

THE PROPHECY OF PIUS VII.

A WARNING FROM HISTORY. From the Lamp, Protestant History. M. Clemenceau, M. Briand and their associates would do well to remember that history has a way of repeating itself, and take warning from the swift retribution which overtook Napoleon Bonaparte for his treatment of Pope Pius VII., holding the venerable Pontiff a prisoner at Fontainebleau for five years. It was there that the celebrated interview took place in which the emperor said to the pope: "Do you remember those words of Pius VII.—his terrible prediction?" "Yes, sire," the young man answered; "he said, 'The God of old still lives; He will crush you to pieces.'"

"He was no false prophet," added the fallen Emperor. "My scepter has been broken, not by man, but by God." Don Guaranter thus completes the wonderful story: "A messenger from the Island of St. Helena was one day ushered into the presence of Pius VII. The exiled Napoleon, whom he had consecrated Emperor in the church of Notre Dame, and whose after conduct had brought him under the ban of excommunication, now besought the Pontiff to allow him to be readmitted to those spiritual blessings of which he had been justly deprived. "Pius VII., who had so courageously braved public opinion by giving hospitality at Rome to the members of the unfortunate Napoleon family, readily complied with the request thus made of him, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was shortly afterward offered up in the presence of the illustrious exile of St. Helena.

BLOOD WILL TELL.

Not in a thousand years will blood forget blood. The column had been winding all the morning through open country. Now it was approaching close woodland and high grass. The captain of the company acting as advance guard, knew that trouble was probably lying ahead. He called to his sergeant—the man he had been saving through all the day for the time when "the best" man was needed. "Sergeant O'Hara," he said, "I want you to pick out from the company any six men you choose and go ahead. You can have anybody you want—only choose the best you know. I think we will be fired on from those low hills."

After an advance of some three months, Rev. Father Crinion, of the Sacred Heart Church, Paris, Ont., returned on Monday from his European tour. The rev. gentleman reports a most enjoyable and interesting trip. He was made the recipient of a very complimentary address by the children of the school to which he made a feeling reply.

AN HONOR FOR CANADA.

WINNIPEG MUSICIAN GOES TO WALES AS A JUDGE AT THE ESTIBODOFF. It is not generally known that Canada possesses a number of musicians of international reputation. Yet such is the case. One of them is Mr. Rhys Thomas, of Winnipeg, a man of great knowledge, wide experience and exceedingly artistic taste. He has been selected by the committee of the Royal Estibodoff to be held this year at Swansea, Wales, as one of the adjudicators. The others similarly honored are Dr. Cowan, the composer; Dr. Davies, and Dr. Protheroe. The Estibodoff is one of the most remarkable ceremonies in honor of the old Celtic bards and heroes, and all Wales is on its feet for the occasion. Mr. Thomas for some time has been an ardent lover of the Gourelly Piano. Recently the firm of Gourelly, Winter and Looming examined the pianos and Looming finally selected a Gourelly solely on its merits. Its tone is remarkably rich, the touch very responsive, and the mechanism perfect. After using it for several months, I am more than ever convinced that it is the finest piano made in Canada. Mr. Thomas evidently is a judge of pianos.

GREAT MEN AND THE 'IMITATION OF CHRIST.'

Sometimes it is thought that the "Imitation of Christ," the little book which, because it is now generally conceded that Thomas a Kempis is the author, is called "Kempis," is usually supposed to be the favorite reading only of women and of men who are very religiously inclined and not very practical in their views. Ordinarily, therefore, would be no idea that great influential thinkers in present day life should have it as their favorite reading. I am reminded, however, to note the falsity of this opinion by the death of M. Pobidonostoff, who was for so many years the head of the Holy Synod in Russia. He is said to have exerted during the past generation more influence in Russia than the czar. That influence, of course, was in favor of the rights and privileges of the nobility and against the people; but then this was his firm persuasion, and he could see no benefit to be obtained by letting the people share government in the present state of their education and feeling. His favorite reading, at least one chapter a day being done, was the "Imitation of Christ." I am tempted in this matter to mention that England's greatest jurist in the nineteenth century, the famous Charles Russell, who afterward became Lord Russell of Killowen and Lord Chancellor of England, had the custom of reading a chapter of the "Imitation" every day, and for that purpose constantly carried a small copy of it with him. Another distinguished modern thinker, who perhaps least of all would be suspected of such a custom, but who yet not only read himself, but recommended to all his disciples the reading of a chapter of the "Imitation" every day, was August Comte, the famous French positivist. It is very evident that such men would not have given so much time to his little book nor recommended it so freely to others, only that they felt that its meaning was so deep that it was well worth the attention given to it.—J. Walsh, M.D., Ph. D., in the Helper.

God never forgets, and the Heart of Jesus feels for St. Joseph at the time of the affection and gratitude that filled it when beating against St. Joseph's heart during the flight into Egypt and through all his life on earth. May the dear Saint's holy patronage help us to live and help us to die.—Rev. Matthew Russell, S. J.

