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To the Editor of "The Basis":

The comments of the Basis on the recent Horr-Harvey debates held in Chicago are a surprise to the friends of its Editor. Surely there are passages in these comments missing that would show more appreciation of the information given the general public through that debate. The readers and friends of the Basis can hardly feel flattered that its comments were made on "meager reports" when they know that the Chicago-Inter-Ocean published a full and complete report of these debates. The book that will doubtless be collated and published as the outcome of that debate, will, in the writer's judgement, be a very valuable one for information on the subject of "free coinage of Silver," even "Coins Financial School" is worthy careful consideration.

As to the figures in that debate—Horr and Harvey—people out this way feel profoundly convinced that Mr. Horr is a much better political campaign speaker than teacher of finance; that he kept himself rather to criticism of what weak points he was able to find in "Coins School," and defense of the Congressmen who were the prominent figures in "demonitization of Silver," rather than in trying to prove that "Gold Monometalism" is best for this Nation. That he was helplessly on the defensive all the way through the debate. That instead of being a "skilled rhetorician" Mr. Horr never showed to poorer advantage as a public teacher, than in this contest with Mr. Harvey. In fact, he was badly worsted at almost every point by Mr. Harvey. This is, the opinion of many, & amongst them the writer, who believes in the Basis Silver Bank plan as the proper solution of Bimetallism.

Respectfully,

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