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on and her su to been intoler-she had not been about Tyrconnel to herself. Even to refrain from Even just the moder. in her friend's umstances of the and, taxed her l to the utmost. us guests in the to Mrs. Dalton. e medical men : ed man, coming s ; police, detect nen and wome d burning with owardly outrage rpetrated. The pervaded by an d suspense : and y painful to be and sometimes ons and specula of the outrage,

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ually.

abruptly, "do not The crisis will never dared to telling him that now the fever is eaves him he mus rs say. There is ink unless he can you to come and

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" said Cecil, in a nswered Kathleen. if there is needove. I have not

o leave the room, r hand. "Kath-id, "there is still

only a possibility. at he may rally if e roused and his Something icated to his mind. Pray-O Cecil, God's will to grant

this exhortation : been going up in tion for his life heard that it was asting herself prayed as she had her life before, re, not by her love motion which is as s bitter as death-

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Again the heavy lids lifted, and replenshed them. The soul needed to A NIGHT AS LIGHT AS THE DAY. again fell. be replenished from time to time with "Mr. Tyrconnel !" Cecil cried, this grace ; it must act, its energies must

time bending her face close to his. "Mr. Tyrconnel !" The utterance of this name-the as Jonas was in ; while the tumultonly name she had ever called him-was like a spell in its effect. He looked up with life and intelligence in and iro in the danger of the storm, his glance, his eye kindling with a he heeded not; and even so, there was spark of its old light as it rested on danger all round about their soul.

sister, who was close beside Cecil. "Kathleen," he said, very feebly, "I see-her-face. Am-I-dream

ing? No. darling brother, you are not dreaming ; she is here," answered the

girl, in a choking voice. "And you oh, thank God, you are better-you " If it is-God's will," he said. heart, you cannot touch it, it is not sensitive to danger or fear, or the

" I knew it !" said Mrs. Bernard to stay there !" "I thought myself that it was most

likely she would," was the reply. "And I don't think her doing so is to be regretted." "I do !" sa said the lady, in a tone

the way "-he interrupted himself with is about to be married ?" "What !"

just said. "Mr. Craven ! I don't believe it !"

tone.

pend upon for the truth of the matter, observed Mr. Bernard, with affected gravity. "But I was going to remark that, from what he says, Tyrconnel must be just the man to meet Cecil's rather exigent demands in the way of a husband. And she will have plenty of use for her money in the rehabilitation of an Irish estate. Depend upon it. the whole business will suit her admirably."

And it does, as she gratefully acknowledges while using the fortune which so nearly kept the lives of Tyrconnel and herself apart, in "doing some work in the world" for the glory of God and the benefit of her neighbor. THE END.

THE STAGES OF SIN.

Discourse by the Rev. Luke Riving-

Preaching on Sunday night at St. Charles's, Ogle street, from the text. 'The soul that sinneth, the same shall die "(Ezechias xviii., 20), said there is in every sin a history, and, although the detail is different in many respects in each separate case, still the history

At midnight our Saviour Jesus be employed, otherwise there will come upon it that deep sleep such as Jonas was in ; while the tumult-was in the midst of her course, Thy upon it that deep sleep such Almighty Word, O Lord," says Holy

her face. "You !" he said, his thin, nerveless fingers making an effort to clasp hers. "I_Cecil," she answered. "I_Cecil," she answered. there was danger in everything the brated on Holy Saturday; but, was lowering, how the evil ones were night long, the faithful kept vigil, eathering round about them, how they and the Mass of the Resurrection was Oh ! if their eyes were open to see how

were in the midst of danger, and yet celebrated during those sacred hours. the soul slept the heavy sleep of sin: it did not see that there was the slight-of the Church found it impossible to

est danger of its shipwreck. When the sun withdraws itself the earth be-sion of the Living Jesus, and gradcomes cold and the ice thick ; even so, when God withdraws the grace which came those of the holy night be-came those of the previous morning. we would not use, the soul becomes harder and yet harder, and as cold as harder and yet harder, and as cold as ice; you can do nothing with that to be learned from these hallowed

her husband, when she received Cecil's letter announcing her engagement to Tyrconnel "I knew that if Cecil went to Europe she would marry-and

which had a suspicion of tears in it. "From what Craven says-oh, by into that heavy, deep, dead sleep. The next stage that comes upon the soul is that it tells a most deliberate loving illumination with the sweetness a laugh-" did I tell you that Craven and malignant lie; it gives way de liberately to the indulgence passions. Years ago it would not have

