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was opened; but a thick heavy portiere hung down. The Quaker drew it gent-ly aside, and they found themselves in hung down. The Quaker drew it gently aside, and they found themselves in a large dining-room, now fitted as a theatre; but all the lights burned low until but a faint twilight filled the room, save at the end, where a narrow stage was brilliantly lighted with electric lamps. Hence they stood and then sat unseen by the audience—a crowd of ladies and gentlemen, all in evening costume, and who besides were so interested by the stage tableau that they could not hear the almost noiseless entrance of the visitors. Nor did the visitors heed them; for their eyes were riveted on that same stage, where, clad in fawnskins, with a thyrsus in one hand and a winecup in the other, and apparently in an advanced state of intoxication, was Louis Wilson, in the capacity of the "Strayed Reveller." He sat, or rather reclined, on a couch, softened by mosses and ferns; the fawnskin had slipped from his shoulder, which gleamed like marble; the dark curls hung low on his neck as he raised his face unward towards the enchantcurls hung low on his neck as he raised his face upward towards the enchant ress of Cyprus—Circe. She was clothed in Greek costume, her hair filleted and knotted by circlets of gold and precious knotted by circlets of gold and precious stones, and her feet quite bare. Near her stood Ulysses, grim and weather-beaten, his mariner's clothes rather tattered and seaworn, and on his face was a look of gladness as of one who had escaped shipwreck, and yet as of one who had determined not to be taken in the toils of the enchantress. Circe was just repeating the words: was just repeating the words:

Regish boy! why tremblest thou?
Thou loves it, then my wine?
Wouldst more of it? see, how it glows
Through the delicate flushed marble.
The red creaming liquor,
Strown with Gark seeds!
Drink, then! I chide thee not,
Deny thee not the bowl,
Come, stretch forth thy hand—then—so,
Drink, drink again!

and Louis repeated :

Thanks, gracious One!
An the sweet fumes again!
More soft, ah me!
More subtle-winding
Than Pan's flute-music,
Faint-faint! Ah, me!
Again the sweet sleep.

"I wish to God he'd never wake out of it," hissed the doctor. "I'd rather see him dead a million times than thus." 'Hush! hush!" said the Quaker.

" Come out !"
" No, I'll see the damnable thing to

the end," hissed the doctor. And they did. Then, with a sigh, the doctor went out, followed by his friend. "What's all this internal business about ?" said the doctor. "What do they call this Devil's Drama?"

"Now, now, friend, thou art un reasonably excited," said the Quaker. "This is a harmless poem enough; written by a very excellent good man; and now more or less degraded into what they call Tableaux Classiques. If thou wert to see thy excellent son as Perseus, rescuing that fair lady, And-"And who is that harridan?" said

"A most excellent wife and mother. "A most excellent wile and mother.
Didst thou never hear of the beautiful
Mrs. Wenham, wife of one of the aidesde camp to Lord?"

"Certainly," said his companion.
The doctor softened a little under the

The doctor sortened a little dider the magic of the name, though he felt his son's degradation keenly.

"And that cld Silents—who is he?"

"The reputable and pious Crawford, whose name stands behind six figures

young baby Papists from their darkness and superstition and bring them into the sunlight of the Gospel freedom? Good-night, dear friend!"

And the kindly sarcastic Quaker went his way. Next morning the microbe patients had a little rest. There was a scene, a violent scene, in the doctor's study, in which, for once, the doctor's honest anger overwhelmed and subdued the keen sarcasm of his son, whilst Barbara and her mother, with white faces, were trembling in the whilst Barbara and her mother, with white faces, were trembling in the drawing-room. That evening the mail boat from Kingstown had on its deck a very distinguished passenger, with a good deal of the manner and airs of a foreign prince. And then Louis Wilson had to face the humiliation and misery of his London lodgings during the long vacation, when all the world was abroad, except the vulgar. He would have fretted a good deal but for two resources—the care of his face and figure, and a certain tiny flask which figure, and a certain tiny flask which he carried with him everywhere, and a few drops of whose magic elixir wafted him to a Mahometan paradise.

TO BE CONTINUED.

Protestants Built the Church.

