

Christ? Yet the question, perhaps, seldom or never enters your mind wheth-

of not. Perhaps you have a vague idea of a heaven hereafter—some kind of a place of happiness which you hope, in some unaccountable way, to reach at last; but you have not the slightest evidence that you will ever reach such a place. On the contrary, in the light of Christianity you have every reason to fear that your condition will be anything but a happy one. The solemn truth is that you can not afford to run any risk. The consequences are too tremendous. The stake is for eternity;—eternal happiness or eternal misery;—and you can not get rid of it. You can not shirk the responsibility of deciding.

The fact that there are many opinions in the world as to what Christianity really is, furnishes no good excuse for remaining in doubt, for the truth must exist somewhere; and with proper inquiry it can be found out. Christianity is historical; and though there are contradictory histories and false histories, yet, by confession of all parties, there is one venerable body which has come down from the beginning, and which now exists in every part of the world, a body which claims to have

the original deposit of the faith. The body, at the present moment, commands the homage of some of the greatest intellects in the world; and the facts constitute at least a *priori* evidence in favor of that original body, at least, sufficient evidence to impose upon every reasonable person the obligation of examining its claims. For the indispensable condition for such examination is a sincere desire to know the truth—a disinterested willingness to be convinced. With such disposition the result can not be doubt-

A Lawyer Cardinal.

Mgr. Sebastiano Herrero y Espin de los Monteros, one of the seven new Cardinals just created, is one of the most interesting men in the Church. For years before he took orders, Ca

He was appointed a Judge and eventually president of the Court of Assizes. He was honored with the degree LL.D. by his alma mater, the University of

Salamanca. At the age of thirty he gave up his legal practice, and nouncing everything worldly, entered the Congregation of Oratory. Pius IX. made him Bishop of Vittoria in 1876. Six years later he was transferred to Oviedo as its Bishop, su-

A PRINCE AS A SERVANT

A remarkable career ended the day at Prague, when the grave closed upon the mortal remains of Bro. Karl, the Benedictine. Brother Karl was a priest, but his love of poverty prompted him to seek the avocation of the lowest servant. He was bent upon making himself the menial of a monastery, and his superiors

bound to give him an opportunity to practice the exalted virtue for which he hungered. He was of noble lineage. The story of his early life runs like a Prince Edward Schoenburg, handsome, dashing, and of exceptional promise. He followed arms with much education until his thirty-fifth year. A change

over his spirit. One day, warning anybody, he rode to the from the parade grounds and sat at attention in full uniform, asking prior for admission. The head order at first refused, but Prince ward broke his sword, threw away epaulets, decorations and many-e coat, and begged for a monk's and went to Rome, studied the

Prof. Frederick R. Honey, of Haven, formerly professor of moral drawing in the Yale School, has been received in the Church and made his First Communion June 7.

The announcement that he had become a Catholic was a surprise to his friends. His brother is Sam Honey, prominent in Newport. Prof. Honey graduated from the University of Chicago in 1885. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, New Haven, for years was superintendent of the Sunday School.

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