

and with a bad jousting procedure, that makes me feel sorry to see the devil with a most unnecessary advantage.

One must always pause nowadays to define that word "devil." There are several of him. There is the devil of whom we are all better Four devils. for having "a spice"; there is the devil to whom my good old Admiral sends his servants on every occasion; and there is the devil proper to devotion. One hears much discussion as to whether this devil of devotion is personal or not! However he may feel "in himself" (as the country folk say) he is certainly reported to be exceedingly personal in his attentions. The devil of whom I would speak here, however, is a public character, for under his name I group all the forces which make for racial decay. It is immaterial for our purpose whether they are marshalled and hounded on by some unseen giant of spiritual evil. They are there; they are at work and lively in your parish, as in every other, and producing national degeneration. And