

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### IN MARS, WHAT AVATAR?

BY DON MARQUIS.

Do creeds of earth have any worth  
On yonder spinning star?  
Which godheads sway the Milky Way?  
In Mars, what Avatar?

What priestly din makes clangor in  
The dog-star's Shwe-Dagon?  
Which thousand suns hang tranced above  
Audacious Ajalons?

What Eros rules the dearer schools  
'Neath Saturn's triple ring?  
When morning breaks 'round Mercury  
What wakened Memnons sing?

Does some San Grael lure errants pale  
Through wastes of yon dim star?  
What God-man reigns in Mercury?  
In Mars, what Avatar?

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### THE PRACTICAL SIDE OF THE RELIGION OF SCIENCE.

*To the Editor of The Open Court:*

I have been an interested reader of your utterances for some time past but I do not remember to have seen any program for the practice of religion from the theological point of view that you occupy. I suppose that even though you do not regard the Christian churches as hopelessly in the wrong yet, because of the deviation from the original teachings of Jesus which you think has arisen in the ages past, you would hardly be able to cooperate with any church in any active work for the improvement of society. Probably no existing organization fully squares with your ideas of what should be attempted for the development of the religious and moral nature of humanity.

Now if it is not asking too much will you not take this whole matter from your point of view and give us a full exposition of your program for both the Christian and non-Christian peoples of the world?

H. L. LATHAM.