

## EDITORIALS.

It is nearly twelve years ago that Mr. Charles Darwin published a work on the "Origin of Species." In this book he showed that species are modified by natural selection, and left the inference to be drawn, though he did not plainly state it, that man has been produced by gradual modifications from lower forms of life. But Darwin has just published two more volumes entitled "The Descent of Man and Selection in Relation to Sex." In this work he states that "Man is descended from a hairy quadruped, furnished with a tail and pointed ears, probably arboreal in its habits, and an inhabitant of the Old World."

The Academy of Sciences at Chicago have had a meeting recently, at which Dr. Foster, who is the President of the Society, read a paper on this Darwinian theory. This theory is perplexing the learned world just now. Many eminent men believe that Darwin's view is correct. Among his disciples the names of Lyell, Huxley and Lubbock stand out prominently, and they are scientists of established reputation. Their belief in and advocacy of Darwin's ideas trouble the scientific world. Dr. Foster, therefore, has conferred a real benefit upon the members of the Academy of Sciences of Chicago by opposing them, and bringing forward arguments to prove that men are not descendants of monkeys. So pleased were some of the members at learning this fact, that they could not refrain from expressing their thanks to the Doctor for the great services he had rendered by his reasoning.

If we did not have the evidence of our senses to prove to us that such ridiculous and absurd ideas as these advanced by Darwin were entertained and seriously discussed by men who make pretensions to have sense, we would not believe it possible that they would receive the least attention. A certain Scotch nobleman, Lord Monboddo, during the last century advanced a theory somewhat akin to this of Darwin's. He maintained that men were originally no better and possessed of no higher faculties than beasts, and that the orang-outang is of the human species. He had a theory that men were born with a caudal appendage. But Monboddo's companions, while they admitted his learning, only laughed at his theory, and charitably concluded that upon this point he was crazy. Had he been living now, and published a book containing his silly vagaries, he might have been as successful as Darwin in obtaining believers.

A more striking instance of the readiness of the age to adopt the most preposterous nonsense, if it only be set forth with the sanction of a so-called philosopher's name, cannot be adduced than in the case of this Darwinian theory. It is in every respect a system of the most revolting ideas, doing injustice to man, impugning the power of the Creator, and is unsustained by reason and physical evidence. As Dr. Foster justly remarked in his paper which he read to the Academy of Sciences, all experiments to give life to inert matter had proved abortive. Professor Huxley himself rested on the conclusion that this was impossible. A resort, therefore, to an original creative power was necessary. There must be some power to give life a start, if it ever had to be started. If, then, a Being was able to create life in its lowest forms, what was there to prevent him from creating it in its highest? In other words, if a monkey could be created, why not a man?

But why go back to the monkey for the origin of our species? Where can be seen, or what history furnishes us with an idea of, forms which occupy an intermediate stage between the monkey and man? All history proves that the contrary is true: that the tendency of mankind when separated from God, the Father and Creator of the race, is to go downward, to become more brutalized and degenerate; instead of approximating to a higher type of perfection, they assimilate to the lower and more degraded forms of life. The truth is, instead of man being descended from such low creatures as Darwin imagines, he is the offspring of God. The Creator of the heavens and earth is his literal Father, and he derives his descent from Him. He is created in His image and possesses His attributes, limited and obscured it is true by mortality, but capable, nevertheless, under proper circumstances, of illimitable development and expansion. This is the true view to take of man. And in reflecting upon his origin, it is every way better to look up and endeavor to emulate the virtues and attributes of Him who is our Fa-

ther, than to look down to the groveling creatures from whom "philosophers" like Darwin would have us believe we sprang.

THE New Orleans *Picayune* says: "A half dozen of our best war steamers could not be more profitably employed in time of peace than in bringing monthly loads of immigrant passengers free of charge. No more useful occupation could be found for a thousand consular agents than the diffusion of information in European countries about America."