One of the most notable churches in the West was dedicated on June 13 at Imperial, Neb. About a year ago, two non-Catholic business men of Imperial, suggested to Rev. Father Loughran, of McCook, the advisability of building a Catholic church in Imperial. A meet ing was called, which was addressed by Bishop Bonacum, and in which \$1,200 was pledged. A building com-mittee, three of whom were Protestants, was appointed, and these three being prominent business men had practically The Mandarin stamped his foot, say inthe deed. Unless this terrible hour be mittee, three of whom were Protestants, g, "Wilt thou obey?"

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THE FAITH THAT OVERCOMETH.

ADAPTED FROM THE FRENCH.

Our friend Mr. Harding in his study of French life and character, did not restrict himself to Paris salons or Parisian slums. He took a wider range of social observation, and visited provin-cial towns and obscure villages, to take notes of men and manners under differ

ent aspects of human life.

Thus, one day found him seated in a Ittle inn in the Breton village of Las-Kermor, in Leonnais, on a certain fete day, listening to the conversation of a group of sailors, two of whom, Yves Trahec and Jean-Marie Hoel, having just returned from a voyage to Ton-quin, were chatting and drinking with their relations and friends. These honest fellows had been away nearly two years, and must have suffered much in those distant countries! They took no notice of the Englishman who was smoking a cigar and apparently ab-sorbed in the perusal of his newspaper, but he was listening attentively, for he was not yet quite accustomed to the

Breton language.

While Jean-Marie filled his pipe, and smiled at his little brother Jeannie who had climbed his knee, Yves Trahec, faithful to his reputation of being a good talker, answered the thousand a good taker, answered the distributed questions addressed to him, without torgetting to empty his glass.

"Look here, Yvas," suddenly exclaimed the old pilot Mathurin, "I

have a question at the tip of my tongue. Tell us if what Monsieur le Curé says is true, that there are mis-sionaries out in Tonquin who would let themselves be torn to pieces for their "Ay, certainly Pilot, all that is

"Thou art jesting!"
"On the contrary, I am quite in earnest.'

earnest."

Mathurin shrugged his shoulders,
and replied in an incredulous tone,
"Wouldst thou have us believe that
there are people in the world simple
enough to suffer martyrdom, when they
might by one word save their lives?"

"There are such, Mr. Mathurin; I
have seen them."

"There are such, are shared in , have seen them."
"Then hast seen them, child?" said the pliet mockingly; "I should very much like to see such people myself.

My belief is that such things are no longer of our time! I know no one in law Kormer who would be disposed to Las-Kermor who would be disposed to sacrifice his little finger rather than renounce his baptism."

renounce his baptism.

Hereupon loud protestations were raised: "Dost thou take us for heathens? We are not pious folk, but if it came to apostasy, one would think twice about it."

Yves Trahec tapped the pilot on the shoulder: "No humbug, old rascal; you make yourself, and us, out worse than we are. It is all very well to put on Protestant and heathen airs, for a sham, but when one is out at an a sham, but when one is out at sea, and you are dashed by the hurricane on the crest of waves that threaten every moment to swallow you up, it is another thing. Then one understands the nothingness of man, when face to face with God. That is what the sailor out there in Tenquin said to himself, whose story I am going to tell you."
"Ah! thou hast a story?"

" Certainly !"

"Well, then, tell it; let us hear it. But be brief, for we cannot lay to very long.

thou of their religion?"
"I glory in being so."
"Ah! bravo! Now we shall have a laugh. Listen."
The Mandarin made a sign to his

The Mandarin made a sign to his guards; one of them laid down a crucifix at the sailor's feet.

"Trample on that emblem of superstition," he commanded. "If you refuse, you will receive a hundred blows of the rattan, and then be beheaded."

In spite of his bravery, the sailor trembled. The outlook was not attractive! A hundred blows of the rattan, and, for a final treat, decapitation; there was no fun in that. The Mandarin was a man who would keep his word.

He resumed in a voice of thunder, "Well! what dost thou decide?"

The sailor hung his head. A violent struggle was taking place in his soul. He had long forgotten his religious duties, but he was a Breton, and he had the faith.

In a moment a thousand memories crowded upon him: the little home where he had lisped the name of Jesus at his mother's knee; the church where he had been baptized and made his First Communion; the cemetery where slept those of his ancestors from whom he himself had learnt his simple trade; and what more I know not. All trade; and what more I knownot. All
this brought the tears to his eyes. You
must forgive him, he was but twenty.
He was no coward, His resolution
was taken. "One cannot renounce
one's God," he said to himself. "One
cannot desert one's colors!" And he
quietly tried to say a long forgotten

prayer.

