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## INFIDELITY.

"What shall we do to be saved," was the text upon which Robert Ingersoll, the most eloquent infidel of our day, recently entertained a large and fashionable Philadelphia audience of all creeds and no creeds.

After the storm of applause that greeted his appearance had subsided, he said among other things: "All churches teach that it is dangerous to think. Now, my doctrine is that it is dangerous not to think. Everyone is endowed with the torch of reason, more or less, and I don't believe in blowing it out. If there is a Creator this torch of reason is the only revelation of Himself that He has given us. In the realm of thought every man is a monarch and no one has the power or right to put a limit on what he shall think and what he shall not."

So long as the Christian's faith is based upon feeling, which is permanent rather than upon thought, which is evanescent, his feeling rather than his skepticism is apt to control him. We take it for granted that even the thoughts of Ingersoll are not strictly infallible or unchangeable. It is barely possible that he sometimes doubts his doubts. So long as the Christian's faith is based upon feeling and his skepticism is based upon thought such brilliant infidels as Ingersoll—and every age of the world has had them—will continue to be lonely and yet be lionized because of their religious eccentricity.

Abiding Christian feeling rather than evanescent philosophic reflection is what makes outspoken infidels scarce in the world as compared with professed Christians. In the face of the fact that Christians do think, and could not help thinking if they would, he says "all churches teach that it is dangerous to think." All churches he should rather have said, as he might in truth, teach that it is dangerous to think away from Christ instead of towards Him.

## MIND-READING.

However skeptical we may have been in the past as to the transmission of thought or "mind reading," our personal experience with Prof. Calef, in the Opera House, on Monday evening, places us among his converts or convinced. The writer was but one of a half dozen strangers to the professor, all of whom made solemn declaration before the audience of no intent or purpose to assist him in any deception whatever. Thus unaided the professor demonstrated to our satisfaction, at least, a power which we think may be rightly termed supernatural or miraculous. Humbugs being as numerous as fleas on a dog these days, our town people had evidently placed him in this category and stayed at home. The professor properly located every secreted article, to the astonishment of the audience, though he was both guarded and blindfolded in every test by those who would have shown him up quickly had he failed. He failed once, we must say, in his figure test, while holding the writer by the hand. And, as the professor perhaps rightly declared his failure due to the wavering and skeptical mind of his subject, instead of our showing up the professor he seems rather to have shown us up. To fail once and succeed a dozen times takes the professor out of the category of humbugs and places him among those endowed with the supernatural, or if you please, miraculous power, to which the Bible so frequently refers as given to fit subjects to receive it in the early ages of Christianity. If the professor is not a professing Christian he is, we believe, a gentleman, so far as we can read character without acquaintance, and without professing ourselves to be a scientific mind reader.

## "THE FAST MAIL."

The attraction at the Opera House next Monday evening will be Lincoln J. Carter's great scenic melodram, "The Fast Mail." It has been one of the greatest successes known to the stage for years. It has a story of thrilling interest, and the scenic and other mechanical effects are said to be marvelous. There is a representation of an engine room on a Mississippi steamboat, with the furnaces under the boilers in active operation. A very realistic train of cars shoots across the stage, and the Niagara Falls scene is one of the most elaborate and daring things ever undertaken in the drama. It is described as a beautiful, vivid and accurate representation of that stupendous marvel of nature.

The Falls are shown by moonlight, with the roaring and plunging waters, and the mist that rises from the seething current. One of the most prominent of the play's features is the complete freight train of fourteen cars, with an illuminated caboose, drawn by a practical locomotive. The play itself has thrilling situations in abundance, plenty of humor to lighten its tone and give it an agreeable flavor throughout. Seats are now on sale at Slate's.

Twenty-one persons were confirmed in St. Paul's Church last Sunday night, by Bishop Rulison. Every seat in the church was occupied, and many chairs were placed in the aisles. The Bishop preached a very interesting and practical sermon, touching on many of the questions of the day. The altar was covered with beautiful cut flowers, and Easter lilies stood at the front of the chancel. The music was well rendered by the vested choir, the special feature in the morning being the jubilate by Garrett, and in the evening the Magnificat by H. Lohr. At these two selections Chas. P. Elwell played the organ. The Bishop left on Monday noon.

