THE ELIOT CONFESSION.

The furexposition of the "New Religion" for which Dr. Eliot hade his premature critics of wait, has at length appeared in the Harvard Theological Ouesteak and her been widely and her be

appeared in the Harvard Theological Quarterly and has been widely copied. Many newspapers have published the text in full.

The exposition is clever enough "to deceive even the elect." The whole reads simply and beautifully; it is the dainty flower of the Christian process of Altruism. It requires a second glance and yet another before one realizes the delicate sleight-of-hand, or rather sleight-of-head work which so dazzles the reader. "Hiding the grossness with fair ornament," Dr. Eliot bolsters up his new religion of Altruism with frequent citation of the words of Jesus Christ, and concludes by affirming dogmatically that this, his new religion is frequent citation of the words of Jesus Christ, and concludes by affirming dogmatically that this, his new religion is maught but Christ's own. Meanwhile he has categorically denied in the course of his exposition almost all other teachings of Christ except the one. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Christ taught the tallen state of man and the need of redemption. Eliot explicitly repudiates both. Christ taught the justice of God, punishing in hell and rewarding in heaven. Eliot will have naught of any of them. But the most utter chicanery is yet to come. Having deftly used the authority of Christ to establish Altruism, the unselfish service of others as the basis of his new religion, he repudiates all authority, declaring that in the new religion no such relic of man's bondage shall be. That is, having used his scaffold to erect the building, he kicks it down and says that scaffolding should never be used.

should never be used.

To cover up this volte-face, he insinuates all through the exposition that Altruism is nothing after all but the fine flower on the twentieth century plant of evolutin; and that any normal man of the twentieth century would be man of the twentieth century would be altruistic by Darwinistic necessity whether Christ ever taught the beauty altruistic by Darwinistic necessity whether Christ ever taught the beauty of service or not. It is needless to point out to any sane man that Dr. Eliot's position is ludicrously opposed to facts. The sailshness of the man of the twentieth century is written just as large across his face as it was across the face of every other since the fall. Needless to point out, also, that if Christ with His Church and Sacraments has failed to eradicate it—as Dr. Eliot remarks—it will resist fairly well, except on paper, any evolutionary uprooting by Dr. Eliot or his kind.

Yet the article is a wonderful article, as wonderful in its line as the feats of the renowned Hermann in his. It juggles away sin, "a fact," says Chesterton, "as plain as potatoes;" it puts away Revelation and the need of Redemption; and having exploited to the utmost Christ's authority to enjoin service of our neighbor, and refused to

vice of our neighbor, and refused to recognize His authority in any other point, it suddenly swoops down on authority altogether, knocks away, so to speak, all supports and proudly balances itself on air, on Dr. Eliot's breath.—

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