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Hered Heart Review. THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CATHO OLIC CHURCH.

BY A PROTESTANT THEOLOGIAN. CCLXXXV.

A Catholic paper, of the same city with the Diary, complains that the Baptists hate the Catholics with peculiar animosity, and that the Diary hate them with peculiar animosity even for

The Diary does not seriously dispute the charge. Indees not seriously dispute the charge. Indeed, it seems rather to glory in it. It assures its Catholic neighbor that Baptists in general and the two editors in particular never lose out of mind what befoil the Admiral and the other French Protestants. More er, it assures the Catholic paper that beyond doubt the Church of Rome, over, it as had she her old power, would deal with Protestants in her old fashion, they recession in her old hashon, they themselves mean to keep on watching and hating the Papists in the good old evangelical style. The phrases are not quite so plain as I have put them, but the substance is plain enough. Now a good memory is a very con-venient thing and these two editors

venient thing, and these two editors venient thing, and these two editors have an uncommonly happy one, for their purposes. They are equally ready, as we have seen, to remember things that have never happened, and to forget things that have, but which it is not expedient to remember. That surely is a peculiarly felicitous memory which, where it has nothing to recoilect, can invent, and where recollection is awkward, can sublimely forget.

We will presently examine some in-ances of this editorial faculty of the Diary. However, postponing that for just now, I will say that, on their own showing, I do not see why they need concern themselves particularly about the Catholics. There are dangers nearer at hand. They cite with sympathetic approbation somebody's re-mark that there are only two schools of Christian thought, the Baptist and the Romanist. Sometimes, they re-mark, other Protestants try to show some slight difference of trend between themselves and the Catholics proper, but they intimate that these efforts to make out a difference where there is none to speak of amount to very little. Now since in their view "Romanism"

is persecuting in its very essence, and since, as they have it, all Christians but themselves are Romanists, they ought to be in mortal terror lest Pædo-baptist Protestants, Catholics and and Greeks should temporarily suspend their trifling differences —as these view them —and jointly address themselves to exterminating the Baptist heresy. Yet as Protestants have long since given up the effort, and Catholics mostly let the Baptists alone, and even Russsians rather persecute them politically than theologically, I do not see but that they ought to make out that " Roman-'whatever it may have been in the flerce old days, is now a very mild and harmless thing, of which they need not be at all afraid.

be at all alraid. Certain it is that they freely admit Protestant Pædobaptists, whom they explain to be only slightly different-tiated "Romanists," to their pulpits, and freely join with them in devotional meetings, and in all manner of philanthropic and religious endeavors that do not involve sacramental intercommun-Then as they declare Protestants ion. Then as they declare Protestants generally to be only Romanists with a slight variation, it follows that they are bound to regard Roman Catholicism as also a good and Christian thing, and to also a good and Christian thing, and to look for a speedy interfusion of all pious efforts with it, excepting only Baptism and the Communion, which they reserve to themselves as the Urim and Thummim of their specific high-priestly pre-eminence in Christendom. It is certain that, logically, they ought either to declare that Protestant-ism—excent their own—is of a persecut.

ism-except their own-is of a persecuting nature, or that Catholicism, which hold to differ so little from it, is They ought either to speak of olics as "our beloved brethren, Catholics as rejoicing with us in the light and truth repleting with us in the light and truth of the common Gospel, although subject to certain obscurations of its fulness, such as we find also in Presbyterians and Methodists," or they ought, like shall take up each later on in detail.

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n moving them to historical correct

tions, or to favoraale restatements of Catholic doctrine. This is what it is to have the real instinct of Christian

used against men and women who are

blackguards through and through.

holy Isaiah says, (in a mitigated ver-sion): Let favor be shown to the churl,

yet will he still deal churlishly. Of course, as I have said before, these

remarks are not to be applied to other

editors, or to the professors of Baptist colleges and seminaries, or to the very

many thousands of firmly convinced, but genuinely Christian Baptists, of

camp the fanatical Protestant Roltrot,

who signified to him, and to all the camp, his fixed intent to murder the

great Duke of Guise, a man whom the

Protestant Guizot places, for grandeur

and worthiness of character, on very much the same plane as the Admiral,

except that he seems never to have

been an accomplice in assassination. Coligni said nothing to encourage Pol-

trot, and he owns that he said nothing

to dissuade him. He owns to have

given him a hundred crowns to buy him

a switt horse, in the hope — which proved futile—of escape after the deed of blood. I treat Coligni's evasions as

