

and he heartily prayed that "they might be forever united in the cause of justice and liberty." The Holy Alliance abandoned their purpose on this continent and the independence of Spanish America was established.

Later, when Mr. Canning felt called upon to vindicate his foreign policy, he said (in the Commons, Dec. 12, 1826): "It would be disingenuous not to admit that the entry of the French army into Spain was, in a certain sense, a disparagement, an affront, to our pride, a blow to the feelings of England. But I deny that, questionable or censurable as the act may be, it was one that called for our direct and hostile opposition. Was nothing, then, to be done? If France occupied Spain, was it necessary, in order to avoid the consequence of that occupation, that we should blockade Cadiz? No; I looked another way. I sought material for compensation in another hemisphere. Contemplating Spain, such as our ancestors had known her, I resolved that, if France had Spain, it should not be Spain with the Indies. I called the New World into existence to redress the balance of the Old."

The foregoing is the real history of how the Monroe Doctrine had its birth, and reveals how momentous its declaration was at the time, and gives glimpses of how much it, at the time, did to insure the independence of Spanish America, and what a factor of peace to our country it always was up to our war with Spain, and what it has saved to all the states of Spanish America since it was promulgated by President Monroe, eighty-five years ago. No attempt was ever made to set it aside, except when, in the stress of our civil war, France and Austria tried to found an empire in Mexico, and when, after Appomattox, Secretary Seward notified France that the United States government expected that as soon as possible, France would recall her army from Mexico, the shadow of the Monroe Doctrine was behind his words, and France hastened to heed them.

We believe there was an election. There was something about it in the papers on Wednesday. In speaking of the late unpleasantness, it might be in order to ask those who are supposed to know best about such things whether or not they believe it would pay, when selecting a county chairman, to get an experienced man, somewhat familiar with the game of politics, and having ability enough to make his side of the local campaign at least interesting.

AS LITTLE CHILDREN.

By Arthur W. Copp.

Tell me, God, is this not true,
Thy heavy hand is laid
Upon us, not because Thy heart
Holds anger at Thine own; but lest
We in our blindness stray too far
From Thine own love? Grief warps
The weaving of the days with some,
And twists their hearts awry.
From these, oh gentle God, there comes
The cry, "There is no God."
But even in this crying out,
Wrung from them by their grief, they know
They lie. Make soft Thy hand, oh God,
To these. Teach such
That punishment is not from anger sent,
But of Thy plan to bring
Thy children closer to Thee.

In Thine own modeling Thou cast
Us. Ah, how far
From that perfection now. But as the child,
Wayward and sullen, gazes deep,
And sees there in its mother's eyes
Naught but the mother's love, so, God,
Show also when Thy guiding hand falls hard,
Thy love that lies behind.

Not Orthodox Darwinism

THE 12TH of February next will be the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the great Lincoln and the great Darwin. The fame of the first will grow with the ages, the fame of the other will continue, but all that he proclaimed will not be accepted. The good book says that when the first man was created in the Garden, God breathed a soul into him. Now the chances are even that at that time there were animals in the guise of men on the earth, but that like other animals, they were but to live their allotted time and pass away. But at last, as the finishing creation of the new world that had been called into being, the Creator brought forth the man that was to have within him the germ of immortality, that death could change, but could not kill. That there were other beings in the form of men is clear from the fact that one of Adam's sons found a wife on the outside. And so creatures in human form have filled the earth. One class of them have intelligence, but when they are analyzed they have no moral perceptions. They are bright and shrewd and strong, but their

sense of right is just as obscure as is that of a hog or an alligator—they have no trace of that divine soul that is to triumph over death and steal from the grave its victory. Darwin's theory is good for such men as started merely from the animal plane; it has no reference to the race the progenitor of which had breathed into him a soul divine. Heaven will not be much crowded and there will be no other place for those who ought to go there will never wake up.

Darwin was a wonderful man, but he "missed the link" which in this life unites men who have souls with those who have not half as much souls as dogs have, and in whose natures there is no spark divine.

A Land of Wretches

THREE weeks ago a war was threatened in southeastern Europe, and men shuddered at the possible horrors that would follow, if those cross-blooded wretches became mixed up in a general struggle. But a peace was patched up, by the terms of which Bosnia and Herzegovina were practically attached to the Austro-Hungarian empire. But the surgeon-general of the army reports that the men of those states would be worthless to enlist as soldiers, that many of them are deformed, many subject to disease on the slightest exposure, that they are degenerate physically and mentally.

This is the result of inbreeding, hardships, insufficient clothing and food, and more because through the rule over them no light of hope has shone in upon them for years. Still they live in one of the loveliest of countries, upon rich soil, with every natural surrounding calculated to make of the people a strong, brave, gifted and beautiful race. The centuries' civilization swept over them and has left only the traces in the ancient cup of splendor. The lesson to men is: Be careful of the childhood and youth of a people. Keep them disciplined, but always hopeful. Make constant appeals to their pride and self-respect, and keep before them the dream of making for themselves a high place in the world. Educate them and teach them the honor that attaches to righteous labor. In our country impress upon them that they are a part of the government, and when they falter in the right, it is a wound upon the state itself; that to serve country faithfully is to serve God, and that the future of the land is in their hands, and that the result will be either to their glory or their shame.

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