## AN ERROR CORRECTED.

We are informed that the legislation referred to in last week's papers regarding the selection of treasurers of school boards is of special and not general application, as we supposed. The act prohibiting the selection of treasurers from among the members of school boards applies to Schuylkill county only under a special act of the legislature.

The regular term of May court will open on the 7th.

## BRIEF MENTION

### About People You Know.

Dr. Wintersteen of Nuremberg, was in town on Wednesday.  
Mrs. Eli Ager of Scranton, is the guest of her cousin Mrs. C. E. Savage.  
F. D. Dentler is out on his trip for the Stearns Shoe Co. of Boston.  
Daniel Wenner, of New Columbus, spent Saturday in town on legal business.  
Prof. S. J. Pealer, surveyor, of Ashbury, passed through town on Monday.  
Hon. C. K. Buckalew and wife, went to Philadelphia on Monday.  
B. F. Zarr Esq., is making various improvements on his property on East street.  
Dr. Brown was the first man on Market street to get out his lawn mower this season.  
A. N. Vost Esq., is among the recent learners on the bicycle.  
Mrs. J. S. Gilbert of Philadelphia, is visiting her Bloomsburg relatives.  
Miss Harriet Sharpless went to Washington on Tuesday.  
Editor Smith, of the Benton "Argus," was among recent callers at THE COLUMBIAN office.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Weigand, of Wilkes-Barre, spent Sunday here with the latter's parents.  
Mr. J. G. Wells, the popular jeweler of Bloomsburg, took a run to Wilkes-Barre on Saturday.  
Rev. Dr. Gray, of Williamsport, and Rev. Croswait were among early passengers on the B. & S. on Monday morning.  
Mrs. S. P. Hanly of Berwick, spent Wednesday in town with her daughter, Mrs. K. W. Oswald.  
Please credit George Brewer with brisk fishing. He claims to have caught 20 mullets in about four hours on Friday.  
Samuel A. Goodhue of Jamison City, spent last Sunday in town with District Attorney Hanly.  
Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Welsh are in Atlantic City, hoping to benefit the health of Mrs. Welsh thereby.  
John Zamer, though somewhat hindered in locomotion through age and disease, was among town visitors on Tuesday.  
Mrs. Gilbert will sing a solo at St. Paul's Church next Sunday morning.  
Patrick Markham's daughter Ella, died on Saturday night after being sick about two months.  
O. B. Mellick, who is engaged in the Warren counterfeit case, paid a recent visit to Pittsburg on legal business.  
The precarious physical condition of Mrs. Long, of New Columbus, has called her children to her bedside for a last farewell.  
We are pleased to mention a friendly shake of the hand of Jacob Wenner, of Van Camp, who was in town on Thursday.  
Among the many adding to and beautifying their homes in Bloomsburg is George Knorr, who has built quite an addition to his house.  
We are glad to report the joyous and handsome Miss Lole Sloan again in her usual good health after a case of measles that put her to bed awhile.  
Mr. Brayton, who but recently returned from Cuba, where he has been for the last two years, has been visiting Miss Billmeyer, on Market street, the past week.  
Among those who death is now staring in the face is Cornelius Wambold, of New Columbus, who is dangerously afflicted with gangrene and dropsy.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Schuyler, Mrs. A. W. Day, and Mrs. S. V. Kester went to Wilkes-Barre on Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Henry Jacoby.  
Squire Hirtleman, of Benton, one of the candidates for Sheriff, was among the belated passengers on the B. & S. last Saturday night.  
We are pained to record the death of Mrs. H. A. Jacoby, of Wilkes-Barre, who never recovered from the prostration the death of her husband occasioned about three weeks ago.  
Franklin Schell and son of Ringtown were in town on Tuesday, and while here, the young man purchased a fine bicycle from W. S. Kishon.  
Dr. J. P. Welsh has been invited to join a party of thirty prominent educators who will visit the schools of several States, the trip lasting about ten days. Dr. A. Winship of Boston, heads the party.  
Miles Smith, one of the candidates for sheriff, was in town on Wednesday and Thursday, taking a casual glance at the field, and looking up his chances. He says he is in the fight to stay.  
Mr. G. A. Potter, proprietor of the "Weekly Tablet of Millville, and fellow laborer in the days of our devilship, gave THE COLUMBIAN a friendly call on Thursday last.  
Mr. A. W. Spear, of Cabin Run, was a caller at this office on Tuesday. He is faithfully looking after the interests of Sunday schools and the printing of their receipts and expenditures.  
Lafayette Keeler of Benton, was down on Wednesday to return his assessment books, he being assessor for that township. As usual, he paid up his subscription a little more than a year in advance.  
Mr. R. S. Bowman, ex-editor of the Berwick "Independent," gave us the friendly shake on Monday last. Like the rest of Berwick's citizens, Mr. Bowman wants to vote on the question of more light.  
Mr. L. M. Creveling, of Van Camp, Pa., while on his way home from Bearcreek, where he was engaged as instructor of the storekeeper and gauger at the distillery, gave this office a friendly call on Friday last.  
Mr. A. E. Chaquin of Nanticoke, was a visitor to town on Friday. Being well up in the Masonic Order, he was here on business connected with the lodge—the consistory of Scottish rites.  
Mrs. Steiner, the aged mother of Mrs. R. F. Hartman and Mrs. J. Salter, in making a misstep recently fell down cellar, and sustained serious injury, breaking her arm in two places and otherwise bruising herself. Being past 70 years of age her broken arm will slowly knit.

