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THE MONK THAT SHOOK THE WORLD.

BY THE EDITOR.

ON the tenth day of November, all Protestant Christendom celebrates the

"In Martin Luther," says the Chevalier Bunsen, "we have the greatest hero of Christendom since the days of the apostles. He was the foremost actor in the greatest event of modern times." "For him," says Car-

"I am a peasant's son," he says, "my father, my grandfather, my great-grandfather were thorough peasants" "He was born poor, and brought up poor, one of the poorest of men," says Carlyle, "yet what were all emperors,

destiny was born. "My parents," writes the Reformer, "were very poor. My father was a poor wood cutter, and my mother has often carried wood upon her back, that she might procure the means of bringing up her children."



LUTHER BURNING THE POPE'S BULL.

four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther, the father of the Protestant Reformation. It will be appropriate to bring before the readers of PLEASANT HOURS the chief events of his life.

lule, "the whole world and its history was waiting, and he was the mighty man whose light was to flame as a beacon over long centuries and epochs of the world."

Luther was a child of the people.

ropes, and potentates in comparison." He was one of God's anointed kings and priests, the kingliest soul of modern times.

In the little village of Eisleben, in Saxony, in the year 1483, this child of

But though poor, his parents sought to make their son a scholar, and he was sent successively to the schools of Magdeburg and Eisenach, and to the university of Erfurt. A stern discipline ruled in the village school. Luther