RANDALL OF 'MARYLAND'

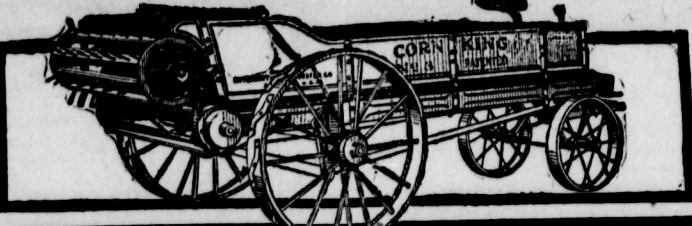
Next to "Dixie" Southerners love the song "Maryland, My Maryland." The author, James Ryder Randall, a strong and vigorous personality, is a convert to the Church, a force in Catholic journalism, and at present editor of the Morning Star of New Orleans. In the Baltimore Sun of recent date we find, from the pen of "The Bentztown Bard," the following poem celebrating "Maryland" and its author: "Maryland, My Maryland! I heard the bugles play. And the golden music turned my heart the golden way. I saw the old State gleaming in the beauty of its day. Beside her rippling rivers and beside her dreamy shores. The sweet old song woke echoes of her beauty in my breast.—The song of Randall's "Maryland," may be sung upon him rest! The song of Randall's "Maryland," how it rings upon the air. When from the sweet old valleys of the dear old State we fare. Amid the alien cities or on hills and seas afar, it woe the heart's affection and it woe the eye. To the old home's tender beauty, and the spirit breathes a cheer. For in whose music rings the old home love so clear! I heard the bugles play and I heard the voices sing. The words of Randall's "Maryland," and my heart began to ring. And my soul was filled with longing for the valley that I knew. The tender skies above them, with their balmy breath of blue. I heard the rivers calling, saw the green fields by the shores. And felt the old emotions that I felt in days of yore! O Randall, God be with you, for we owe you much who know The glory of your "Maryland," the rapture of its glow. The world should give you comfort and the land reward you worth. With all the goodly blessings of the golden dream of earth.—For no the world's beauty when the bugles and the band. Ring out the steady measure of the song you gave the land. "Maryland, My Maryland," I heard the echo I saw the little hills of home grow green with breath of spring. I saw the orchards ripen in October's golden sun. I saw the shores of Edenland unto the blue My heart re-echoed, "Maryland," and my soul responded, too. O Randall of the golden song, God's grace be unto you!

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On June 20th, Rev. P. T. Ryan, P. P. Renfrew, was presented with a cheque for \$1500, by his congregations in that place and in Stirling, Ontario and Calabogie. Mr. F. W. Medley, M. P., read the address accompanying the gift. His faithful flock recognized that the time has come when Father Ryan should take a rest from his many years of energetic and faithful labor in their midst, and the congregation was more than glad to see him taking a trip across the ocean. In reply Father Ryan said that while he looked in vain for any merit on his part to justify the flattering address and the generous donation of which he had been the object, he would, indeed, follow in their wishes and take the trip they wished him to take. I would be a pleasure for him to see the land of his ancestors and of his own birth, to visit the Eternal City, and the many shrines with which God had decorated the earth. In all his wanderings he would think of his people and remember them in his prayers. But much as he might enjoy the scenes of foreign lands, he was sure he would return with the firm conviction that there is no country in the world like Canada, and no people like the people of Canada. The CATHOLIC RECORD sends best wishes to the pastor of Renfrew for a pleasant voyage and a safe return to his flock.

DEAF MUTES AND THE CHURCH.

ED. CATHOLIC RECORD.—In the report of the Minister of Education for the Province of Ontario, for the year 1906, part I, page 44, Superintendent of the Ontario Institution for the Deaf and Dumb says: "As a dumb mute, my deaf man was treated as a dumb man, and the great apostle of Catholicism, Augustine, on the ground that his faith comes by hearing, it was impossible for the deaf man, not hearing the Word of God, to have faith, and therefore, according to Augustine's theory, he must be eternally damned. In such insanity taught by St. Augustine! Augustine the great apostle of Catholicism! Is this the Faithful theory? Is this the extract of the report on honor to the Honorable R. A. Pyne, M. D. . . . Has this really been printed by order of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario?"

DIED.

DEMPSEY.—Of your charity pray for the happy repose of the soul of Rev. Father Aidan Dempsey, S. M., who died, fortified by the rights of Holy Church, at St. Alphonsus hospital, Boise, Idaho, on July 13th, in the 72nd year of his age and the 25th year of his religious profession. SWEENEY.—At his late residence, Lot 11, St. Charles, Ontario, on the 12th inst. Mr. Christopher Sweeney, a native of Ireland, aged fifty-two years. May his soul rest in peace! HEVRY.—In this city, on the 12th inst. Mr. Hevry, in the 72nd year of his age. May his soul rest in peace! FOLEY.—In your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Mary Foley, who died at her late residence, 4 Barton street, Hamilton, on the 8th inst. May she rest in peace!

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