

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

A BRAND NEW AMERICAN RELIGION.

Christian Scientists are spreading over the country, building churches in towns and cities, gathering in people of no religion and making converts among the other denominations. The new product of our restless age shows where the mind of man will end when not directed by the Church Christ established to teach religion to the world.

The founder of this sect claims to have "discovered" new principles for us. But every clerical student sees them in his course of studies. They were followed and practiced by pagans from time immemorial. Christian Science errors were the ground-work of paganism. Let us give a rapid glance at the great religious errors which afflicted mankind before we pass to this pagan revival.

From far beyond history, in Asia, Egypt and in all the world of old, came down teachings that the world we see is not real; that matter, movement and life are God showing Himself. All there is God showing Himself. That there is pantheism of all pagan religions. That was the reason they worshipped the gods, the souls of dead heroes, the heavenly bodies, earth, air, sea and sky. To-day you find Brahmanism, Buddhism, Shintoism and Asiatic religions founded on the idea that all there is God. That was why the Egyptians worshipped animals and embalmed bodies after they died. That was why in Greece and Rome they worshipped the gods, for they thought all that lives is God.

feel disgusted at her pride and presumption or be amazed at the whole thing. Physicians and druggists come in for a lot of abuse, yet it is evident from her book that she never saw Gray's "Anatomy," which every medical student must read, or Flinn's Physiology, Materia Medica, or Pharmacopoeia, or any work on the art of healing, or science coming down from the Greeks which has been perfected by some of the greatest men of our race. We could fill pages of your paper with quotations showing her utter ignorance. A child of our common schools could write more correctly on the sciences. But when we look into the religious teachings of this founder of a new sect we can hardly believe it possible she saw in her right mind would hold such views. We ask is she crazy? How can people in their right minds follow her? All through the book runs the principle that the world we see is not real—it is only an appearance and deception. Earth, air, plant and animal, sun and stars are God. All that is God, eternal Mind. All life is God living in beings. Sin and evil, pain and suffering do not exist; they are only imaginary. Adam did not sin; man cannot sin, for he is God, and the Eternal, who is one life, cannot do wrong. As man was not born in original sin, no Redeemer came. Christ was the first Christian Scientist. He healed by that cult and taught mankind how to unite with God. His Apostles call His "students." His atonement did not take away sin. "In the atonement with God," as she says (page 19), Christ did not die, but was buried alive, and came forth from the tomb to show that all souls are one and identical with God. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," which may be rendered, "Thou shalt have no belief of life as mortal, thou shalt not know evil, for there is one life, even God, good."

The work is filled with texts of the Bible, but twisted into her meanings. Not a single reference is given so far as the reader could find them to see if her quotations are correct. God's revelations are distorted to prove Christian Science, and the reader must use a concordance to find them, and then he is horrified at the corruption of meanings and the tricks played on the simple people. Every Bible text is given with her meaning read into it; not one is as in the original Bible.

Never before did human or demonic mind propose such a system. Pantheism and paganism are left far behind in this religion "discovered" by this ignorant woman in the bible and proved by thousands of texts of Scriptures which she makes them mean the meanings of her diseased brain. This new religion will lead to utter anarchy or insanity.

Luther laid down the principle of the "private interpretation of the Bible"—that is, each one can read the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit will enlighten him to know the meanings of the sacred text. This woman, following his doctrine, fancies that she alone, after nineteen centuries, has found the truth. The world was left without the true religion till she "discovered" it. But let us see her theories in practice.

Reader, neither you nor any human being has a soul. God lives in you and in all men, giving life. You have no body—all the world is God eternal—Mind appearing. The life of every animal and plant is God. When your dog meets you God wags his tail with joy. When you eat a beefsteak you enjoy a part of a cow in which God is living; a pork chop was once part of a pig which God animated. Be careful not to kill a bug or insect, for you will destroy the life of God in it. Follow her principles to their conclusions and see where they will lead you.

