cloth, his collar had a rim of purple, a ring sparkled on his hand, while a heavy gold chain was around his neck and across his breast.

"I dare not speak to him," she thought, "he is too grand, and he is a Bishop!" so the little Jewess drew

But Bishop Macdonald had seen her. He stopped, raised his jeweled hand, and beckoned : Rachel came towards him blushing, and glowing with pleasure. In a moment, she was at her ease, chatting as freely as she did when he took sweets out of his pocket long ago and gave them to

'I was afraid of you, Father Macdonald, you looked so grand," she said laughing, and then she caught "But you are a great Bishop What must I call you? My Lord ? Your Grace ? don't they say that ?" she added seriously.

How Bishop Macdonald laughed. Yes, dear child, they do say that. But I am not My Lord or Your Grace, Just say Father Macdonald, like you did when you were small. You have grown to be such a big girl I would hardly know you,

And you have been to Rome," she said in an awed tone; "and in the big cities, where there are grand cathedrals. And you wear splendid gold chain and ring. I could never call you just Father Macdonald now! You must be very near to God!" she added, in a low, reverent voice.

The Bishop looked at her silently Rachel's cheeks were glowing. Her beautiful dark eyes were sparkling with innocent joy, the pure soul shone through them. An expression of worship rested on her face; it was a beautiful face and good to look at. Near to God !" mused the Bishop.

"I hope so, Rachel, and I trust you are near to Him also, that you are good girl, obedient and docile to your father and mother.' "They are so dear and kind they let me have everything I wish," she said smiling; "I don't think they

would refuse me anything-exceptand she suddenly dropped her eyes. 'Except what ?" said the Bishop. "Oh, nothing," said the girl; my dear Father Macdonald, will you

'Not this time, but I will be back soon again. God bless you Rachel until we meet again." And he took her hand, pressed it kindly, and went

his way. Rachel stood a moment, looking after him, her heart fluttering, her face full of longing. He stood for something that she longed for. Oh!

And Bishop Macdonald said to his companion; "Why don't you look after that little girl, Father? It seems to me she is strongly drawn to the faith.

'Why I never heard her speak before," was the reply. "Would you have the whole Hebrew population about my ears! The parish would not hold me if I attempted Rachel's conversion. Her father and mother are strong Orthodox Jews, and all

her connection likewise."
"Well, that may be, but something draws me to that child," said the Bishop musingly; "perhaps it is her innocent soul." And then changing "I the subject, he talked of other things, but in his heart he sent to Heaven, a prayer for the little Jewess that she might some day see the light.

The weeks and months passed on. Rachel spoke often at home of her dear friend Father Macdonald," of the day she met him by the fountain, how princely he seemed in his purple the same "dear Father Mac-How he stopped and spoke to her and called her "dear child"

to bed and the physician summoned.

serious the matter.

In a few days Rachel was in the throes of typhoid fever of the worst form. Her mother could not leave a Canadian town, the grass was green and crowned with noble deeds, he had passed to his reward. On the hillside in a little Jewish cemetery in a Canadian town, the grass was green respond. Ministers constantly invoka men not to be ministers, but

over again:
"I want My Lord, I want His

What on earth does she mean?"

"I want My Lord, I want His Grace" noaned the child.

And so the days went on, and lengthened into weeks. Rachel was dying : but it seemed she could not Friends came, and their hearts ached seeing how dreadfully spent the little form became, how fragile were the little hands, how white and thin and pitiful the childish face. Day after day they waited to see her die. Not once did she regain con sciousness and yet she feebly whis-

"I want My Lord, I want His Grace!" The physicians said they knew not what kept the spark of life in that little frame; there was nothing, naturally, to feed it. She lay on her pillow, motionless, noticing no one, and if her lips moved, and they bent to listen, they heard the weak voice barely audible:

"I want My Lord, I want His Grace!" What did it mean? The townspeople began to talk. Why did she not die? They were saddened and awed. Bishop Macdonald finally heard it one day when he visited his old parish. Without a he repaired to Rachel's home Her father met him, and knowing how much the child loved him, bade welcome, and immediately acceded to his request to see her.

