poverty as a condition for follow-

It was their poverty-

bitter, painful poverty, that

And so, dear boys and girls

will soon be over. Then it will be

a matter of small moment to you

what God intended it should

An Agnostic's Confession

The hopelessness of the Rational

istic creed, devoid as it is of one

crumb of comfort or of a single

consoling thought for the bereaved

or troubled human heart, has been

agnostics of England, Mr. Horace

W. Bottomley, the talented editor

change of heart and mind has

been brought about by reflection

on the horrors and tragedies of

the war. He described his con-

version in the following passage

n a recent issue of his paper

Now, today, in my fifty-fifth

year, and after about as strenuou

a life as any man of that age has

ever lived, I believe in God and in

the immorality of the soul of man.

transmuting the base metal of

human experience into the pure

that God has a Divine purpose for

not only the blood of heroes, but

equally for the tears of woman

the quivering anguish of the

human heart and the sacrificing

effort of unselfish aim." It has

been confidently predicted that

one of the effects of the war will

be to give an added vogue to

irreligion and infidelity-and in

many directions this will doubt-

ess be the case. But there will be

ompensations; and the experience of Mr. Bottomley will doubtless

find a paralled in numbers of

John Bull. Mr. Bottomley's

purchase-eternal happiness.

brought them forth.

recognized this...

ing Him closely.

The Vilest Fiend of All

False spirit! take thy fiendish

Thy name is demon, and not

Durst thou cling to the purple Durst thou seek shelter 'neath

the vine? Nay, cling unto thy patron, Death, And hide thee 'neath his blackest

Throughout creation's length and

breadth Thou art the vilest fiend of al What are thy crimes? Go, ask

the grave, That yawning waits its lifeless

Thy murdered serf, and piosoned

A type, once, of the living God The shricks within the maniac's

The wails and groans of millions

Thou art the vilest fiend of all What are thy crimes? You shadows of the porch. She soulless thing

Was once God's image pure and the tears.

To prove thy guilt! The fiercest

That burns below when sinners

Is fed by thee, remorse and shame Proclaim thee, vilest fiend of

Oh, God of justice! God of day after all. right! Why is the world so full of

Why are souls withered by this blight?

Is this the working of thy foe-The rebel, sire of sin and crime. Who makes thy likeness, man,

his thrall? Oh. Father! Shield our newborn

-By the New Zealand poet, the late Tom Bracken, in Exchange

The Better Part.

(Concluded.)

Margaret returned to the quiet plenty of time yet. She and Tom kitchen and finished her dishes to were both young. the accompaniment of a line of standing and sympathetic.

to the picture show with her.

"May I go mother?" called Agnes to Mrs. Harding, sitting on Mrs. Smiley's front porch. "Oh, I suppose so !" called back

cup on the kitchen cabinet -- no; a mouth, always sweet and smil-I believe I laid it on the mantel ing. beside the dining-room clock-or don't stay too late."

coming in side. Oh, dear. I had such a good start at his age. wonder where it is! Oh, thank And Margaret's vocation was you, Margaret. What time is it? settled, too. Mrs. Harding had I'm coming Millie. Did you get settled that herself. Margaret your catechism lesson? I haven't would be an old maid and stay at even looked at mine. Good night, home with her mother. She was Margaret. Don't wait up. Good glad she had brought Margaret night, Mother."

and watched the two go up the faction and delight. — Catholic street together. Then she sighed. News. Of course they had never thought of asking her to go with them. They considered her too old. And yet there was hardly two years' difference in their ages.

Mrs. Smiley engaged in their often heard to say, "I would usual conversation. Her mother's certainly do this and that and voice had raised slightly. "I the other thing if-I only had shouldn't wonder," she was an- money," writes Agnes Kenning, in nouncing, "if Agnes goes to the Extension Magazine. convent. She's always that pious with her prayers and her cate- have money you are going to do chism. Of course, she's young yet anything great for mankind, if and must have a little recreation you did not do it before. And sofirst. She won't be seventeen till if you cherish a dream of becom-March. I don't think she ought ing rich and building a hospital, to go to the convent too early. for the poor, or founding an Though maybe, of course, she has orphan asylum, or feeding the a vocation to marry. You never hungry, the probability is that can tell, These pious ones are needed in the world, too. And she'd make some man a good wife. She's got a sweet disposition. Now Margaret's different. Margaret's more like her father!"

Margaret heard with a strange little ache in her heart. Two small tears came into her eyes She was different she knew, no matter how hard she tried. But maybe it was as Agnes had said ∄at afternoon: virtue is very

Aching Joints in the fingers, toes, arms, and other parts of the bedy, are joints that are inflamed and swollen by rheumatism-

that acid condition of the blood which affects the muscles also. Sufferers dread to move, especially after sitting or lying long, and their condition is commonly worse in wet

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difficult for some people to acquire. Perhaps she didn't pray hard nough, she reflected.

