### AN APOSTLE OF ENGLAND.

Father Dominic, the Passionist.

Australasian Catholic Record. "Father Dominic had a great reputation in Belgium and in England. He was a man much given to prayer, and most exemplary in his conduct as and most examplery in his conduct as a Christian, a religious, a priest, and a missionary. He was really a holy man:" Dicta of our present Holy Father, Leo XIII, to Monsignor Caprara, the Promotor Fidei.

The memory of Father Dominic, who, on the montains of Italy, felt his heart burn within him to preach the Passion of Jesus Christ in England, will be ever dear to us. His apostolate among us was short, but it had abundant fruit. It was he whom God chose to bring into the Catholic unity many of the first fruits of the return to faith in England:" H. E. Cardinal Manning in his preface to the "Life

of St. Paul of the Cross.
"He (Father Dominic) is a simple, holy man; and withal gitted with re markable powers. He does not know of my intention, but I mean to ask of him admission into the fold of Christ: Extract from a letter of the Rev. John Henry Newman to afriend, dated 8th Ostober, 1845, and quoted in the Apol-235.

In the biography of St. Paul of the Cross, founder of the Passionists, it is related that "one morning after having celebrated Mass cried out with great joy : 'Oh! what have I seen? my religious in Eng-land." Such had been his life's prayer and desire, and the good God in His mercy deigned to grant the saint a vision of what was to be. Paul Francis Danei died on the Feast of St. Luke, the Evangelist, 1775 On the 7th of October, 1841-sixty-six years afterwards-St. Paul's prophecy was tulfilled, when Father Dominic, of the Mother of God, one of His most saintly sons, with one companion, landed in

England-to stay His biographer depicts the harrow ing circumstances surrounding thatto England - momentous event. " He has discovered that he is in a new country, whose language he cannot well speak, whose customs he is ignorant of, amongst a people who despise the garb he wears as deeply as they detest the religion which he professes In a friendly college (St. Mary's be is offered hospitality for a short time, but o'herwise he has no yet whereon to lay his head. He has no money, he has few friends, and is rich only in the love of Gcd and of his neighbor. As he looks out of his win-dow on the bleak October day the

prospect is not one of encouragement The whole country around is intent upon trying how to live well in this world, and let the next take care of itself. If this world had known of the ungainly monk, in his rude sackcloth and scandals who was determined upon turning them from heresy . , . . . they veri ly would have laughed him to scorn."

Few men would have faced the diffi culties of the situation. Even the future apostle of the English became suddenly faint-hearted midway on his first journey to convert the favourite nation of Gregory the Great, and hastily retraced his steps Romewards. It is no exaggeration to say that the England of Augustine's day was hardly more anti-Catholic than when the poor bare-footed son of Paul of the Cross landed at Folkestone. The second Redeemer had left England.

"Our fathers have sinned, and they are But we bend 'neath the weight of their sins."

But Dominic was confident. His courage was begotten of a divine vocation: " Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid.", . .

Ecce ego adsum."
His early life is soon told. He was born on the 22nd of June, in the year 1792, of poor parents-Guiseppe and Maria Antonia Barberi- in the little hamlet of Palanzana, on the Cimini mountains, near Viterbo, in Italy. At the early age of eight years he was lett an orphan, and was adopted by an uncle, a peasant farmer of the same district. It was here, on the sleping heights of the Appenines, whilst still a youth, that an interior voice spoke to him in his prayer of his future mission amongst an heretical In an account of his vocation and of his coming to England, which he wrote at the command of his confessor, he describes this miraculous occurrence. "Towards the end of the year (1813)," he says, "on some evening of the Christmas festivals, about 7 o'clock, I was on my knees before God in my poor little room, praying and beseeching Him to provide for the necessities of His Church, when I heard an interior voice in set words, which did not leave a shadow of doubt as to its being from God. The voice told me that I was destined to announce the Gospel truths, and to bring stray sheep back to the true It aid not specify to me how, where, or to whom-whether infidels, heretics or bad Catholics, but left a hazy notion in my mind that the misslon in store for me would not be among Catholics solely. I was astounded at such an announcement, and could not imagine how it would be verified. However, as I telt I could not doubt that the communicame from God, so I could not doubt for an instant but that it would be fulfilled." As a boy, education he had been given none. Life of Father Dominic, by the Rev. F. Pius Devine, C. P., pp. 144.5.

