

thee this holy office?" To which the devil answered: Think you my discourse would prevent a single soul from seeking eternal damnation? Not so. The most finished eloquence and profoundest learning are worthless beside *one drop of unction*, of which there was none in my sermon. I moved the people, but they will forget all; they will practice nothing, and hence all the words they have heard will serve to their greater judgment." And with these words *Frater Diabolus* vanished.

IX. *The providence of God controls:*

I. Natural Law.

- (a) Framing it. It is but the order of His going.
- (b) Insuring the unerring certainty of its working.
- (c) Recodifying it, if needful in any future crisis.

II. Human suffering, employing it as

- (a) Organic and corrective.
- (b) Penal and retributive.
- (c) Disciplinary and educative.

III. Satanic agencies.

- (a) Restraining by fixed limitations.
- (b) Permitting within wise bounds.
- (c) Using for His own ultimate glory and the good of His kingdom.

## VII.—TWO CHURCH CONGRESSES.

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE AT COPENHAGEN AND THE GERMAN ROMAN CATHOLIC ASSEMBLY AT AMBERG.

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Two very important religious conventions have recently been held. These gatherings have demonstrated by their numbers and imposing array the madness of pretended liberal thinkers, who, judging others by themselves, declare that religion is to-day "an indifferent quantity," and imagine that one can be at one's ease without the same.

It is of great interest to compare these two Assemblies, equally numerous, in which was spontaneously revealed the spirit of the two great bodies of Christian believers which they represented.

There were present at this meeting of the Evangelical Alliance more than 900 enrolled members, of every church and nationality: Americans, Britons, Germans, Swiss, French; Anglicans, Lutherans and Dissenters of every shade met each other on the heights of the common faith. The outside attendance upon the meetings was large. Twice the King, with the royal family, came to take their places among the multitudes of simple believers.

It is intended in this cursory sketch only to present the essential

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