confessions, in view of his public glory-

ing over the murder. This is the seed, planted by Coligni's

own hand, which after ten years came up in his own death, and which it is

known was not in the original thought

of Catherine or the younger Guises, in in St. Barthelomew's massacre. This

terrible event has three chief authors : Catheaine dei Medici, Henry Guise and

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

When these brief reviews were first

our contempories, as well as the ex-

not inopportune. Although many sub-

jects have been treated, there are still

life given him by God, having for its

chief end the love of God and his neigh-

bor. And this is the substance of the

God is the Author; secondly, because of the things it contains, and, thirdly,

because its end leads to life eternal.

will be readily perceived that the Com-

mandments are divided into two tables. The one relating to God, the other to

table. Our duties to our neighbor we

CHARLES C. STARBUCK.

Gaspard de Coligni.

Andover, Mass.

ments.

brotherhood.

either sex.

MIRACLES.

On the other hand, the Diary is not As the Gospel of to day relates one of the miracles Our Lord performed, I am led to say a few words about miracles content to say-which would give no cause of offence-that infant baptism, in their view, is invalid. It cannot be as used in evidence of the truth of the Divine doctrine of Jesus Christ. Cerhappy without saying that it is *ridicul-*ous. The editors know that this epithet has no force of argument, and that it is tainly Our Lord appealed to miracle sometimes as proof that He had Divine power, but that was by no means the rule. The miracle of changing water as good Christians as any Baptists, as well grounded in Scripture, and as honestly desirous of following the mind of Christ. But blackguards will be blackguards, and these two men are into wine was performed for no such purpose. On other occasions He bade those whom He healed to say nothing about it. And St. Matthew expressly said that the reason why He wrought not many miracles among those who knew Him best was because of their unbelief: the very reason we would think why He ought to have worked miracles before their eyes so as to oblige them to believe in Him. And St. John also intimates that Our Lord did not place much reliance upon belief that only de-pended upon miracles; for he says, "Many believed, seeing the signs that The Diary assures its Catholic neigh-bor that Baptists, especially these two editors, do not ever forget what hap-pened to the Admiral. True. They take great pains not to forget it, as is their effect. Only the theorem He did. But Jesus did not trust Him self to them, for He knew what was in man." If we read the Gospels atten-tively we shall see that it was true then, as it has been all through the history of Christianity, that the triumph of Hic Dirics term their right. Only they take great pains not to remember that Coligni—a great and noble man—in his death was of His Divine truth has not been due to miracles, but rather in spite of them. only reaping what he had sown in his life. Ten years before, by his own avowal, he had long entertained in his If there was then, or has been since, anything which the world hates to learn of, and obstinately refuses to credit, it is a miracle.

"The idea of God or any messenger from God pretending to do things a man cannot understand! Don't I know nature well enough to know that even if God made it He cannot change it ? To believe in miracles I would have to acknowledge God knows what I cannot That is the way men think, if know.' they do not speak out their thoughts quite so plainly. There have always been miracles, plenty of them, enough to convert the whole world to Christianity if that were the means intended y Almighty God to bring about conviction and conversion. A man con-vinced against his will is of the same opinion still; and miracles convince men against their will—the will of their proud, self conceited, rebellious heart. They see them plainly as you and I do. but they won't believe them. The triumph of Our Lord's holy religion, therefore, has not been due to miracles of healing. These are the things ur be-lievers hate, as they do every other sign of Christ that demands their submission. But what conquers the world despite itself is Love and the sacrifices that it makes. They cannot stand out against the sight of Our Lord's love, even unto death, nor gaze upon the love of those who through all genera-tions have taken His place, and spoken, prayed, preached, suffered, and died in

