

NOTES ON CHURCH HISTORY

Many requests have been made for some notes or outlines on the history of the Church to be presented in The Universe in a simple and conversational manner.

One writer says: "Such sketches presented each week would cover considerable ground in a year, would undoubtedly excite interest and could be read with advantage in the schools and in some of our young people's societies."

Doubtless many are not conversant with a number of important historical facts or have forgotten much of what they formerly read. Presentations of some of these facts in a simple and fallacious manner would be good and produce much fruit.

We cannot always see how much out of plumb our practice is with our profession, or we would earnestly strive for self-reformation.

We will venture to start the Notes on Church History, hoping that they will fill a want which long felt.

The term Church denotes the Society founded by our Lord Jesus Christ. It is composed of all who are baptized and profess the faith, taught by Christ and proposed and defined by the Church.

Again the term may signify the whole body of the faithful, those who are living on earth, those who are in Purgatory and those who are in Heaven.

The following words of Cicero, the celebrated Roman orator, are noted: "There is no man existing so noted that he does not acknowledge the existence of a God, so much so, that men will rather have a false god than no god at all."

The Christian Religion rests on two fundamental facts—the Fall of man, and his Redemption by the Incarnate Son of God. Hence, the history of the Church of God does not, properly speaking, begin with the birth of Christ, but reaches back to Eden.

Christ is the center of the history of mankind. The history of mankind before Christ is the history of the preparation of mankind for the coming of the Saviour of the world and the history of the human race on earth.

The preparation of mankind for the coming of Christ may be said to have been twofold, a negative and a positive preparation. As a negative preparation

HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS TO WESTERN CANADA LOW ROUND TRIP RATES

Christianity, the ancient world, having fallen away from God, was obliged by long and painful experience to learn that "it is an evil and bitter thing to have left the Lord."

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Mullath states that "the number of university students compared with population is much greater in Spain and Belgium than in other European countries."

The Carlist leader, General Elio, told Mr. Thiobin, correspondent for the New York Herald, that "the good health of the people is the result of their morality."

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