

than falsehood; though it be shaded by ten thousand veils. For even so it is easily detected, it easily melts away. But truth stands forth unveiled for all that will behold her beauty; she seeks no concealment, dreads no danger, trembles at no plots, desires not glory from the many, is accountable to no mortal thing, but stands above them all; is the object of ten thousand secret plots, yet remaineth unconquerable, and guards as in a sure fortress those who fly to her by her own exceeding might; who avoids secret lurking-places, and setteth what is hers before all men.
—S. Chrysostom.

ANOTHER COMPLAINT FROM THE SECTS.—The N. Y. Chronicle complains bitterly of what it calls "the coldness in our churches,"—the coldness, that is, in the religious community to which it belongs; and the cause of it, as it is explained and illustrated, certainly exhibits the unsound state of things as respects, at any rate, their religious duties and exercises. They are now, ever and anon, he observes, addressing to one another such language as this,—*"We must have a meeting."* "Who can we get to come and hold a meeting with us." "We must have a man that can bring out the people—one that can wake us up." "Our pastor is a good man, and preaches good sermons, but his preaching is not the kind we want in a meeting." "We must have a man here who will come down upon us like a thousand of brick—one that will kindle a fire all around us, and burn us out." Now, this is not the language of minds either in an earnest or in a healthy state. It indicates a restlessness, a love of excitement, which is anything but symptomatic of that humble, submissive, devoted faith which belongs to their soul's health, yea, to their soul's salvation. They want a noise, a stir, a commotion. They want to be excited, not so much spiritually as carnally. They, must, therefore, they say, have a man "that can bring out the people—one that can wake us up." Their pastor "may be a good man, and preach good sermons," but, they exclaim, "we must have a man here who will come down upon us like a thousand of brick!" There is no idea of worship in all this; such people evidently give no heed to the divine precept, "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." And they that worship must worship in spirit and in truth. They take no account in it all of Christ's Holy Sacrament, as a channel of the grace they yet strikingly evince their need of. Even as regards "sermons," they show little of that which Scripture calls to "receive with meekness the engrafted word." All this is glaring to the sun on a midsummer day. Strange, that the pastors do not see—or, seeing, do not acknowledge—that there is something

"Regard the absent as if present, for the protection of that law of Jehovah, thou shalt not curse the deaf."

Parody.

Why don't you go to Meeting?

THE CHILD'S ANSWER.

Oh! no, I dare not turn away,
As you would have me do;
I dare not leave God's House to-day,
And go to meeting too.

In Church God always waits, I know,
To hear His people's prayer;
But in the place to which you go,
His presence is not there.

God's Priest in Church for God doth stand;
And when the prayers begin,
The Lord will give me at His hand,
Forgiveness of my sin.

But who taught others how to pray?
Who gave them power to preach?
Oh! this indeed is not the way
That God's Own Word doth teach!

Do not the Holy Scriptures show—
(We know the story well)
Why Korah once, and Dathan too,
Went down alive to hell?

And did not God strike Uzzah dead,
Because, through oversight,
Upon the ark his hands he laid,
Which only Priests might bear?

And Saul's sail end might make us wise,
Whom God in anger slew,
Because he offered sacrifice,
Which only Priests might do.

In Church I was baptized; I'll praise
In Church the Lord most high;
In Church I'll serve Him all my days,
And in the Church I'll die.

'Tis there I love His Name to bless,
And there to hear His Word;
How can I do this wickedness,
And sin against the Lord?

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