

the battle of life and help make this earth better and happier and purer than we found it.

John McCoey, 1028 W. Jackson Blvd.

Criticism of Cochran.—I have read your amazing statement replying to Mr. Farwell. Your ignorance of what is going on in Chicago is astounding. To say that even 10 per cent of Mr. Farwell's work has to do directly with the females of the tenderloin is making it very high. A study of his financial report would show what he is engaged in; and if you would peruse that a while you would be a wiser and I hope a humbler man. Moreover, why did you omit the name of Prof. Henderson of the United Charities from among those signing the Vice Commission report? An acquaintance with what he is doing would quickly upset all your pet theories about the United Charities, not to mention where you have deplorably fallen down in describing other organizations.

In the third place, it is no fault of the preachers that you have not heard how they have "thundered from their pulpits the awful facts" about low wages, etc. I have heard such thundering direct from a number and heard about them from much larger number. Mrs. Raymond Robins' correspondence also will reveal that they have joined in with her work in organizing the clerks. You look to me very much like a quack, interested in the coin just as much as in bettering your fellow men, and not entirely averse to garbling the facts if your purpose can thus be better served. I am sure that no one who is seriously concerned about Chicago will pay any attention to you, such as you are, in my judgment, the bane of all progress.

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Who Garrison Is.—I don't know Mr. Garrison who wrote the above, but the letter came to me on a letter-head, on which is printed: "The J. L.

Garrison Lectures. Living. Eloquent. Forceful. Unexcelled in Merit, Superb in Interest, Delightful in Appeal, Filled With Vital Principles, Far-reaching in Usefulness. A Man Who Makes You Think and Who Entertains by the Very Happiness of His Manner. A Mighty Man With a Mighty Message, Garrison Cannot Fail to Please."

When I read that I didn't have the heart to refuse to publish his lecture on me.—N. D. C.

War With Mexico.—Bearing in mind that W. R. Hearst owns vast tracts of land in Mexico the following extract from a long editorial in Hearst's Chicago American of Tuesday are not only interesting but illuminating:

"We shall free Mexico from a Spanish system, complicated by Indian bloodthirstiness, and solve the problem for Mexico and the Mexicans by making of that country UNITED STATES TERRITORY and of the people United States citizens.

"The Mexican consul general says it (the war) will cost five hundred millions. That may be true. The UNITED STATES CAN AFFORD IT. The territory that would be added to the United States would be cheap at five thousand millions.

"When this war is over—and the end may come soon, for the sake of Mexico and her oppressed people—there will be many millions of acres south of our present frontier made prosperous, happy, useful AND AMERICAN."

A GOOD IDEA

"A famous educator says everybody ought to read a little poetry every day."

"I agree with him. If more people would read poetry every day perhaps there wouldn't be so many trying to write it."—Age-Herald.

Widths of plaited silk are draped to form panniers on afternoon gowns,