

Virgin Mary. On page 19, he affirms, that "All graces are dispensed at the hand of Mary alone; all those who are saved, are saved solely by means of the Divine Mother." On page 195, he quotes St. Antoninus to prove, that "When we supplicate God for favors, He sends us to Mary," and from St. Bernard we learn that "God will grant us no favors, except through Mary." One of the above mentioned saints (?) tells us that "Mary is the throne of grace that the apostle means, when he exhorts us to approach in order to find grace to help us in time of need." Heb. 4th 16th. If their poor ignorant people only had God's word, they would easily see for themselves, how blasphemous are such instructions. Jesus proclaims Himself the door of the fold, and any that strive to enter through any other way are thieves and robbers. How Satan, through these false teachings, seeks to lead poor souls away from the precious Saviour, who is abundant in grace and truth. How insultingly they dethrone Him, who is alone our Redeemer, Saviour and Mediator.

What would we think if some great and good personage had offered us immense treasures and distinguished favors, if we would but come to him and ask, and instead of going to himself, according to his directions, we should apply to his mother and his servants and ask them to intercede for us? Would not that kind benefactor feel deeply wounded at our thus doubting his word, and the loving kindness which prompted his offer? Jesus repeatedly calls poor and needy ones to Come unto Him. He says, "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if any one will open the door I will come in." What a snare of Satan thus to lead the weary ones to those who can neither hear nor help. The apostle beseeches man to be reconciled to God, not God to man, for by sending us His beloved Son, He showed His wondrous love for us while we were yet sinners. Let us strive by all means to give these poor deluded Romanists, God's own messages of love by giving them His Word, that they may see for themselves, the erroneous teachings of their church. C. R.

LETTER TO THE BANDS.

DEAR BAND MEMBERS:—Again the wheel of time has brought us to that season when we are preparing gifts for those we love. Will you not remember that all the blessings and comforts we enjoy are the result of the great gift, which was made to the world by God in giving Jesus to redeem us from our sins? As you prepare your gifts for your friends, don't forget a Christmas present for Jesus. Will not each member give a little money to help carry the tidings of this great Gift to the little ones in Heathen Lands? Pray also for the heathen children and for the missionaries who have gone to them. Last year, a number of the Bands held public services and presented their gifts then. Can not every Band do so this year and thus make this the brightest X'mas yet in our Band work.

IRENE TURNER.

CHRISTMAS EMBLEMS.

AN EXERCISE FOR SIX CHILDREN.

Bell, Harp, Star, Heart and Crown, may be made of wire covered with evergreen, or of pasteboard, covered with silver and gilt paper. (The children may come on the platform singing a verse of some spirited Christmas song.)

1st child (bell) recites:

Sweet music falls, a silvery shower,  
From many a stately city tower:  
From many a modest village spire  
The glad notes never seem to tire!  
This is the news they bring to all  
From every belfry, great or small,  
This is the carol that they ring  
As merrily they swing, swing, swing.

(Lifting the bell and swinging it.)

All recite: Luke 2nd 11th.

2nd child (harp):

And now no more I hear the bells  
For angel song the story tells;  
Again the midnight sky is bright  
With glory from the gates of light.  
Again we hear the chorus grand,  
Oh, may it swell to every land!  
For angel harp and angel voice  
Repeat the news, rejoice! rejoice!

(Sing a chorus.)

3rd child (crook):

The shepherds, watching thro' the nig  
With wonder saw the glorious sight,  
And when the angels sped away  
To regions of eternal day,  
They went to Bethlehem and there  
Bowed down before the Lord so fair.

All recite Psalm 95th, 6th.

4th child (star):

Some wise men saw God's guiding Star  
And followed it to lands afar;  
They forded rivers, scaled the heights  
(Lo, onward still the star invites!)  
Until it stopped above the town  
Where Jesus in His love came down;  
To Him, within that lowly cave  
Gold, myrrh and frankincense they gave.

All sing verse of a "Star" hymn.

5th child (heart):

What gift to Jesus can I bring?  
How can I please my Saviour King?  
He asks a gift this Christmas day  
"Give Me thine heart," I hear Him say.  
Oh, may it, with its wealth of love  
Be all for Him, my Friend above.

All recite: "Who loved me and gave Himself for me."

6th child (crown):

A crown we bring, and gladly call  
Our blessed Jesus, Lord of all.  
He loves the little children now  
Though many crowns are on His brow,  
And He who came to bear our sin  
Will help us, too, bright crowns to win.

(Sing Coronation or some chorus.)

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