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Growing Old.

A little less anxious to have our way ;

A little less ready to scold and blame, A little more care for a brother's name

And so we are nearing the journey's end.

A little more tired at close of day,

A little more charity in our views, A little less thirst for the daily news And so we are folding our tents away, And passing in silence at close of day.

enturies ?

A little more leisure to sit and dream. little more real the things unseen ; A little nearer to those ahead, With visions of those long-loved and

dead. And so we are going where all must go. To the place the living may never

A little more laughter, a few more tears, And we shall have told our increasing

years; The book is closed and the prayers are said,

And we are a part of the countless dead-Thrice happy, then if some soul can

say, "I live because he has passed my way." -R. J. WELLS in Chicago Record He

A Good Motto.

Is life a fret and tangle, And everything gone wrong ? And friends a bit disloyal, And enemies too strong ? Is there no bright side showing, Then—as a sage has said— "Polish up the dark side,

And look at that instead." The darkest plank of oak will show Sometimes the finest grain ; The roughest rock will sometimes vield

A gleaming, golden vein. Don't rail at Fate, declaring That no brightness shows ahead, But "polish up the dark side,

And look at that instead.

DR. CRAPSEY AND THE THEORIES OF SCIENTISTS.

"Dr. Crapsey took up some of the branches of science the Church had taught in the early days, when it held itself an infallible teacher—the astro-nomy of the Church that had taught that the world was the centre of the universe, but which now accepted what the personal intelligence of man had searched out, that the sun was the center of the solar universe; geology, in which the Church taught that the world was

our thousand years old." Knowing Dr. Crapsey personally we to not believe for a moment that he would intentionally misstate the docrines of the Church or her attitude in relation to the sciences, for the pur-pose of helping along his argument.

He simply uses supposed facts, believed by himself in common with his hearers, and refers to them as matters about which there is no question. In this both he and his heavers are the victims of false history. Like too many others he stands on the beach, and rakes in and tradictory systems of astronomy prior to the second century Any system of astronomy that contradicts its own teaching time and time again is not a reliable witness against he authority of Church, or State, or any other institution. Our other objection to the major pro

" Christianus mihi nomen est Catholicus vero Cognomen."-(Christian is my Name but Catholic my Surname.)-St. Pacian, 4th Century.

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position of the syllogism is that it takes for granted, as an undeniable truth, a system that is merely an assumption, Now all these systems are the teachings of science, each in its turn taught by science. What confidence therefore an hypothesis that has never been de-monstrated. Not only has it never been demonstrated, but if the reports of rean be placed in a science that assures us of the truth of its latest system after having assured us with equal confidence cent discoveries be correct the Coperni-can system is demonstrated to be false. of the truth of former systems that con-tradict its latest, and that stands ready These discoveries have been made, and apparently well established, by Profes-sor U. G. Morrow of the Koreshan on some new discovery to assure us of the truth of some other system contra-Geodetic Survey, who invites the atten-tion of the astronomical scientists of ictory of the presen system? What faith can be had in a science the world and challenges refutation. Astronomers may frown on him and his claims as their predecessors frowned on Copernicus, but if the facts he claims to have demonstrated be true the Comparison gratem whit he diven that is forever readjusting or throwing aside its latest conclusions, as astroomy has been doing during the past Is not the experience of astronomical the Copernican system must be given up, just as the Ptolemaic and the older cience like that of the fabled Sisyphus

who was condemned to roll an immense boulder from the bottom to the summit systems were given up. The first fact he claims to have demonof a hill, which, whenever it reached the top, rolled down again, and the task of strated is that the surface of the ocean is not convex, as the present system Sisyphus had to be begun anew. The physical sciences toil wearily up the hill, but when near the summit and

holds but concave. His second fact, demonstrated at the Calumet Mines, Michigan, is that two Calumet Mines, Michigan, is that two plumb-lines suspended a certain dis-tance apart will be found to be farther apart at the bottom than at the top. These facts are not reconcilable with the Copernican system of the universe. We therefore, until these objections are overcome, throw the major of the syllogism to the winds. Nothing can be proved by it.

