

unless the leaders of the Christian Churches give an ear to such men as Professor Pearson, the inroads of the other religions will be as serious as the increase of infidelity in Christian countries. We cannot serve God and Mammon. Either we must preach belief by submission to traditional dogma and abolish schools and universities, or we recognise the duty of free inquiry. Either we accept science as a divine revelation and acknowledge that the God of science is the true and sole God, or we bow down before the idols of the letter. We cherish the confidence that at last the time will come when a genuine love of truth will restore to life the dead bones of our Churches.

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### JOHN P. ALTGELD.

John P. Altgeld, Ex-Governor of Illinois, died suddenly in his fifty-fifth year on March 12, after a lecture which he had delivered in Joliet. He played an important part in American politics and showed throughout his life an undeniable zeal for the uplifting of the masses and the improvement of the conditions of the poor. That his intentions were honest and noble, we have never doubted, yet we believe that he was mistaken in the means he adopted to help the people during the Bryan-McKinley campaign when he espoused the cause of free silver. The respect which his political enemies accorded him after death is the best evidence that his character deserves recognition. After all that has been said in criticism of him, he made a good governor, and he was a man who had the courage of his convictions. We publish below a laudatory poem on John P. Altgeld by John F. Weedon.

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#### THE LEADER LOST.

Hewn from a rock, steadfast and true and bold ;  
 Checked but undaunted, foremost in the strife  
 He stood, unswervéd by the tide of life  
 That whirled and eddied round him. Heart of gold  
 Untouched by petty spite. Unconscious he  
 Of mean detractors bubbling up apace  
 That breaking spat their spleen full at his face.  
 And greater than his strength his sympathy.

Altgeld is dead, and down beneath the sod  
 His lifeless clay lies deep. His memory lives  
 Marbled in immortality and gives  
 Courage and strength to those who live to fight  
 For gentleness, for honesty, for right.  
 His work is ended, and he rests with God.

JOHN F. WEEDON.

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### PROFESSOR DELITZSCH'S LECTURE ON BABEL AND BIBLE.

We have had the good fortune to acquire an early copy of the lecture on Assyriological research which Professor Friedrich Delitzsch delivered last January before the Emperor of Germany, at a regular meeting of the German Oriental Society, and which he was specially invited to deliver a second time before the Emperor of Germany in the royal castle at Berlin. The first installment of the