

most formidable of them is the ichneumon fly. This is one of the most active creatures you can imagine—it is always prowling about. It is furnished with a hollow fine-pointed sting or ovipositor. With this it pierces the skin of the caterpillar, and lays its eggs in the wound. Some species of ichneumons will lay as many as 150 eggs in one caterpillar. These soon hatch; and the grubs which come from them feed upon the fatty portions of the unfortunate insect they inhabit. But they for some time carefully avoid the vital parts. The caterpillar, therefore, lives on, and changes, it may be, to a chrysalis, but from this chrysalis no butterfly ever comes. What a striking emblem have we here of the devil's work, and of the evil passions which tear and vex the unregenerate man, and that finally destroy his soul!

But the good and merciful God has not left even the caterpillar without the means of escape from its enemies. The caterpillar of the Puss moth (*Cerura vinula*), affords a remarkable proof of this. It has a double tail, furnished with little red thongs, with which it lashes and drives away the ichneumon that would molest it. And God has not left man without the means of escape from his dread enemy. He has said—"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you;" and He has placed His Holy Word in our hands, as a weapon wherewith we may resist him. It was with this—the 'Sword of the Spirit'—that our Saviour repelled the foe." "It is written" He said; and Satan fled discomfited and abashed.

But with respect to the changes which insects undergo, and to those which mankind must undergo, the analogy does not hold good throughout. The perfect insect is exposed to many dangers, and perishes in a short time. But to the new Jerusalem, where the Lord God shall take up His tabernacle among men, Death shall find no entrance. "There shall be no more sorrow, neither shall there be any more pain"—for the former things shall have passed away.

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## CHARGE OF THE ARCHBILHOP OF DUBLIN.

His Grace, writes the *Times'* correspondent, does not seem in the least afraid of the agitation against the Establishment, and he is prepared to concede nothing in the way of reform, not even a revision of the Book of Common Prayer. His Grace seems full of the old Conservative instinct, and feels that if the least point is yielded all will be lost—the craving for change will be insatiable. No amount of alterations in the Prayer-book, he thinks, would restore any appreciable number of Dissenters to the community of the Church. As little will he be terrified into changes demanded by others, to adjust the theology of the Reformation to the results of modern science and discovery. With respect to the demand of Roman Catholics for the separation of the Irish Church from the State, he warns England against a more dangerous enemy to British connection. "Those to whom the English connexion is dear, alienated estranged, offended, will cherish, as only strong men can cherish, a deep—at the decisive moment it might prove a fatal—sense of the wrong which had thus been gratuitously done them." The Archbishop referred to St. Bride's Church and his implied approbation of the innovations introduced by the Rev. Mr. Carrol and the Rev. Mr. Maturin. The weakness of the former, his Grace says, consisted in the fact that he did not bring the people with him, while the latter did so, and won a victory in which the Archbishop rejoices. The dissatisfied parishoners he describes as men with "an appetite for outrage, for domineering over others, for compelling others to accept their lawless likings and dislikings."

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Esteem no sin little, for the curse of God is due to the least, and the least would have condemned thee, had not the Son of God died for thee.—*L. Baily.*