proved by it. We object to the minor, " the Church

to the bottom the indestructable atom of the science of chemistry. The word "science" is a Shibboleth of frequent use, a word of "damnable iteration" as Falstaff would call it, among the flippant and superficial gong men of science. Science teaches this, that and the other; that ends it. Well, what did science teach restorday, and condemned the Copernican system." because it is not true. We object to the conclusion because

what did science teach yesterday and the day before, and the day before that? even if the Church had condemned the Copernican assumption it would not prove that she erred, until the assumption had been demonstrated, which it has not been.

has not been. Dr. Crapsey's main error — which runs like a yellow streak through all he says on this point—is, that he accepts an assumption as the criterion or touch-stone of truth, a sophism that is unfor-tunately too common.—N. Y. Freeman's Lournal

THE CRUDITIES OF A MODERN THINKER.

It is always dangerous for a special-ist, unless he be well educated and well balanced, to step outside his proper province and discuss problems uncon-nected with his subject. The cardinal fault of the specialist generally is one-sidedness, and out of his proper atmosphere, he is prone to take the super-ficial view that comes from an inade-

quate conception of the matter under liscussion. If President Eliot of Harvard University has been correctly reported, the remarks which he made before the Economic Club the other evening, on the "Christian Conception of Heaven," justify the conclusion that he makes a serious blunder when he goes outside the domain of Chemistry, in which no doubt he is or was well versed, to expound questions of a religious nature. What President Eliot as an individual may think or say regarding religion and its beliefs is a matter of very little moment. That is his own business and his conclusions will have as much weight and no more as the strength of his premises and the reasons which he brings to bear in their favor may give to them. But as the responsible head of a great university, to give expression to

views, which are subversive of the traditional beliefs of mankind, and to attempt in the name of a counterfeit scientific method to rob the people of uture, is soi thing that interests the community The Church never defined that the quite a little. He is reported to have said on tw Copernican heliocentric system is errondistinct occasions recently: 'What can be more tiresome, boresome, than eous. Whether that system be true or false the Church goes on her way accom-plishing her divine mission, the salvathe ordinary descriptions in sacred tion of men. She deals with them to that end; whether they are being literatures of the world of the kingdon of heaven ? The descriptions of heaven hurled about the sun at the cannon ball which are given in sacred literature have always seemed to me extremely repulsive. What could be more tire velocity of nineteen miles a second, or whether the sun is sweeping around repulsive. them once in twenty-four hours, is a some than an assurance of eternal rest We must all look forward with hope to matter of no importance to their eternal the continued enjoyment of work, work salvation, which is her business. She that is not overburdensome, but that can do her work and realize her mission in either case. The matter may be o nevertheless tests all our powers. If President Eliot will only give himinterest to the inborn and legitimate self a little rest from this mania for work, and time to think and study his subjects curiosity of man, something provided to keep his restless mind busy in innocent employment, but his ultimate destiny is above and beyond it. That ultimate up to the point of sober reflection, he might spare the judicious the task

In a word, according to the Christian In a word, according to the Christian belief, we now see God in all things as their Creator and Conserver; in heaven we shall see all things in God. Faith gives way to vision, the obscurratin gives way to vision, the obschr-ity of mysteries passes away, the mani-fold disagreements of mankind are illu-mined with their true explanation, God's providence is justified before His intelli-gent creatures. In the light of such a conception, how any same man can think that heaven according to the Christian that heaven, according to the Christian view, is a place of idleness, fills one

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vith amazement. Or can it be that the President of Iarvard University is so simple that he inks that the common, vulgar idea of est is the one that is meant when the hristian praysfor eternal rest? There it is true, rest in heaven ; but it is st from the st ess and anxiety which licts us here below; rest from the perlexities and obscurities which impede our progress; rest from the battle gainst evil influences, which sometimes igning evil induces, which sometimes nake us wonder at our origin and des-iny. But all this is quite a different natter from the idea of idleness with which President Eliot would overlay the Christian appropriate of hearces he Christian conception of heaven. If the secrets of nature has been more han enough to employ the mind of man rom the dawn of his creation and still oromise to give him more than enough work to fathom their resources, unto the

attermost stretch of time, it is presum-able, to say the least, that the mind of nan will have more than enough to do to explore for all eternity the infinite resources of the power from which nature with its infinite variety has

