

an of Justice, Jesus Christ, shining on a cloud of his mysteries; or his declaratory truth, enlightening our mental darkness ("for he is the light that enlighteneth every man who cometh into this world; John 1), which produces, in the Saviour's new covenant of grace, the mystical sign of our final safety from the threatened destruction. In the prefiguring sign of God's promise to Noah and his posterity that he would no more destroy them by water; the light is refracted into seven distinct colours all contained, till refracted, in the single white ray; and in a spiritual sign prefigured of his promise to the spiritual Noah, and his righteous posterity that he will no more suffer them to perish in another general deluge of water against infidelity and iniquity; we see displayed, in the refracted light of his declaratory truth, the seven sacraments of his saving institute; none of which are producible, in their proper hue, till baptism, the spiritual rainbow, has taken its stand. On this account in Ezekiel's vision of Messiah's chariot, or his church; over which he presides, to govern and direct it in all its movements; the rainbow is represented as the glory, which encircles this throne. Ez. ch. 1, 28.

To be continued.

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PASTORAL LETTER

Of the Bishops of Kingston and Toronto, to their clergy and people.

HEALTH AND BLESSING:—

You have heard the voice of the common Father of the Christian World, calling on all the members of the Catholic Church, and soliciting their most humble and fervent prayers to Almighty God in behalf of the unfortunate kingdom of Spain, once so Catholic, and now threatened with the greatest of all calamities, that of being violently torn from the centre of unity and the protecting hand of the Vicar of Jesus Christ. The Supreme Pastor of the whole Flock, Gregory the XVI, the legitimate successor of the glorious Apostle St. Peter, by his Apostolic Letters addressed to all the faithful throughout the world, invites us in the most affecting terms, in the name of that common faith whereby we are members of one body, to mingle our tears with his, and by our united prayers at the feet of Jesus crucified, to appease the divine anger, and with one accord, to implore the mercy of the all-powerful God in favor of the afflicted Spanish Nation. Let us therefore, dearly beloved, join our supplications with those of the Universal Church, and beseech, in the humility of our hearts, the Father of mercies, and God of all consolation, to extend His succoring hand to this sorrowing portion of the Church of Christ, to sustain and relieve her persecuted children, and shorten

their days of extreme bitterness and severe temptation. In the name of that common charity by which we are but one in the Lord, let us sue for mercy at the throne of grace, that, through the merits of the blood of our Saviour shed for all men, peace, tranquility, joy and consolation may once more be restored to our suffering brethren. For as all have an equal cause for grief, when religion and faith are exposed to such dangers, and as no one can be exempt from this common sorrow, so all should hasten with equal ardor to the aid of those who are in the days of trial. His Holiness therefore exhorts all the bishops of the Christian world to excite, with all earnestness, the zeal of the clergy and of the people committed to their charge that continual prayers may be offered up for this end; and that God may the more easily incline his ear to our petitions. He invites us most pressing to implore the assistance of the Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, our own most tender mother, and the most powerful protectress of the church, to invoke the intercession of the Prince of the Apostles, whom Jesus Christ made the firm foundation of His Church, against which the gates of hell shall not prevail, of all the heavenly citizens, but particularly of those Saints who have rendered Spain so illustrious by their sanctity, their miracles, and the splendour of their eminent virtues.

A plenary indulgence in the form of a jubilee has been proclaimed for this purpose by Apostolic Letters, bearing date the 22nd of February last, the following are the conditions for obtaining its benefits in the Dioceses of Kingston and Toronto.

The Litanies of the Saints with the 69th Psalm, versicles and prayers shall be publicly recited in all the Churches of these Dioceses at the time chosen by their respective Pastors, at three different times, at least, within fifteen days; and where there is a resident clergyman, daily, if possible, or fifteen days; and we hereby declare that all the faithful who shall devoutly attend, three different times, at these public prayers, and who shall contritely confess their sins, receive the sacrament of penance, and the most blessed Eucharist, shall become partakers of the indulgence granted by our Most Holy Father, the Pope. The time for obtaining the benefit of the Jubilee shall end on the 15th day of November inclusively. The faculties granted to the Clergy in the Tribunal of Penance for the reconciliation of sinners are of the most extended nature.

Dearly beloved Brethren,—We cannot omit recommending you to recommend daily to the divine mercy the general interests of the church spread throughout the world, and the spiritual welfare of England, that the light of truth may continue to shed its rays with redoubled brilliancy in that country once so renowned for the integrity of her faith and sanctity of her children. Pray likewise for the spiritual necessities of these Dioceses, that those who belong to the household of the faith may edify by the purity of their lives, by their humility, their patience and their love towards one another, and towards all men

Pray that all may know the truth, and return with gladness to the house of unity, the church of God, where alone can be found that liberty, that peace, that joy, that interior and spiritual consolation which Christ has been graciously pleased to endow her. May the peace of God be with you all. Amen.