The Mandarin stamped his foot, say-

lct, mockingly.
Mr. Harding had been listening with breathless attention to the tale of Yves, and had given a sigh of relief as he ended; and the old pilot's words sounded to him almost like a sacrilege. "Well, then! look at these should-

ers," cried Yves, roughly drawing off Jean's Marie's vest, see here the marks of the Bac-Le rattan !"

of the Bac-Le rattan!"

Mathnrin, the old sailor, was deeply moved; he seized the hand of Jean Marie and wrung it. "Thou art a brave fellow," he said.

"Yes! thou are indeed a brave fellow!" cried all the other sailors with

one voice; one is a Breton and a Christian, or nothing!" Jean-Marie, greatly confused, turned towards Yves Trahec and murmured, "How tiresome! There was no need

for thee to tell that tale!' "'Twas well told," said Mr. Hard-ing, and going towards Jean Marie, said, "Le: me, too, have the nonor of shak ing hands with you. I am an English-man, and a brother in the faith, and I thank God Who gave you grace and strength to confess Him in the very face C. H. N. of a cruel death.

ANCIENT AND MODERN SUPER-STITIONS.

One reads the latest instalment of Georgine Milmine's, "Mary Baker G. Eddy," etc., which is entitled "The Revival of Witchcraft," with a curious sensation of having strayed back several centuries, and wondering how McClure's Magazine appeared with impunity in witchcraft days. Who has patience now with the deluded creatures who believed even earlier than the days who believed even earlier that the days of the Salem delusion that one might "remove" a human obstacle from one's path by making a waxen image of him and letting it melt before a slow fire; or with the judges who hanged nincteen persons, and imprisoned at one time in the quiet New England town, one hundred and twenty-six, on the absurd charge of bringing injury to others' health and property by diabol-

ical agencies ?"
Yet, Mrs. Eddy's "malicious mes merism," for the exercising of which on the late Lucretia L. S. Brown, of merism," Ipswich, suit was brought against Dan iel H. Spofford, of Haverhill, Mass., less than thirty years ago before the court of Salem village, was equally ab-surd. The defendant's lawyer appeared with a demurrer, which the judge, of course, sustained, declaring with a smile that it was beyond the power of the court to control Mr. Spofford's mind. Since Mrs. Eddy and her disciples

declare there is is no real evil in the world but only "Error, or Mortal Mind," how can an active malevolent principle exist, and work tangible mischief to human beings? Well, answer the Christian Scientists, evil seems to exist; but true religion is in realizing that evil has no existence. realizing that evil has no existence. We take Mrs. Eddy's explanation verbatim from her "Miscellaneous Writings:" "Mortal mind includes all evil, disease and death; also all beliefs relative to the so-called material laws, and all-material objects, and the law of sin and death. Mortal mind is an illusion: as much in our waking an illusion; as much in our waking moments as in the dreams of sleep. The belief that Intelligence, Truth and Love are in matter and separate from God, is an error : for there is no

"The old ranting hypocrite! I thought he did nothing but cheat on the Exchange, and sing psalms with old toothless cats, and slander over their tea-tables!"

"Now, friend, thou art irritated, and therefore urjust. Even the gody and the pious must have legitimate recreation; and thou knowest the object is charitable."

"Indeed! I should be much surprised if my young cub ever did a charitable thing in his life."

"Oh, yes!" said the Quaker. "Thou shouldst not object. Is it not one of the tenets of thy own Church—the end justifies the means? And what can be more laudable than to wean away young baby Papists from their darkness and superstition and bring them into the sunlight of the Gonnel freedom?"

"I glory in being so."

"Ah! brayo! Now we shall have work was impeded by the conviction that her pupils, engaged in healing, were through thoughtlessness or selfish ness, drawing upon her energies, and burdening her with the "beliefs" (ail-

burdening her with the "beliefs" (all-ment) of their patients.

