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**W**ITH this issue of the PRESS the work of the present editor closes. We wish to express appreciation to advertisers, correspondents, subscribers and friends for the courteous and helpful co-operation accorded. Today the PRESS has as fine an equipment as any small paper in the country, it has an able staff, a faithful company of correspondents and now the remainder lies with our citizens and residents of surrounding territory. If all persons were like some, a newspaper would be impossible. They are angry when their names are used, they object when they are omitted. Again, they feel injured if they are not interviewed relative to some item of importance or refuse on other occasions to give out facts when interviewed. Fortunately there are enough who are not of this kind to make a good paper possible, but with even more co-operation a better publication would be possible. When the reporter is informed of guests, social functions given, etc. he does not regard the informer as one who desires to get himself before the public, but rather as one who is co-operating in making an interesting and up-to-date publication. Take pride in your home paper, have a hand in it, put something in it yourself and you will be surprised how much more you will get out of it. We bespeak for the PRESS this coming year even greater success and usefulness under the direction of its new editor, Eugene W. Pocock.

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MONDAY'S balloon ascension gave a demonstration before our eyes of the progress that is being made in utilizing the forces of nature after they are better understood. Little by little we come to understand them better and use them more. Steam has ever been formed but not until its application was understood was it of value to man. Now it binds our nation together and our nation to other nations, for the

locomotive and the steamship have reduced distance to a minimum. Electricity with its wonderful possibilities has been far from understood in its fullness and we are but beginning to know the utilities of the air.

Scientific research and consequent unfolding of the laws of the natural universe sometimes lead men to the conclusion that man is rapidly coming to his own and that as his knowledge of nature increases his need of the great Creator of the universe decreases. He is now coming to know all, and what else is needed. The day will soon come when he does know all, he so reasons, and then what need of God at all. Not so. Back of all, in all and thru all is the great Mind and the great Person of the Immanent God, creator and preserver. Man never will know all here, but he will know much, and much more than he now knows. Such also is the purpose of God. But that man may know more and more of these wonderful forces is simply that he may the better know God himself, and were man to know all it would simply mean that then he would know God.

### Heart-to-Heart Talks

#### The Ten Commandments

**I**T is cabled from England that the authorities of the English church will attempt to "revise the Ten Commandments."

Rather startling.

And probably a mistake.

It may only be that the language in which the Decalogue is contained is to be revised so that the meaning is plainer.

Learned men have made a number of verbal changes in the text of both the Old and the New Testaments that are acceptable—"revised versions" of the original text. But—

Any proposed change of the significance of the Mosaic commandments is as absurd as a change in the law of gravity, and all Christendom would protest against it.

Says the old negro melody, and it voices the sentiment of the religious world:

'Tis the old time religion,  
And it's good enough for me.

Note this, however:

The Ten Commandments are not good because they are old. On the contrary, they are old because they are good.

And—

The commandments are not good because they are in the Bible. They are in the Bible because they are good.

Some things are basic.

As Daniel Webster pointed out in his great speech, the Ten Commandments, together with the Sermon on the Mount, are the fundamentals upon which all our laws and all our morals are based.

The Decalogue is organic.

We sometimes call the constitution of the United States or of the states "organic law." In a sense they are organic, but they can be changed. But you cannot change moral laws. They are fundamental, like the laws of mathematics.

They are primary laws.

Two and two are four, and it must be so.

If you try to make two and two three you go into bankruptcy. If you try to make two and two five you go to the penitentiary.

Just so of the moral commandments. They are unchangeable and fundamental, immutable, invariable.

The old time commandments are good enough for us.

### Poem From Local Bard

**O**UR picnic day is here at last,  
Hurrah for Hershey park!  
We'll start down early in  
the morn,  
And not come home till dark.

We're going to have a good old time,  
With an old-fashioned country dinner.  
Oh, how my body will swell out,  
I'll eat all I can get in—er.

Mother she has baked some cakes,  
That're rolled round like a log,  
And she also boiled a ham,  
The hind leg of a hog.

We have invited Uncle Jack,  
With his good wife, Aunt Sue.  
And then there'll be some other folks,  
About a dozen or two.

Oh, here we are at Hershey's park.  
Now the flying horse will run,  
And what if he should lose his tail  
That would be high old fun.

And now we'll go to see the bear,  
Old "Bobby" bear so black,  
And how we kids would like to have  
A ride upon his back.

Now listen to what mother says,  
"Come on and fall in line,  
You take the seat just over there,  
For this is dinner time."

Of all the things we had to meet  
Well, well, I do declare,  
And how we kids did eat and eat,  
Mother made the bill-of-fare.

We all did have a dandy time;  
And laughed till we almost bust,  
When Uncle Jack did shoot-the-chutes,  
And landed in the dust.

The sun has gone down in the west,  
And we'll all start for home.  
Now since I've learned the way  
To Hershey's park I roam.—A. S.

The Idealistic.

Never believe that your life is going to be better and stronger if you cut out all the dreams and aspirations. The people who never get beyond their immediate vocations do not do the best work in life. There are two paths in life, the materialistic and the idealistic, and it is for us to choose which we will walk in. A strong life, a true life, a noble life can never be lived by any man or woman without the presence of what fools have always called and always will call—the unreal.—Henry Van Dyke.

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