

tion runs as a treble-stranded thread through society in its regular or crystalline form, just as man's personal being and destiny depend upon his moral, intellectual and physical activity. Christianity directs society toward the ultimatum of ethics, the absorption of man in the good of society, the moral sublimed by the religious, by the spirit and example of Christ. The printing press has provoked a war against ignorance and prejudice, and may be recognized as the forerunner of a millennium of intelligence; while the steam-engine has elevated the pursuits of industry, and through its higher functions has improved the condition of mankind. It is the co-operation of these forces which has promoted the civilization of our times: and the more we examine their character and effects, the more are we inclined to believe in the possibility of a civilization which is, at least, more of a harmony than that which the world has yet experienced, just as we believe in the harmony of a system of education which gives due attention to the development of the moral, intellectual, and physical in the child.

PARADISE LOST AND LA HENRIADE.*

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Milton's poem is too well known by English readers to necessitate an analysis of it; but since they are less acquainted with *La Henriade*, and since Frenchmen even themselves read it seldom, it may be worth while to give a short analysis of it.

First Canto. Henri de Valois (Henry III.) is under the walls of Paris, which he is besieging. He allies himself with Henri de Bourbon (Henry IV.), and sends him secretly to ask for help from Elizabeth, Queen of England.

Second and Third Canto. Well received by the Queen, Bourbon relates to her the origin of the religious wars in France, the massacre of Saint Bartholemew, the progress of the power of the "Guises," the death of Charles IX., the reign of Henry III., the victory of the Huguenots at Coutras, the murder of Henri de Guise at Blois, the appointment of Mayenne as chief of the League,

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