Reader, do you practice your religion. Do you subscribe for a Catholic paper. Do you send your children to Sunday school? If not, perhaps your children's children will be followers of Christian Science, because their parents failed in their duties. Human minds, even the brightest, seem to drift into religious insanity when not properly instructed.

JAMES L. MEAGHER, President of Christian Press Association.

an operation was performed at consideration to the patient, but all for nothing.

Night and morning, before he started his day's labors and after the arduous work of the fields was over, Fitz went to the village calvary. There in such a spot outside every Hungarian village—a bit of rising ground surrounded by a huge crucifix and well smoothed by the knees of praying villagers. Thither they go with their woe and heartaches and there they find consolation and hope and new faith.

Fitz stood alone on the roadside a mile away from the most outlying outgo. Night and morning he prayed that Marie might get well. That was twenty years ago, and he prays there still. Praying has become with him a habit out of which he will never grow, but Marie gets no better. "I shall come here every night and morning until my death," he said to a recent visitor from Budapest. "The Virgin has performed many miracles before now and who knows even I may be singled out for a blessing from heaven."

A THOUGHT FOR LENT.

We are nearly all so fond of our ease and comfort that the idea of fasting and abstinence is very repugnant to our minds. Here and there may be found a few persons so scrupulous as to do themselves harm by abstaining from needed food and nourishment, but the vast majority of people are not troubled with any over zeal in that direction. On the contrary they are very careful that they deprive themselves of none of the pleasures of the table. No matter how strong and robust they may be they are very loath to give up one meal, or even part of a meal, for the good of their souls. The healthiest Catholics grow very weak and puny when it comes to foregoing some article of food to which their palates have been accustomed all the year round. Yet medical men almost without exception declare that one great source of physical ailments is eating too much. A quotation from Dr. V. A. Butterfield, district surgeon, Underberg, Poleta, Natal, is appropos. He writes in the Medical Journal: "I have had two years' close experience and connection with the Trappists, both as medical attendant and as being a Catholic in creed myself. I have studied them and investigated their life, habits and diet, and though I should be very backward in adopting their life, as not suited to me individually, the great bulk of them are in absolutely ideal health and strength, seldom ailing, capable of vast work, mental and physical. Their life is simple and regular. A healthier body of men and women with perfect equanimity of temper—in this latter I lay great stress on—it would be difficult to find. Health beams in their eyes and countenances and actions. Only in sickness or prolonged journeys are they allowed any strong foods—meat, eggs, etc.—or any alcohol.

Here is a hint for those Catholics who are afraid that if they fast or abstain during Lent they may suffer in bodily health. The Church does not require any person to injure his health. Indeed the exemptions from fasting and abstinence are so many, and the rules so modified that the requirements are but a shadow of what they were in former days. But even the little that the Church requires to-day, some Catholics are unwilling to do. They are so afraid their health will suffer! But they subject their bodily powers to far greater and more exhausting tasks in pursuit of pleasure and think nothing of it. They should remember the Trappists.—Sacred Heart Review.

THE CREDO.

Oh, since in every nation, Our symbol of faith sublime Alone, all creeds are united To scoff at the hand of time. In every city and hamlet, Where the Southern breeze sighs Or the wintry sun at midnight, Gleaned cold in the northern sky.

Twas sung in the darkness cavern Where heroes gave their life For the cause of Liberty; Till the sound of combat and strife. Then sang it in cloister and chapel, In vast cathedral and nave Till the Credo of faith and battle In heaven at length shall relate.

"LIBERTE, EGALITE, FRATERNITE!" (Finance Minister Calvaux, of France, has directed the authorities of the mint to substitute on all coins the words "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity" for the old device, "God Protect France."—Press Dispatch.)

"We have hushed Christ out of the army, the courts, the asylums and schools; The hospital know Him no longer—we have crushed Him where Liberty rules. We must root from the mind of the children a faith that is long out of date— We have driven Him out of the Bureaux—we must hurry Him out of the State!"

