

and the wrinkled hands folded upon the table, the little "missionary for God's service" folded her own willing hands, and began the collect, granny repeating the words after her—

"Oh, God, who, as at this time didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort, thro' the merits of Christ Jesus, our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen."

"A good prayer, child," said granny, "and may be you'll pray that my heart may learn it as readily as my lips have said it after you today."

"Oh, granny!" exclaimed the little girl, "if you only knew how much good it has done me, teaching you to love Jesus, and teaching myself to love the service for His sake! I hardly knew what it meant before, and when I began I was so frightened, because of being only a little girl. But you will soon be teaching me now, and indeed you have taught me that, as my Sunday-school teacher said, 'It is true, that even a little girl may exert an influence for good upon those older than herself, if she chooses to do so, or at least to try to do so.'"

### THE PEW SYSTEM IN OUR CHURCHES.

The history of religious worship and of religious buildings in America is, in this aspect of it, as exceptional as it is inconsistent. I presume it would be safe to say that there is no other land in Christendom where so many places of religious worship bear witness to the inflexible supremacy of the spirit of caste. For what is the spirit of caste if it be not the spirit that in these conditions and relationships which, seeming to exclude distinctions implying superiority or inferiority of persons, insists upon affirming them? And is there any other institution which, in the face of the plain teachings of the religion of Jesus Christ—as where in the Epistle of St. James it is said: "My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; and ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing and say unto him, sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool; are ye not then

partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?" (i.e., discriminate from unworthy motives.) Is there, I ask, any other institution which, in the face of the plain teaching of its Founder, departs so radically and habitually from that teaching as thus given as does the modern pewed church? Mr. Webster once said that it was an evidence of the divine origin of Christianity that it had so long survived its being preached in tub pulpits. It will be stronger evidence of it if in America it survives the enormous incongruity of the pew system.—*Bishop Potter, in the Forum.*

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