of little advantage to a farmer. The only means by which Dominic con-trived to learn even how to read had been to bribe a boy of his own age to teach him! He knew nothing of the Latin tongue, and truth to say, very little of his own. But now that God had spoken to him of his future mission he "forthwith," he telis us, "began to pore over some Latin books, especially the Bible, which happened to be in the house." By the help of a dictionary he translated some verses of the Vulgate, and was aston ished to find with what ease he contra a complish his task. God, undoubted ly, bestowing on him one of the graces which theelogians term gratia gratis data.

It had been his intention to enter the Passionist Congregation prior to the advent of "the voice;" but he had never dreamt of doing so as a cleric "To be a religious in any shape or form, he writes "was the summit of my ambition. Then, however, I felt convinced I must be a priest; but how was that to be?" And, humanly speaking, the problem seemed more difficult to solve when, towards the end of the year 1814, he was formally received into the Congregation of the Passion as a lay-brother. But again "the voice" whispered to him in his prayer—now speaking with more defi-niteness than before. "About the niteness than before. ena of September or the beginning of October, 1814," he writes in his Verba arcana, "on a certain day whilst the religious were taking their refection. went for a few minutes into the church to pray before the altar of the Blessed Virgin, and whilst I was on my knees, the thought occurred to me: now was the prophecy of last year to be fulfilled? Was I to go as a laybrother to preach,, and to whom was l to go? China and America came into my head. Whilst I was thus racking my brains I understood that I was no to remain as a lay brother, but was to study and that after six years I should begin my apostolic ministry, and that I was not to labor either in China or America, but in the North west of Europe, and especially in England He adds: "I was so convinced of this being a divine communication, that should sooner have doubted of my own existence than of its truth. I was House of the Province of the Addolor ata) to be received as a lay novice, and I felt that I would, nothwithstanding, ecome a cleric and a priest."

His novice master, Father Bernard explains, inter alia in the processes introduced for Father Dominic's canon tzation, how young Barberi come to be "clothed" as a cleric, spite of the fact that he had been formally accepted as a lay-brother by the Provincial of the Province of the Addolorata.
"Brother Dominic," he writes, "was admitted as a lay postulant in the place of one who had gone away. A few days afterwards I told the novice that as there was no reading in the refectory on fast evenings they should refresh their minds with some spiritual reflections. On the next evening, which happened to be a fast, I asked Diminic in recreation what he had been thinking about during his supper. He said he had been reflecting on the few verses of the New Testa ment-always read in Latin in Italywhich was read by the Superior before spring of English Catholicity had not the refection. He gave me not only yet blossomed forth. Cardinal New- the correct translation, but the mean man thus describes the religious status ing of the passage. I was surprised of the country at that time: "The at the boy's knowledge, but in order to vivifying principle of truth, the humble him I said he was an impudent shadow of St. Peter, the grace of the fellow to attempt explaining the Scriptures in the presence of his betters. He knelt down, taking the humiliation very good naturedly. I took occasion after this to watch him, to ask questions, and to test his intelligence in various ways. I found him very bright, well acquainted with texts Scripture-always quoted in Latin in Italy -- their meaning and interpretation, insomuch that it occurred to me the young man should have been a cleric rather than a lay novice; but I did not mention the matter when I found that he had not the least idea of

> " Father Joseph of the Passion (one of our fathers, who had known Domin ic as a youth in Palanzana) being in Rome, spoke to the Father-General about him, and gave him some evidence of his capacity. He wrote to me in the General's name to say that I might examine him, and if I found him sufficiently acquainted with the Latin language I might have him 'clothed" as a cleric. Knowing, as I did his ignorance of grammar, and how strict the General was about the postuiants' qualifications, I asked the boy to translate the first Psalm into Italian. He did the task in less than a quarter of an hour, in a wretched hand to be sure, but I must confess that he did it better than I could do it myself. sent the test paper on to the Father-General, who wrote to say that he left the matter in the hands of the local

grammar.

