

But they were very
convinced in 1837
also!

The Bible had had its day. The High Priests
of these principles were R. Bradlaugh in England
and Robert Ingersoll in America. The Bible got
a thorough raking & condemnation. "Moses's Mistake"
was a most scathing indictment. It was a
Challenge was thrown out for any one to counteract
any of the arguments. It was Father Lambert a
Roman Catholic Priest in America, who took up the
Challenge, and by using the same line of
argument which was ridicule, completely &
reputed all the claims made against poor old
Moses. The old Book still lives, and is up
to date, but it is surprising how many people
whilst accepting the general principles of its teachings
yet somehow have a grudge against it. Was it not
the old King David who records "The fool hath said
in his heart there is no God": why? Because they were
rotten at heart. Does it need a war such as is
now raging, to convince mankind, that there is a
Supreme Being, who alone can ultimately settle
all matters, and after our futile efforts to carry
on ~~matters~~ the affairs of the world, by our neglect
of those same teachings laid down in the Old
Book, and by paying the full price of our neglect,
will come to recognize that Moses was right, and
that the law was but the schoolmaster to bring
us to the full knowledge of what was intended

for mankind.
I mentioned previously that the singing in the
Churches was what we, at any rate considered exceptionally
good, but ~~and~~ was not confined by any means to
the choir. There was not, at any rate in the earliest
period, such a thing as the choir sitting in a special
place, the singers individually did their best
from the positions they occupied in their
various pews, and every body lifted up their
voices to the utmost capacity, the length of the
service generally was at least an hour and a half
and the preacher on announcing the number
would read over ~~the~~ each verse, after the singing of
which would read the next & so on to the end of the
Hymn. Then this custom dropped out I think a
certain amount of the inspiration of the words
was altogether lost. It is one thing to be regretted
now, that there is, a great lack of inflection of the
voice, whether in reading the Hymn verse or even in
the reading of the scripture. There was a custom in our
Church at that early time - was, that after the preacher
had concluded the opening prayer, & before reading the
scripture, the congregation would automatically rise
from their seats knees (every body knelt during
the prayer) and standing up would chant a Hymn
unannounced, "Come Holy Ghost our hearts inspire, let
us thine influence prove, source of the old prophetic fire