[FOR THE TRUE WITNESS.] ANTIQUARIAN RESEARCHES.

The Antiquary's Services-The Origin of the Irish People-Effects of a Language.

Antiquarians, like other writers, are dull or amusing in proportion as they are talented or stupid; and antiquarian inquiry, like the game of chees, is intolerable only to the uninitiated. To those acquainted with its rules and laws, solding can possibly be more engaging. In fact, the desire for antiquarian knowledge is universul; everyone is anxious to trace cusniversal; everyone is anxious to trace cutniversal; everyone is anxious to trace cuttems to their origin—to know from whom
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Celt is smail and slender; his eyes are as black as jet; his skin sallow, dry; his lips thin, his face sharp, with high cheek bones; the expression is wild and keen—cunning—not at all improved by his straight shining locks or coabliack hair. Yet the physioguomy is far from disagreeable; it has a cast of melancholy and intelligence—one which excites more of pity than admiration. The stature of the Celt small; his limbs are well formed, and marked by strength and activity; and, upon the whole, though much feeller than the Goth, he is not, perhaps, much less resolute under similar circumstances. Huch are the distinguishing features of these people.

K.

Montreal, April, 1892.

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The Early English Church.

To the Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS: To the Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS:

Sir,—In an article published in the Gazetie on the 21st of April, under the above heading and over the signature "Catholic," the writer tries to establish that the early English Church was "Catholic," but not under the Pope's jurisdiction. While this seems to be the specious object that he has in view, there is another one underlying that, and which he simply amounces, viz: He would have us discard the Papal supremacy. This he tries to establish by the 9th Canons of the Councils of Carthske and Chalcedon, A.D. 419 and 451, by which to would have us believe that the bishops legislated against the Pope's spiritual authority over the whole Church.

Such is the substance and import of his article.

By inference he denies the Papal supremacy.

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of the Roman Church. Hence the "instance" which our learned writer adduces to establish his alleged fact, proves nothing for him, but we shall make it prove something for us later

on.

Again, if by the word "church" Mr. C. meant the Church of Christ or Universal Church, his logic is gravely at fault, for he swidently draws a universal conclusion from a particular premise, namely: because the African Church, as instanced, was not under Roman jurisdiction, therefore the "Early English Church" was not under Roman jurisdiction, and therefore the Universal Church of Christ was not under Roman jurisdiction. This Roman jurisdiction is evidently the Bite Noire that Mr. C proposes to kill in this conflict. But this is the Papacy, and Quinet says that "they who swallow it always die of indigestion."

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Verily, the dissection of Mr. C.'s sweeping assertion—"The Church, as I said before, was not under Roman Jurisdiction, and one fasionec will be sufficient to extabilish the fact"—has revealed so much sophistry that my faith has been shaken in the sincerity of his belief in the truth of the cause he has esponsed. Thus far he has furnished nothing to justify his belief in the existence of an "Early Raglish Church" insirpendent of Roman jurisdiction. Perhaps hye and bye he will furnish us the long sought for and much desired proof. Well, here it is, "Deo gration." "Jerusalem was styled or called the mother of all churches." The Fathers of different councils called the See of Antioch "the throne of St. Peter, the eldest genuinely Apostolic Church." These are complimen ary titles, accurding to Mr. C., acalogous to the compliment which the "Hritish bishops" paid the Bishop of itome by thair presence at the Council of Arles, as explained above—But they evidently suggest another thought by the comparison which they invite. For if Jerusalem is the mother of all churches, the Church of Rome must be her daughter, and consequently inferior. If "the See of Antioch is the throne of St. Peter, the eldest genuinely Apostolic Church," the See of Rome may not aspire to usurp it. In the interest of truth and justice to your readers, we shall unravel the sophisticated woof of this time-worn specious argument. The gentleman did not advert to the contradiction existing between his two suggestive quotations. If "Jerusalem is the mother of all churches," then, "the See of Autioch cannot be the eldest Apostolic church;" for the daughter cannot be older than her mother. But to be serious; was it Jerusalem, Antioch, Rome or St. Peter that Christ established the visible head of His church? When He said to Peter, "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and the word because it was the cradle of Ch

to despise his enemies since he is in commu-nion with Rome where he is able to defend his

to despise his enemies since he is in communion with Rome where he is able to defend his cause."

Finally, Mr. "Catholic" asserts that the council of Chalcedon repealed the Eardican canons, as evinced in the 9th canon, in which there is a system of procedure drawn up for appeals, and from which he infers that the Roman Pontif is excluded, but in this question as in all the others his inference is illogical. Because the Roman Pontif is not mentioned in that procedure, is that a reason for his being excluded therefrom? The Fathers of the council proposed by this system to come to the Pope's assistance by settling a vast number of cases which, should they all be referred to him would physically overpower him. The Popes in those days had no congregations of cardinals established to examine into all such things, and sift the truth from error, and the system proposed by the above council met with the Pope's approval. As we have already stated above, the decrees of councils in the church are nothing worth before they are approved by the Pope. The council can neither add to nor substract from the Pope's authority, that is a divine prerogative which he holds not from men but from Jesus Christ.

Hence, it is evident that Mr. "Catholic" has done nothing to establish the truth of his assertion, that the "early English church was Catholic but not under Roman jurisdiction," and I will add, he never can establish that truth, it does not exist.

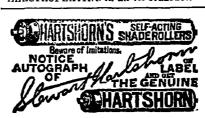
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