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Oh Virgin Mother ! spotless, undefiled, Most pure, most holy ! May we follow

thee, In thine obedience, thy humility. Who ne'er by sin or evil wast beguiled : As thou didst offer for the sinless Child The gifts commanded, even so may we Now, in remembrance of thy purity, Give all we have to thee, oh Mother mild.

Lo ! as thou camest to the temple gate Unknown, unhonored, so we fain would tread In thy blest footprints ; partners of thy fate, Thy tears, thy glory ;—so where thou hast led, We too may walk :—Oh Queen Immaculate ! So may we come to thee when life is sped. —Francis W. Grey in Canadian Messenger.

REASONS FOR BELIEF.

Given by Prominent Members of the

Interary and social influences under Unitarian auspices, a girlhood inspired by William Cullen Bryant, ripening into womanhood when Carlyle, Emer-son, Longfellow, Whittier, Oiver Wendell Holmes and Lowell were the philosophere assessing poets of the philosophers, esssayists, poets of the day-how is it that I stand before you now a Catholic-Roman Catholic.?

On my first visit to Boston, in 1845, friends took me on my first Sunday to the music hall to hear their favorite preacher, Theodore Parker. Around me was the brilliant talent of the American Athens-an imposing array American Athens—an imposing array to the eyes of the country girl who knew them all, as they were pointed out to her, through the glorifying medium of books, and whose reverent

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pagan art and pagan literature had been outstripped by the divinely in-spired genius of Christianity. How could I take the retrograde step which denial implied without a close scann-ing of the foundations upon which Christianity rests?

authorized faith was the quest of my spiration, the New Testament was not life. It was useless to talk, to argue : the New Testament was not life i. It was useless to talk, to argue : the New Testament was not life i. It was useless to talk, to argue : the New Testament was not life i. It was useless to talk, to argue : the New Testament was not life i. It was useless to talk, to argue : the New Testament was not life i. It was useless to talk, to argue : the New Testament was not life i. It was useless to talk, to argue : the New Testament was not life i. It was useless to talk, to argue : the New Testament was not life i. It was useless to talk, to argue : the New Testament. Thus the Bible is and yet read current history as I as such through the teaching of the actual sease is no di to theological life. And there is and the tend is inversal triling in while the tend is nor las far as in or have New Testament through the destructive vicisitantity of the is inversal religion. The remained unsolved. The sease answer, "I hopes o," and in the same answer, "I hopes o," and in the istorical origin of Christianity of the istorical origin of Christianity of the same answer, "I hopes o," and in the istorical origin of Christianity of the same and in historical origin of Christianity of the istorical origin of Christianity of the istorical origin of Christianity of the same and inspired book. That is what gives it its weight are week, month after month, week that is what gives it its weight are week, month after month, week that the month or week that the month of the month or the same of the teaching or the istorical origin of Christianity of the istorical origin o

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as an authorized teacher of Divine Having found it by means of certain truth, the depository of the Christian traditions, as she had been of the ancient Scriptures venerated by the Hebrews and of those of which she directs our attention to the his was herself the author and expounder tories we have been reading and under the title of the new. To accept tells us that they are more than her instruction, then, was to under-stand aright the revelation of God to directed and protected from error man: to follow her guidance was to walk in the way of salvation. Author. Then, and only then, do we man: to follow her guidance was to walk in the way of salvation. One month after I looked this con-viction in the face I was received into the Remark Cathelic Church forth and thus it is the Remark Cathelic Church forth and thus it is

the Roman Catholic Church-forty-one that the New Testament, as the Word years ago this Christmas—and never of God, rests on the authority of the has my confidence in her as a teacher, a guide, wavered for one instant. In-get their Bible from the Church.—N. tellectually, as well as spiritually, I Y. Freeman's Journal. histories of the United States, I was prepared for an intellectual and spir-itual banquet which would mark an era in my life. It certainly did so mark it, but in a way how different from that which I had anticipated! For, as sentence after sentence came preacher, for have been more than satisfied with the Conclusive Answer by Cardinal Gib-bons to this Amiable Question—Some Other Popular anti-Catholic Errors Considered.

that many illiberal Protestants believe otherwise. The question is: Are well-educated Catholics honest? Are your priests honest in their accentance of all the truths of your Church? Do your people believe what you preach?" "In other words," replied Cardinal Clibbons