"We have allowed no one but her mother and myself to enter the room," said the broken hearted parent, "she is delirious and the loctors say they don't know what keeps her alive! she is muttering about 'My Lord and His Grace,' when we know Rachel was a good daughter, faithful to the God of our fathers and overflowing with His grace. But Bishop she always loved you as her best friend."

The Bishop started perceptibly. when the poor father said "My Lord, Your Grace!" The memory-of that day by the fountain long ago, when Rachel said she must call him so, flashed into his memory. He made up his mind what to do. He entered the room. It was a sad sight. Rachel's eyes were closed, and poor little white face bore no shadow resemblance to the beautiful child he last saw The small head was sunk in the pillow, the little transparent hands lay limp on the white coverlet, the shadowy outlines of her spent and emaciated form filled him with pity. Her mother turned and the slight movement roused Rachel. The great dark eyes opened and looked steadily at the Bishop who stood at the bedside, holding one little thin hand. A flash of recognition lighted up her face with a

"My Lord! Your Grace! at last!" she whispered. She knows him !" exclaimed the

mother.

have waited for it, but you were so long coming! Baptize me, my lord." be no delay, took a glass of water that was on the table beside her, and to God; but when, led by the placing a folded towel under her head said the solemn words before any of that Jewish family had time

monstrate: I baptize thee Mary-Rachel, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen." And he gently wiped the trickling her children may have water from her brow.

dark eyes, now soft and intelligent, and then Rachel closed them. A Confraternities, Sodalities, and smile seemed to hover over the pale forth. In this way she manifests he

Holy City ?

A PROTESTANT PROBLEM

Business." These essays drop a searchlight on certain present-day means, methods and problems of Protestantism. Such sub-titles as "The Minister's Job," "The Wife of the Minister," and "Should the Church Advertise?" are significant. But it s the third paper of the series which affords most interest and invites most comment.

A brief introductory editorial qualifies this particular article as "probably the most serious arraignment of the modern churches that is possible of conception to a practical mind." Truly a sweeping apprisal, not clearly exclusive of Cathol If the editors of the Ladies' Home Journal, however, really intended to include the Catholic Church in this most serious arraignment," it can be readily and easily shown that such intention was unjust and unwarranted.

Mr. George Innes is the author of this criticism; "Suppose They Did?" is the breezily informal title; the object is an answer to the question: If a "thousand men decided tomorrow to give up their lives to the churches active Christian work, what would the churches do with them? This interrogation Mr. Innes gloomily answers, in part, by recounting his unsatisfactory attempts to break into the Church.

It appears that the gentleman had neither desire nor vocation to be a preacher; but, realizing, from the constant preaching of ministers, that God wanted men's lives, he desired to devote his to Him. presented himself before a particular evangelist and, like Samuel of old, declared, "Here I am," the astonished lominie exclaimed: "But good gracious, man! Don't get excited. dominie Put on your coat, keep quiet; you nusn't take us as literally as that

From this and kindred experiences. Innes was driven to conclude that the "church" has become an exclusively corporate body; not over-anxious to assume any other than her "established trade and that at present there are enough employees on the choice list. number render service to it in person, but would have all men advance its work by financial proxy. In other words, the institution appears to want only a few men's selves, all men's silver. Such cold commercialism sends a chill through the soul.

True or exaggerated as this may be of some churches, it is strikingly false of the Catholic Church. What a pity that Mr. Innes did not 'Rachel! said the Bishop, "shall I himself into communication with the baptize you?"
"Yes! yes!" whispered Rachel—"I oldest of all churches, before passing his scathing commentary! If he did no how neglectful of him not to The Catholic Church And the Bishop, seeing there must e no delay, took a glass of water some of them actually come to her to lay self at her feet, she never dreams of crying: "You mustn't take us as literally as all that!" She gladly receives, deeply respects, and immediately employs the precious gift. She realizes well that many of One beautiful glance from those ark eyes, now soft and intelligent. Brotherhoods, "Third Orders, smile seemed to hover over the pale face, a restful sigh came from her lips. The room was so silent, it was heard. "Look!" cried her mother, "she is going!" and father and mother pressed closer to the pillow. The Bishop raised his hand for the last Planary Indulgance and with and said, "God bless you!" She seemed to thrill over the words. Her parents were pleased that the newly made Bishop noticed so publicly their beloved daughter, they had great esteem for Father Macdonald since he was made a Bishop, a High Priest of his Church, and they were quite satisfied that Rachel should know him, and speak of him constantly.

