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tracing her, and had now reason for be-lieving her to be dead, after a stage career of great hardship and no suc-

The memory was a bitter one, and he felt keenly for Carrie Greene's poor, foolish friend, who had behaved in a similar manner. "You want me to see her and try to

do something for her, I suppose ?'

asked. "Yes, Father," said the girl, esgerly. "You could do 'er 'eaps of cood. She's forever readin' of your cood. good. She's forever readin' of your semons, you see, and seems to think a lot of 'em. But you must go before she goes to the seaside. She's goin' for a change of air. The doctor said it was 'er only chance o' gittin' strong

"Can she afford to go?" asked

Father Leigh. "It's been managed," answered

It's been managed," answered Carrie, vaguely.
But how?" asked the priest.
Ob, through a pal," said Carrie, with a hot color rising in her cheeks.
Father Leigh's suspicions were aroused.
I believe you are the pal," he said, but only half believing his own

words. Carrie stood silent, and lookel exceedingly uncomfortable. "Do tell me," he said, with rising hope. "Are you ?"

hope. "Are you ?" "It was your last sermon at S—" pleaded Carrie, in charming self de-iense. "About self-sacrifice, you know: so mother and I thought we'd how: so mother and I thought we'd give 'er a week or so at the sea, pore thing.

Bat how can you possibly afford

"But how can you possibly an Ma to?" asked Father Leigh, with a queer expression in his eyes. "Oh, we'd got a bit saved up against our trip to Margate," said Carrie, airily, " and it jest cane in Landy. airily, " and it jest came in Landy. She wants a change more'n we do, and you said in your sermon as we coght to put the needs to other's afore our own, you know.

Father Leigh turned away rather abruptly, and walked over to the win

"So you will have no holiday at all,"

he said. "That don't matter," rejoined Carrie, her thin, overworked, stooping frame belying her words, however. "It den't matter a bit. We'd rather she went, but look 'ere-don't you let on, Father. She don't know who's doin' it or the malder't possibility of rational controve or she wouldn't go. Don't go and tell

er. "I won't tell her," said Father Leigh, and his face was very bright and the sad expression had vanished. "I won't tell her, my child, and God Himself will reward your generosity. I will go to your friend at once."

! she ain't exactly my remarked Carrie, "she's a friend," iriend," remarked Carrie, such as some swell, you see ; and as for generositywhy, it's nothin' o' the kind. you're lookin' as pleased as if I'd given yer a pound, Father! Reg'lar cheered

up." "I am," he answered, as she shook her hand in farewell.

An hour later saw him entering the miserable lodging of Carrie's sick pro tege.

she lay on a couch near the window, but when she caught sight of the priest she started violently and turned her face to the shadews.

"I have not startled you, I hope?" asked Father Leigh. "I heard of your illness from a friend, and thought 1..." He broke off suddenly, his attention

arrested by something unusual in the invalid's manner, something familiar in her attitude.

With beating heart and a wild fancy surging in his brain he approached near to the couch, and looked down on the prostrate form. Then an exclamation of frantic won

Then an exchange of the second second

and equality — not as these principles were found in Greece and Rome, but as applied to the mind and considered with reference to the most sublime objects. verdict is to deny human reason. Therefore, in discussing our subject, I shall prescind from the fact that I am a priest. I shall forget that I am a It must be a power incessantly trans-forming the physical man into the moral Catholic ; and I shall speak exclusively as a logician operating in the domain of reason and history. In logical argumentation, the first

requisite is an understanding of terms. In the present instance, the vital term is religion. What, now, is the essen tial, definite meaning of the term, religion ?

which alone is equivalent to all the others-the divice virtue of charity. The requisites here demanded by the Religion is not what you or I may think or assume to be. It is a concrete religion of the fature are found in the Christian religion, and only in the Christian religion. The Christian retrink or assume to be. It is a concrete truth, and like every other truth it is absolutely independent of the reasonings and convictions of in-dividuals. It is utterly preposterous for you and for me to discuss religious ligion is the only religion that even claims to be a religion for all men. It alone is the world's religion; it alone takes practical and consistent recog-nition of the bond resulting from the problems unless we have an accurate, sharply defined understanding of what creative act.

And whence comes the Christian religion is. I have no logical right to religion ? History gives answer-from talk about religion, unless I am able to define religion. Definitions, strictly Christ. It is Christ's positive affirma tion defining the duties of the creature to the Creator. And who was Christ? understood, are condensed, formula ed arguments from facts. The human mind does not define nothing; por Carist was God, or He was a mad enthusiast, or a blasphemous liar. In un equivocal terms, he declared that he was does it create something to be defined It takes facts, employs these facts a one with the Father – equal to the Father – God. To substantiste his claim, he laid down his life; and by taking it up again, he demonstrated that he was absolute Master of life and premises, and by analysis and compari son, by assertion and denial, from the premises taken, it deduces conclusions which are incorporated into science as logical definitions. If religion is a truth, there must exist a fact, the ultideath, Infinite Being — God — Creator. Fo deny that Christ was God is logimate analysis of which will be a concally to assert that he was a senselers clusion setting forth in its assertion the clusion setting forth in its assertion the essence of religion. If in my ratiocina tions I talk about something that is not substantially the formal definition of religion, then I do not talk about relig-ion. I talk about something that is not religion. I talk beyond the question at issue. I recognize in no man the right to create a definition of religion. Even when the Pope speaks, I demand the facts. Now what is the fact in which visionary or a blasphemous imposter. Christ proved his right and power to define religion. And, history clearly shows how, in fact, he defined — what nature and properties H; gave to

