

THE OLD AND THE "NEW THE-
OLOGY."

The *Christian Intelligencer* is dealing with a trenchant hand with some of the stock phrases of the "New Theology." After specifying as a "huge joke" the habit of "Matthew Arnold and Newman Smyth and the Professors and critics," of calling the Old Theology "scholastic," it says:

"Another phrase with which we have very little patience, and which to us is one of the most unmeaning and absurd ever used by men of fair intelligence, is 'the Church should believe in Christ, and not in something about Christ; should believe in the Bible, and not in something about the Bible; ministers should preach Christ, and not about Christ—should preach the Bible and not about the Bible.' What thorough, out-and-out bosh and trash that is! We would like to know how any one believes in anything or anybody without knowing about them and trusting on what he knows. We would like to know how any one is to believe in our gracious and adorable Lord and Saviour without believing in what is written about Him—in what He learns about Him. Then when this utterly senseless trash takes the form of accusing the Christian ministry and Christian creeds of presenting not Christ, but something about Christ—not the Word of God, but something about the Word of God, it is guilty of giving expression to an absolute falsehood. We have read many of the sermons, essays and books of these men, and maintain confidently that in the ordinary sermons and treatises of the ministry who believe in the creeds there is not only ten times, but a hundred times more Christ—pardon the form of expression; it is very distasteful to us; we use it because it is used against us—then in the dissertations of the 'New Theology;' and as to Christian experience, or in other words, the experience of the grace of Christ, these is next to none of it in the utterance of the 'New Theology.' We have never read any other professedly Christian words so barren of Christian experience."—*Phil. Pres.*

Cardinal Manning's health since his return from Rome has become precarious. He is unable to fulfil the duties of the diocese of Westminster combined with those of the representation of Rome in England. A coadjutor Bishop will shortly be appointed.

DID I GUIDE YOU STRAIGHT?

When General Wolsley was about to undertake his march over the plains of the Nile for his last engagement with Arabi he secured the services of an educated young Scotchman, who was familiar with the course, to guide the movements of his army. Before they took up their march the General said to him: "Now I want you to guide me straight. Guide me by the star."

During the battle that followed the young man was mortally wounded. Hearing of this General Wolsley found him in his tent. As he entered, the dying soldier raised his eyes and said:

"Didn't I guide you straight, General? Didn't I guide you straight?"

And the General could only acknowledge that he did.

Is this not a most appropriate question for parents, pastors and teachers to ask as we look upon the souls committed to our trust? By our example have we led our followers only in the path of safety? In our instructions have we declared the truth, warmly, earnestly, plainly, affectionately? Have our warnings been faithful and tender and loving?

In our exhortations have we pleaded with them "as dying men with dying men?" In our supplications for them at the throne of grace have we wrestled for them as did he whose heart's desire and prayer for Israel was that they might be saved? Can it be said of us—

"He watched and wept, he prayed and felt for all;
As a bird each fond endearment tries
To tempt its new-fledged offspring to the skies.
He tried each art, reproved each dull delay,
Allured to brighter worlds and led the way?"

Can we say, as we will want to say when we look up from our dying beds, "Didn't I guide you straight?"—*Evan. Repository.*

The two men who have done more to Romanize the Anglican Church than any other now living, Cardinal Newman and Cardinal Manning, are both in very feeble health. They are old men, and each drawing nigh, evidently, to the end of his career. Not until the next generation is upon the stage will men be able to measure the vastness of the evils which they have done.