But the utter tactlessness of President Eliot's procedure lies in the fact that he made this attack upon the Christian conception of heaven in discourse that more or less had for their object the refutation of Socialism. What, after all, is the adequate answer to Socialism except the heaven of the Christians? What hope is there for the poor, the distressed and the afflicted amid the inequalities of this present life if it be not the Christian heaven against which this shallow thinker de claims so loudly? He would rob the poor man of his only hope, the expectation of finding at last a place where adequate explanation will be made of ocial wrongs, and burden-some distinc ions, where the justice of God's reign ver His own world will be made manifest to everyone, who in faith and peace and patience has worked out his salva however laborious the way and alling the conditions. Take away the ope of heaven from the people and you immediately set up the reign of anarchy and discontent. Such a pro-cooling is nothing short of an act of social treason. It is a blow aimed at the common hope of humanity. It is high time that such a man should here the acceled position which here

eave the exalted position which he oc upies, for by his smart and speciou perficiality he has become a menac to the community. If this be a speci men of the university training which i given in our great secular universities then Catholic parents ought to be warned in time before confiding their children to the influence of such an at-mosphere. Loose thinking in the long un is quite as bad as loose living, be-ause it is difficult for a man to shape is life according to false principles, and at the same time live up to the moral code inculcated by Christianity.

But this latest exhibition is but on hore proof of the pretense and shal-owness of the intellectual training which goes under the name of educa-tion in our midst, a system, if we may dignify it with such a name, in which mart sayings and surface observations overed over with a veneer of phrase ology take the place of well thought-out and thoroughly tested principles.-Boston Pilot.

THE CHURCH AND THE MASSES.

tunity to examine into the conditions in this same city of New York declared that he was impressed by these san conditions which called forth the criticism of the visiting clergyman. He also tells of a contrast that came under his notice. One Sunday morning he went to a great Roman Catholic cathe-dral in New York City, St. Patrick's. It becupies a position up town, it is true, in the very heart of millionairedom. Nevertheless, this clergyman saw coming nto that cathedral what he described as

"everybody." The rich and the poor the proud and the meek, the fortunat the proof and the meek, the fortunate and the unfortunate, all met together upon a common level. Somehow the Catholic Church has managed to maintain democracy. It does not talk as much about it as the Protestant churches have, but it asserts it by its practice. It has compating for approxpractice. It has something for every-body. It appeals to the masses of manbody. It appeals to the masses of man-kind in a way that Protestant churches do not seem to be able to appeal to them. The minister referred to said that after his experience in that Catholic Cathedral it seemed to him as though the Protestant churches had scarcely anybody that needed to be helped. The Protestant churches that is careful were filled with people who were evi-dently satisfied with themselves and with conditions as they were with them. The poor and the unfortunate were con-

It is true as the English clergyman says that the Church that does not win the masses of mankind is lost. How to win them is the great problem that conbe no question about it. It is the same elsewhere. New York City is no exception .- Cedar Rapids, Ia., Republican.

'HY. NOTISM AND ITS MYSTERIES.'

Owing to a letter just received we have looked over the pamphlet with the above title. This booklet is calculated to do much harm to the Christian faith of those who peruse it, not from any intrinsic merit in its arguments, but from a tissue of assumptions that cannot be proven for the reason that they are alse. Its perusal is dangerous for those and the second s

One statement in the preface is: "The ook is published and sold as cheaply as ossible, in order to secure for it a wide circulation among the dispossessing class, and was not written for gain." This is a little thing, but it is a straw

which shows which way the wind blows. The booklet of forty-seven pages, with paper cover, could be sold for seven ents at a profit. It is sold for fifty ents—and not written for gain.

The booklet starts out with the declaration that all people from the begin-ning have been "and are kept in subjection, slavery and ignorance by great atural forces-hypnotism or suggestive nfluence.

