

sentries, in the public street and open daylight, persons should be found, not reckless outcasts maddened by desperation, but a whole company of patricians, who, correcting each other as they might do in reciting a popular proverb, or an admired song, should speak thus of the man to whom gladiators, having not an hour to live, cried, "As we die we salute thee?" The man at whose name even courageous innocence trembled?

"I said," repeated Paulus after a pause, "Tiberius Claudius Nero."

(To be continued)

A GREAT CATHOLIC FAMILY.

Father Bernard Vaughan, brother of the late Cardinal, organized a concert recently in London by which over \$10,000 was realized in aid of poor children in the slums of the big city. Some singers of world-wide fame, including Madame Patti, gave their services gratuitously. Noticing the concert project when the arrangements for it were being made, a London non-Catholic paper, the Pall Mall Gazette, remarked that:

"The Vaughan family takes a prominence in modern religious life, by reason of the enormous enthusiasm which always accompanies their words and works. For the concert in question, Mme. Patti has promised to sing; Miss Ada Crossley and Mr. Santley will also assist; even Kubelik has offered his services, and a northern select choir will also be present to give their help. Such are the fruits of an enthusiasm which produced the first Archbishop of Sydney, the third Archbishop of Westminster, the saintly Clare Vaughan, the indefatigable Jesuit, Father Bernard, and Father Kenelm. In Westminster Cathedral the music relied upon the Cardinal's encouragement, almost creation; and in the more mundane concert his brother is again proving the genius of the family; nor should it be forgotten that even another brother, Father Jerome Vaughan, has created at Fort Augustus, in the Highlands, the greatest school of Plain Chant that we possess, probably in the British Isles."

This is high but eminently deserved praise for a family which has given nearly all its male members of the present generation to the active service of the Church. — N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

THE ISLAND OF SAINTS.

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Was it Britain or Ireland that was known in early Christian times as the "Island of Saints?" The English Catholic Bishop of Clifton, in a discourse a few weeks ago on "The Faith in England," said, referring to the period after the introduction of Christianity into that country:

"It (the Faith) gradually unwrapped the hearts of the people, transforming hundreds of their noblest and best into living holocausts of love. Britain became known as the Island of Saints."

"Ireland's claim to this honorable distinction in her golden age, without absolutely denying that of Britain, seems sustained by very high authority. The Abbe Macgeoghegan, in his History, says:

"Ireland was, from its conversion to the Christian religion in the beginning of the fifth, to the incursion of the Danes in the ninth century, universally acknowledged to have been the theatre of learning and the sanctuary of virtue and sanctity, which acquired for her the glorious title of the 'Island of Saints.'"

The same testimony is to be found in the famous History of Ireland written in the Irish language by the Rev. Geoffrey Keating, who lived in seventeenth century. Referring to a much earlier authority, Henricus Antiodorensis, author of the life of St. Germanus, Dr. Keating says:

"The same writer observes farther upon this subject, that by the order and prudent management of St. Patrick there was not the least part of the whole kingdom that did not abound with religious persons of exemplary piety, whose devotion and holy lives were admired and held in reverence among the neighboring nations, who usually distinguished the country of Ireland by the name of the Island of Saints."

Nevertheless in those times Britain, too, abounded with religious institutions and holy men and women, and she well deserved to be regarded as a country of saints, notwithstanding that the balance of evidence respecting the claim to the title "Island of Saints" would appear to be in favor of Ireland.

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