

BRYAN'S RALEIGH SPEECH.

The Nebraskan Reaches His Greatest Height as a Defender of the Truth—Livingston Johnson's Estimate.

Following is an article which the Rev. Livingston Johnson, well-known Baptist leader in the State, recently had in the Raleigh News and Observer on the subject of the address by William J. Bryan at Raleigh several days ago:

"Please give me space to say a word about the matchless address of Mr. W. J. Bryan in the auditorium last Monday night. Whatever may be the opinion of men as to the political views of Mr. Bryan, all who heard the address the other night must admit that it was the speech of a Christian statesman, and marked the speaker as a man of high ideals and exalted character.

"Two things in connection with the speech impressed me forcibly. The first is, that this man who is, perhaps the greatest living American, makes a most powerful plea for the fundamental truths of Christianity. The theory of creation in which he believes, is that which he gets from the Bible. 'In the beginning God,' he takes as his starting point. The atheist begins with matter and force in accounting for creation, but he goes back of that, to an Almighty Being, who created matter. Further back than that he does not go, and does not care to go. Given God, and

all else can be accounted for, but to deny the existence of God plunges one into impenetrable mystery. The Bible he accepts as the inspired Word of God. If it is merely the work of man, why has man not written a better one? It was written in an age when we had not the great universities that we have to-day, and science had not enriched the world by her discoveries, as she since has. This book, written in that age, deals boldly with problems that reach from creation into the world beyond the grave. Its critics have never tried to improve upon it, their effort has been to destroy it, but in this they have failed. To say that men cannot write a better book than the Bible is either to concede its divine authorship, or to admit that the race of man has degenerated since those early days when the Bible was written. The divinity, or deity, of Christ, he believes in with all his soul. The miracles of Christ are only troublesome to those who reject His divinity. He is working greater miracles to-day than when He was here in the flesh. To take a man from the depths of sin and shame, and make him over, so that he hates the things he once loved and loves the things he once hated, is a greater miracle than raising the dead and Christ is doing that very thing every day in the world about us.

"In this age of doubt and unbelief, when our schools are clamoring for 'academic freedom' which simply means that those who compose the

faculty should be permitted to teach any peculiar view that they may happen to hold, and the students believe anything or nothing as they choose; when many of our preachers are tender-footed, and think that to come out emphatically for the old fundamental doctrines would be an indication of narrowness; in such a day, it is refreshing to hear the man who has the ear of the American people as no other man has, declaring his belief in these vital truths. Mr. Bryan says he is not a theologian, but if some books that I have recently read, written by teachers in theological seminaries, express the doctrinal views held by the schools in which they teach, it would be a good thing for these institutions to employ Mr. Bryan to lecture at least twice a year.

"The second thing that impressed me is the fact that Mr. Bryan is a striking example of what the religion of Christ will do for a man. He said that William E. Gladstone's great success as a statesman was attributable chiefly to his faith in Christ. Bryan's address reminded me of the series of fine articles written by Gladstone a few years before his death on 'The Impregnable Rock of the Holy Scriptures.' When Mr. Bryan was describing Gladstone, and giving his opinion as to the cause of his success and greatness of character I thought, and I venture hundreds of others thought 'there stands the Gladstone of America.' Each of these statesmen built upon the same

foundation. Gladstone had, and Bryan has, a simple, child-like faith in Christ, and in the doctrines of His Kingdom.

"As great as is Bryan on the political forum, he reaches his greatest height as a defender of the Truth."

MAKING OVER GARMENTS FOR THE CHILDREN.

I wonder how many mothers know that a very warm garment for either boys or girls may be made from a man's badly worn undershirt. Use the opening of the shirt for the front and bind or crochet around the neck and arm-holes. For very small children it will be long enough for a little skirt, while the larger ones can wear it over thin flannels and it will protect the chest.

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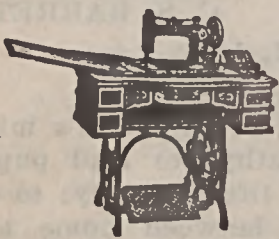
[This hymn, which is sung to the familiar music of the sextet in Lucia, breathes the spirit of the "Men and Religion Forward movement" and represents a modern feeling which has rarely found expression in the songs of the Church.]

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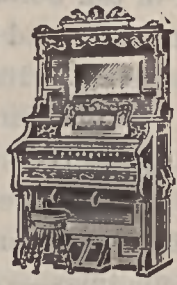
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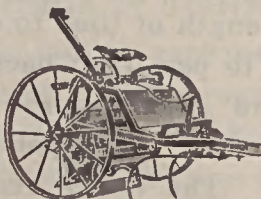
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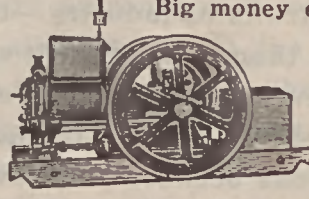
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