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pieces when the bond of union is One after another they won the vital force that sends its influence strengthened the Church of God. In , and dissensions arise martyr's crown; when one fell from the root to the uttermost branch. their members. So the another took his place. With a It is so with our holy Church. She the elevation of his intellect, his sure grasp of principle, his instinctveakened, amongst their members. So the supreme trial of the Church has bent to overcome the forces of disruption which her own children set in motion. Heresy has been her worst of her life, which is the faith of God. And all through the centuries she has had to put forth all strength to guard that sacred densit. She has has had to put forth all strength to guard that sacred deposit. She has had to deal with errors against faith which in the subtlety with which they were urged, the learning and authority of their authors, the supthreads of discipline are gathered the sound of these pronouncements through him run up to the sound of the speed out of the port which they received from secu-lar powers, would have broken up and destroyed any merely human or-potentates who can bend their potentates who can bend their through him run up to the universal fellow-men to their will, powerless in presence of some old man who sits in the Chair of Péter. In defence of the rights of the Church in the chair of Péter. In defence of the rights of the Church is solve the full flow of God's holy is solve the full flow of God's holy is solve the full flow of God's holy is solve the flow of flow of flow of flow of flow of flow of flow is solve the flow of flo We have but an imperganization. fect idea of the strength of some of the early heresies. The Arians at one time by deceit, by intrigue with grace. Never, I believe, since the millions of people by their words? Apostolic times did the people lead They are the true teachers of the Gregory VII, the great Hildebrand, brought the kmperor Henry 1V. on his knees to Canossa, just as in our the civil power, seemed to have de-feated the Church so that St. Jerome holier lives. There are exceptions : world, for them in Peter Christ's in sadness complained, "The whole world groaned at finding itself prayer has been heard ; their faith there will always be, but in the vast times his successor Leo XIII., led the fails not, and they in turn confirm majority of the members of the Church German Catholics to victory against Arian." So, too, the powerful body of the Nestorians, led by the Patritheir brethren. And at the present hour, when, in the terrible war that there is great holiness a sense of the Bismarck, "the man of blood and iron," and established them in the supernatural, an apprehension of the arch of Constantinople, and support-ed by numbers of bishops, swept over Asia Minor, other heresies is raging, men slaughter one another, and hate one another with the things to be position of independence which they unseen, a grasp of hoped for, that God alone could prohold today. So, too, Pius X. 'said a savagery that is revolting in pro-fessing Christians, one figure, that of duceina world like this. "Icome," sprung up with much vigor, spread firmed his brethren, the Bishops of Christ, "that they may have life and France, and inspired them with rapidly, but in the end the Church survived them all. By a Divine have it more abundantly," and that blessed word is being realised this storm, like Christ upon the waters, survived them all. By a Divine spirit of sacrifice which surrendered instinct she detected their errors, and to an infidel and persecuting Government the whole material wealth inexorably rejected them, and re-sumed her own way, more healthy of their Church rather than compromise her spiritual liberty. and vigorous for cutting off these nothing does the glory of the Roman dead branches. Nearer to our own Pontiffs stand out more luminously than in their fidelity as guardians of time, and with disastrous consequences, which are felt at this very noment, was the attack which began we have to bless and thank Him, but word of the Vicar of the Christ The doctrine of Rome has been the in Germany in the 16th century against the faith of the Church. Luther and Calvin led the revolt, and were only too successful in their evil off from the Church of God. It was enterprise. Kingdom after kingdom fell away until people began to dis-cuss the question how far the defecthe worship of our Divine Lord Him- again we see, almost in a dramatic in which Our Lord Himself guarantions might go consistently with the Church's Catholicity. But here again the promises of Christ were Simon, Simon, behold Satan hath Eucharist, and then the filial piety of Around the throne of Benedict XV fulfilled and the Divine life of His desired to have ye that he might sift that was almost overwhelming in its that was almost overwhenning in 15 strength; but again, as always, the Church emerged from the trial as if she renewed her life in the very dangers of the contest. The loss of Paul in the living tradition of Rome. inalienable right. In the Council of so many members was deplorable, but the Faith should be saved at any And see the result. For the cost. Rome, was proclaimed in words of last three hundred years the Church has gone on from victory to victory, displaying in every quarter of the world a fuller and more beneficient energy, multiplying her religious communities, and all her other spiriworld, and pursued with an unflag- and his divine commission is the grand and solemn liturgy in which great and illustrious Founder of endurance, and against it the powers of evil have beaten in vain. The tremendous strength of the Roman Empire, the wild hordes of the barbarians, the