

Mr. White was not so undecided. He knew his mind. One evening he called on the Westalls, and openly entered on the vexed subject. He had been told by a Conway gentleman that the English shop was certainly going to be given up, and so he had determined to occupy the field. Now, however, he found he had been premature in his conclusions, and being very far from wishing to do an unhandsome thing, he called to ask what would best content Mr. and Mrs. Westall. Such a well-known and well-thought-of establishment as the English shop must always command his respect, whatever his plans might be.

A good deal of polite language was employed, the meaning of which came curiously near to Hope's little plan. She joyfully entered into Mr. White's calculations. He offered 75*l.* down for the goodwill of their

diapery business, and should they at any time wish to dispose of their whole shop, why, he was willing to give another 200*l.* for the goodwill, and to take the stock at a fair valuation.

'Oh, thank you,' said Hope; 'but we don't think of giving up our business altogether,—do we, Harold?'

'Oh no!' said Harold hastily. 'The fact was that Harold had just begun to think it would be very nice to be freed from the trammels of what he was pleased to call a poky little village shop. But he was not very brave, and he simply dared not let Hope see into his heart at present. And part of the business going was a step. So he readily agreed to the great man's proposal, and congratulated Hope on having less to do in the future.

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Heroes of the Christian Faith.

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AND here we might well pause to note how and why the decisions of Church Councils are binding upon Christians.

Many serious-minded people have never given this subject sufficient thought. And the consequence is the idea has become very prevalent that religion is largely a matter of opinion—that it is not of very serious import what doctrine we hold, so long as we are living fairly moral lives. 'We are all going the same way,' is a current phrase of many who live apart from the Church, and who wish to justify their position. It is a phrase of which it is not easy to see the meaning; for if we are all going the same way, why not travel by the same road? It is only when people are going in different directions that they usually find it necessary to part company. There is one religious community, at any rate, which perceives this. The writer has had intercourse with many

Christadelphians; and though there is much that a Churchman must think erroneous in their teaching, they have one article which, in its way, is valuable. 'We can't be all right,' they say, 'in our different faiths. If one body is right, then it follows that the rest must be wrong.'

Religion is, in reality, a revelation from God. He has bequeathed it to His Church to propagate throughout the world.

The one Lord of all has given one Faith to be accepted by all in one Baptism. Truth is no matter of opinion. It is fixed and unalterable. If all the world were to turn round and believe some falsehood, it would not make it the truth. It is necessary for us to remember this in days when it is thought that creeds should be framed to suit the people, not that the people should be brought to believe the creeds. The Church which would shape its teaching to suit the tastes of those who are to be taught, would have