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THD CHRISTIAN SCIENCE FAD.

Another instance of Faith Cure  
folly is reported from Frankfort, In-  
diana. Six weeks ago a child of  
Joseph C. Shewenitch was stricken  
with whooping-cough which two  
weeks later developed into pneu-  
monia. The father and mother of the  
child are faith-cureists, and refused to  
allow any medicine to be administered,  
and in consequence of this neglect  
the child died. On investigation of  
the case by the grand jury, an indict-  
ment was returned charging the  
father and mother with wilful murder.  
The coroner's jury had rendered the  
same verdict.

### LAWFLESS KENTUCKY.

Kentucky is still the scene of count-  
less murders and outrages which shock  
the civilized world. There are several  
family feuds in progress which result  
in a succession of murders, each one of  
which is an act of revenge for the pre-  
ceding one. In addition to these kill-  
ings, there has just been another shoot-  
ing outrage in Clay Co., outside of the  
family feuds. Two brothers, named  
James and Cain Lewis, began firing  
into the house of an old man named  
Shell, whereupon Shell in self-defense  
shot James Lewis eleven times with a  
Winchester rifle, killing him. Cain  
Lewis then made his escape. In the  
same county there are also at the pre-  
sent moment several persons awaiting  
trial for murders committed. This  
State seems to be on the point of relaps-  
ing into a condition of barbarism rival-  
ing that of the wildest regions of  
Africa, and certainly far worse than  
that which has existed on the Phillipine  
islands, to which the American Gov-  
ernment deems itself bound to carry  
the blessings of American civilization.

### PROBABLE CARLIST UPRISING.

From Spain there are still rumors of  
Carlist plots to overthrow the present  
dynasty. These plots are said to be  
concocted in the vicinity of Barcelona  
and the neighboring villages, where  
Carlism is especially strong. Measures  
have been taken by the Government  
to put down any outbreak which may  
occur, troops having been placed at  
strategic points on the neighboring  
hills and in all the villages where it is  
thought that an insurrectionary move-  
ment might attain any considerable  
strength if not suppressed at an early  
stage. While there is little or no rea-  
son to believe that any insurrectionary  
movement would be strongly supported  
in the whole country, past experience  
proves that especially around Barce-  
lona the Carlist traditions are strong  
enough to rally around them a consider-  
able body of the people, and this  
makes it necessary that the Govern-  
ment should be prepared for any con-  
tingency. The recent taxes which  
have been imposed in order to meet the  
losses by the war are taken advantage  
of by the malcontents to discredit  
the Government and sympathize  
with Don Carlos.

### MISSIONARY ZEAL EVAPORATED.

One of the benevolent attempts of the  
Protestant missionaries of the United  
States to propagate their gospel has  
met with a sudden collapse. It will  
be remembered by our readers that at  
a meeting of the Mission Societies of  
the different sects to divide among  
them the new territorial acquisitions  
of the United States, it was arranged  
that each sect should have its own field  
of labor, so that there might not be any  
conflict of contradictory doctrines in  
the effort to deprive the new American  
subjects of their faith. In accordance  
with this agreement missionaries were  
sent to Porto Rico in a considerable  
number. The Rev. Salvador Castany,  
Canon of San Juan Cathedral, writes to  
the Secretary of the Catholic Colonial  
Union at St. Louis, Mo., an account of

the success with which those missionar-  
ies met. He says that

"With American domination in Porto Rico  
came quite a number of Protestant ministers.  
As in their usual experience in Catholic coun-  
tries they soon discovered how absolutely  
fruits were their efforts and quickly dis-  
couraged. And when once they had given up  
in despair, to the best of my knowledge, there  
is not a Protestant preacher on the island,  
except a few who are acting as chaplains to  
the soldiers. Like their brothers in the sister  
islands of other lands, in Porto Rico  
we well know what is true, and what is error.  
God forbid that any of His children should  
ever lapse into infidelity; but I can assure  
you that it would be far easier in Porto Rico  
make an infidel than a Protestant."

It did not take long for the zeal of  
these missionaries to evaporate.

### A REUNITED CHRISTENDOM.

The Rev. W. A. Shedd, a Presby-  
terian missionary in Oromia, Ethio-  
pia, attended recently, by invitation,

a service in the French Catholic mis-  
sion in memory of President Faure of

France, and he gives in a recent is-  
sue of the Presbyterian Banner an ac-  
count of the impression made upon  
his mind by the striking divisions ex-  
isting among Christians, and the  
effect which these divisions must have  
upon Moslems and Pagans in those  
countries which have not yet a knowl-  
edge of the true God.

Mr. Shedd admits that the "Catho-  
lic funeral service is an imposing  
rite, but not a pleasant one to a Pro-  
testant."

There sat a Roman Catholic Bishop  
in full robes, with mitre and crosier, his  
brother Bishop of the Chaldean rite, and at-  
tendant monks, the black robed monks of the

Russian mission, the Anglican priests, and  
Protestants from America, England and  
Germany. Beside them sat the Eastern  
Orthodox and Western Christians rep-  
resenting the Oriental Churches, and most de-  
corously polite Moslem Government officials.

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