The present Pastoral Charge shall be read in the time of the high or principal Mass, in all the churches of our Diocese, the first Sunday after its reception, or at the first visit of each missionary to his respective missions.

Given at Kingston, under our hand and seal, and countersigned by our Secretary, on the festival of St. Matthew the Apostle, this 21st day of September, 1842.

+ R. GAULIN,

L.S. Bishop of Kingston.

+ M. POWER,

Bishop of Toronto.

By His Lordship's command,

P. DOLLARD, Pst. Sec'y.

True Copy.

By His Lordship's command,

J. HAY, Secretary.

There is not one of all the Protestant writers or declaimers against the doctrines of the Catholic Church, but, either from ignorance or conscious malignity, misrepresents and disfigures the articles which he pretends to refute. At the same time we defy any one to point out a single article of the numberless dissentient Protestant creeds misrepresented by Catholics in their polemical discussions. This is a notorious and permanent fact; and yet, strange to say, never attended to by the Protestant public. Nay, on the contrary, as if they were determined to be always in the wrong, they not only never consult the Catholics themselves, in order to ascertain their real belief; but should any one of these last attempt to set them right, they instantly shut their eyes and ears against all he has to shew or say to them; and act, as from the absurd conviction that they know better what Catholics believe, than Catholics do themselves. Is not this being "wilfully ignorant?" (2 Pet. 3, 5.) And will such ignorance excuse them before God for "blaspheming those things which they know not;" or save them from the threatened consequence of such positive blindness, that of "perishing in their own corruption?" (2 Pet. 2, 12.)

The joint clamours of our reformed sects against the Catholic Church have been so long and loud, that, for nearly three centuries, it was as vain as dangerous to speak in her defence. The voice of her apologists was drowned in the tumultuous uproar of the general outcry; till in the very court itself, that first condemned her, her sworn enemies* took up her cause; and proved convincingly to all mankind the falsehood of the charges urged against her.

Still they, whose worldly interest depends on keeping her from recovering the public favour; are plying with redou-

* Every member of the British Parliament was required, before taking his seat in it, to swear his disbelief in the Catholic doctrine.

bled energy against her all their wonted arts of seduction. They have each some frightful caricature prepared as a blind, to thrust between us and the envied object; some well-saved and fresh painted "raw head and bloody bones," held out as Popery personified, to scare us from looking too curiously behind it. We should hope, however, from the more enlightened and liberal spirit of the times, that these stale tricks of deception have, in a great measure, lost their imposing power over the minds of the community; that the present generation will not take their religion upon trust from those, whose interest it is to keep them in error; but that examining impartially both sides of the question, they will judge for themselves in a matter of such moment, as that, on which depends their happiness for eternity.

The Spiritual Retreat for the Catholic Clergy of the Toronto Diocese, conducted by the Very Reverend Father Chazelle, commenced on the 29th ult., the festival of Saint Michael, the Archangel; and closed on Thursday, the 6th inst.

We understand that Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased, through her Secretary for the Colonies, Lord Stanley, to recognize the Right Reverend Dr. Michael Power as the Bishop of Toronto.

We have been favored with the October numbers of the *Catholic Expositor* and *Religious Cabinet*, both which excellent publications contain very valuable matter, and of which we shall take an early opportunity of laying extracts before our readers.

Mr. Fitzgibbon, the talented and enterprising editor of the *Adopted Citizen*, Boston, now issues from the same press the *Tecotaller*, to which cause his paper will no doubt prove a powerful auxiliary.

The *Melanges Religieux* came to us this week much improved in size as well as appearance. En avant.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the "*Every Boy's Book; a digest of the British Constitution*," by the author, Dr. J. G. Bridges. The price is only 2s. 6d.; and contains a selection of very valuable information, adapted to the comprehension of all, concerning the British Constitution, and the manner in which the three estates of Sovereign, Lords and Commons, are regulated and preserved; a copy of which should be in the possession of every British subject.

From the Canada Gazette.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

October 12, 1842.

This day, at 1 o'clock, p. m., His Excellency the Governor General proceeded in state to the Chamber of the Legislative Council in the Parliament Building. The Members of the Legislative Council being assembled, His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the Legislative Assembly, and that House being present, the following Bills were assented to in Her Majesty's name by His Excellency the Governor General, viz.