"H'lo!" exclaimed a brisk oung voice from the walk. "You, Margaret?" And Tom Warner came up the steps. "Alice will be The chain clanks in the prison's you're to be ready to go to the picture show by, the time she

> Margaret had risen to her feet and had blinked the tears off her ashes, grateful for the screening wouldn't have liked Tom to see

"Of course," she responded. Yea, fiend, as witnesses I'll bring The ache had fled from out of her Lust, hatred, murder and des- heart-Tom and Alice were always Make up your mind that you are kind. "Sit down, please, till I get a wrap," and she disappeared into the house.

"Mother," she called, coming ut again, a wrap on her arm, "I'm going out with Alice and Tom.

It had been a perfectly lovely

That night she spoke to Agnes in confidence. "I think Tom Warner's just awfully nice," she

"Yes, he is," agreed the amiable Agnes, "nicest boy I know. But I'm too young to be having beaux yet. Besides, Tom's only ut of the Manual Training and he hasn't any position. But I'm sorry I wasn't here when he came." From this the vilest fiend of all. And she snuggled serenely down among the covers and went to

Tom secured a position very soon arter. Agnes was a little life that is for the purchasing of disappointed that it was not a better one. But of course Tom could "work up," and maybe his father would help him. There was

Every day he passed the Hardthought that made her Guardian ing's house as he went to his work Angel regret the merit she was and again coming home. He would losing although like all Guardian stop and talk to Agnes who was Angels, he was really very under- nearly always reading on the front porch at the rear. They were a That evening Millie Flynn came handsome pair-Tom, so suddenly over and invited Agnes to come grown tall and manly and bearing himself with all the quiet dignity of a young man who was beginning to have a savings account; and Agnes with her beautiful brown curls, her expressive brown her mother. "There's a dime in a eyes, and her dear little curve of

Agnes's mother sighed with somewhere else. Wear your heavy satisfaction and delight that coat. The air is still damp; and Agnes's vocation had been so satisfactorily settled. Tom was "Did you see the dime any- such a fine lad and sure to make where, Margaret ?" asked Agnes, his way in time. Not many boys The great world war has done it.

up so well. And Mrs Harding Margaret sat down on the porch sighed a second time with satis-

Success

A great many boys and girls, She could hear her mother and as well as men and women, are

Do not imagine that if you



none of these beautiful thoughts WHOOPING will ever be carried into execution. It is poverty that brings out the COUGH goodness in most people. All the great doers for the human race! The Infant's Most The Christ-Child lived a poor Dangerous Disease.

ife; He had nowhere to lay His Whooping Cough, although specially a Head, and, too, Christ laid down disease of childhood, is by no means confined to that period but may occur at any time of life. It is one of the most dangerous diseases of infancy, and yearly All of the saints, especially causes more deaths than scarlet fever, those founders of religious Orders, typhoid or diphtheria, and is more common in female than in male children. that have done so much to alleviate Whooping Cough starts with sneezing, cognized that all good things are born in poverty. And, too, from

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who are reading this, do not make up your mind that you are that I find my dislike to the going to grow up and be rich. thought of extinsion increasing as I get older and nearer the goal. going to grow up and give God It flashes across me at all times and your fellow-men the best that is in you. It is true that you I shall probably know no more may not have much to give, but of what is going on than I did in nevertheless, give. First of all 1800. I had sooner been in hell a give to God. Give Him your good deal-at any rate, in one of heart and soul; then give to your the upper circles, where the parents, give them your love and climate and company are not too espect; and then give to your trying. I wonder if you are fellowmen, give them your service plagued in this way?" That is a Do not refuse to do a service to tremendous and far-reaching anvone. Remember you may not admission for a great and lifehave a chance to do the same tolong apostle of agnosticism to morrow, and life, which is only a few days and a few tomorrows

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Joe-How so? Jack-Well, when you don't currency of faith. * * * Pure pay it it will be less he is loosing.

rationalism, however, 'scientific,' has no word of comfort for weary Mary Ovington, Jasper Ont watchers or of solace for human writes:- "My mother had a badly hearts. * * * And now I have sprained arm. Nothing we used ome to believe that every noble did her any good. Then father got aspiration, every worthy act and Hagyard's Yellow Oil and it cured thought-every high resolve-is mother's arm in a few days Price conserved immortally. I believe 25 cents."

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WAS WEAK and RUN DOWN SUFFERED WITH "NERVES."

find a paralled in numbers of cases amongst the great rank and file of unbelievers.

In this connection it is significant to note that even apart from the thought-compelling influence of an appalling war distinguished agnostics have felt keenly the difficulties of their belief—or unblief—and have experienced within the depths of their being the persistent protest of a something in their nature that rebelled against the thought of complete extinction after death. In one of the later published lives of Huxley a letter to Mr. John Morley is quoted, in which the great natura-

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