undertaken we have some misgivings as to the manner in which they would be received. But their republication by Prayed, preached, suffered, and died in His name, without being won to belief. So, my brethren, if you are anxious to convert anybody to our holy faith, never mind about miracles; and do not be actualized if there exists and do not pressions of satisfaction by many readers, give assurance that they are be astonished if they pooh-pooh arguments as strong as the reasoning of many remaining, some of them of much interest and importance. All will Thomas. Go and show them a little of the unselfish, charitable, self denying, suffering love of Christ. Let them see be reached in proper order, according to which next comes the Ten Commandhow sweet-spoken and kind you are to the poor, how patient you are in afflic-Herein man finds the excellence and tion, how nobly you conquer your pas-sions for God's love, and resist temptaperfection of all law. It is the rule of tions to drink and steal and gratify desires of the flesh. Did I say never mind about miracles? I made a miswhole law. It is the most excellent and most perfect law : first, because take. For if you do what I have just told you. I am inclined to think some of you will be doing as great a miracle as there is on record. You that are stingy, give freely. You that dislike the poor, go and serve them. You that are complaining of God's providence, From what has already been said, it submit to your lot like a man and a Christian. You that are a drunkard, Christian. You that are a drunkard, take the pledge and keep it. You that our neighbor. Our duties to God are taught us in the first three of these are living like a beast, get honorably narried and live chaste. You that commandments, which make up the first have hands getting hot for hell with ill-gotten money, make full restitution. find in the second table, which is made These will be miracles-miracles of grace; and against such miracles on belief never will have any argument, or power to resist either conviction or conversion. And then you can say to the unbeliever: If you will not believe in the Catholic religion for its truth's sake, look at me, and believe it for the work it can do. It can bring a sinner back to God, and that is a greater mir acle than raising a dead man to life.

IN LIFE'S GARDEN. GREAT WARDEN OF THE UNIVERSE WHO GUARDS THE FLOWERS. Rev. P. A. Sheehan-"Under the Cedars and the Stars."

I want to know who is the timekeeper and warden and night watchman of my flowers. It is not the sun, because they are awake before the sun, and after his rays shoot high above their heads. It is not light because whilst it is yet light, light enough to read with ease light, light enough to read with ease and pleasure, behold my little flowers close their eyes ever so softly and silently, as if they feared to disturb the harmonles of Nature; and as if they would say: "We are such little things, never mind us! We are going to sleep, for we are so tiny and humble,

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things, never mind us ! We are going to sleep, for we are so tiny and humble, why should we keep watch and ward over the mighty Universe ?" And again, who has bidden my croc-uses wake up from their wintry sleep, whilst the frost is on the grass, and the snow is yet hiding in the corners of the garden buds ? And here, my little snowdron, so pure and fragile. little snowdrop, so pure and fragile, braves the keen arrows of frost and sleet, and pushes its pure blossoms out of the iron earth ! This is the bulb of a hyacinth : this is the bulb of a gladiolus or a dahlia, But the former wakes up in the early Spring, and hangs its sweet bells on the pure virgin-air, while the latter sleep on through the cold of Spring and the blazing heat of Summer, and only wake up when all Nature is dying around them and seems to be calling, calling, for another proof of its immortality. Who is the watchman of the flowers? Who holds the timepiece in his hands,

and says: "Sleep on, O dahlia! Sleep though Spring should call for universal though Spring should call for universal allegiance, and Summer winds chal-lenge thee to resurrection; but, awake, narcissus, and tremble at thine own beauty!" It is not the atmosphere. The Spring might be warm, and the Autumn chilly, or vice versa. It is not the magneture for the meet found things temperature, for the most fragile things flourish in the cold. What is it? Who hath marked their times and seasons, and warns them when their hour has struck? Who but Thou, great Warden of the Universe?

The

existence.

A Fact. Freeman's Journal.

Fact stated by Father Chidwick in Carnegie Hall: "In, Manila they have two universities (established by the friars), one of

which has turned out more graduates than Harvard. Non-Catholic, anti Friar papers, copy and digest.

The most barbarous, rude and unlearned times have been most subject to tumults, sedition and changes.—Bacon.

ACHES AND PAINS

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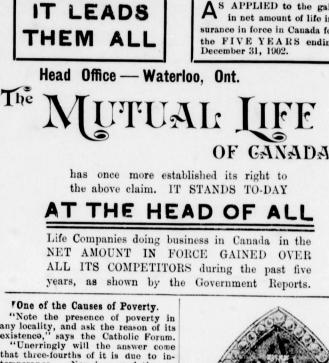
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the earlier Scottish Baptists, to refuse to have anything to do, religiously, with Pædobaptists of any description whatever.

