

ing path they take in all the varied loveliness of the landscape, descending into the valley of humiliation as in Advent and Lent, and ascending the mountain with fervent joy when the bells of Christmas ring out upon the air, or when our Easter anthems blend with the "songs of the angels." So by the grand circling seasons every feeling and affection is brought into exercise.

The construction of the whole system has its beginning and end in Christ.

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### *FROM BAD TO WORSE.*

"A Bad man who knows nothing, is simply a bad man; a bad man who is learned is a scourge to mankind, armed against it with the power of concealing truth and of spreading error, if it be his interest to deprive you of the one or to teach you the other. Even as a good man, in his love of good, seeks to destroy falsehood and bring about the reign of truth; so a bad man, in his love of evil, seeks to destroy truth and bring about the reign of error."

So speaks Pere Felix in one of his sermons delivered in the Cathedral of Notre-Dame, in Paris. Those who agree with him are anxious to promote the cause of religious education.

It is bad enough to have an evil nature; if we train our natural powers, we go from bad to worse. If, on the other hand, we educate or "bring out" and "bring up" that better, higher nature that God gives in Christ, we correct that which is bad in us. "Follow after that which is good."

Of little meddling comes much rest.

### *RETURNING GOOD FOR EVIL.*

A young Frenchman becoming tired of his dog, resolved to drown him. Rowing his boat out into the Seine, he threw the dog into the river, keeping the poor beast's head under water with the oars. In doing this, however, he lost his balance and fell into the water, running great risk of drowning, as he could not swim.

In a moment, however, the poor beast he had been illusing perceived his condition, and, laying hold of his cruel master held him up till assistance came.

This is one of the many occasions on which a dog has set such an example to man as to put him to shame.

At the close of an impressive sermon-Phillips Brooks gave, incidentally, his views concerning the probability of a soul's opportunity to choose between good and evil in another state of existence. Do not delude yourselves, said he, with a hope that some time in the future there will be some mighty force impelling you towards holiness stronger than those already existing. God's grace has done all that it possibly can for the soul's salvation in the gift of His well beloved Son, and whoever shuts the door of his heart against the Saviour now makes the choice forever. Character becomes fixed in this life.

There are about 54,000,000 square miles of land on the globe, of which Europe has 4,000,000, America 16,000,000, Asia 19,000,000, Africa 12,000,000, and Australia and the rest 3,000,000.