

## AN INSULT TO THE CRUCIFIX.

The Church in Switzerland has some difficulty to encounter from the free-thinkers. A contemporary tells us that on Sexagesima Sunday at Grimand, a village in the diocese of Frejus, a crucifix, much prized, was being blessed. A young Freethinker happened to be in the church at the time of the function. He mixed in the crowd through curiosity, or rather through impiety. When the crucifix was lifted up for the veneration of the faithful, the unhappy wretch began to utter sacrilegious blasphemies against the image of His Savior, crying out, "*Che fa la quell' uomo nudo?*" A pious woman who was standing beside him could not help exhibiting her grief and astonishment. The young man went out of the church before the function was ended. But on the following Sunday Our Lord made him feel the weight of His arm in punishment. On the evening before, while the sacrilegious wretch was engaged in his workshop, he fell into a vessel of boiling water. He was at first thought to be dead, but Divine Justice would not suffer this, in order to manifest itself in a surprising and terrible manner. The insulter had to bear in his body the avenging evidence of his crime, a manifest proof to all of the power of that Christ whom he had mocked. And so it happened. His body was stripped and remained thus stripped on his bed, as Christ was on His cross. His flesh was burnt, his skin torn away to shreds. *Quest' uomo nudo* beating about in the convulsions of his agony was the same who had a little before mocked at the sacred nakedness of the Body of Christ. The unhappy wretch died without the Sacraments, and never saw again in this world the image of his crucified God. The tragic death caused a profound sensation in Grimand.—*Liberta Cattolica*.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OF THE YOUNG.—This includes two things, Christian education at home, and Christian education in the school. Of these, Christian education at home is the most important. There is no responsibility before God, so heavy as that of Christian parents in this matter. Upon them depends for the most part, the destiny of their children for time and for eternity. The peculiar character and conduct of every one depends chiefly upon the influences which surround them in early life. "As the twig is bent, the tree's inclined." The education of a child, in the full and proper sense of the word,