

IF THE WHOLE WERE HEARING.

S. Paul speaks as if the supposition was an absurdity. Read 1 Corinthians xii. 14—21, and you will see what he thinks of it.

How S. Paul would wonder, if he came among us now and found that in many cases, "the whole" of our religion was "hearing."

Perhaps you think the evil has abated. True in one respect it has. People do not run after preaching so much as they did some years ago. They have learned that other parts of the service are important; and that the great duty of worship must not be neglected.

Yes, but we make a great mistake, if we think that this has made all right in our religion. Has it never occurred to you that a new temptation is likely to come upon us to mar the good result of the lesson we have learned? Nay' is not the new temptation only a new form of the old temptation? "The whole" was hearing sermons in former days; perhaps "the whole" of our religion now is hearing services—listening to anthems and "all kinds of music."

You may sometimes see the old and the new form of evil placed close together. For example, I have seen a short advertisement setting forth that a certain popular preacher would preach three times and a certain popular singer would sing a solo three times on the same Sunday. So, you see old evil is not taken away. No, it is *doubled*.

Germany employs 5,500,000 women in industrial pursuits; England, 4,000,000; France 3,750,000, and Austria Hungary about the same number.

Among items of art interest, travellings through the press, we recall nothing more noteworthy than the following from a recent New York paper:

Another interesting curio now on exhibition at the Exchange of Woman's Work, is a bit of stone picked up on the roadway leading to the summits of a mountain overhanging the village of Oberammergau by a lady, just after witnessing the Passion Play, and which bears a striking resemblance to the face of Christ as painted by the Old Masters. The stone was in her possession for eight years before the lady (Mrs. Bacon) discovered the lines of the sorrowful face revealed when the bit of limestone is held at a certain angle. The State geologist and assistant State paleontologist pronounce it, after careful examination under powerful lenses a natural formation containing a pathetic and exact portrait which requires no effort of the imagination to trace. Prof. J. S. Newberry, of Columbia College, pronounces it genuine and not fashioned by art, and Bishop Doane, Bishop Potter, and other well-known men, consider the resemblance striking and unmistakable. The lady wished to exhibit the stone for the benefit of charity, and a little corner was found for her in the exchange, where many visitors gaze with silent wonder at the familiar face cut by the hand of nature in the pebble.

The accumulation of wealth, estimated at fourteen per cent of the gross earnings of mankind, now aggregates \$5,000,000,000 per annum, and is increasing, relatively as well as absolutely, from year to year.