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GRACE CHURCH,

ELM STREET.

The service at this church was conducted by the Rev. J. McCarroll, M.D., on the morning of the 14th inst. Names, in certain cases, would appear to have been given in irony; it is therefore not wholly remarkable that in the Church of grace, what are termed the doctrines of grace are not preached; two Methodist ministers have elected to preach methodist doctrines therein, from an Episcopal pulpit, and with reference to them, we need only echo the words of the Lord himself, "verily they have their reward." The gravity of the writer was jeopardized by the highly un-biblical incident of the vigorous tugging at a milk-bottle, on the part of one of five infants, which had been brought to the church, in order to be submitted to the rite of baptism; this rite was celebrated after the reading of the second lesson. The writer may safely affirm that its administration during the service, would, in the opinion of all present, have been more honored in the breach, than the observance; with as little hesitation may he declare that if the object of those who are responsible for the conduct of public worship, be, to increase

the rampant infidelity of the age, they could hardly effect their purpose more surely than by reading such a service as that for the 'baptism of infants' publicly. The fervour which the ex-Methodist contrived to throw into this eminently Romish service, might lead the unwary to conclude that he believed it. It is well for him, the writer was not examining chaplain to the Bishop who received him, when he renounced "the errors of methodism," for the *beauties of Rome*, as represented by this "occasional service." The same lack of apprehension of the meaning of the passage "God of God," etc., in the Nicene creed, which displayed itself in St. James' Cathedral, was manifested by the officiating minister on this occasion. With regard to the sermon which was supposed to be connected with Heb. xi, 23-26, it was obvious that the gentleman who delivered it, did not perceive that there was anything anomalous in attempting to descant on the excellence of Moses as exhibited in "choosing to suffer affliction," etc., and flourishing a gold ring and other adornments, than those of "a meek and quiet spirit," the while. A tol-