He loved books, but unfortunately this he who sent Father Dominic to Engtaste was not shared by his uncle, who land). He undertook to teach Dom-doubless thought learning would be inic grammar, and the novice proved inic grammar, and the novice proved himself so apt a scholar that, in two months, be was a better grammarian than many of his companions, who and spent years at the Latin classics. He spent the year of probation-the memorable year of 1815, which witnassed the final downfall and disgrace of Pius the Seventh's sacrilegious and perfidious persecutor-in prayer and in study : -

A solitary monk within his cell. Whose walls did make an island of his life, Surrounded by the waves of war and strife, His hours obedient to the convent bell.

Oa the 15th of November, 1815, he made his religious profession, and on the 19th of the same month, began his philosophy—a sure sign of his pro-fictency in Latin. In a month's time he was sent from Monte Argentaro, where he had gone after taking the vows, to our monastery at Rome, on the Coelian Hill. March 1st, 1818, he was ordained priest, but continued as a student for three years longer. The ideal that he had set up for himself as a priest was a high one-no less than the famous dictum of the golden-mouthed Chrysostom: "Necesse est sacerdotem sic esse purum ut in coelis collocatus inter coelestes illas virtutes mediu sstaret." "He who is to act as a priest, must needs be as pure as though he stood in heaven itself, in the midst of those heavenly powers."
In a colloquy which he wrote at this time, addressing our Blessed Mother, he gives way to his feelings in perfervid strains: "Oh Mother! but a few years ago, I was a poor wretched sinful boy—and now, I am a priest! You know how I felt when I first touched the consecrated Host; but how have I touched It? O Motner! had I but your purity and sancity.

. . . How I longed for your heart to give a becoming lodging to my Jesus. . Your hands to touch Him. . . Your tongue to call Him upon the altar." "My God," he would cry out, thinking of his priestly state, "have pity on the ant that Thou hast yoked to so heavy a char

When he had finished his academical course, he was appointed to the chair of Philosophy in our Monastery of Sant' Angelo, near Vetralia. His life during the three years (1821 24) tenure of that office was a severely studious one. He had much to make up e 1 in the way of elementary education: but he undertook his task with that dogged perseverance characteristic of the Italian nature, notwith standing the "dolce-far-niente" accusations of Italy's enemies. Morning after morning saw him, at the first streak of dawn, seated at his desk A; the hour of 5 o'clock he celebrated Holy Mass; and after thanksgiving returned to his books, and lectures till mid-day. The evenings were devoted to literary pursuits, of which he has lef. us many and splend droi ques. To give a few evidences of his application to study. Before his thirtieth year he could read ancient Greek with ease, and could speak the modern with fluency. His famous Latin letter to the professors of Oxford University, write in 1841, might be set up as classic in that most elegant of tongues French, he wrote and spoke fluently When entering the Novitiate in 1814 he carried with him a letter of intro duction from one of our fathers, who therein describes him as : "Juvenis eximiae virtutis et singularis ingenii. sed incultus." In 1824 he was ap pointed to the chair of the logy, in our | to few Retreat of St. John and Paul, in Rome | his viaticum. -from a scholarly standpoint the nost important office in our congrega A few short years of hard study had metamorphosed the "homo in cultus " into a "homo cultissimus Newman, who knew him in the old Littlemore days, describes him to an absent friend as a man "gifted with remarkable powers." He was a profound theologian and a subtle thinker. Father Pius says of him: "The insight which makes a man keen in picking out the seeds of evil was pe culiariy remarkable in Father Dom-To give an instance of this ininic. sight, his was the mind that first saw the tatal errors to which De La Mennais' system would ultimately lead, and his was the first hand that wrote a refutation of the celebrated leader's principles. To quote Father Pius again: "When the whole Roman world spoke of Da La Mennais, when he presided over distributions of prizes, when he was called the latest of the Fathers of the Church, and when he was (48 some say) reserved in petto for a Cardinal's hat, this ob scure monk was writing a refutation of his principles. He composed his work, and had it read by the wiser

sages in the work of De La Mennais the matter in the hands of the local chapter. The chapter was called, I read the translation of the Psalm, gave the fathers my opinion of young Barberi, sent round the ballot box, and he was unanimously received as clerk. He was clothed in our habit as a cleric, named Dominic of the Mother of God, on November 14, 1814, at the age of twenty two years."