Gibbons, "you want me to answer the question as to whether Catholic priests are not as a rule hypocrites. The question is as you say, a silly one. Look at it! What is there in the life of a priest to make it the choice of a hypo-The man who would devote crite. The man who would devote himself to it has to give up most of the things which the world holds dear. I will not mention all of them, but I will take only one. For instance, that of take only one. For instance, that of personal chastity. The priest can never marry. When he decides to en-ter the ministry he must give up the hope of wife, children and home, and must devote himself, soul and body, to the Church. This would prevent men from becoming priests. The life of the priestbod is not an easy one. It is one

"Then, again, speaking of Catholic priests," the Cardinal continued : "I wonder if you realize how long it takes priests," the Cardinal continued : ''I wonder if you realize how long it takes them to prepare themselves for their work. It requires twelve years of hard study for the best of masters before they are deemed worthy to have charge of a church. The boy who feels that he is called by the Lord to the priest-bood baying already received a large theological training. He is associated tion are covered only with thatch. with the best minds of the Church, and But the incumbents, both parsons and

Sunday question, and I asked the Car-worthy of the meanest of these in this of the European or the Puritan Sunday. He replied that he was in favor of Sun-day observance, but that his ideal Sun-ber and the subservance is is a blessing for Baltimore and for all of our cities that this is compulsory. I think all kinds of work should be stopped on that day. I hope we shall never have the European Sunday in within either of his dioceses. '' America. Sunday should be a day of innocent recreation. I do not think it wrong for a man to go out riding with his family on Sunday afternoons, nor to take a walk in the fields. I think the field of the field that it should be a day of cheerfulness without dissipation, of religious enjoyment without sadness or melancholy. The Puritan Sunday goes too far, and the ideal Sunday is the golden mean." Cardinal Gibbons has the broadest ideas as regards capital and labor. He believes in labor organizations, but frowns upon the walking delegate, and says that whoever tries to sow discord between the capitalists and the laborer is an enemy to social order. He has many times had great influence

and I give it such as it de seconsidered shall, out had I a wife against some of the worst slanders of and family I could not give as much to its enemies, and is not afraid to con-charity as I do now, nor would I be fess the blunders and crimes of the blunders and crimes of the State Church in Ireland. Thus writ-

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churches down ; very few chancels covered, windows and doors ruined or

he is called by the Lord to the priest happed and Chogher, though he had hood, having already received a large part of his common school education, has at the age of fifteen to go into a college and to remain there for six poorly endowed as ten of them being years, studying the ordinary branches, the sciences, etc., in connection with an honest minister. For the churches, his religious work, and at the end of this time he has six years more of such as now presented to be in repara-

these twelve years are, as a rule, those of the hardest kind of study and work." POOR, RAGGED, IGNORANT C these twelve years are, as a rate, three and vicers, and appear such room, RAGGED, IGNORANT CREATURES THE SUNDAY QUESTION. The conversation here turned to the Sunday question, and I asked the Carday was not the Puritan nor was it the European Sunday. Said he : "I like the closing of the shops and all kinds of business on Sunday. The shops and all kinds is the shop of the shops and shop head to be the shop of Trim, in Meeth, of business on Sunday, and I think it is a blessing for Baltimore and for all appointments he made the very satis-

> Such were the apostles and machinery of conversion : the seeds of the warks of the establishment, and Mr. Pike does their character ample justice. One of his most interesting chapters is that in which he sketches the character and career of the gentle Bedell, Bishop of Kilmore. In this chapter he also deals with the rebellion of 1641. He writes :

" There seems to be little doubt that the real motive of this rising was to gain possession or re-possession of the forfeited land. In the struggle the histories of the United States, 1 was prepared for an intellectual and spir-itual banquet which would mark an era in my life. It certainly did so mark it, but in a way how different from that which I had anticipated! For, as sentence after sentence came from the lips of the renowned preacher, first a tremor, then in g clipning from a lecture published preacher, first a tremor, then in g clipning from a lecture published in c clipning from a lecture published in distribution a lecture published in distribution a lecture published in distribution a lecture published inter sentence distribution a lecture published in the labor in the sentence, in was the follow in the sentence after sentence came from the lips of the renowned preacher, first a tremory, then ing clipning from a lecture published inter sentence after sentence came from the lips of the renowned preacher, first a tremory, then ing clipning from a lecture published inter sentence after sentence came from the lips of the renowned preacher, first a tremory, then ing clipning from a lecture published inter sentence after sentence came from the lips of the renowned preacher, first a tremory, then ing clipning from a lecture published inter sentence after sentence came from the lips of the renowned preacher, first a tremory, then ing clipning from a lecture published inter sentence after sentence came from the lips of the renowned preacher, first a tremory, then ing clipning from a lecture published inter sentence after sentence came from the lips of the renowned preacher, first a tremory, then ing clipning from a lecture published inter sentence after sentence came from the lips of the renowned preacher, first a tremory, then ing clipning from a lecture published inter sentence after sentence came from the lips of the renowned preacher, first a tremory, then ing clipning from a lecture published inter sentence came from the lips of the renowned inter sentence came from the lips of the renowned from the lips of the renowned from the lips of the renowned fr by his efforts for their welfare ; and, as a consequence, it is said, 'He was the only Englishman in the county Cavan that was permitted to stay under his own roof ! Hither flocked many refugees who had been stripped of all. The titular Roman Catholic Bishop of Kilmore offered to visit Be-dell in order to afford him his proteca spirit of toleration and fairness makes tion ; but the offer was respectfully dehe quietly clined. In February passed away, and was buried in the churchyard, according to the direction himself had given, next his wife's coffin.