"It would be no greater crime," she writes, "for them to come directly and thrust a dagger into my heart; they are just as surely in belief killing me and committing murder. The sin lies at their door and for them to meet its penalty sometimes. . . . If the students will continue to think of me and call on me. I shall at least defend and call on me. I shall at least defend myself and this will be to cut them off from me utterly in a spiritual sense by a bridge they cannot pass over and the effect of this on them they will then

But this fault so severely repre-hended and for which chastisement so dire was hinted at was only the selfishness of pupils trying to get the utmost possible from a teacher in whom, appossible from a teacher in whom, apparently, they were reposing almost the confidence that creatures put in their Creator. One of Mrs. Eddy's students set up for himself, and endeavored, so she thought, to make her the victim of his personal animosity.
"This malpractitioner tried his best

to break down our health before we learned the cause of our sufferings. In coming years the person or mind that hates his neighbor will have no need to traverse his fields, to destroy his flocks and herds, and spoil his vines; or to enter his house to de-moralize his household; and not in propria personae be seen committing the deed. Unless this terrible hour be met and restrained by science, mes-merism, that scourge of man, will leave nothing sacred when mind begins to act under the direction of conscious

"But I did not see him," said the old suffered too; the tendency of the mesmeric influence being "to sour the disposition, to occasion great fear of disease, dread and discouragement, to cause a relapse of former diseases, to produce new ones, to create dislikes

or indifference to friends." etc. She destroys the devil under his usual name, and satan comes up and routs her under the name of Mortal

As the old rhyme has it :

The devil is voted not to be, and so the devil But honest people would like to know who carries his business on!

Well, it is Mortal Mind, at your service! And if the enquirer unkindly retorts that mortal mind is responsible under God's Providence, for men's good deeds and bad, in general, that it can be moved by higher intelligences, which are either good or evil, then you will hear that Mortal Mind and all its supposed results are but the figments of a dream. Yet there are thousands of rational beings who accept these doctrines, apparently ob livious to the contradictions involved. The superstitions of two hundred or five hundred years ago are held up to scorn, while these twentieth century men and women in our own America become the willing victims of delusions unsurpassed in the history of recorded time.—Boston Pilot.

AN ENGLISH NON-CONFORMIST ON THE REUNION OF CHRIS-TENDOM.

The famous Dominican, the Rev. Vincent McNabb, calls the attention of the London Tablet to some hopeful signs in a peculiarly unhopeful season. It is true that the non-Conformists, generally, are trying to destroy the denominational schools in England, but there must be a small minority of bet-ter spirit. Writes Father McNabb:

That there are some embers of hope even where we might least expect, may be shown from a recent issue of a leading—perhaps we should say—the leading—non-Conformist organ. The British Weekly. Its accomplished editor, the Rev. W. Robertson Nicoll, has trained his hearers to expect a high standard of style and scholarship in the columns of his paper. But it may be questioned whether he has ever surpassed his recent leading article on "The Limits of Christian Union."

There is scarcely a phrase which a loyal Catholic would wish to see al tered. There are many phrases which could only be altered by being robbed of their peculiar force or grace. Throughout the article there runs a clearness, an earnestness, and a mod-esty of thought which could well be copied by any future writer or speaker

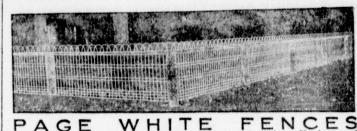
The opening paragraph discusses the duty and manner of reunion; wiser and graver words could hardly be found: "We pay no lip service to the cause of Christian union. It was the Master's prayer that His disciples should be one. To say that that prayer would be answered by a general good feeling of Christians organized in different sects, appears to us extremely inadequate. The natural result of a true internal union is an external union; and it is to an external union that the eyes of the world will be drawn, as Christ prayed that they might be. It is well that so strong and earnest a de-sire for union should prevail among the churches of Christ, and it is significant that nearly all, if not all, the unions that have taken place have been of much advantage to the general Christian cause. Federation is not a sub stitute for union but a step toward it. True Christian union can only be

This clear declaration is followed by woman of fifty six years, and married to the man under whose name she has gained her widest renown. She was engaged on a new and larger edition of her "Key to the Scriptures," but her noteworthy that the writer gives the first place amongst the Christian first place amongst the Christian Churches to the Catholic. His words

Churches to the Catholic. His words are well worth quoting:

