

very well known at present where the place of this prison is. Some people are of one opinion, some of another opinion. Some say in the central earth; some say on the soil of hell: some others in the ancient Limbus; some others in the air; so that the Church of Rome does not know where this prison is established.

But leave this question—what is the punishment in this prison? The Church of Rome is also not very clear on that point; she perhaps, has not received a clear inspiration from God on that point of the punishment of purgatory. The infallible voice of the Church of Rome on that point is rather doubtful. Before the Council of Trent some people believed that the punishment in purgatory was punishment by fire; some others believed it was a punishment by water, some by ice, and so and so. An Irishman went to reside in Norway where there always great storms, and the priest described purgatory as a place of excessive storms. The Irishman said, "In my country the priests preach that it is a place of fire." "O," said the priest, "if I would preach that purgatory is a place of fire, my people who like fire, would go to purgatory willingly, and therefore I preach that purgatory is a place of storm." This is purgatory in Norway. In Ireland it is fire; in Naples and Sicily, it is as Vesuvius and Etna. In the time of Gregory the Great, the first great supporter of the dogma of purgatory, a man called Paschasius was in a bath where there was ice under his feet. He heard a voice saying, "Have respect for your father." In astonishment he cried out, "My father! where is my father?" The same voice said, "The soul of your father, for his crimes, is now confined in this piece of ice, where you have your feet."

SCRAP DOCTORS AND SCRAP SYSTEMS.

From the Christian Baptist.

The introduction of error, and the propagation of delusions are not the greatest evils chargeable upon the Mother of Harlots. She has done worse than even this. She has taken away the key of knowledge and rendered the oracles of God of none effect by her traditions.

A great deal has been said upon the evils arising from the mingling of the scriptures into texts, and the textuary plan of sermonizing; but as the queen of Sheba said when returning from her visit to king Solomon, "The half has not been told." There are not a few flowery and elegant sermonizers, as well as some scores of spirit-