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THIS volume is made up of editorials written for the *Investigator* by Mr Seaver. It has been prepared with his knowledge and consent, but without consulting his judgment as to its contents.

The responsibility of selecting the articles for this book was assumed without thought of criticism. The desire which prompted the work, and directed its preparation, was to preserve, in a more convenient form, the writings of one who has honored the cause of free thought by his ability and devotion, and who is honored and respected, by thousands of his fellow beings, as the Nestor of Liberalism.

No apology need be offered for giving this book to the world. It carries its own recommendation. Every friend of honest thought will welcome it as a valuable addition to the library of honest literature, which is yet none too large. Every father who is desirous of having a wise instructor for the growing minds of his children will be glad to take this volume into his home.



A new generation, which is to carry forward the work of emancipation from the bondage of superstition, is coming upon the stage of action. The counsel of the generation which is now passing away should be heeded. No man of his time has spoken wiser words than Horace Seaver.

If the lessons contained in this volume could be transmuted into human character and human life, the individual would be nobler, society would be purer, and the nation would be better.

Let us remember that it is not only wisdom to speak wise words, but also to heed them.

L. K. WASHBURN.

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