deceits of error, the corruption of the world, and time itself, "Peter has spoken through the have never prevailed against her, voice of Leo." We may say the same. was built upon the Peter has spoken through the voice represents the because she it era : "And the rain fell, and the of Pius, as he will speak to the end rock floods came, and the wind blew, and of time through his successors in the they beat upon that house, and it See of Rome. These supernatural arms, such as you may see it any day in our churches, and it tells us more eloquently than words that the Divine Motherhood touched the fell not, for it was founded upon a powers make the Catholic Church rock." And all through the history Other Sees at one time bright glories of the Catholic Church have that they look upon her with a cer-Other Sees at one Rome tain amount of awe which easily fallen away and been lost. stands unshaken in her unfailing passes into distrust and hostility. strength. Alexandria, with which for ever is associated the splendour they ever think it worth while to the dauntless Athanasius, contre mundum." Athanasius Antisch, the great school of Christian learning ; Constantinople, which Second Person of the Adorable As they follow her in her unbroken Trin. rang with the golden eloquence of greatness from age to age they say ity, and that Mary was His Mother. rysostom; the great Churches of It is fully in the spirit of that tradi-Africa, where Cyprian of Carthage The finger of God is here." There is something more than human in tion that the Popes in our time have this institution. Popes and Bishops turned the minds of the faithtul in is something more than human in and the mighty Augustine taught, have disappeared long ago, but the Mother of them all, the living centre and the other members of the Cathoall the trials of the Church to the the body of Christ. Amen. on which the forces that have borne lic Church after all are only men. intercession of the Virgin Mary. them down, have beaten with a con- Where do they get the superhuman Through her prayers and by centrated fury, has preserved her power that nothing can defeat. But immortal life. In one unbroken for us who can look at our holy blessing of her Divine Son in the Holy Eucharist, they have deepened succession the line of Roman Pontiffs Church from within, and know the the faith of the people, quickened goes back from Benedict XV. to sacred forces that animate her, there their piety, sanctified their lives and thus reinvigorated the spiritual life Power that has maintained of her immense organisation. She which, as the soul in the body, is the There is no need to retell the is like a noble tree, firmly rooted, force that gives the Church her crush the religion of the Galilean. array is but the expression of the omitted when we speak of those who they no longer need.

moment in millions upon millions of and pleads for peace, appealing to compro-bumble souls who are leading the But in true life of faith. Many causes have been at work to produce these results. The sources of grace by which God has surrounded us in His Church are Heaven. Ah ! well it would be for the faith and teachers of the Church. countless, and for every one of them the world if they would heed that standard of the Faith. Who held I think we may attribute to two well would it be if the warring her was within the fold; who devotions which in our time have nations had not broken away separated from her, cut themselves received a great extension and intenreceived a great extension and inten-sification, much of the spiritual fer-and in their religion had a common the manifest fulfilment of the word vour which is now seen amongst us, ground on which to meet. And here self in the adorable Sacrament of the way, the power of Rome's attraction. the whole Church towards our there gathered a few weeks ago a Blessed Mother Mary. I mention number of Cardinals, amongst whom these two devotions—first, because of were Cardinal Mercier, the patriot fulfilled and the Divine life of His Spouse asserted itself. By her own innate health the Church three off the false doctrines as a foreign body, and drove out of the fold those who would lay profane hands upon the Ark of God. It was a great and conturies of court era it is most would lay profane hands upon the Ark of God. It was a great and solemn crisis, strong powers of evil combined against the Church of God, the restless and rebellious minds of men, the ambition and corruption of temporal rulers, the impatience of human passions under the restraints of the Gospel, made a combination that was almost overwhelming in its as it had come down from Peter and as it had come down from Peter and love. By one magisterial stroke of union with Rome. He is sent to you as the pledge of the solicitude of our And that place of authority was which a mistaken reverence had Holy Father the Pope for the mem-given to them, not as a mere cour-And that place of authority was which a mistaken reverence had hory rather the rope for the memory given to them, not as a mere courraised between the people and their bers of his flock in this diocese; and tesy, or mark of honour, but as their Lord, and opened up broadly, with I have no doubt that through his the large charity of the Sacred Heart administration the ties of love and great force and solemnity by one of the Papal Legates—"It has been known all times that the holy and most hessed. Pater, the Prime and presence of our God did Pius X, en-most hessed. Pater, the Prime and presence of our God did Pius X, en-the same spirit of adoration for the presence of our God did Pius X, en-the same spirit of adoration for the presence of our God did Pius X, en-the same spirit of adoration for the presence of our God did Pius X, en-the same