In her little heart this guileless

In her little heart this guileless young hearts, directed by Divine love, dedicate themselves to her service. Potostantism, on the other hand, in no very notable way provides for those of her noble children whose life desires are not exalted enough for the ministry but whose native don't know how to account for it.

which Mr. Innes registers against the self-separated section of Christendom, for certainly Christian to bed and the physician summoned. He shook his head gravely, and said little to the terrified parents, who saw at once there was something serious the matter.

In a few days Rachel was in the threes of typhoid fever of the worst. He had passed to his reward. On the three of typhoid fever of the worst. years and crowned with noble deeds, he had passed to his reward. On the lamost stultifies ministers for calling her side, her father was in and out on a small grave, the grave of Rachel. invoke men, not to be ministers, but of the room, restless, anxious, fearing and hoping alternately. Rachel grew steadily worse. She became delirious and would call out over and the properties of the room of the properties of the small grave, the grave of Rachel. But can we help thinking that the soul of an angel-child welcomed to be virtuous: to carry the skein of life toward the skies and to place its end in God. A life in the world is not worldly, if it is lived with the room of thought and fear of God. Ministers, the priests, realize that most men must weave out their salvation on the humble loom of ordinary existing for good sense, it is thought and fear of God. Ministers, would a

tion to this commonplace truth; days of the week are sometimes eager to hear the Gospel preached in all its discontent seethe between nave and chancel, in the hearts of such of her A popular magazine has given us a children as are qualified to live tage of these good dispositions, and nearer God than the folk in the nave, and, for some reason or other, cannot live so near God as those in the this division between clergy and laity less severely pronounced, if she not full. would produce more content in her ranks. Plainly the only way she can do so is to imitate Catholicism in this matter. The latter has been quite free from such a problem, ecause she solved it centuries and centuries ago, long before Luther

Mr. Innes tears the mask from the

was born.

church of today and reveals the prime agents of ill: ecclesiasticism and denominationalism. Anent the first defect he finds that many leading men in the church seek self rather than God, using their positions as cloaks of personal dignity and credit. Thus the ministry, which should be too exalted above all professions to be classed with any, is tipping to a commercial plane.
Mr. Innes' thoughts, translated, Mr. Innes' thoughts, translated, would frankly mean that many men who go into the ministry busy them selves to get what they can out of it. If this is so, our separated brethren must blame themselves in no small measure. It is a well-known fact that the eloquence of a man is, with them, often the gauge of his proficiency for a pastorate. Naturally the minister who is made to realize that his tongue is of chief consequence to his congregation, is forced to put ar excess of time on the cultivation of oratory. Indeed it is a matter of bread and butter for his family. Under such conditions, it is no wonder if the ministry has become competitive and eprofessionalized. but rather surprising that it has not grown more so. That happily it has not, can be attributed only to the nobility and sincerity of ministers unlike priests, they are not able to depend on their clerical character and zeal for unfailing favor with people. Let us hope that the day come when the Protestant minister, like the Catholic priest, will be esteemed eminently b preeminently because he is a tickle ness. In that day, Protestantism wil have made one of her greatest steps back to Apostolic tradition. ministry will have ceased to be a mere avocation, and will have attained to the dignity of a sublimely unselfish vocation.

As for Mr. Innes' second grievance denominationalism, surely nothing can be prescribed as a real cure so long as Protestantism itself, cause, reigns. Protestant Christendom simply has to be "a house divided against itself," for it possesses no center to keep it a unit. There is no greater calamity than religious disunity, which is a chain calamities; falling from Rome. the religion of revolt broke into several sections which fell from one another. What can put the eccle siastical humpty-dumpty together again except the truth? And how can the truth be found without an earnest search for the pure dispensation of Christ? Until the day when unity is restored by a return to the central pivot, which Catholics Protestants have been content to to contradict one another, to falsify God who is really simple truth, and to pierce with doubt the human hearts which Christianity was intended by Christ to soothe with confidence.—Edmund E. Sinclair, in

In her little heart this guileless child was saying, "I wish I was as near to God! I must be good like he told me, and maybe I'll see him again."

