PROBLEMS FOR ATHEISTS

If you meet with an atherst do inot let him entangle you into the discussion of sides issues. As to many points which he raises, you must learn to make the Rabbi's answer, I do not know, But ask him these seven questions.

I. Ask, him where did come from. Can a dead thing create itself.

2. Ask him where did motion come trom.

3. Ask him, where life came from. save from the finger, tip of Omnipot. ence

4. Ask him. whence came the exquisite order and design in nature? If one told you that the millions of painter's types should fortuitously shape themselves into the 'Divine Comedy' of Dante, or the plays of Shakespeare, would you not think him a madman.

5. Ask him, whence came conscious

6 Ask him who gave you free will.

7. Ask him, whence came conscience. He who says there is no God. in the face of these questions, talks simply stupendous nonsense. This, then is one of the foundations, one of the things that cannot be shaken and will remain. From this belief in God follows the be. hef in God,s providence, the belief that we are His people and the sheep of His

EASY AND PRACTICALLY SURE WAY OF TESTING ALTAR WINE.

Take a glass of water filled within an inch or so, fill a small bottle or vial with the wine to be tested; stop the orifice of the vial with the thumb, and turn thus the neck of the vial into the water, then withdraw the thumb and observe results. If the wine is pure hardly a drop will escape out of the vial, and what does escape will float on the surface of the water, if not, the sweetening extraneous matter will gradually drip to the bottom of the glass, and by testing what remains in the vial you can find out whether the wine is either partially or totally adulterated, That test is founded of course on the principle that all real wine is specifically lighter than water_there are two ways of applying the same test.

I got lately some wine, chiefly for table use, but bedered it shipped as altar wine, warranted perfectly pure with an offer of ever so many dollars to any one who could find the least adulteration in it. The dealer is said to be a Catholic. has a large custom, I think, among the Catholic clergy, and never heard the least suspicion uttored against the purity of his wines. The wine or rather the liquid, in question has a real taste of wine but is rather too sweet I thought to be good for altar purpose. Therefore I wrote to the dealer to tell me whether he was absolutely sure in conscience that in case of necessity I could use that wine for the altar. He ject. However at the late mission held and there is no music to cheer the weary in my parish, up on the suggestion of a feet. visiting priest, the above test was ap. plied. The wine I use for the altar stood the test perfectly, but the same test applied repeatedly to that awant beverage warranted over and over to be perfectly pure wine and fit for the altar proved to be not only adulterated but simply no wine at all.

Experto Crede Roberto. P. S. For the benefit of the Catholic clergy, and above all for the honor of Christ in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass I would request you to invite your Cath. olic exchanges to copy the above test and warning. H, D,

CAROLAN.

Carolan was certainly the most remark able of the Irish minstrels, Born in the year 1670 he early lost his sight through small-pox but solaced himself for the deprivation by the study of music, in which he made astonished progress. The Irish Monthly Review gives this instance of his wonderful music memory, and his extraordinary power of musical improvisation: "At the house of an Irish nobleman, where Geminiani was present, Carolan challenged the eminent compos er to a trial of skill. The musician played over on his violin the Fifth Concerto of Vivaldi; it was instantly repeated by Carolan on his harp, although he had never heard it before. The surprise of the company was increased when Carolan asserted that he would compose a concerto himself, and did then and there invent a piece that has since gone by his name. He composed upon the buttons of his coat, the buttons serving for the purpose of the lines, the intervals between them for the spaces." Another story about Carolan is adduced in amusing proof of his amazing musical memory. He was about to perform one evening at a patical patient of the constant of t of the lines, the intervals between them

previously practicing what was evidently intended to be his show piece on the occasion. When the trial came off, Carolan as the more distinguished harper was called upon ta play first, and to the mingled rage and astonishment of his rival. played as his own the very piece which he was about to perform, but with a feeling and finished he never could have approached.

THE LAST BLRSSING.

After the publication of the recent De cree of the Sacred Congregation of Indul gences on the Papal Blessing, it may be interesting to recall another Decree of the same Congregation on the same subject. On June 20th, 1836, it was decided that the Last Blessing, cannot be repeated in the same sickness. Though the sick person may have received it in mortal sin, or may have fallen into grievous sin afterwards, or though a long sickness may supervene, such as would require-accord ing to the spirit of the Ritual that Extreme Unction be administered again, or though the confessor may deem it neces sary to repeat absolution, still it is not lawful in the same sickness to impart this Indulgence a second time. From this decision it follows that Extreme Unction can be repeated more easily than the Last Blessing. The reason is this. The Last Blessing, which is a total and entire remission of the temporal punishment due to sin, takes effect only at the last mo. ment of life, and hence to receive it once cuffice for ever. Whereas Extreme Unc tion produces its effect in the act of the reception of the Sacrament, and therefore it can be recieved with profit several times, that is as often as extreme danger ceases and afterwards recurs.

FAULTS LEADING TO VIRTUE

The faults into which we fall often give place to great acts of virtue, which otherwise, we should never have had occasion to practice, and God permits our faults for this end. For example a dash of temper a brusque reply, a manifest impatience, just fits one for a good act of humility, which abundantly repairs the fault and the scandal it had given, The fault is committed by a sudden impulse; the reparation is made w ith reflection, by a victory over one's self, and with a full and deliberate will. The latter is an act much more agreeable

SPEAKING EVIL OF OTHERS

Is it true. Is it kind. Is it necessary These are very proper questions for one to ask and answer, when he finds him selfabont to speak evil of some one else. And if he answers any one of them in the negative then he had petter omit the evil speaking, The observance of this rule will save him from doing evil

THE PERSEVERING SHALL CONQUER No grace is more necessary to the Christian worker than fidelity-the hum answered in the affirmative, renewing ble grace that marches on in sunshineall his warranty deeds, etc.; on the sub. and storm, when no banners are waving

PRIVATE JUDGMENT

If a man pught to be free to exercise 'the right of private judgment' in relig why should not be exercise the same right in civil and social life. Why shouldn't he decide for himself what the laws mean and which of them he will obey. They are less difficult to under, stand and less important than the Scrip

TWO KINDS OF GIRLS

One is the kind that appears best abroad_the girls that are best at part. ies, rides, visits, balls, etc. and whose chief delight is in such things, The ot. her is the kind that appears best at home_the kind that are useful and cheerful in the dining room, sick; room and all the precints of home. They diff er widely in character. One is often a torment at home, the other a blessing, one is a moth consuming everything around her; the other is a sunbeam, inspiring light and gladness all around her pathway. To which of these classes do you belong?

HER AGE

You are shown a girl baby. You remark, What? only six months old! is it possible! I should guess she was at least a year old.' And the mother is delight. ed, and tells everybody that Mr. Smith is a most delightful gentleman-, The baby grows. Ten years later you meet her. Impossible!' you exclaim; 'such a great girl, and only ten years?'not only mother, but the great girl is delighted this time. Another ten years passes;

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THE WISE VIRGINS AND THE PRE-SIDENT

In the school attached to the church at which Mr. Cleveland often worships a class of small girls was on last Sunday being diverted with the pretty parable of 'The wise and Foolish Virgins.' After the story had been told the teacher thought it wise to question his pupils to ascertain how much they remem. bered.

'What did the wise virgins do.' he asked.

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