The pamphlet goes on to claim that the Church and the State seek to the knowledge of "hypnotism and sug-gestive influence" to themselves, so as to keep the people in their toils; and that if the people had the knowledge of the workings and the power of these forces, they would be free and opulent. How much this reminds us of the devil

How much this reminds us of the devil saying to Eve: "Eat the fruit of this tree; this is the tree of knowledge; if you eat of this tree you will know as much as God."

Though the Church condemns superstition as a sin against the first com-mandment, and our correspondent must know it, this booklet claims that the Church seeks, with the State, to keep the people in a state of superstition and

recently had somewhat of an oppor-tunity to examine into the conditions in the priests and to the students in the eminaries.

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The pamphlet appears to us to have for its ultimate object the promotion of Socialism and the destruction of all supernatural faith.

Superstition is the abuse of religion, t is superstition to worship false gods or to worship the true God with unholy or unauthorized rites or to have deal-ings with wicked spirits.

While it is lawful to use natural causes in order to show their proper effects, yet these causes must not be morally prejudicial. Whiskey, as a natural cause, may not be used for all its effects. If mesmeric or hypotic sleep so weakens the will as to leave the party outlinely under the will of the party entirely under the will of the operator it should not be applied without grave necessity and then under an operator of assured moral character. -Catholic Universe.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

The Sister of Charity of St. Vincent The Sister of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul from St. Elizabeth's College, N. J., who recently won the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Chicago University was the only student who received the degree this year for original research in biology.

Monsignor Lee has donated \$10,000, and Dr. D. J. Stafford, by his will, has presented to the Catholic Univer-sity of America his library. The an-nouncement of these gifts are made in the report of Bishop D. J. O'Connell, rector of the university rector of the university.

Rev. Dr. Walsh, parish priest at Londonderry, N. S., for thirty years, died on Jan. 7, at Elizabethtown, N. J., where he had gone to consult specialists about his health. He was a nephew of the late Archbishop Walsh, and one of the most popular clergymen in the province.

A board of architects has pronounced the cathedral at Toledo, Spain, one of the largest and most celebrated Gothic edifices in Europe, unsafe, and liable to collapse. The cathedral services are now being conducted in the Church of the Trinity.

This week has seen the beginning of the construction of the Irish National Church of St. Patrick, Rome. It will be in Italian thirteenth century style and will be decorated with freescoes by the best artists representing the religious history of Ireland since its conversion by St. Patrick.

Rev. M. P. Dowling, S. J., pastor of St. Aloysius Church, Kanasa City, Mo., has inaugurated a movement which will undoubtedly be taken up by other par-ishes. It is a weekly class of the men of his congregation to study economic problems with especial relation to Social-

ism. It is officially announced that the new Cathedral of St. Paul Minn., now in course of erection, will cost, for the bare structure alone, the great sum of \$4,500,000. At this rate, it will be when completed the finest in the Church in this country. It has been building now for eighteen months. Its walls are in some places twenty foot walls are in some places twenty feet thick.

The Pope received in private audience last week the Duchess of Norfolk, the Hon. Margaret Fraser, and Lady Es-monde, who, in the name of 43,000 English, Irish and Scotch ladies, presented to His Holiness 362 magnificent chalices together with three albums containing the signatures of the donors. The Duchess of Norfolk read an address. The Pope appeared much affected, and ex-pressed warm thanks for the gift, re-marking that the Catholics of the fear. After citing laws passed by Austria and Germany against hypnotism British Isles never failed to show loyal-ty and devotion to the Holy See.

Journal an assumption of its verification; failing to observe that an assumption remains an assumption until it is demonstrated

to be a truth. Dr. Crapsey : " In geology the Church taught that the world was four thousand years old."

