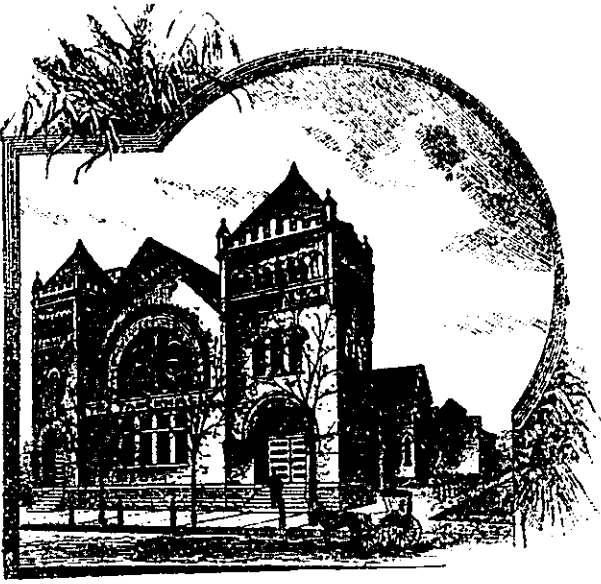




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The First Baptist Church,

—“The Tabernacle of the PEOPLE.”—

STEPHEN A. NORTHROP, PASTOR.

“ALL MEN AT THE HEAD OF GREAT MOVEMENTS ARE CHRISTIAN MEN. DURING THE MANY YEARS I WAS IN THE CABINET I WAS BROUGHT INTO ASSOCIATION WITH SIXTY MASTER MINDS, AND ALL BUT FIVE OF THEM WERE CHRISTIANS.”
WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 15th. 1891.

Hon. Albert Wineger Tourgee,

K I N D S I R :-Your articles are excellent in the INTER OCEAN and I am in full sympathy with your League and hope it will be abundantly successful. Your books—two of them especially—are a delight to me.

My object in writing you was to ask a favor at your hands. Will you please give me your opinion of "CHRIST and the BIBLE" for my forthcoming book. Have secured from biography and correspondence, valuable views of this subject from famous SECULAR Thinkers of this country and Europe. Scientists^{tS}, Philosophers, Authors, Poets, Statesmen^t, Generals, all our Govern^hors but four have kindly responded. I cannot compensate you, but when published you shall have a complimentary copy. All opinions come from a secular source—the only work of the kind ever brought out; no sensational book of mushroom growth but the product of years of research and correspondence, and will contain some three hundred pages. I will show conclusively that our great thinkers (no clergyman's views are published) are decidedly in sympathy with Christianity. You have a wide influence, and what you write will be worth its weight in gold on the minds of our

coming youth. DO NOT FAIL ME, PLEASE! Inclosed are materials for an answer so that you will have no expense or trouble. I wish you still greater success and good health!

Yours Very Sincerely,

*Stephen A. Northrop, Pastor; also
Pres. Indiana Baptist State Convention.*

*Hon. A. W. Lunge,
Wassenville, N. J.*

P.S. You may call me to mind by looking over your newspaper files of 1888, which give an account of the great National Republican Convention at Chicago. I opened the Wednesday session in prayer. I mention this only to introduce myself to you.

S.A.N.

PERSONAL OPINION OF
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