

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

BY A PROTESTANT THEOLOGIAN.

Remembered last week that the issue of the long struggle between Pius VII. and Napoleon, although marked by a peculiar misadventure of providential intervention, is in the eyes of the righteous...

We will make some remarks on this protracted struggle, because a caricatured account of the reconciliation, due to the exaggerated zeal of some not over-scrupulous papalists, has been often made the basis of mockery against the Papacy...

This, it appears, is the contemporary account. Unhappily some later adherent of the papal cause, not content with the simplicity and evangelical mildness of Alexander's behavior, thought he must dress it out with action...

In the struggle between the great Hohenstaufen on the one hand, and the Pope and the Italian on the other, the right was incontestably with the latter. The Italians were defending the rising wealth and greatness of their cities, of which Frederick was implacably jealous...

Thereupon ensued the war of twenty-three years, pausing from time to time, and then flaring up again, not unlike, though less destructive than the Thirty Years' War of Germany, five centuries later.

Mr. Kuskin remarks that, great as were Barbarossa's qualities of character, and beneficent as was his government for his own Germans, yet, when provoked by the Italians he was not only a relentless, but a singularly impious warrior. His imperial pride, once aroused, carried him into sheer insanities of outrage, against national rights, against humanity and against religion.

Finally, at Legnano, in 1176, Barbarossa was hopelessly defeated. He was magnanimous enough to recognize that it would be madness to continue the struggle, and after his reconciliation with the Pope, and his truce, passing then into a peace, with the Lombards, he showed himself thereafter a dutiful son of the Church, and a loyal friend of Italy.

There is one good thing in the later contests. All attempts to set up Antipopes have ceased. Napoleon himself never seems to have dreamed of such a thing.

their decisions in the public affairs were not prompted by a regard to justice, but to their own interests, or those of some layman...

I do not doubt that the present was here in the wrong. The Cardinal Langton, the father of Magna Charta, thought so, and being an Englishman, he knew the matter more interiorly...

What readers such an attitude towards Innocent peculiarly hard to defend is, that his sentence was almost identical with that of St. Lewis, "nobis et huiusmodi monachis."

The truth is, that neither King nor Pope could see in Magna Charta the embryo of which would spring the great tree of parliamentary freedom.

CHARLES C. STARBUCK, Andover, Mass.

The Rev. Mr. Starbuck, in the exercise of his undoubted right, sees in Magna Charta greater fruits of freedom than many of us are able to see.

Now Pope Innocent's temporary opposition, of which Mr. Starbuck writes, was not to Magna Charta but to the illegal methods which the barons used to secure it.

Mr. Green, an ardent Protestant, in his "History of the English People" takes this view of the case. He says: "Innocent was indignant that a matter which might have been brought before his court of appeal, as overlord, should have been dealt with by armed revolt."

Mr. Green, and our friend the Rev. Mr. Starbuck, appear to take opposite views of the meaning of the Pope's action.

THE DEATH OF THE SOUL.

Second Sunday After Pentecost.

When the Apostle, my dear brethren, says these words, he did not mean only to express the truth that it is the death of the soul, but also that the death of the soul is the death of the body...

The soul from the time of baptism to the time of death is kept alive by the gift of sanctifying grace. Remove this and the soul inevitably dies.

See, then, my dear brethren, how fearful a thing mortal sin is which can have this fearful effect. For all eternity in heaven, and yet by sin we turn against ourselves, and if I may so speak, compel the good God to issue against us an eternal sentence of banishment...

Let us, then, to-day make a firm and constant resolution that, cost what it may, nothing in this world shall induce us to kill our souls by staining them with sin...

MARY McCANN. Out of the horrors of the New York steamboat disaster, the accounts of the failure of officers and men to act properly in an emergency, the reports that ghoulies were at work early on the bodies of the dying and the dead, came a little story of a little girl's heroism...

Among those who merit praise for heroism in the work of rescue is Mary McCann, aged seventeen years, recently landed here from Ireland, and who is employed as a waitress on North Brother Island.

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Some object to the present Cardinal Secretary of State that he is too young. Cardinal Merry del Val is thirty-nine. His predecessor, Cardinal Rampolla, one of the most eminent prelates that ever held that important post, was only forty-four when he assumed office.

SAVE BABY'S LIFE. You cannot watch your little ones too carefully during the hot weather. At this time sickness comes swiftly and the sands of the little life are apt to glide away almost before you know it.

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IMITATION OF CHRIST. THAT CREDIT IS NOT TO BE GIVEN TO ALL MEN; AND THAT MEN ARE PRONE TO OFFEND IN WORDS. How wisely dost thou warn us to beware of men and that a man's enemies shall be those of his own household.

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