

A CRUCIFIX IN ENGLAND.

One little corner of England is just now greatly disturbed over a representation of Christ (says *America*). The Chancellor of the Carlisle Consistory Court was petitioned to allow a crucifix on a memorial window, and the conscience of the good man pricked him into the following peculiar reply:—

"The needs of mourners might well have been directed to a higher plane, not to the Christ dead and thus painfully pictured, but to the Christ living, risen, glorified. . . . This painful subject placed in a conspicuous part of a parish church, before a mixed congregation of men, women, and children, would be offensive to some, distressing to others, and of doubtful profit to the rest."

This is a splendid appeal to the mob, but a poor show of reverence to the Christ.

If you take away the law, you admit force; if you take away the truth, you admit error; if you take away virtue, you admit vice.—Balmes.

KING VISITS CARDINAL.

King Albert, of Belgium, accompanied by his Prime Minister, visited Cardinal Mercier in his Cathedral city of Malines recently to invest his Eminence with the Grand Cordon of the Order of Leopold. The King thanked the great prelate for his devoted patriotism during the war, and after an hour's intimate conversation his Majesty inspected the damage to the Metropolitan Palace, which suffered considerably from bombardment. During the King's visit the beautiful carillon of the Cathedral rang out for the first time since the invasion, and a vast crowd, assembled in the Grande Place, sang the "Brabanconne" with verve.

The people of Belgium are profoundly touched by this reunion between the two great figures of their country.

An old man, who had been a printer in his young days, used to say that youth might be compared to a *comma*, manhood to a *semicolon*, old age to a *colon*, to which Death put a *period*.

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