The Frederick Case.

The Christian Scientist question has been very prominently before the public recently in connection with the death of Mr. Frederick, an author and writer of some repute, on whom an inquest was held.

Christian Scientism has been negatively described as being neither Christian nor scientific; positively it is perhaps the finest example of irrationality that has ever obtained a widely accepted credence. The fact that it is credited to have obtained acceptance by 200,000 persons in America, comprising many of the so-called educated classes, is a source of astonishment, but gives also reason for thought.

Education is such a widely misapplied term. Persons who have learned certain subjects—Latin and Greek, for example—are generally termed educated; but it often happens that this degree of learning is little more than an exercise of the memory; the judgment and reason having been either dwarfed or left quite uncultivated. The want of observation and judgment in the mere bookworm has long offered a subject of amusing ridicule to the novelist and dramatist, and the lack of these is certainly the basis of the acceptance of such a farrago of nonsense as Christian Scientism by these "educated" classes.

Persecution or prosecution of the professors of this craze is to be deprecated, as only giving the advertisement they desire. Left strictly alone, these monstrous mushroom growths decay as speedily as they spring up; and although sympathy must be felt for their victims, this is considerably soothed by the reflection that they are of a class who, in any event, would probably not have aided greatly the progress of human development.

Over-burdened Children in Germany.

Under the above title lately appeared in a Manchester contemporary a very interesting account, by an English lady, of a holiday visit to Herr Trüper's educational institution for backward and mentally defective children at Sophienhöhe, near Jena. Here is the home of between thirty and forty boys and girls who are "not as other children are," mostly of the higher social

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