"We are all agreed, perhaps, that a union of Roman Catholics and Protestants as things stand is impossible. (Italics mine.) The Church of Rome has no terms of union; she insists on complete surrender. That surrender can never be given by those who believe that her form of Christianity is largely corrupt. Neither is federation largely corrupt. Neither is federation in any way practicable. Nevertheless, whatever view the Roman Church may whatever view the known church may take of Protestants, Protestants can with joy recognize the lineaments of Christ in her saints. They can distinguish between the Church and the Papacy. They can acknowledge that the Church of Rome retains the main articles of the Christian faith. Dr. Charles Hodge, the illustrious Calvan-

Church teaches truth enough to save the souls of men (of which I have no doubt;) inasmuch as it proclaims the



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speakably better than no Church at all. And therefore when the choice is be-tween that and none, it is wise and right to encourage the establishment of churches under the control of Catholic priests.

Read with sympathy and the his troic sense, these words are not with-out their large contribution to hope. That a reunion can take place only on the assured foundation of the div-inity of Christ is clear from the follow-

ing earnest phrases:

Far more serious are our differences with the Unitarians. Those who wor ship Christ, those who believe in their hearts that God has raised Him from the dead, cannot unite with the Unitarians and cannot away federate with tarians, and cannot even federate with them. This was clearly seen when the Evangelical Free Church Council was formed. One of the great aims of that body was the preaching of the Gospel, and it was the Evangelical Gospel we

The rejection of the New Theology is unequivocal. is unequivocal.

When we are asked to accept all the negations of Unitarianism plus Pantheism, accompanied by the use of Christian phrase, the declinature must be absolute. It is not for us again to say who is a Christian and who is not : Christian. But those who can think clearly know perfectly well that such a system is an open denial and mockery of Christ and His Gospel as we have received them. It is as impossible for us to work on the same ground with these men as it is for us to work with

Mr. Blatchford.

The closing paragraph is worthy of the best traditions of non-Conformity: If our chapels are to become mere houses of call for men divided on fundamental principles; if people hear in them one day that St. Paul's teaching is just nonsense, and on another that it is the heart of the Gospel, is the heart of the Gospel, then it is quite certain that that these chapels will be soon de serted. There can be no union beserted. There can be no union be-tween men without common aims and a common faith. The brotherhood that unites the saints is not a rope of sand. It can never be a mere negation, a mere opposition. There are those who seem to imagine that the chief hindrance to the growth of the chief hindrance to the growth of true Christianity is the necessity of agreeing in common, and that men would struggle to propagate the Gos-pel if everyone were allowed to have his own Gospel. It is the vainest of all fancies. Such a method would elimin-ate all spiritual religion from the body arbicetted to it. The people will never subjected to it. The people will never support an elaborate religious organization when those who attempt to lead them in work and in thought are at direct issue on central principles. Earnest Christians will turn away from such societies to seek an organization where they will not be countenancing by their co-operation the propagation

what they consider deadly heresy. Were these thoughts and feelings widespread as they are earnest and justifiable no one could say whither they would lead. Those gifted to read those who hold that the Church is the Body of Christ, the company of believers who profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ."

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This company of believers who profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ."

perhaps, a coming religious Hague Con-ference from which the successor of St. The Noisy Devil. "The devil is making all the noise in the religious world just now," says the Western Watchman. "He is al ways a good advertiser. The demon

ways a good advertiser. The demon our Lord expelled was dumb. All the devils of our day talk and write, and sing and dance and shout, until you would think there was no one else in the world. The newspapers are in the hands of men who if they have any faith, keep it concealed from their readers. They pretend to know most things and discuss everything. When they are done the discussion is adjourned indefinitely. To a man on the fence, it would appear that this hum and buzz is the whole life and thought of the world of our day. It is only the of the world of our day. It is only the froth. 'The shallows murmur, but the deeps are dumb.' The froth is tossed and blown about by the wind, but the great ocean deep is unmoved. The real thinking, sentient Christian world charles Hodge, the illustrious Calvanistic theologian, was asked toward the end of his life as to the propriety of granting tracts of land along a rail road for the purpose of building Roman Catholic churches.

"Inasmuch as the Roman Catholic Church tagency truth apongh to says."

"Church tagency truth apongh to says." noisy highways, believing souls are wrapt in prayer."

St. Joseph's example teaches us the divine authority of the Scriptures, the obligation of the Decalogue, and the retribution of eternity; and inasmuch as it calls upon them to worship God the Father, Son and Spirit, it is un

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