Nevertheless, whoever should expect that he could bind these two leaders of the Baptist synagogue by any congruity of logic would find that he had entirely mistaken their character and purposes. Their fundamental purpose, doubtless, is to sell their paper, and if calling other Protestants, one week, slightly disguised Romanists, and the next be-loved evangelical brethren, will fill their pocketbook, they will go back and forth between the two styles of speech as often as they find it opportune.

Their secondary purpose is, to pro-mote the interests of a sullen, growling mote the interests of a sullen, growling soctarianism, unamiable towards other Protestants, and mendacious and mal-ignant towards Roman Catholics. They do not any more believe that the difference between Protestants and Catholics is slight. But if they wish to make other Protestants feel un-comfortable — as they often do — then these are Romanists with a little differ. these are Romanists with a little differ-On the other hand, when they wish to vent their spitefulness on the Catholics, they can easily forget all this, and represent Protestantism as blessed and unanimous brotherone

hood of "evangelical light and truth" -a phrase which I borrow from a private note of one of the editors-before whose invincible power the black and bloody forces of "Romanism" are soon to go down.

The Free Baptists, a much smaller body, are a plain people, who make few pretensions to high social cultivation. Yet they are so pervaded by the spirit of fraternity towards other Christians that, although they reject aspersion and infant baptism for themselves, they scruple even to call them invalid. The prefer saying, with the Morning Star: These are invalid to us, but they are valid to our Pædobaptist brethren. Therefore they admit Pædobaptists freely to intercommunion, and to most of the rights of church membership. And while they are very intense Protest-Innts, I have never found any difficulty

Men, however, who do not go so far as to deny their Authorship, have been heard to contend that the keeping of the Commandments was impos-

the enjoyment of God.

sible. Such is absolutely not the case. To admit such a proposition is to con-fess that God has imposed impossible tasks upon His creatures. If such were the case God's very purpose in giving the law would be defeated. Law is a rule of action. But a law which is impossible of performance per mits of no action, hence destroys re-sponsibility. But as our enjoyment of eternal life depends upon our keeping the law, there can be nothing im possible in the task.

Aside from this, we know that with God's grace it is not impossible to keep them, from the fact that many have done so in the past. The beatification of many holy men and women by the Church is the best evidence of this conclusion. But over and above this, we have the convincing proof in the words of Our Lord Himself. Who tells us that "My yoke is sweet and my burden light." Those, therefore, who O. M. I. would do the will of God on earth, and by doing it enjoy Him forever in heaven, must while while here keep His Commandments.-Church Progress

IMITATION OF CHRIST.

THAT THERE IS NO BEING SECURE FROM TEMPTATION IN THIS LIFE

Set not thyself to seek for much rest, out for much patience.

Seek true peace, not upon earth, but in heaven; not in men nor in other things created, but in God alone.

Thou must be willing for the love of God to suffer all things, namely, labors and sorrows, temptations and vexations anxieties, necessities, sicknesses, injur-les, detractions, reprehensions, humiliations, confusions, corrections and con

tempt. These things help to obtain virtue ; these try a novice of Christ; these procure a heavenly crown.

I will give an everlasting reward for this short labor, and glory without and for transitory confusion.

Where Peace is Found.

All our best life, all our spiritual life, is nothing but a succession of visi-tations, visitations from Mary bringing Jesus with her: but nowhere is the Sested Sacrament. How often, when we come near to the tabernacle, a ecret fire comes forth, and our hearts burn within us without apparent cause Cares fall off, tears are dried, doubts melt away, temptations are paralyzed, anxieties are allayed, our soul is bathed in quiet, sudden jubilee. Joy, exulta-tion, praise, delight, the sense of forgiveness, and the spirit of worship — these are exactly the fruits produced within us. - Rev. John Fitzpatrick, 4.

All for Our Good.

That we may be able to practice na tience with advantage in all our trib-ulations, we must be fully persuaded that every trial comes from the hand of God, either directly or indirectly through men : we must therefore render God thanks whenever we are beset with sorrows and accept with gladness of heart every event prosperous or adverse that proceeds from Hin, knowing that all happens by His disposition for our welfare.—St. Alphonsus Rodriguez.



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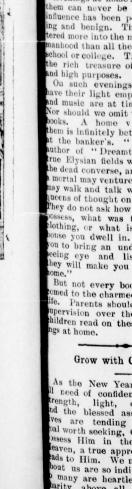
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