

instructions as these which Confucius left for the guidance of his disciples?

Our sceptical friends can read up Confucius and learn how to "appear quite overcome," and how to "look sad and disappointed," and how to have a "vague and unrelenting look" if they will; but Christians will cleave to the Word of the Lord, and will find there better directions both for joy and sorrow than the elaborate *acting* in which the heathen teacher so thoroughly instructed his disciples. —*Hastings.*

#### EXPERIENCE IN A CHAPEL AND IN A CATHEDRAL.

A correspondent of the *West Briton* recently contrasted Truro Cathedral and the Wesleyan Chapel in respect to the welcome given to worshippers. He said on a recent Sunday evening "two strangers went to the said chapel. They were kept standing at the door fully ten minutes, when some one showed them into a vacant pew. They were scarcely seated when a lady and her maid requested them "to occupy another part of the pew, as it belonged to them." Of course, they were only too glad to show this courtesy; but no sooner were they at the other end of the pew than a third person claimed it, apparently very much annoyed at the presence of these intruders. They had no alternative but to leave; and on making their exit they carefully noticed the half-occupied pews, and that no one was courteous enough to proffer them a seat. The strangers in question wended their way to the Cathedral, where they met with a very different reception."

#### LOSE A THING AND FIND ITS VALUE.

A little girl, who from circumstances was debarred from the usual pleasures of childhood, and whose chief enjoyment was found in her Sunday school and church, after listening in silence to a discussion on the proposed changes in the Prayer Book and Hymnal, quickly said, "Aunt — I — hope — they — won't change the Cat-e-chism — if they do change the prayers and hymns." Her aunt was glad to reassure her on this point. The same child once being asked by one not of our faith if she had experienced a change of heart, if she had been converted, replied, "I don't know what you mean, but I am a member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

*The Standard of the Cross* very pertinently remarks: "Respectable newspaper writers of late show an inclination to tolerate the barbarism, 'Revs.' The adjective *reverend* has the same form in both singular and plural — Rev. Mr. Smith; Rev. Messrs. Smith and Jones. No possible combination of nouns or plural nouns justifies 'Reverends.' As well say 'Dear friends,' or 'Gods people.' It is a usage that is doubtless fostered by the habit, itself hardly less barbarous, of making the word a quasi noun, as in the salutation, 'Good morning, Reverend'; or as in the phrase, 'The Reverend Smith,' instead of Rev. Mr. Smith."

How many, many thousands of people play daily with fire, and are surprised and reproachful when the flames turn and burn them.