spirit of adoration for the presence of our God did Pius X, en-the same spirit of adoration for the presence of our God did Pius X, en-the same spirit of adoration for the presence of our God did Pius X, en-the same spirit of adoration for the presence of our God did Pius X, en-the same spirit of adoration for the presence of our God did Pius X, en-the same spirit of adoration for the presence of our God did Pius X, en-the same spirit of adoration for the presence of our God did Pius X, en-the same spirit of adoration for the presence of our God did Pius X, en-the same spirit of adoration for the presence of our God did Pius X, en-the same spirit of adoration for the presence of our God did Pius X, en-the same spirit of adoration for the presence of our God did Pius X, en-the same spirit of adoration for the presence of the presence o world a fuller and more beneficient energy, multiplying her religious communities, and all her other spiri-tual agencies, fulfilling her great mission with an ever more ample and striking success. What is the explanation of this unfailing vitality, which rups counter to all the laws of explanation of this unfailing vitality, which runs counter to all the laws of human institutions, that cannot be destroyed by violence, nor betrayed which everything in this world suc-cumbs, cannot wear or weaken? Atten mination of this unfailing vitality, and the Redeemer of the human the same from the beginning. Since the barden the same from the beginning. Since the Church received this greatest of the treasures, the centre of our re-been laid upon him y the Vicar of Christ, and he need have no fear but that in accepting it in obedience to that in the will receive grace and our faith without the change of a the resures, the centre of our re-she has guarded it as the living tread for the sanctification of herchili-the treasures, the living the treasures, the centre of our re-she has guarded it as the living tread for the sanctification of herchili-the treasures the living the treasures the living tread for the sanctification of herchili-the treasures the living the treasures the living the treasures the living tread for the sanctification of herchili-After nineteen hundred years, during word. That is the reason of the love dren. The Holy Mass itself with its passing from his Convent to hard to be and reverence with which we look to prayers and ceremonies comes down Episcopal Chair Dr. Hackett is which in one form or another the and reverence with which we look to prayers and ceremonies comes down Episcopal Chair Dr. Hackett is following in the footsteps of the world, and pursued with an unflag-ging hatred, how is it that she is today fresh with the beauty and the young vigour in which she came from her founder's bands, standing tour-square against all the forces of evil, the one solid structure in a world of change? You know the evil, the one solid structure in a world of change? You know the heresy, or as the Pope styled it, col-answer : she is the work of God who has given to her in the supreme Ruler whom He has placed in His own stead the principle of her cohesion andher stability. "And Isay to thee," said Christ "that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." That is the pledge of the Church's endurance, and against it the powers Faith, the Encyclical "Pascendi" duces from his store things old and reminds one of the Tome of St. Leo which was read in the Council lived in the hearts of the faithful, as reminds one of the folle of St. Leo like in the hearts of the faithful, as triumphant love for the givines the which was read in the Council lived in the hearts of the faithful, as triumphant love for the givines the of Chalcedon. There the Bishops a holy and purifying influence. In Mary. Surely it is not without a special providence that Dr. Hackett has been trained for many years in the beautiful painting which goes back has been trained for many years in the probably to the first century of our school of St. Alphonsus, and has Virgin been breathing among the members Mother with the Divine Child in her of the grand Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer the spirit of their Founder, and has learned and felt in his missionary labours the power of Mary's intercession and the of that Divine dispensation. The See of Peter has withstood all trials, and has sustained the whole Church. antly out of so many dangers that God," comes down to us for fifteen hundred years from the Council of Ephesus, as the cry of joy that most passes into distrust and hostility. Anyway she is the only Church which they ever think it worth while to perscute. But those who read human history in the eminit of st. Cyril, the representative human history in the service of the prosentative the server think is provided by the service of the prosentative perscute. But those who read less Spouse, and plead for him, his clergy and his people, that they may human history in the spirit of faith see in the Catholic Church much more than a wonder of the world. Lord there was but one Perist our set in the catholic Church much hope and pray, rest from this hour on your Bishop, and make him a true shepherd of the flock, spending and expending himself for their sakes, and doing while he lives great work in the ministry for the edification of Strive to live in a perpetual readiness to die, and this you will attain if you learn to love Our Lord's Presence now.—Cardinal Manning. Let us ask Our Divine Lord for it. There is no need to retell the story of the Popes during the per-secutions in which the pagan Empire of Rome put forth its strength to



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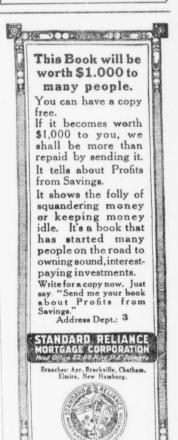
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