Mr. Bernard repeated what he had

said Mrs. Bernard, in a very positive

"I have only his own word to de-

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sleep in which it no toget unest, in-voice of God. It may be honest, in-day morning. "Brethren: if you be risen with "Brethren: if you be risen with people, for instance ; one hands something across a counter, and the other hands back something ; one of these may be living in the grace of God and

the other absolutely accursed before Almighty God. If they could see that life is hid with Christ in God." Almighty God. If they could see that soul, they would see it was dark and black and motionless as a corpse-it was a dead soul ! It required a miracle to raise up that soul from that terrible state of death, because it

Now hear St. John once more. The soul, by a certain fitness, discerns the divine light, if it shuts its eves against all objects whatever, and opens them only for the vision of God.

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placed such an obstacle in the way of God's grace. They read of Lazarus that he was four days dead. visited by the Beloved. There he was in the tomb, all tied and bound, and his hands and feet enveloped with the shroud,

and said to them "Watch !" when He

Gethsemane : and so, He comes to us again and again and says : "Watch !" A passage from 1

thought such a thing possible in its angels.

case, but everything had been preparing the way for it, and at last it passed into that terrible

and there was a great stone rolled against the door ; and even so it was with the man who had not simply committed one mortal sin, but did it again

can express." and again, and got into on and done it again and again, and got into all sorts of complications, contracted all sorts of ties which it is difficult to preak at once—he is tied hand and foot. It was now a question of resti-tution, perhaps, of reparation or satisfaction. "Oh!" says St. Augus-does St. Paul say? "You are dead ; and your life is hid with Christ in God." What does the Church say? satisfaction. "On i says St. Augus-tine, "what it is for the soul to have that heavy weight of cus-tom keeping it down! That soul becomes offensive : it has round

the miracle which our divine Lord of miracles is that the infection of $\sin z$ it dees not save of God but of the Evil Oae, is also of $\sin z$ in an atmosphere of $\sin z$ is uncequing the infection of $\sin z = 1$. This month (April) the intent z = 1 on the sum and infection z = 0 is a medicine of role on the infection of $\sin z = 1$. This month (April) the intent z = 1 on the infection of $\sin z = 1$ on the infection of the infection of the infection of $\sin z = 1$ on the infection of the infection of $\sin z = 1$ on the infection of $\sin z = 1$ on the infection of $\sin z = 1$ on the infection of the infection of $\sin z = 1$ on the the offensive infection of their evil life, to commit sin. What they had that it gives them up, it is no longer faithful to the inspiration which God is always giving it, it ceases to be reguto be careful about were the first little beginnings of sin. Every one of those who came to tell that sad tale of always giving it, it ceases to be regu-lar in its religious duties, everything becomes tiresome to it—that is to say, everything that has to do with God and its religion. What it does it does in a half-hearted way, it does not put sin had to say that they began with dislike of God.—The Monitor.

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saints of all ages and conditions knew. They cared for nothing but God and the things of God, their very life being

hid in Him with Christ. The Resur rection season, when, with a supernat ural naturalness, there comes to the Christian a homesickness for heaven, is a fitting time to think what that Scripture, "came down from Thy royal throne." At midnight, thirtynight, bright as the day, symbolizesthe blessed self denial and self conquest three years afterward, that same that led to the illumination of the soul divine Saviour rose triumphant from the grave. In the early ages of the in the light of God .- Sacred Heart Review.

Fear Catholicism.

