Mabel's words, and Master Treffy's

If Christie had been listening, he

would have heard the clergyman tell

of the way in which sin could be

taken away; but his little mind was

full of the one idea of the sermon,

and when he next heard the clergy-

man's words he was telling his con

gregation that he hoped they would

all be present on the following Sun-

day evening, as he intended then to

preach on the second verse of the

hymn, and to tell them, more fully

than he had time to do to-night,

what was the only way to enter with-

Christie walked home very sadly

and sorrowfully ; he was in no haste to meet old Treffy's anxious, inquir-

ing eyes. And when he reached the dark attic he sat down by Treffy,

and looked away from hun into the

Master Treffy. I've heard it all over again to-night. He preached about

it, and we sang about it, so there's no mistake now."

Treffy, pitifully.

chance for me."

"Tell me all, Christie, boy," said

"It's a beautiful place, Master Treffy," said Christic ; "you'd be

ever so happy and comfortable if

you could only get there. But there's

at the gate, of whom Bunyan writes,

had heard the old man's sorrowful

wail, and it went to his very heart.

He knew all about old Treffy, and

he was soon to say to him, with tones

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heart to let thee in."

what the hymn said, too :---

" ' There is a city bright

in the gates into the city.

tired feet on that golden pavement, to the lonely attic and to old Trefly's no hungry ones there, no hot burn-irg sun, no cold frost or snow. No true," he said to himself. "Miss sickness there, and no death, no funerals in heaven, no graves in the dream; all too true, all too true." golden city. Perfect love there, no more quarrelling or strife, no angry tones or discordant murmurs, no rude, rough voices to disturb the peace. And all this for ever and ever, no dread of it coming to an end, no gloomy fears for the future, no partings there, no good-byes. Once there, safe for ever. At home,

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at rest, with God. "Would you like to go there?" asked the clergyman's voice.

passed And a quiet murmur throung the room, a sigh of longing, an expression of assent. And little Christie whispered softly to himself, " Like to go there ! ay, that I would, me and old Treffy and all."

"There shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth,'" said the clergyman's voice. "'Closed are its gates to sin.' My friends, if there is one sin on your soul, heaven's gates will be closed against you. 'Nought that defileth, nought that defileth, can ever enter in.' If all my life I had never sinned ; if all my life I had never done a wicked deed, or spoken a wicked word, or thought a wicked thought; it all my life I had done everything I ought to have done, and had been perfectly sinless and holy, and yet to-night I was to commit one sin, that sin, however small a sin in man's eyes,-that sin would be quite enough to shut me out of heaven. The gates would be shut against me for that one sin. No soul on which there is a speck of sin can go into that bright city." "Is there one in this room," asked

the clergyman, "who can say that he has only sinned once? Is there one here who can say that there is only one sin on his soul?"

And again there was a faint murmur round the room, and again a deep drawn sigh; but this time it was the suppressed sigh of accusing consciences.

" No," said the clergyman, "there is not one of us who can say that. Every one of us has sinned again and again and again. And each sin of love, as he opened the gate of rest : "I am willing with all my is like a dark blot, a deep ink stain on the soul."

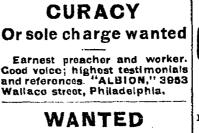
" Oh !" said little Christie, in his heart, as he listened to these words, " whatever will me and Master Treffy do?"

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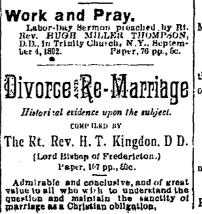
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