That is a proposition that suits us. "Uncle Sam" might give the use of at least one of them as a donation to our Perpetual Emigration Fund. The Latter-day Saints have proved themselves to be the best of emigration agents. They have acquired a reputation for this, superior to that of any other people; and if one of these war steamers were to be put in their charge for a season, they would use it to advantage, and so manage the business that it would be quoted and referred to as a most successful and beneficial scheme. Putting these war steamers to this use, would be a most sensible method of benefiting the country. It would not only build up the nation; but think of the benefits that would be conferred upon the suffering poor, who now eke out a miserable existence in the crowded countries of the "old world!" As for the consular agents, the Latter-day Saint missionaries would be far superior to them for the purpose suggested.

WENDELL PHILIPS has been making a characteristic speech before the Reform League at New York. He warned the people against the growing power of the monopolies and the consequent sufferings of the working class, and he said:

"Scratch New York and you will find Paris just underneath. You are teaching your young men that law and justice are myths. Right behind the coward frauds of Mr. Tweed and Sweeney stands the red republicanism. Let a few years pass and the robust soldier close behind will crowd the millionaire off the precipice."

Judge Bayard is teaching that there is no such thing as law when the Erie case is depending. A Bowery boy never forgets the lesson of a lawyer selling himself to a rich corporation. When the anniversary comes round again this boy, grown up, will not be satisfied with hanging a negro, he'll indulge himself with a millionaire. We stand at the dividing of the ways. We have avoided open war at the coal mines of Pennsylvania. A dozen years hence the muskets will be loaded. We are living in an era when we can dispense with corporations. We are richer than when we needed them. What is a corporation? A method by which wealth doubles its power and decreases its responsibility. Such a power can defy public opinion, can enter into a war with the people. But let Vanderbilt build a railroad to Chicago and own it all himself and he'll not dare to risk conflicts. I am for loading rich men with all their responsibility, and want it to be possible for a man to go to the Legislature and not sell his vote before he gets there. The present peril is the ignorance, the drunkenness, the discontent of the laboring men of the North. Six hundred men, representing a million votes, met in Cincinnati last summer, and only by the most adroit management they were prevented from pledging the great labor power to the repudiation of the national debt. If you want order and peace crush the Ku Klux with one hand and the great corporations with the other."

One of the most dastardly outrages, attended with cold-blooded murder, to be found in the whole of the annals of crime, was perpetrated towards the latter part of last month, at Chocoville, Sebastian Co., Arkansas. On the morning of the 22nd ult., as the Rev. Mr. De Champ, of the Missionary Baptist Church of that place, was about to open religious services a ruffian named Hendley entered the building, revolver in hand, and going up to the minister asked him if his name was De Champ. Upon receiving a reply in the affirmative, the scoundrel fired four shots, all of which took effect, three of them lodging in De Champ's head and one in his arm, and causing instant death. The murderer then turned on the congregation, and with horrible curses and imprecations and levelled revolver compelled them to evacuate the build-

ing, when he mounted his horse and rode off.

Some years since Hendley interrupted a religious meeting at which De Champ was officiating, and for this, at the instance of the latter, the ruffian was arrested and fined \$50; and this is the only cause assigned for the diabolical outrage and murder above recorded.

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All persons claiming to be owners or possessors of any portion of said entry will take due notice and make application, as provided in the Statutes of Utah.

LUTHER T. TUTTLE, Mayor.  
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Also to make cash entry No. 2467, for the Townsite of Kanara, Kane County, embracing the following described lands, to wit: The S half of the N E quarter and the N half of the S E quarter of Sec. 34, and the S W and the N W quarter of Sec. 35, Township 37, South of Range 12 West, containing 200 acres.

Also to make cash entry No. 2630, for the Townsite of Toquerville, Kane County, embracing the following described lands, to wit: Lot 1, S half of the N W quarter and the E half of the S W quarter and the N W quarter of the S W quarter of Sec. 2, Township 41, South of Range 13 West, containing 240 acres.

To make the proof required by law, and show that I am entitled to have the entries made, under "An Act of Congress, for the relief of the inhabitants of cities and towns upon the public lands," approved March 2, 1867, and also "An Act amendatory thereto," approved June 8, 1868, for the use and benefit of the inhabitants thereof, at which time and place any person or persons can appear and show cause, if any there be, why such entry should not be made.

JOHN NEBEKER, Probate Judge.  
Toquerville, April 29, 1871. w13 4

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