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actual chill came over me, as with smoothly flowing language but irresistible logic I found him demolishing every foundation-stone of "Christianity rests on the New Testament; the New upon the Old. my religious faith and even hope. There was nothing left for me but to find other premises, other starting-points, or forego all the beautiful in-

tellectual as well as spiritual life which had come to me as a child from the Sacred Scriptures : the Old Testament story of man-the New Testament story therefore the assertion that it does is of a Child born to save the world from its sins, who was crucified, died, rose again from the dead, ascended into heaven, from whence He would come to judge the living and the dead. All this I had believed on the authority of the Scriptures themselves, and this, too, while theological discussions were rife in old Deerfield, where Dr. Sam-uel Williard had raised the Unitarian ament was completed, and some years standard and among his most zealous supporters were my own family.

EFFECT OF THE SERMON.

The shock was a severe one, nor did I recover from it when we left the music hall and walked along the quiet -Sunday quiet-streets of Boston to the home of my friends. Nor did I recover from it all the weeks of my visit, nor when I met in genial conversa-tion the lions of intellectual Boston. The question had been started and would not be laid to rest. "What authority have I for the faith that is in What me?" for faith I had in these great Christian facts, nor did I intend to re-

sign it without evidence to the contrary. As the fruit of the story of Jesus

As the initial of the soly of Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to a virgin, born of this virgin a virgin still, working miracles, preaching His doctrine of salvation, to be rejected by His own nation ; crucified, yet dying to rise again—I had seen by the light of history the world emerging from the errors of paganism to the fulfillment of the glorious career of Christian that

ing clipping from a lecture published notions harbored by non-Catholics con-in the Cleveland Catholic Universe, cerning the spirit and motives of the sick there, even at the risk of

ARE PRIESTS SINCERE ?

My interview with Cardinal Gibbons took place in the Cardinal's house at Baltimore. This is a big gravitor and asks if the statements contained in it are "true Catholic doctrines :" My interview with Cardinal Gibbons Testament; the New upon the Old. Baltimore. This is a big gray stone building of many rooms, situated in fails, consequently the Scriptures have always been the chief object of attack by the enemies of revelation." 1. It is not true that Christianity 1. It is not true that Christianity rests on the New Testament, and you are confronted by a negro boy of a gingerbread hue, who takes your card, not a Catholic doctrine. The very puts it on a silver platter and carries not a Catholic doctrine. The very puts it on a silver platter and carlies contrary is true: the New Testament rests for its validity, authority and inspiration on Christianity. It is a be directs you to one of the audience parlors and you wait your turn. Carhistorical fact that Christianity, or the ChristianChurch, was founded—builton lic Church in the United States. He a rock-by our Divine Lord, and ex- has many callers and his reception days bring crowds almost equal to those of the President at the White House. isted in complete working order about three generations before the New Tes-My meeting was by appointment

and after a few moments I heard the swish of the skirts which announced before any part of it was written. Now, as the Church of Christ existed, teachthe approach of the Cardinal. He was ing and administering means of grace dressed in a gown of dark cloth em-broidered with red, and fell from his neck to his feet. A skull cap of bright and salvation long before the New Testament came into existence, it follows that it must have rested on somered covered the crown of his head, and thing else than that book. That foundupon his wedding finger, the third ation on which it rested before the New Testament existed is the same that it finger of the left hand, he wore the has rested on ever since, and will con-tinue to rest on until the angel of emblems of his clerical rank. He offered me his hand and led me to a eternity calls the muster roll of time. The New Testament is a product of seat near the window. As he talked, I Christianity: it was written by had a ministers of the Christian Church, features by had a good chance to observe his