religion. religion. He gathered around Him a chosen band of disciples. In this band He con creted religion. He was G id, Creator. It was His right to designate the exclusfacts. Now what is the fact in which is rooted the definition of religion? What is the fact in the case? ive manner in which the debt of wor ship was to be paid. Exercising thi What is the fact in the case? In the vast array of facts confronting us there is no fact so clearly and absolutely beyond question as the fact of the existence of the visible world. This is a barrier before which right, He constituted the chosen band His church. He organized this b nd into a visible society. This band was Caristianity. This band was the Chris-tian church. To one in this band, He gave special prerogatives. To this one He said : "Thou art Peter, and on this all doubt and scepticism must pause. Hence, the definition logically deduced rock I will build My church." He made Peter the head of this visible organization. This visible organization from the fact of the world's existence will be by its very nature beyond the This vast universe, with its myriad marvels-whence came it ? Shall it be said that the universe with He empowered to teach all men and all nations, and to teach what He had taught — nothing more, nothing less. And for how long was this visible soci-ety to be the religion of the world? its wondrous order and system is the its wondrous order and system is the result of chance? Chance is a nonen-tity. It were far less absurd to say that a watch is a work of chance than to attribute to such a cause the exist ence of the universe. Shall it be con-Listen to Christ, Eternal Truth, givi g Listen to Corist, Eternal Truth, giving answer: "I will be with you until the end of time." Until the end of time ! Through all days! Through all ages in the future ! Therefore, on the word of God, the church instituted by Christ tended that the universe finds its full and ultimate explanation in the very matter out of which it is made? This will be the religion of the future. The substantial form and status prescribed were to suppose matter is eternal, selfby Christ, must persevere-the essential existent, absolutely independent, unvisibility must be in evidence changeably and unlimited. But such identical truth must stand forth. God's an idea of matter is the denial of matter. word demands it.

And where, to day, is that church ? Evidently it is where that visible society of which Peter was the appointed change, and therefore it must have had a beginning and cannot b self-existent. Matter bespeaks a producing cause. head is perpetuated. I: was to that society Christ promised duration until There was a period when it was not-It now society Christ promised within a weight the end of ages. Now, it is as easy to prove that Pope Pins X, is the successor of St. Peter as to prove that President Roosevelt is the successor of Washing-ton; and the fact of succession in the is—it is something. Its history is from tothing to something. But this is creation. To produce something from creation. To produce something from nothing is the word of an infinite in-telligence and onnipotent power. It proclaims God. God is then the Master of the universe, and the uni-verse is God's property. The material and irrational universe is summed up and completed in man. Man is the incase of Pins X as much proves that the church of which Pins X is the head, is the church of Christ, as the succession in the case of President Roosevelt proves that the United States of which and completed in man. Man is the in-telligent expression of God's created Mr. Roosevelt is President is the same political body over which Washington presided. Unless Pius X. is the head of work; and therefore it is man's interent duty to sum up the offices of all creatures by rendering praise and glory for them to the Creator. It is the Christian religion by God lished, the words of Christ are falsified. It Pius X. is the head of the religion glory for them to the Greator. It is man's duty to recognize the perfection manifested by God in the creative act. The fact of creation holds man bound to the Creator—intelligently, responinstituted by the Creator, then it was to that body of which Pius X. is the head, Christ said : "I am with you all days;" and as a necessary logical consequence, the veracity of God de-mands that the Catholic religion be the sibly bound. The fact of creation is an explaining, necessary bond between the

religion of the future. In a moment of thoughtful enthu siasm, Lord Macaulay, the English siasm, Lord Macaulay, the English Protestant historian, gave out this elequent testimony pertinent to our subject: "The history of the Catho lie church joins together the two great ages of human civilization. The lic church joins together the two great ages of human civilization. The proudest royal houses are but of yesterday, when compared with the line of Supreme Pontiffs. That line we trace back in an unbroken series, from the Pope who crowned Napoleon in the nineteenth century, to the Pope who crowned Pepin in the eighth; and far beyond the time of Pepin the who crowned Pepin in the eighth; and far beyond the time of Pepin the august dynasty extends. The Papacy remains, not in decay, not a mere antique, but full of life and 'youthful vigor. The Catholic church is still sending forth to the farthest ends of the world missionaries as zealous as those who landed in Kent with Augus tine. The number of her children greater than in any former age. N Not do we see any sign which indicates that the term of her long dominion is approaching. She may still exist in undiminished vigor when some traveler from New Zealand shall, in the midst of a vast solitude, take his stand on a broken arch of London bridge to sketch the ruios of St. Paul's. REV. J. T. MCDERMOTT, D. D.

