

of Christianity over heathenism.¹ We must admire the motives from which the work was done, and the methods according to which it was pursued, for both were inspired by the strongest Christian convictions. The care of the poor was no mere appendage to the work of the Church ; it was an essential part of that work, and it was carried out with a skill and a thoroughness which it should be our endeavour to imitate.



Peace.

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WORN by disaster, solitude, decay,
 The veteran sadly draws precarious breath,
 And, with lack-lustre vision, seems to say :
 " There is no harbour for the soul but death."

And yet he knows full well his fight is done,
 And surely it is time his care should cease ;
 He has attempted if he has not won,
 And even victory leaves no gift but peace—

Peace, which the wise man for himself can make,
 By resignation to the chastening rod ;
 Peace, which the world can neither give nor take,
 The Spirit's inward joy, the peace of God.

¹ " It was as a charitable organization that the Christian Church carried to a victorious issue its mighty contest with the Roman Empire, the heathen religions, and its own sects" (Dobschütz, " Christian Life in the Primitive Church," p. 378).

