

wilt. For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter." Yes, the devil has departed from that emaciated frame. "Her daughter was made whole from that very hour." The colour is returned to those pallid cheeks; the blood no longer streams from those lacerated limbs. The sepulchre and the desert are no more the haunts of the rescued maniac; the mother's love is triumphant through faith. Satan is dethroned from brain and heart; the faculties are free for God. And, say, shall not we assume a louder strain, and swell the burden of the song, till heaven shall ring, while *we*—the saved from Satan, the mystic antitype of that lone victim—echo across the chasm of ages, the praises of the mercy, that crushed for ever the earthly omnipotence of Satan, that hurled the fiend "like lightning" from the heaven of his power, and raised on the ruins of sin and sin's slavish law, the everlasting monarchy of grace. "O, woman, great is thy faith." O, Church of the living God, great was thy endurance in the days of old; "We have heard and our fathers have declared unto us the noble things of their day and of the old time before them." High and holy is the inheritance, thy faith through fire and blood hath transmitted. And, oh! people of the living God! gentiles "grafted into the olive tree,"—heathen who are blest, while "the children of the kingdom are cast out," whom grace, itself unbought, hath bought from hell, buried in baptism, and therein raised again!—shall any wile of the seducer delude you back to the ruin from which you have been saved? Shall this august heritage of glory have been offered and bestowed in vain? that heritage of mercy, no smaller though thousands share it! "The devil is gone out" of the Gentile daughter, but shall he return with the seven darker spirits, and the last end be worse than the first? God grant you light to see, and strength to avoid the fearful doom; and knowing that graces abused are far worse than graces never given, may He, by faith and godly fear, enable you to reach that holy country, where the Canaanite mother has ere now, it may be, learned to glory in a celestial Canaan, and the demoniac daughter, whom Jesus freed on earth, has found a voice to speak her gratitude in heaven.—*Archer Butler*.

EXTENSION OF ANGLICAN AND ROMAN CHURCHES.

The efforts by many in the Church of England, to extend operations, are worthy of all praise. We believe we are within the mark in saying that many clergymen possessed of private fortunes, while labouring themselves, with as great assiduity as any town missionary, expend more than all their official income, in the employment of assistants in the work, so as, if possible, to make some head-way against the mass of "unexcavated heathens" in their midst. Whatever opinions one may hold on the question of an Established Church, it is impossible not to admire the zeal and energy and self-sacrifice, so frequently, and perseveringly displayed by many of the good and great men within the pale of a Church, in many respects so anomalous, and made up of such discordant materials as the Church of England.

From a paper of the *Church Pastoral Aid Society*, we learn that in Manchester Parish in 1835, there were,

30 Churches,	to	331,247 population	or	1 to 11,041
40 Resident Clergy,	to	do	or	1 to 8,231

In 1857, there were 62 Churches and 21 licensed buildings, in a population of 450,820, or 1 to 5,431. 120 Resident Clergy, 1 to 3,756. The change in 22 years is very marked.

As a companion picture, and on a somewhat more extended scale we may refer to the efforts being made by the Church of Rome.

Our readers know something of the Society for the propagation of the faith. Great exertions are being made at present to increase its funds. The Pope has proclaimed a Jubilee and promised indulgences to all who subscribe to its funds. Numerous allocutions are drawn up by various bishops in favour of this society. Bishop Charbonel of Toronto gives a marvellous statement of what has been accomplished by its means. Some may perhaps be inclined to think there is some measure of exaggeration, but the statistics of priests employed, are probably correct, and they exhibit a large amount of activity.—*Communicated*.