The word "Church" as used by the doctor is ambiguous. Sometimes he means the Catholic Church. At other times he means some vague indefinite thing like an atmosphere or something floating in the air. If he means that the Catholic Church has ever defined that the world is four thousand years old he has fallen into an egregious and inex-cusable error. The Church never so defined. If he meant some particular denomination he should have named it.

and thus left the others free from the and thus left the others free from the charge. If he meant some vague gener-ality he should have been more definite and said something that the intelligence of man might grasp and deal with. "An example of the way the Church

has battled with personal intelligence was given by Dr. Crapsey, who spoke of false history. Like too many others he stands on the beach, and rakes in and appropriates and uses without due current of history. For his failure to investigate his accumulative flotsam and to reject the false and preserve the true he is of course responsible. The determined out the current of the stronomical discoveries of Coper-diversity of the stronomical discoveries of Coper-given these discoveries by the Church, which refused to receive the new knowl-dow eventually the Church had to acknowledge defeat and now has one of the astronomical discoveries of the stronomical discov

Its contradictory teachings cannot all be true; experience demonstrates that it is not infallible. From its very nature its latest affirmations are not ultimate; any moment some new dis-covery may cast them to the wind, like nature arises from the incompleteness of experience and the hasty and unjustified conclusions of scientists, and the credu-lous confidence w th which they ride an

ready to deposit their burden of inform-ation there, some new discovery hurls it to the bottom where the upward toil

must begin again. It was thus that the discovery of the Roentgen rays hurled

to the bottom the indestructable atom

assumption, or an hypothesis as a hobby until they finally lapse into the convic-tion that it is demonstrated. Thus they ride from the assumption of a thing to

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Take for instance in the above extract " Dr. Crapsey took up some of the branches of science the Church had Copernican heliocentric system is error tanght in the early days, when it held itself an infallible teacher."

This leaves a false impression. The Church never taught or claimed authority to teach any branch of science. e claims and has always claimed to be the only divinely appointed and com-missioned teacher of divinely revealed truth-faith and morals.

The astronomy of the Again. Church that had taught that the world was the center of the universe.'

The Church has not now and never had an astronomy. The present Copernican heliocentric system is not hers, although excogitated by one of her pious She neither approves nor t. She leaves to the industrinembers. condemns it. destiny is the objective of the Church's ous student the problems of physical action, and the changing and contradic science.

Again : The Church has never "actory speculations of scientists-labelled cepted what the personal intelligence of man had searched out, that the sun is -cannot divert her from it. Dr. Crapsey's position as stated in the the centre of solar universe." The "intelligence of man" has above extract may be summed up in the

following syllogism, thus : Science teaches the Copernican sys searched out several systems of astron-

omy : it is the oldest of the sciences. The Chinese, the Chaldeans, the Hinthe Church condemns that system. doos, the Egyptains and the Greeks, all Therefore the Church erred and is not had their systems, and most of them have them still, and would say with Dr. This covers the ground on this par Crapsey that "The intelligence of man had searched them out." And they were ticular point. Now we join issue with the Doctor on every statement in this syllogism, its major, its minor, and its ust as certain of their correctness as

Dr. Crapsey is of the system now in First, the major. We object to it be system that has never been cause, to say without qualification that

nstrated. science teaches the Copernican system The scientist Pythagoras, five hundred leaves the impression on the unwary years before the Christian era, excogitdiscovered another, Ptolemy, in the second century of the Christian era, dereader that science teaches and has al ways taught that system, and that science is unerring. Whereas the fact is that science only now, in compara-tively recent years, teaches it, just as ised another which was held and taught by the scientists until the sixteenth century, that is, over twelve hundred years. They all believed it to be the true systom of Ptolemy for fourteen hundred years— tem, the last word of science uttered by from the second to the sixteenth cen-the boundless riches of God's wisdom and the boundless riches of the divine "the intelligence of man." All previous tury, as it taught other equally con- intelligence.

correcting the many blunders which he has made by overhasty generalizations of other peoples' beliefs. In all our experience we have never met with a

cruder view coming from the lips of one who claims to be not only educated but an educator. He actually discloses the fact that he does not know, and conse quently cannot appreciate what the

Christian conception of heaven is. number of clergymen here to day. I want to say to you clergymen of the city of New York that it does not mat-He does not seem to realize that heaven in the mind of the Christian is a place of the highest and noblest mental activity, where the secrets and the problems that perplex the mind of man ter what you have in your church ; if

you have not a great passion for the common people your church cannot ex-ist. Unless that is kept burning the ere below will be revealed with a disinctness more than transparent, where the social injustices and equalities that prevail upon the earth will be seen from whole Christian Church is doomed. Begin at once. If you can win the city of New York for health, righteousness

the true altitude and their meaning and and God you have solved the great problem of the Church to-day. It cope unravelled. He does not seem to know that in the

should do it. It must take its stand in Christian's concept of heaven the mind of man will be in direct eternal contact the forefront for human welfare in the struggle against disease and for the with the mind of God, and that for all eternity from this exhaustless fount the soul of man will be ever drawing the bodies of men as well as their souls, or

ATHER POINTED COMMENT BY AN ENG LISH CLERGYMAN-ALSO VIEWS OF A SECULAR PAPER.