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### Our Location.

Having heard an occasional visitor to town say: "Really, I don't know where THE COLUMBIAN office is located," we take this occasion to say to all in need of news or job printing that we may be found a few doors west of the post-office, or just across the street from Rishtons drug store where we have been for fourteen years. Call and see us.

We have been trying for some time to have a sign painted on the building, and hope the painters will soon find time to complete it. The one on the front does not seem to be sufficiently conspicuous.

### Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Dr. Graydon's remarks last Monday night, on "Poison and their Antidotes" called together a fair audience who gave respectful attention, we are informed. Like the lecture, the music was highly appreciated. The next will be the last lecture of the series. The topic on this occasion will be "Why do we Eat?" The High School will furnish the music.

The Boy's Brigade will meet on Thursday evening. Bible Class on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 P. M. Rev. W. G. Ferguson will speak on "The Young Man's Peril" next Sunday at 2:30 P. M., in the Y. M. C. A. Hall.

### Resolutions of Condolence.

A committee appointed at a regular meeting of Ent Post, 250 G. A. R., Friday evening, April 20, 1894, present the following:

WHEREAS, death has again entered our ranks and taken our true and tried comrade, Mathias Kent from us;

WHEREAS, we recognize in him a good husband and loving father.

Resolved, That the Charter of this Post be draped in mourning for thirty days. And further

Resolved, That these resolutions be placed on our minutes and a copy be sent to the bereaved family, and also to the town papers for publication.

W. O. HOLMES,  
C. P. SLOAN,  
P. S. MOYER.

### Memorial Day.

Miss Norma D. Crawford, the Minerville orator, will deliver the address in Bloomsburg on Memorial Day, May 30th, for the G. A. R.

## Reporters In Trouble.

The entire editorial force of the *New Haven Register* were recently summoned to appear before a Connecticut court to show cause why they should not be held for contempt for inaccurately reporting the proceedings in a recent murder trial, and for casting reflections on the doings of the judiciary.

The Judge being somewhat puzzled to know just which individual reporter wrote the objectionable article temporarily dismissed the case, promising to do much worse by the offender if he could find him. It seems the boys kind of stuck together and thus escaped punishment that they deserved, perhaps.

## A Narrow Escape.

Charles Hendler narrowly escaped drowning on Monday, while attempting to cross the river in a row boat somewhat over loaded. Striking a guy-rope the boat up set and dropped its contents into the water. Being able to swim, Mr. Hendler reached shore in safety though his load was lost.

## She Jumped The Rope 132 Times.

The *Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin* says: "Henrietta Purcell of Mount Vernon, N. J., jumped the rope 132 times on Thursday and will be lowered into her grave by ropes to day. Other little girls have gone to heaven by the same route, and the wonder is that enough lessons have not been learned to prevent so much of this violent exercise by children."