

a Constitutional State must have no power to meddle with religion at all, except to protect its quiet worship. The whole world must inevitably come to this conclusion, and then the whole world will be still. Then love will reign, and truth will burn brightly. The State itself will more readily become religious when it is deprived of all power to modify and govern religion.

How impressively are these truths illustrated by what is now going on in Germany and Switzerland! God, in his Providence, is showing us that neither Evangelical Protestantism, nor Romanism, nor Rationalism, whether under a Republic or a despotism, can be entrusted with State power. The State cannot be entrusted with power over the Church; for some way or other it will act the tyrant. The Church cannot be intrusted with power over the State, or with the use of the State to enforce her rubrics or her teachings; for the Church also, sooner or later, acts the tyrant, when tempted to it. The temptation comes under the guise of an angel, under the plausible pretence of uniformity in worship, and the advancing of the Redeemer's kingdom. So much the more dangerous it is, so much the more earnestly and carefully expel it. Religion is a voluntary thing, both in form and doctrine. Let every State and every Church respect it as such, and cease from enforcing it, and leave to Christianity

The Word of God only
The Grace of Christ only,
The Work of the Spirit only,

and then intolerance and strife will cease, truth and love will prevail, error will die out of existence, and throughout all nations the kingdom of Christ will come."—[Dr. Cheever.

THE PRIEST AND THE IRISH MILKMAN.

The following amusing instance of Irish wit on the part of a Roman Catholic milkman, in foiling the attempts of a priest to make him give up reading the Bible, was related by Dr. Dowling of this city, in an address during the anniversary week.—*New York Recorder*.

On reaching the milkman's humble cabin in the county of Kerry, the priest thus addressed him: "Why, my good fellow, I am informed that you are in the habit of reading the Bible; is my information correct?" "Sure it is true, please your reverence, and a fine book it is too."

"But you know," said the priest, "that it is very wrong for an ignorant man like you to read the Scriptures." "Ah," replied Pat, "but you must be after provin that same, before I consint to lave it aff."

"That I will do from the book itself. Now turn to 1 Peter, 2d, 2, 'As new-born babes desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.' Now, you are only a babe, and are therefore wrong to read the Scriptures yourself. You are here told to 'desire the sincere milk of the word, and one who understands what the 'sincere milk' is, must give it you, and tend you.'"

Pat listened attentively to the priest's authoritative address, but no