

conducive either to individual advancement in spiritual life or to the progress of The Church. Certainly, in dealing with the young, the most effective method is to teach positively what the Christian faith is, and leave to a large extent the negative side to take care of itself. Our experience is, *that when The Church's doctrines and practices are taught fully, clearly, and discreetly, many even of those outside the pale of The Church are not slow to perceive their agreement with Holy Scripture*; but if room is left for doubt or uncertainty regarding Her teaching, important differences will arise, and in the end many of the most sincere and spiritually-minded will stray from Her Communion.

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#### YOU MUST TRUST HIS WORDS.

"Charlie," said I to a little fellow of nine years, who was fast sinking into the grave, "are you not afraid to die, when you know that death is at your door?"

"Oh, no," was the reply. "I am glad to depart and be with Christ, which is far better."

"But how do you know that you are going to be with Christ?"

"Because," was the immediate reply, "I have sought Christ and found Him; and He says, 'Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out'."

"But," said I, seeking to test the boy's notion of true faith, "can you trust everything Jesus Christ says?"

"Trust what Christ says! said the dying boy, with a look of indignant surprise. "I never kened that He could be doubted. Oh, mister," said he, lifting his head feebly from his pillow, and looking at me sadly and anxiously, "ye dinna ken my Saviour, if ye think He could deceive me or anybody else.

Happy, artless disciple, it had never occurred to him that a Saviour's testimony could be doubted, and he was shocked at the suspicion of it.

"And yet," said he, after a pause, with a confidential air, "I have one doubt that has given me a great deal of trouble. I cannot understand how this vile body" (pointing to his own diseased and emaciated frame) "can be fashioned like unto Christ's glorious body, after it has fed the worms, and yet continue to be my own same body."

I endeavoured, of course, to answer that Christ did not always explain things. It was enough to us if He said them, although we could not tell how they were to be accomplished; that Christ was able to do all this, "according to the working whereby he is able to subdue all things to Himself."

Charles listened and reflected, but did not seem satisfied, until at a subsequent interview, he said: "I have got over all my difficulties now. I see I must trust it all to my Savior's word. And why should I not? Since I have given up my soul to Him for ever, I can surely trust my poor body till the judgement day

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THAT THREEPENNY BIT.—"My dear fellow, you cannot get a decent cigar under sixpence (I never give less than that.) If a fellow offered me one costing less than that I should think either that he wished to insult me, or that he was grossly ignorant."

The same gentleman said to his wife next day in church: "My dear, I have nothing smaller than sixpence. Just see if you have a threepenny bit you can let me have."—*The Illustrated Church News*