Accommodation for Shippensburg, Pa., due at 12.50 P. M.
11.40 A. M. Mail for Williamsport, due 12.00 M.
2.30 P. M. Mail for Baltimore, due at Hillen Station at 6 55 P. M.
6.45 P. M. Accommodation for Shippensburg, Pa., due at 9.10 P. M.
7.55 P. M. Martinsburg Express for Williamsport, due at 8.15 P. M.

ARRIVALS.

8.00 A. M. Martinsburg Express, due at Baltimore at 11.55.
9.00 A. M. Accommodation leaving Shippensburg. Pa., at 6.40 A. M.
11.40 A. M. Mail leaving Baltimore at 7.15 A. M.
2.30 P. M. Mail leaving Williamsport at 2.10 P. M.
3.40 P. M. Accommodation leaving Shippensburg at 1.20. P. M.
5.45 P. M. Accommodation leaving Shippensburg at 3.20 P. M.
7.55 P. M. Martinsburg Express leaving Baltimore at 4.00 P. M.

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