

a difficulty, the solution of which, the minister judiciously left unattempted. "The nursery inmates of heaven" (with or without baptism) he was so good as to inform us, vastly outnumbered the adults, a statement, which at the present rate of slaughter, one would not desire to impugn.

A considerable number of ecclesiastics appear to be most in earnest when, like our imported sparrows, they are combating each others errors; our "reformed episcopalian," in common with the rest, waxed eloquent only when after erecting a high church card-castle, he proceeded with child-like delight, to batter it down. He sought more than once to catch the ear of the ladies with verses of poetry, which he evidently considered to be telling in a high degree, he manifested a striking disregard to the injunction of two apostles (1 Tim. ii, 9; 1 Peter, iii, 3,) whose valid successor he is supposed to be, in regard to the "wearing of gold," he has contracted the contagious disorder, involved by flourishing his sleeves, and was so good as to follow the example of his friend Leo, and other friends nearer home, in generously extending to us his *blessing*, at the conclusion of the service; it may be presumed that, in common with the gentlemen referred to, he concludes that "the less is blessed of the better," Heb. vii, 7. The most interesting portion of this, and it is to be feared, of many a pulpit deliverance, was expressed in the cheering words "in conclusion;" and one felt the more relieved in the present instance, because we were not tantalized with "lastly" or "finally," before we reached the conclusion. Upon the whole there is but too much reason to fear that what the Psalmist says of individual men is but too applicable to many professed Churches—"So soon as they are born, they go astray and speak lies."—Psalm lvi, 3.

#### TESTIMONY.

The President of the chartered Free-thought Association of the Dominion states that he has been repeatedly rebuked by

his associates, for telling the Editor of PULPIT CRITICISM, of the *good work* done by Dr. Wild in stimulating, by means of his pulpit travesties, the demand for infidel books. Dr. Wild is well aware that persons who have advanced a stage in infidelity beyond the Bond street stage, are unlikely to publish their names; but if it be any satisfaction to Dr. W. to possess the names of members of the Free-thought Association, who are satisfied that he is instrumental in increasing their number, he can have them by applying by letter to the Editor of PULPIT CRITICISM.

Dr. W., it is to be hoped, may also derive satisfaction from the testimony of that member of the Bond Street Church, who is largely interested in reducing its debt, to the effect that "the practice of swearing, which had obtained in a certain boot-factory, had been diminished, in consequence of some of the operatives of the factory frequenting the Bond Street Church."

It is well to be grateful for small mercies, and we will hope that the deacon's heart swelled with emotion, when the foregoing testimony was elicited from him at a recent meeting of representatives of the Congregational Union, whereat it was righteously decided that any approach to recognition of the Bond Street congregation is, under existing circumstances, impossible.

When one finds that Dr. Wild has announced from the pulpit, that he is the possessor of a book entitled "Sixteen crucified Saviours," and has offered from the pulpit to sell the book, one can hardly be surprised at certain of his hearers drawing conclusions unfavorable to his integrity as a professed preacher of the gospel.

#### JUDÆO-CHRISTIAN SARCO-PHAGI.

Certain sarcophagi, with inscriptions thereon, are among the treasures brought to light by the instrumentality of the Palestine exploration fund; they were discovered in a sepulchral cave in the Mount of