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ened when he thinks of factory hands-but of one of them-pale, thin cheeked Carrie-he thinks with moistened eye and he speaks with bated breath. And no wonder!-Francis Charles Clare in the Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

#### THE RELIGION OF THE FUTURE.

ADDRESS DELIVERED BEFORE THE SUN-SET CLUB, MILWAUKEE, BY REV. J. T. M'DERMOTT, D. D.

Mr. Chairman, Esteemed Members and Guest of the Sunset Club : Sure death-bed of a day-how The beautiful it is ! The hour when the shadows spread apace, and unkind Eve, her cheek yet warm with blushes, slow ly retires through the Hesperian garden of the West, and shuts the gates of Day-the hour just when the red sun sinks down behind the azure hill, circling all nature, hushed, and dim, and silent.

Sunset! The sacred lamp of day Sunset! The sacred lamp of day now dipped in western clouds-the great light sinking down in golden, glimmering vapors, veiling its splendor, like the prophet descending from Sinail Sunset! The moment when the sun from the western horizon, like a magic-ian, extends his golden wand o'er the ian, extends his golden wand o'er the handscape, and trembling vapors arise; and sky and water and forest seem all on fire, and melt and mingle together ! Surset ! The hour of mystic lovethe hour to wander forth mid beauty and decay, to meditate alone-alone to watch and pray! Gentlemen, the name of your club

bespeaks inspiration—inspiration most fitting for the reverential study of that sacred, divine subject, religion. "The Religion of the Future — What Will it Be ?"

His sister sobbed silently in reply, and the happiness of Father Leigh as he knelt by her side scened almost too great to bear. Father Leigh is no longer dishearten-ened when he thinks of factory hands— but of one of them—pale, thin-cheeked Religion is, then, essentially founded in the relation which subsists, by virtue of the creative act, between God and His creatures. It is the acknowl-edgement and worship of the Deity. edgement and worship of the Derty. We worship God because we owe Him a service. In worshipping Him we are simply rendering Him His due. We worship God for the sake of paying Him what we ove Him. Religion is a debt resulting from the creative act; and free religion is a contradiction in terms,

matter out of which it is made?

We know that matter is subject

a period when it was nothing.

as much as is free bondage. Religion

as much as is free bolage. Religious is always a bond that binds. Now, since God is sovereign pro-prietor of the universe and man is absolute subject, it follows that it is God's right to demand that the God's right to demand that the debt of worship be paid after the man-ner and form by Him determined. When God speaks, man's sole rational act is obedience. My finite, human in-teiligence reaches its highest possible grandenr when in the presence of grandeur when, in the presence of Eternal Truth and Infinite Intelligence, Eternal Truth and Indiffe Indefigience, I bow to each and cry out: My God ! My Creator! I believe ! I believe ! My Master! I obey ! If, as a matter of fact, God has de

creed that the worshipping act should take on a certain, positive,  $\epsilon$  xclusive form, and that in such form it should perdure until the end of time, then it perdure until the end of time, then it is not for you, not for me to prophesy or speculate anent the religion of the fature; then God, Who is omniscient and infallible, has declared what shall be the religion of the future. Let us never forget that religion is God's ex clusive right. It is what God decrees it to be; and if it be not that, it is not the thing under discussion.



" Since I saw you I have preached to hundreds who never saw's priest before and who never in their lives heard a word in favor of the Catholic church. I have reason to be well  $p = as \in d$ I have reason to be well pleased with the results of my work so far. They who have heard me are now in-clined to be well disposed toward the chirch. At least they are no longer her enemies and they will not bring up their children to hate the church as their parents had taught them to do." Conspeaks inspiration—inspiration most fitting for the reverential study of that sacred, divine subject, religion.
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Clustve right. It is what God declared Himself?
I am no prophet. I cannot pull aside the curtain behind which rests the finture, and read the infinite book of the religion of the future. Will be the religion of the future."
It is self evident that the religion of the future, by God appointed, must be a religion responding to every noble insistonary is heart to feel that he has turned back the currents of a prejudice to that goes forth from mouth of God as final Cause. It must insure to himself the future the great principles of liberty
The who have heard me are now indication it is to a missionary.

that He wanted to visit you, would you open your doors to Him? Well, He is in the Eucharist and He wants to visit in the bucharist and He wants to visit The religious and sectiar press of the day forcibly illustrates our meaning. In the first is mirrored that which makes for the glory of God and the satvation of souls. In the second is reflected that which glorifies the devil and leads to eternal perdition. 5: 6\*\*\*

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