

(From the Tablet.)

In the sacred moments of his communion with the Most Holy One, the mind of the Pontiff must have journeyed back across the vista of the years—and we may surely in sympathy journey with him—to that September day in Padua, in 1858, when he lay prostrate in the sanctuary during the chanting of the litanies; when he knelt under the imposed hands of the venerable Bishop of Treviso, when he repeated with him in slow and separate emphasis the sublime words of the Canon, and when, after the kiss of peace, he issued from the chancel, "a priest for ever," as he said in his prayer.

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of the world goes, could not have gone far to save her. In this hour of her need, when the great and good Leo XIII was called to reward, it pleased God to give her a Chief Pastor as simple, as frank and as transparently honest as St. Peter himself. For all who have closely watched the course of events within the last five years, it has been a sight to gladden both men and angels to see how the mutations of the world in its assault upon the Church have been baffled and brought to nought by the simple faith and apostolic teaching of this heir of the Fisherman's Chair.

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In taking part in the "Te Deum" and thanksgiving services of the Jubilee, we justly feel that we have good reason to thank God for giving us a Pope so good, so great and so Apostolic, and for the benefits which, through his wisdom, constancy and zeal, have been bestowed upon the Christian Church. Although a period of exceptional crisis and anxiety, he has borne so well the heavy burden of the solicitude of all the churches, it must be to him a rich consolation in return to look down from the Chair of Peter upon the Catholic world, and to rejoice in seeing that, amid the manifold persecutions and sundry afflictions, it remains so true and so faithful to the apostolic teaching. In any previous period of its history were its episcopate, clergy and faithful more strong in their unity, life and loyalty than they are at the present moment.

under the sun, Catholic hearts have joined with special fervor in the antiphon which the Church sings for her Chief Pastor—"The Lord premake him, and give him life, and grace, ever hissed upon the earth of his enemies." Assuredly, in no land will this prayer have gone forth more loyally and more heartily than in our own. And next, to this antiphon, what words could convey to the Holy Father more fitly and fully what the Catholics of England feel at this moment, than those which one of our Archbishops—That Wilkesley of Canterbury—has written in expounding the homage of himself and the English Bishops to Pope Boniface VIII. more than six hundred years ago:—"May the Papacy above all other dignities be held in reverence! May it grow strong in Jesus Christ. And long may it prosper in joy and peace for the government of the Universal Church."

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