An English clergyman who has been spending some time in this country gives the following as the result of his observations in America: tion to the dominion of their dictation.

Again: "All religions in the world, no matter what their faith, confession "I have noticed during my stay in America that Church induence among or belief, base their supernatural won-ders, inspiration; and revelations on the the masses is on the wane; it is rapidly the masses is on the wate, the state of the second and revenue on a second all ders, inspirations and revenue on a second away from the people. It regards creed more than human life; orthodoxy more is the object of this book." Artemus Ward says: "There are then blain the second average of the second average

I must add, too respectable. Churches now are mostly gorgeous mausoleums many people who know a lot of things that are not so." The author of the booklet is one of them. Our corresponwilt over the remains of Christianity. dent having made his First Communic must know that this statemen^{*} is false. "What the Church must do to live vin back the workingmen it has lost t must realize that in the Bible there The booklet is teeming with blas phemy. It places Christ on the same footing as Mohammed, Buddha, etc., and are quite as many references to what Christ did for the bodies of men as to what He did for their souls. Take the churches here in New York. They are 'far below the classical culture in edu-cation." It appears to us that a Cathlic young man would not peruse such a

moving uptown. They are leaving downtown with its dense population of ook beyond this statement. The Church loves the truth, and the poor and suffering. They are club-houses with the word 'Christ' over the door. Only the rich go into them. " I understand that there are a large

"Know the truth and the truth and teaches with her Divine Founder: "Know the truth and the truth will make you free." This booklet is a tissue of falsehoods and of gross misrepresentation. The "father must rejoice in its circulation. The "father of lies

Our correspondent says that he loaned the book to some of his friends who will not attend church any more. There are some weaklings in the Church who are easily affected by evil communications The Church is used to more potent attacks than this booklet issues, and our Lord is always with the Church. She fears no truth. She does not practice what she condemns. This our young German friend ought to know and real-

The author states that priests are bodies of men as well as their souls, or it is lost." The author states that priests are balance of \$8,000 for this purpose, including the and charges that many of them are the facts. A western clergyman who

"It is clear to see that this master class of rulers and capitalists, with the Mother Matilda Tone, of the Ladies of he Sacred Heart, who died recently at the New York Convent, of pneumonia. Church, is well aware that educating the vas of a family closely connected with people in the fundamental principles

the distinguished Irish patriot, Theobald the science, protecting personal rights and thinking, by eliminating fear and Wolfe Tone. Mother Tone entered superstition, means danger and destrucreligion at the age of eighteen, and after profession at the motherhouse in France and while still in her twenties, she was appointed to the responsible office of Mistress General of the famous Manhattanville Academies, which she filled in this and other academies with great success for twenty-two years.

> Princess Henry of Battenburg, when at home on the Isle of Wight, pays daily visits to the convents of French nuns of several orders who settled on the Isle after they were expelled from France. The constant association of the King's ister with the nuns has given rise to the report that she is being instructed in the Catholic faith, to which her daughter the Queen of Spain, was converted before she married King Alfonso. It is said that the princess was the veiled lady who occupied a seat in the Duke of Norfolk's private gallery in Westminster Cathedral during the splendid religious ceremonies connec-ted with the recent Eucharistic Congress

A singular decision, erroneous and contrary to decisions of courts elsewhere, was rendered by the County Court of Manitowoc, Wis., last week. It was to the effect that legacies for Masses were void. This court rendered a decision on the will of Thomas Callaghan, declaring it void. The decision was based on the bequests of money for Masses, a provision which the court held no court could recognize. The will was contested on this ground alone, but there would have been no contest if Callaghan had not left his entire estate

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