## STUDENTS' SOCIETY.

Instructor Philip Maybon, "Does the Study of Science Lead to Infidelity?"

The Students' society convened Friday last, Instructor Nelson presided and Instructor Philip S. Maybon delivered a lecture on the subject, "Does the Study of Science Lead to Infidelity?"

The speaker said the question was one of great importance, especially to students whose duty it was to study science.

Science is what is actually known whether in the material universe or in the world of mind, and must be knowledge that is systematically arranged—classified knowledge. It is knowledge that is true, complete and accurate, and is such a form that it can be readily employed for purposes of thought. Much that is called science bears the stamp of spuriousness consisting of little else than theories and hypotheses and although these may be of use to the scientist in enabling him to search for truth, still they are no more science than the chisel with which the sculptor works is the magnificent statue which is brought forth from the marble. It is this false science that has been in a great degree the cause of dispute said to exist between science and faith.

Infidelity means want of belief. To use it means a disbelief in certain theocratic ideas of Christianity, to another the rejection of both Christ and the Bible, and to a third it means the denial of the existence of God; this latter is properly called atheism.

Does science weaken our faith in God, His power, His goodness, or His written word? In other words, does it lead to a renunciation of religion? If the true and the false are presented to us we must accept the one and reject the other, because they are in conflict, but if two truths are presented we can accept both or reject both. There can be no conflict between science and religion unless one is false and the other true. God's truths must agree whether discovered by looking within upon the soul or without upon the world; whether written by the finger of God upon the strata of earth in the long ago, or impressed upon the human heart with its full play of emotions and passions. He is the author of both and though at times they may wander apart in crooked paths still they must eventually come together for the goal each is aiming for is the same. In religion we worship the Creator, in science we try to show our appreciation of Him by studying what He has created. Therefore is it not proper to ask—Is it possible to study the handiwork of God—nature without having our faith in Him increased instead of weakened? Superficial study of science may weaken, but thorough and deep study of science will strengthen our faith in God. There is no conflict between real science and true religion. True there has been a bitter and protracted warfare carried on between science and so-called religion. Sometimes the conflict was occasioned by misunderstanding, and if you want to see the white heat of controversial passion observe controversialists, who in not differ at all, saying they have adopted different words to express the same meaning.

Bigoted men, men covering themselves with the cloak of religion have committed errors and crimes.

The lecturer here enumerated some of the peculiar notions held by religionists during the middle ages and in later times. The notion of the earth being a square plain at whose outer edges rose mountains walls supporting the vault of heaven which was a crystal roof wherein the fixed stars were set, and over it the sun and moon were drawn by the angels. Above this was the celestial ocean and still above the seven-starred heavens in whose highest story dwell Jehovah. "Who is so bold a," said they, "as to believe the earth to be round? If it is then there must be men on the other side with their footsteps higher than their heads where trees grow downward and rain and snow fall upward?" The apostles were commanded to go into all the world and preach the Gospel unto every creature; they did not go to any such part of the world as the antipodes; therefore, no antipodes exist. These were some of the doctrines of the church and to oppose them was to be in danger of losing salvation, and even life.

The misconceptions gulped through the creeds and doctrines of the dominant church or churches have been eradicated by science and the present grand conceptions of God's works inculcated in their place, and the Bible interpreted aright bears out this new order of things.

There should be no quelling of free investigation for searchers after truth, whether in theology or nature. Although at times they may seem at variance, it will finally be discovered that the objects of their search are side by side in the brotherhood of truth.

It is said that in studying science, revelations are made that cause us to doubt the word of God. This is not so. The record of God in the rocks or revealed by the fossils is in loving harmony with the voice of revelation which declares that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Could science discovered in the days of Tarfrelli that the air had weight, but perusing the Bible we find that this fact was known of old. Job proclaims it thousands of years ago, but the world, as in other things, has been blind to the statement. "God maketh the weight for the wind." Solomon, after toil and research, has succeeded in discovering the laws regulating what Solomon makes plain in a few single verses. "All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full. Unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again." The author of the volume of revelation and the nature is the same, and it is impossible for them to contradict when rightly understood. If the two cannot be reconciled to us, the fault is ours because of our weakness we are not able to interpret aright either one or the other or both.

The interpretations of men are not ours unless we understand them and make them our own. Frequently we take the word of others upon subjects and are led astray either through their misunderstanding or our own. Go to the footstalks of nature and drink there the hallowed draughts of truth rather than imbibe from the impure vessels of prejudiced investigators. We should judge of opinions by things rather than things by opinions. To the true searchers after knowledge with this injunction before their eyes there are rewards in the lines of the poet, looks to the eye having the power. The infinite and eternals in the things seen since be with our ears.

With the growth of science grows the perception that the whole world around us and within us is ruled by law. All the operations of nature the greatest and the smallest are performed by law. Not even a drop of water can be formed except by immutable laws that determine its weight or volume.

The lecturer gave many other illustrations and explanations of the wonders and treasures of nature, and explained also many of the grounds and bases of unbelief in God or toward for religion. These latter were shown to be faith and narrow and the result of prejudice and misapprehension in the overwhelming evidence that exists of the perfect harmony between true religion and true science.

At the close of the lecture Mrs. Isabel Rumsey recited "Billy's Race." Miss Jennie Smith read an instructive essay upon "American Literature." A song was very beautifully rendered by Misses Isabel Bailey and Phoebe Taylor. Mr. Henry Iverson then indulged the audience with "Two Weeks in a Net Shell." This latter item of the program was a very amusing and witty presentation of topics of the times, which were mainly local in their character.

All those who took part in the rendering of the program were heartily applauded upon finishing their respective portions. After the benediction the meeting adjourned for one week.


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