

ecclesiastical rule, and he has felt its power and dared to brave its wrath ; but why has he not risen in the might of the greatness he possesses to shake the pillars of the Papacy ? Alas ! he has never learned that faith in Christ justifies the soul. His lurking reliance on sacramental grace is his weakness. Until he breaks this bond he must remain a prisoner, weak and helpless as other men. Dollinger, too, has demonstrated the fallibility of the pope, and has shown learning and power enough to confound every Jesuitical opponent that dared encounter the mightiness of his logic and facts ; but this champion of "Old Catholicism," venerable, learned and earnest as he is, must remain helpless as a child before the superstitions he detests, until he learns that Jesus Christ is the only priest of the Christian dispensation, and that faith in his blood, without the deeds of the law, or the sacraments of the Church, justifies the ungodly, and brings unto the soul the regenerating influence of the Holy Ghost.

"Law" Versus "Prayer."

Our modern philosopher tells us that God cannot, and therefore does not, answer prayer, because the laws of nature are fixed and inexorable ; but they cannot deny that man can and does answer prayer every day, for at the request of his fellow-men, he utilizes or overcomes nature's laws, and this by the exercise of his will, intelligence, and strength. When a man is asked to shake an apple from a tree, and complies, he utilizes the law of gravitation. Thus man can and does answer the prayers of his fellow-man by the control he has over nature. The "reign of law," which we are told is too strong for the Creator, is not too strong for the creature. Therefore, the creature is superior to the Creator. I believe none but avowed atheists will be able to assert that there is any faulty link in this *reductio ad absurdum*. — *Christian Treasury*.

"O, I wish I were a Christian !" says one, and yet he will not obey God. This is all one, as desiring that he might both obey and disobey God at the same time. If any one would be a Christian he has only to give up his own will, and let his Maker direct his course.

Wherever unselfish love is the mainspring of men's actions ; whenever happiness is placed, not on what we can gain for ourselves, but on what we can impart to others ; wherever we place our highest satisfaction in gratifying our fathers, our brothers and sisters, our wives and children, our neighbors and friends, — we are sure to attain all of happiness which the world can bestow. The simple heart that freely asks in love, obtains. — *Whittier*.