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Truth

BY HENRY W. LONGFELLOW.

boly and Eternal Truth : Thon art An emancipation of the Eternal Mind, glorious attribute, a noble part Of uncreated being. Who can find, y diligent searching who can find out

aprehensible, the Deity ?

The human mind is a reflection caught From thee, a trembling shadow of thy

ray, Thy glory beams around us, but the thought That heavenward wings its daring flight

Returns to where its flight was first begun, Blinded and dark beneath the noonday sun.

The soul of man, though sighing after these Hath never known thee, saving as it knows The stars of heaven, whose glorious light

The sun, whose radiance dazzles as it Something that is beyond us, and above The reach of human power, though not of human love.

Vainly philosophy may strive to teach The secret of thy being. Its faint ray Misguides our steps. Beyond the utmost of reach Of truth is shining on the longing eye, Distant, unchanged, changeless, pure and high.

and yet thou hast not left thyself without A revelation. All we feel and see Within us and around forbids to doubt, Yet speaks so daraly and mysteriously if what we are and shall be evermore, We doubt and yet believe, and tremple and adore.

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## DEDICATING CHILDREN.

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Catholic Columbian. In Catholic countries parents often dedicate or make an offering of their children, when infants, to the Blassed Mother of God. They are brought to the church for this purpose. The parents and friends of the family are present. It is a feast day for them. The child is taken to the shrine of the Blassed Virgin. The parents kneel before the altar and ask Our Lady to accept of the gift they are presenting to before the altar and ask Our Lady to accept of the gift they are presenting to be fore the altar and ask Our Lady to accept of the gift they are presenting to before the altar and ask Our Lady to accept of the gift they are presenting to be and to obtain for the child from her Divine Son the grace to remain a true servant of her until death. The Europe some parents dreas the children thus consecrated to Mary in blue until they are seven your fage. As soon as the child begins to other and to it, these parents tell friends who visit them : "This offer any to it, "You are a child of Mary." Parents tell friends who visit them : "This fields to look up to Mary. It is told of the beauty and goodnees of its heavenly what Our Lady will do for the child begins to could be part of parents that the child begins to could be part of parents that the child begins to is the part of parents that we reason to the part of parents that we reason to the part of parents that the will e sleep. The child the child begins to could be mane of Mary will ever the writh everything it sees and does. Parents have reason to the part of parents that the child begins to could be mane of Mary will every will every the see the child the see infant when they smile while sleep.

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we ought to make humanity the supreme object of our care and worship. And newspaper scribes sometimes assert that the doctrines and discipline of the Cath olic Church unduly depress mankind, and turn his care and stention into less descripting channels. Now, no one, I am sure, will find fault with those for striv. ing to assist and help their fellowman of ecouraged all such efforts. But refusal makes us the enemies of progress and enlightenment, we must plead refusal makes us the enemies of progress and enlightenment, we must plead guilty. But so far from depressing and lower-ing man and his dignity, I venture to the Church raise him to a higher level and place before him a higher motive and place before him a bigher motive and place before

 The first dependence of the observed of the omitpole of the omitp the possession of eternal and immut-able truth. The second distinctively Christian virtue is Hope. And what is Hope? To what does it raise us? The light of reason teaches us, as I said before, that we are God's creatures and must be sub-ject to Him, and if so subject will receive from Him a fitting recompense. But Christian hope makes us look upon God not as our Maker, but as our Father; not as a Master, but as our Father; not meely of His gifts and rewards, but of Himself for all eternity. With reference to the third great Christian virtue—Charity—I have time only to mention that it makes the ruling motive of our lives the love of God for Himself because He is what He is. For,

CRAWLING OVER RED HOT BARS OF IBON IN HIS FEARFUL FRENZY-A SCIENTIFC IN-VESTIGATION AND ITS RESULTS.

VESTIGATION AND ITS RESULTS. Cincinnati Times-Star, "Opium or death !" Thus brief sentence was fairly hissed into the ear of a prominent druggist on Vine street by a person who, a few years ago well off is to day a hopeless wreck. ! One can scarcely realize the sufferings of an opium victim. De Quincy has vividly portrayed it. But who can fitly describe the joy of the reacued victim ? H. C. Wilson, of Loveland, O., formerly with March, Harwood & Co., manufactur-ing chemists of St. Louis, and of the well known firm of H. C. Wilson & Co., chem-ists, formerly of this city, gave our re-porter yesterday a bit of thrilling per-sonal experience in this line. "I have crawled over red hot bars of iron and coals of fire," he said, "in my agony during an opium frenzy. The very thought of my sufferings freezes my blood and chills my bones. I was then eating over 30 grains of opium daily." "Excessive business cares broke me down and my doctor prescribed opium! That is the way nine-tenths of cases commence. When I determined to stop, however, I found I could not do it. "You may be surprised to know," he said, "that two-fiths of the slayes of mor-



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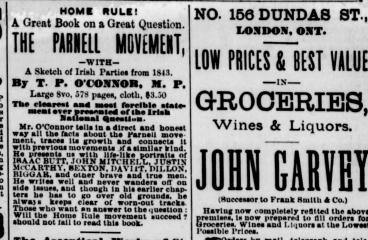
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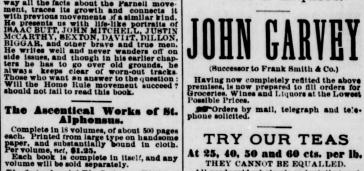
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