"A Domino factum est istud: et est mirabile in oculis nostris."

He had now put his foot on the lowermost rung of the ladder, which ultimately led him to the realization of his vision.

Tae Vice-Master of Novices at that time was a Father Anthony of St. James (who afterwards became General of our congregation; and it was

and the older of the fathers. The pamphlet was talked about and dis-

cussed, until at length it came to the

staid fathers were told off to examine

Their verdict was that there were pas

work, and they condemned it.

ears of the Father General.

which deserved some stricture, but which might be explained in a good sense, and pass muster fairly. There-upon Father Dominic was sent to Coventry. He was publicly reprehended and penanced for daring to depreciate so great a man. He received the penance and performed it diligently. One thing he could not do-indeed, he was not asked to do it-and that was to retract. He said to a dear friend of his, a Father Felix: have not done evil, neither can I un say what I have written nor said for it is to me as clear as noon-day that from the principles of Da La Mennais flow consequences permicious to the Church and to civil society. Six years afterwards, Gregory XVI., in his Bull "Mirari Vos," solemnly condemned the errors of the once petted and feted Felicité D. La Men-

He has put down the mighty from their seat And has exalted them of low degree."

But better than all-lis learning, his profound theology, his subtle dis-tinctions, his linguistic abilities—was his sanctity. He knew that he was a clever man-the knowledge was thrust upon him. He had taught in the schools of theology and of philosophy with great success; yet no one could say that he ever made the slightest pretence to learning. He must often have put to himself the substance of a Kempis' query: "Quid prodest tibi aita de Trinitate disputare, si careas humilitate, unde displiceas Tripitati!" for his life was an embodi ment of the Augustinian's desire:
"Sentire compunctionem quam scire ejus definitionem.

"Humility," says St. Cyprian, "is the foundation of sanctity." St. Jer-ome calls it "the first Christian virtue," and Gregory the Great speaks of it as "the spring and root of all the other virtues." Father Dominic was humble; yea, it was the crowning feature of his character, and he sought to strengthen it by going in quest of humiliations His lowly quest of humiliations His lowly birth, his broken English, his blunders against the "lex inscripta" of British conventionality-everything that could help to lower him in the eyes of men, was called into requisition. Yet withal, he was of a most sensitive temperament. The brutal insult or biting taunt of the English canaille, to which he and his religious confréres were hourly subjected in those early days, often caused the shadow of wounded pride to flit acres the brilliant hazel eyes a look of pain; but no retort ever passed his meek lips. "Est humilis," says St. Bernard, "qui humiliationem con-

vertit in humilitatem." This Father Dominic did. It goes without the saying that such a min was a man of prayer. was a man much given to prayer, says his present Holiness of him. was his daily tood. Our Holy Rule obliges each member of the Order to spend, at least, five hours daily in prayer; but they were all too short for Father Dominic. Every moment that could be legitimately snatched from external work was passed in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacra ment. Jesus in the adorable Euchar ist, was the life-spring of all his actions and labors; "Gesu Sagramentato," his momentary ejaculation.
And how he loved the Mass! Stubborn of removal must be the obstacle tha could prevent him offering, day by day, this " clean oblation. his life; and it is worthy of note that he enjoyed that rare privilege granted priests-his last Mass was also

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"On," rejoined the preacher, "and that's all your priests have taught you! Only nine commandments?

There used to be ten," quietly replied Wimpsatt, "but the other day your brother preacher Skaggs ran away with one of them, the ninth!"

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