"We have Liberty—that is excellent (but you dare not worship your God) Equally—down on our level or taste of the Fraternity—all men are brothers, but never by any chance. We have driven Him out of the Bureaux—we must hurry Him out of the State!"

"O wretch in the hospital dying—do you feel no great pain in this loss, That the law of our Righteous Republic forbids you to look on a cross? It would help you to die! Oh, you bigot! Put hope in your bosom! For shame! Go—go to eternally helpless and hopeless, in Liberty's name!"

"And now we'll erase the old mottoes—parbleu! 'Twere a mockery, sure, To call on a God for protection Whose worship Our new coin shall jingle more gayly, when stamped, for the nation's new. With the boss, We, who jilt you for praying, are Brothers and Equal and Free!"

America, freest of nations! Rejoice that thy freedom is true, That denies not the God to the Christian, or Jew, or God protect France and her freedom; when leaders deny she has need Of His aid, then her need is the greatest—may God now protect her indeed! —E. M. ROBINSON, in Cleveland Leader.

Every violation of the truth is a stab at the health of human society.—E. M. ROBINSON.

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DIED.—McDONALD—On Feb. 18, 1907, at her late residence, 6-b concession of Lancaster, county of Gloucester, Ont., Mrs. Angus B. McDonald, nee Jane MacPherson, aged seventy five years. May her soul rest in peace!

GLEASON—Word has reached us of the death of Miss Nora Gleason, niece of the late Rev. Dr. Finlay, of St. Thomas, Ont., at Ballybrack, Dublin, Ireland, on January 30, 1907. May her soul rest in peace!

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THE PRICE OF "OBEDIENCE"

The Rev. W. T. Halpenny

"There is surely striking evidence in the fact that French Protestants have Mr. Halpenny's comment on the fact that Protestants have not abandoned their traditional agnervency in spiritual matters. The Reformation was about by the aid of princes, a belief of prices it modified its tenets. It accepted in the absence of liberty. The faith was kept in harmony with their masters, viz., the Geneva, the Grand Council canton in Switzerland, by parliament in other countries. Mr. Halpenny comments it seems to us, on the French Protestants to the effect their admission that the supreme in spiritual matters have no king but Caesar." The watchword of a minister of the Church, however, will render the sovereignty of Protestants who boast that "statched the human conscience belief in a beyond and have in heaven the lights that shined." The Rev. gentleman forget that Clementine was fighting, not only the but all denominations. The bears the brunt of the defence of the religion which French Protestants to sacrifice to law, which might. Protestants, however negligible quantity in France according to M. Paul Sabatier hold there. The editor Christian Guardian is to be second to none in defence of French Protestants. He tells that M. Viviani's words, quenched in heaven the shall never be rekindled very sensible remark." The are whittled down to a very But, should a "remark" denial of Christianity "sensible," or sensible normal minded Christian of the view-point of M. a vowed enemy of God and a very sensible remark not mask his aim. I tant the Catholic religion as does the Christian God with being unpatriotic, imitators of discord. While times to condone blasphemy, and sees in atheism a "not very sensible. M. Viviani goes on his editor, bent on achieving the champion of the athe that he does not think that exactly represents the French Government. O thinking otherwise is the which contains the "not remark" was posted in France by order of the Again the name of G raised from French co text-books used in the n and colleges. Throughout from end to end, says Journal, the name of God and the Virgin Mary, as saints, have been effect school books; and a recently opened school w Prayer lost his position who held the crucifix in the children to spit upon out of school, was im mated to a higher place

VERY TIRES

The editor has another effect that Rome was "accept a free church We pass over the assumption is a Free Church in Suffice it to say that he believed the Holy Father that he was ready to sub stion from the State such the United States, Gr Holland. However misrepresentations of viewed the matter at approve now the Pope's able to religious liberty the pagan principle State the dictator of

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