Professor Harnack, who enjoys the He observed the conduct of certain Protestant divine, in a recent address delivered before a coterie of his co religionists gives expression to the fact came those of the previous morning, form of Protestantism," he says, "is disappearing ; the old relation between theology and Church no longer prayers and ceremonies, teaching us how, in our earthly existence, sorrow instruction has proved insufficient; love of God-it is sleeping a deep sleep. Our Lord came to the disciples into brightness; and we exiles from there is a tendency towards extending, found them asleep in the Garden of rejoice always, because of the grace our heavenly home may, nevertheless, clear conception of the fundamental condition of Protestantism is vanish-

ing. A passage from the spiritual works There is no chance for you unless you do. The foes are pressing on, they are ingly upon this matter, that the won-The learned professor very seriously warns his countrymen and co-religiondo. The foes are pressing on, they are round about you, they are eager: it derful words should be quotea new "When man has become spiritual "When man has become spiritual ists against this movement. Such a development and organization of German Protestantism, would, he thinks, lead to a weak and ineffectual species self, and unless you do you may fall ized and refined in the fire of divine love, which purifies him, he then reof Catholicism, having none of the ceives the union and inflowing of the safeguards and advantages of Roman with which an angel receives them. There are souls who in this life receive he saints and the monks. (The italics a more perfect illumination than the But how is this accomplished ? How the formation of saints, the self-sacrican it come to pass? Note well the fice, contempt of the world and devoepistle for that wonderful midnight sleep in which it no longer heard the Mass which is read now on Holy Satur worldliness and formalism which we Christ, seek the things that are above other hand, lies the power of adaptawhere Christ is sitting at the right tion to circumstances, personal authority as against the authority of the hand of God : mind the things that are above, not the things that are upon the etter, the firm conviction that the Church of God in the highest instance "There is, I fear, in the midst of Church of God in the highest instance

is not to be governed by a tradition, but by living men guided by the spirit of God. But Protestantism, if it should The soul that finds no pleas first principles.

ure out of God can not long be un-The only logical advice for Professor Thou Harnack to give his Protestant fellow must hide thyself in the secret retreat ountrymen would be to submit to the of the spirit, denying thy will in all things, and praying to thy Father in Pope, and the "monks and the saint" yould soon be forthcoming from the Then thou wilt enjoy Him in now sterile soil of Garman Protestant. secret, and delight in Him in secret, sm. Strange, that an historian and in a way that no tongue or language hould shrink from this conclusion.

It seems, perhaps, as far beyond us, But stranger still that a rationalist, to whom Christ is a merely human being, - this denial of earthly joys and wishes, - as does this more than an and the Christain religion is merel gelic illumination and unearthly bliss, human work, should be so eager to pre serve in the Fatherland the rigid forms of Lutheranism and be so shy of the lightest symptom of Catholicism .-

Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

Why Protestant M inisters Avoid Priests.

Rev. Wm. E. Starr, pastor of Corpus Christi Church, Baltimore, said in a recent sermon, in referring to the pseudo Evangelical zealots : "One would suppose that now and again you would find a man with zeal enough among these people to carry the war into Africa-to go to the fountain heads of 'error' and try his skill and devotion upon the priests. There was one such a few decades ago -a man of real piety and of true zea for the diffusion of Christian truth.

aighest authority in Germany as a priests in his vicinity ; that their earnestness in the service of poor and unfortunate and their kind ness of temper were no less than his that Protestantism in the Fatherland own. He was grieved to think that is tending toward what he calls Catho- men like those should be the victims licism. "The old, narrow, doctrinal of the Roman Catholic error, and he determined to go to headquarters and lay siege there for the glory of God. He went to Montreal and called to see exists, the ancient system of religious the Fathers of St. Sulpice ; told them the object of his visit, frankly admitted that his purpose was to win them away remodelling, organizing, while the from what he deemed soul destroying

error. "He was received with perfect courtesy, listened to with attention, answered in all points with unaltered sweetness and calmness, The result did not answer his expectation. He became a Catholic, and lived for years as a Sulpician priest in Montreal. A young Bostonian, a good many years ago, after leaving college went to finish his studies by travel abroad. Catholicism. "Roman Catholicism." In Rome he became a Catholic. His says Harnack, "has the Pope, it has family, grieved beyond measure at what they considered a disgrace, des are Harnack's). These we cannot ob tain. The monastic tendency towards the ocean to find him and bring him back to a sense of his duty. Again the issue was not what was looked for. tions in the Catholic Church form a The messenger in turn became a Cathmighty barrier and corrective against olic. Both young men returned to America, entered the Jesuit Novitiate do not possess. In the Papacy, on the at Frederick, in this State. The mes senger died there after a few years The other is still living and working for the holy Catholic faith, beloved by

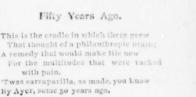
many of our enemies a lurking suspicion that a like fate would befall them under similar circumstances, or continue to develop on the lines of that, at least, they would be deprived Catholicism, could not reach these the of any shadow of justification for per ideals ; for they are excluded from its petuating the Protestant tradition .

