

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE SYMBOLS OF GOD.

Men say: God is a tree,
With roots in hell, and branches in the sky;
Men are the leaves, which falling downward, die,
Again to grow; content to breathe and be
For some scant seasons in eternity.

Men say: God is a sea,
Embracing all the world, and men, as waves,
Leap to the crests of never-resting graves,
A part of the great ocean, bond, yet free,
And one brief moment holding life in fee.

Men say: God is a fire,
Illumining and consuming with a flash
These human sparks that for an instant clash
Against each other in a vain desire
For love and glory ere the light expire.

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A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of The Open Court:

In the article upon "The Ainu," printed in the March number of *The Open Court*, the following statement occurs (p. 163): "...the Japanese authorities tried to frustrate the project" (of bringing a group of the Ainu to the St. Louis Exposition). This is a mistake. Before I left America last year, Mr. Ota, the acting Commissioner General at St. Louis, and the Japanese Minister at Washington, both took a hearty interest in my planned expedition and supplied me with strong letters to the Tokyo officials. Although I reached Tokyo on the very day upon which war was declared against Russia—when a lack of interest in my errand might have been readily excused—I found the warmest interest and the promptest and fullest aid. At Tokyo, Mr. Tejima, the Commissioner-general, and Baron Matsudaira, Vice-president of the Commission, and at Sapporo Baron Sonoda, Governor of the Hokkaido, met all my requests immediately and heartily. It would be inexcusable for me to permit the statement quoted to pass uncontradicted.

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