

PROTESTANT BISHOP APPEALS TO ROME.

Recently a very unusual and most interesting letter has been received by Pope Pius X. from the Protestant Bishop of San Antonio, Texas. It was written at Maunilla, P. A. where the Bishop has been staying some time but was sent from San Antonio under cover to the Cardinal Prefect of Propaganda.

THE STORY OF A CONVERT.

With the brief introduction that I was a person of little importance among the many learned and capable men who form the ranks of the Anglican clergy I will proceed at once to my subject—the development of a creed, my creed.

When I entered the college which gave me my theological training, I discovered to my horror that I neither knew the difference between the various ecclesiastical parties which constitute the Church of England, nor worse still—to which I myself belonged.

Dear, sweet sentiment, how pleasant it is!—and yet how powerless to bring down the towering thoughts of pride, to turn the edge of anger, to quell the flames of desire, to melt the heart of selfishness, to break the chains of sin, and set up the throne of God in the inner chambers of egotism.

When I was installed in my first curacy I took early opportunity to show my wisdom by repeating a piece of advice learnt at college and that was: "To follow some safe guide, I don't believe in following anyone," said the benighted clergyman to whom I was speaking.

affect upon the hearts of his people—upon the proud and humble, the stubborn and obedient, the selfish and the charitable, the good and the bad—was to me an amazing object-lesson.

The good were stirred up to a great or devoutness and a more loving service, while the bad were provoked to a greater hostility.

I discovered the great truth, that the more Catholic like the doctrine, and greater the authority with which it was taught, the greater the effect, for it condemned the bad, approved good and revealed the thoughts in all hearts.

The Baptists, however, are not entirely alone in such innocent behavior. Some Presbyterian assemblies have expressed themselves in a similar spirit of rejoicing over the persecution of the Catholic Church, wholly indifferent to the circumstance that all other Christian denominations in France also suffer in proportion from the same ferocious outbreak of infidelity.

SPANISH SEMINARIES SPREAD CATHOLIC TRUTH.

We talk a good deal about supporting the Catholic press in this country, but certainly they have a unique way of spreading Catholic truth over in Spain, as we glean from a Spanish exchange.

This is a strenuous apostolate of the press, but it has several points in its favor. Full as Spain is of bleak Liberalism, red Socialism and black anarchy, they young men get a grasp on conditions and do much good in resulting wavering, from peril.

This country is not Spain, of course, but much work of the kind might be done here. The Spanish Catholic press is not, we must confess, singularly interesting, being heavy, devotional and dull; but it is waking up, and will improve.

A negro arraigned in a New York court the other day, while his wife was giving testimony against him, began making some mystic signs to the magistrate, who, noticing the antics of the prisoner, leaned over the desk and asked: "Are you a Mason?"

The negro apologized and said he would try Masonic signs no more on this or any other magistrate.

THE POPE AND THE "DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER" BILL.

The following is the text of the letter in connection with the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, which some years ago was addressed by Cardinal Vaughan to the Catholic members of the House of Lords:

The Bill purports to abolish, as part of the civil law, the matrimonial impediment of the first degree of affinity in the collateral line. This is to propose a law in direct opposition to the common law of the Church.

It is well known that some have voted for the Bill year by year on the ground that it would give civil recognition to a dispensation which the Holy Father occasionally grants for very grave and special reasons.

CONVENT INSPECTION.

The Protestant Alliance of Great Britain is agitating for convent inspection. The Glasgow Observer voices the opinion of Catholics with regard to this demand:

"All too concerned, what Catholics say of convent inspection is this: There is not the least Catholic objection to the factory inspection of convent laundries or other industries. The Catholic cause does not depend upon unforced belting nor sweated labor, and the fact is that of all convent laundries in the country, Catholic and Protestant (there are many Protestant convent laundries in England), the vast proportion of Catholic laundries have voluntarily sought factory inspection already.

A TRIP TO IRELAND.

Rev. Thos. Noonan, P. P., Dublin, diocese of London, Ireland, is about to depart and will spend some time with his parents in the county of Limerick. We extend to him our hearty wishes for a pleasant trip and a safe return to his beloved flock, by whom he is held in the very highest esteem.

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