Where Bunyan Got His Idea.

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e this, if you can of rallying let me

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-speak to him-try athleen exclaimed gled hope and fear. but we cannot hold is going off into h, speak to him-it

Cecil, clasping his vn.

Old-World Piety.

itself into them, there is no energy about them--it has become sick, lan-Doctor Hettinger, in his " Aus Welt und Kirche," tells in a pleasant way guid. When a lamb came up to the sacrifice unwillingly, the Israelites of his vacation experiences in the Ty rol near Achesee. Every one knows the piety of the Tyrolese peasant. The doctor says : assumed that it was a sacrifice not pleasing to God, and so when the soul came slowly and falter-ingly to the various duties it had

"Every morning, when the little bell of the chapel by the lake began to perform, it was the beginning of sin, the first stage through which the soul passes. When a man looks to ring, I used to see a small boat leave of sin, the first stage through which the soul passes. When a man looks back upon the past, when he has fallen into some grievous sin, and sees that at that time when he was first languid in the service of God, when he went halting and lame to his devotions, the opposite shore to cross the lake. It was rowed by an aged man, with leaning on his staff, limped painfully up to the chapel. One day the lake was unusually rough : all night long the opposite shore to cross the lake. It was rowed by an aged man, with leaning on his staff, limped painfully up to the chapel. One day the lake was unusually rough : all night long went halting and lame to his devotions, he never dreamt of what it would the wind had been howling and in the ne never dreamt of what it would the wind had been howling and in the come to, it would seem to him impossi-ble that he should be what at last he has turned out to be. In the history of the soul's sin there are stages: some pass from one to the other with great ranidity, or may stop for a long while thick for and rain he steared his heat thick fog and rain, he steered his boat rapidity, or may stop for a long while in one. It is said of Lazarus that he towards the chapel. His white hair fluttered in the wind. It was a dis was asleep. There first comes a certain tressing spectacle to see that aged and crippled man alone in his little boat, torpor, a sleep, upon the soul. In sleep men do not fear, and so the soul but his practiced arm overcame all does not fear; as the prophet said, "Herein they fear not." It was as obstacles though men heard voices all round about them; but were

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he would be obliged to say "I don't know; I was not attending to it; I HOOD'S PILLS are the favorite family cathartic. Easy to take, gentle, mild. 22 was wrapped up in something else."

And so it was when a man fell into the sleep of sin; he did not hear anything, just like those foolish virgins in the parable, who slumbered while their lamps went out, because they had not

edge that is easily to be obtained upon this special subject, the saints' joys on earth.

"Inflame us with heavenly desires

Great theologians and doctors of the Church have tried to portray them, and have confessed their inability to do so. Nevertheless, *this* they do tell us, that such unutterable delights are

possible this side of heaven. "Wholly inexplicable, and beyond the power of man to describe in words worthy of their greatness," writes the great St. Basil, "are the lightnings which flash and dart forth from that most dazzling

fount of the divine loveliness. No speech can worthily portray them, no hearing comprehend them, though you should liken them to the surpassing brilliancy of the morning star, to the splendor of the moon, or to the most ra-diant brightness of the sun. It is known to the mind and the thought only, and but in a certain degree. Whenever it hath but chanced to shine upon holy men, it hath left, deep fastened in their souls, the sting of an insupportable longing : for they were used to break forth into these words : 'When shall I come, and appear before the face of Christ?' And again : 'To the face of Christ?' And again . be dissolved, and to be with Christ, a be dissolved, and to be with Christ, a thing by far the better,' or else : soul hath thirsted after the strong, living God.' So hard did they find it to contain their souls, whose minds were smitten with the love of God."

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