Cardinal Gibbons has a very strong with whose names we are all Cardinal Gibbons has a very strong familiar. But as a mere uninspired face. His forehead is high and narrow, record of events and the opinions of reminding you somewhat of some of its writers it is not a sufficient basis of the pictures of Napoleon Bonaparte

faith in revealed truth. Its inspira taken during his boyhood. His eyes tion must be affirmed and attested by are blue and kindly, his nose large a competent authority before it can be and straight, and his mouth strong,

a competent authority before it can be and straight, and his mouth strong, church, and the strong, and be straight, and his mouth strong, and the strong strong and the strong stro achievements pagan civilization and direct us, which He commanded to tical common sense. He is a patriotic ought to be. They have, in the first pagan morality had paled, and even teach us, and which He commanded American, and no one can talk with place, their whole time to devote to

shows that he believes what he says, and that in the past he has had the cour age of his convictions. It was long be fore he had any hope of being a Car dinal. It was when he was a humble priest in a small country parish near Baltimore. Smallpox had broken out in his village, and all his parishioners who were able had fled from the town. One poor old negro who had the disease lay at the point of death. He had been deserted by his friends and family, who had left him neither food nor medicine. The young priest heard of the case, and, hastening to the dying negro's side, he reminded with him until the last.

Then the question came as to his urial. There was no one who would burial. raise a hand at the risk of his life to aid in carrying the corpse to the grave. Father Gibbons was left alone with the dead. It did not take him long to make up his mind. He determined to be undertaker as well as minister, and so having obtained a coffin he placed the body in it, and in some way or other dragged it to the He put it in the ground, per grave. He put it in the ground, per-formed the last rites of the Church over it and buried it and then went on with his work among the sick.

PRIESTS AND PREACHERS.

As I thought of this, I realized that this man's ideal of a Christian life was higher than that of many other religious men I have known. I wondered if there were many of his kind in the Church, and I asked him if he thought that Catholic priests were really of more value in their work in the Church

tic patriot upon all occasions.

PROTESTANTS IN IRELAND. Their History Sketched in a Spirit of

Toleration. A sketch of the development and conflict of the various churches in Ire-

land written by a Protestant writer in a spirit of toleration and farmess makes peculiarly pleasant reading. Mr. Clement Pike's "Story of Religion in Ireland," published by the London Sunday School Association, deserves that are supported by the serves

that commendation, and may be garded as a remarkable product of the times. The title of the book is somewhat too broad for its contents ; for the writer deals with the story of the popular religion only where it comes in contact and conflict with Protestantism in its multiform variations. But as history of Protestantism, while displaying an under-current of Protestant conviction and prepossession, will it be read not only with interest, but with a considerable appreciation of its fairness and of a sympathy with the masses

of the nation that rises above the prejudices and narrowness of sect, says the Dublin Freeman's Journal. Of course, Mr. Pike, as a Protestant, is bound to claim St. Patrick and St. Columba as the spiritual parents of those who led the revolt against au-thority in the sixteenth century. The usual deductions current in Protestant versions of the history of early Irish Christianity are drawn from the Easter controversy and the disciplinary regulations of Irish monasticism. In that connection Mr. Pike does not face the awkward aphorism of St. Patrick con-

cerning Irish identity with Rome, of which the best Protestant scholars recognize the genuineness. But passing from those early days of undis-turbed unity, and coming down to later times of persecution and resist-ance, Mr. Pike is genuinely impartial and fair in his treatment of Irish Cath-

THE IRISH TROOPS

who were in rebellion did him unusual honor. They accompanied the corpse from Denis O'Sheridan's house to the churchyard of Kilmore in august solemnity. They fired a salute over his grave, and exclaimed in Latin, * May the best of the English rest in peace! Equally fair is the chapter on 'Roman Catholicism in Power," which recites the history of James II.'s Parliament. "An impartial examination of the Acts of the Roman Catholic Parliament," he concludes, " must compel a reasonable man to acknowledge that, despite its errors, it was, on the whole, fairly moderate. At least it never sank to the level that assembly which could frame the penal laws against Roman Catho-The writer does not attempt, lics. like Dr. Ingram, to apologize for the penal code. Its authors are described as "men who disgraced the cause of Protestantism by their cruel bigotry.'

NEW BOOK.

A new edition of the work entitled "The Comedy of English Protestantism" has been issued by Benziger Bros., New York city, at one half the original price, 50 cents It is edited by A. F. Marshall, B. A. Oxon.; and the scene is laid in Exeter Hall, London. The Benzigers have brought out this new edition at an exceptionally low price to en-able every one to procure the book.