One day Rachel complained of a severe headache Her eyes were glittering, her cheeks burning, her hands hot and restless. She was put

moved at the tender love of Christ depths of his heart welled up a cry of thanksgiving that he had been chosen out of all the world to lay pure and spotless, at the Master's Feet! Surely there was new music in Heaven that hour.

moved at the tender love of Christ for the ministry but whose native virtue prompts them to consecrate self to God in a more especial manner than an ordinary life in the world allows. Clearly it is a just complaint which Mr. Innes registers against the self-separated section of Christendom, for certainly Christian they declare they don't know how to account for it. Some assert that there is quite as much religion of the zealous, self-world allows. Clearly it is a just complaint which Mr. Innes registers against the self-separated section of Christendom, for certainly Christian they declare they virtue prompts them to consecrate self to God in a more especial manner than an ordinary life in the world allows. Clearly it is a just complaint which Mr. Innes registers against the self-separated section of Christendom, for certainly Christian they don't know how to account for it. Some assert that there is quite as much religion of the zealous, self-world allows.

insists that appearances are deceitful; that people may talk a great deal about religion and yet have little or no personal interest in it; and he maintains that if the present generation of Americans were as religious as they are supposed to be, they would attend church better than

looked into her dark, unseeing eyes, and tried to win a ray of intelligence; but in vain.

"I want My Lord, I want His Grace! cried Rachel—hour after hour. The doctor shook his head, he could not make it out.

"Is she religiously inclined?" he asked. "She must mean Jehovah!" the could not make it out.

"In the staid London Tablet goes fairly into hysterics over the celebration of St. Patrick's Day in London. "Nothing like it was ever seen before," says the Tablet, "and though it may and will recur again, such repetitions, however like, will stand to Friday of last week in the relation gradation and the humble loom of ordinary existing the do not, as a class, enjoy a reputation for good sense. It is seens would simply have to be overseens would simply have to be overseens. Obviously Mr. Innes' difficulty must deal with ecclesiastical gradation and directors. If we were all overseers, there would be nothing and no one to oversee, or rather there would be such confusion that all the overseers, there would be nothing and no one to oversee, or rather there would be such confusion that all the overseers, there would be nothing and no one to oversee, or rather there would be such confusion that all the overseers, there would be nothing and no one to oversee, or rather there would be such confusion that all the overseers, there would be nothing and no one to oversee, or rather there would be such confusion that all the overseers, there would be nothing and no one to oversee, or rather there would be such confusion that all the overseers, there would be nothing and no one to oversee, The doctor shook his head, he could not make it out.

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But the mother said through her tears, "She has no stain to fret over, she is innocence itself, as pure as a white rose! Jehovah has girded her round, all her life, with His Angels! She has never given us a moment's pain."

Daughter! she wailed, "tell us, off"

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take it, and, it they could, the pulpte would not be big enough for all. Protestantism gives small considerations with worldly affairs for six

on secular subjects, thus emptying the pews which they complain are

A non-Catholic gentleman of our acquaintance once sent us a clipping from one of the Chicago papers re cently having this headline in bold type: "Five Leading Pastors on Foremost News Topics of the Day." Dr. Jackson talked on politics, the Rev Mr. Salter discoursed on strikes, Brother Lazenby expounded his views on the war, etc. these pious men preached on the Gospel or gave out what the Scotch call a "comfortable Scripture." audiences hungered for bread, and the speakers reached them a stone.

As a rule pulpit discourses that are entirely appropriate are entirely too long. The preacher who aims at exhausting his subject is sure to exhaust his hearers. There is no bore like a long-winded preacher. His auditors are at his mercy. get away they can not, to sleep they are ashamed. Instead of exercising patience, as they should, they are apt to execrate the preacher, as they

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