

exquisite art, so that in spite of the entertainment having been delayed an hour waiting for the Delegate to return from St. Norbert, he was vociferously encored. Mr. Marius Cinq-Mars discoursed learnedly on the great series of encyclicals issued by the reigning Pontiff. The most striking feature of a truly memorable evening was M. Joseph Bernier's lecture on Garcia Moreno, the martyr President of Ecuador.

For fully three quarters of an hour the brilliant young lawyer held the audience while he pictured the wonderful career of that greatest and bravest of Catholic statesmen, and in conclusion he applied the lessons of Moreno's life to the present circumstances of Canada and drew practical conclusions with no uncertain sound, Rev. Father Chartier, S. J., Rector of St. Boniface College, then read a thoughtful address setting the College's relation to the University.

(To be continued.)

HIS EXCELLENCY'S VISIT

The visit of Mgr. Merry del Val has been all too short.

He won his way to the hearts of Manitobans, Protestant as well as Catholic, by the gentle sweetness of his manner. His replies to address increased in import as the entertainments went on, until his public utterance at the admirable literary soiree of St. Boniface College fell like the balm of Gilead upon the souls of devoted Catholics.

This two remarkable speeches, the report of which was submitted to and approved by His Excellency should be read with great attention. He tells us to be prudent and calm under the guidance of our good Archbishop and to trust in the Holy Father who is watching over our best interests with unremitting love and care.

BAD POPES, BAD CATHOLICS, NOT BAD CATHOLICISM.

Pre-ton "Catholic News."

In a letter published some short time ago in these pages from the pen of a distinguished Catholic controversialist it was pleaded that bad Catholics did not necessarily entail bad Catholicism. The phrase and the plea are recalled by a leading article which appeared the other day in a daily paper on the opening of the Borgia Apartments in the Vatican. This occurrence was made the occasion of a long rehash of such "history" as could be made to tell against the famous family and its connection with the Papal chair. Generally, the treatment of the theme was that the vices imputed to the Borgias, and especially to the Pontiff Alexander VI.—all, of course, taken as Gospel truth—formed an unanswerable argument against the truth of Catholic doctrine and the claim of the Catholic Church to be the Church of Christ.

Let this assault be examined. The Catholic Church claims to be the One True Church founded by the Lord Jesus Christ to continue on earth His work until His Kingdom come. She claims to be invested with divine authority and to be divinely sustained against teaching wrong. She claims that her Popes are infallible, but she never claimed that they are impeccable. They are, as a line of men, without parallel in the world's history, for high and heroic virtue. The first score of them and more went to the martyr's death with holy cheerfulness. No succession of men ever left on history so beneficent a mark. Many of them were saints, most of them saintly men. The Pontiff of our own day whom may God long preserve, is no unfair sample of his line. But if history says they were not all Leo the Thirteenth and that some of them were very much the contrary, that statement, while

important in itself, is absolutely without bearing on the claims of the Catholic Church. Nay, more, if Protestants claim to be able to show that there once lived a bad Pope, a number of bad Popes, the Catholics answer is—Very well, let it be allowed, for argument's sake that there was a bad Pope, what then? Did any Catholic ever argue that there could not be a bad Pope? Never. Did Our Lord promise that there should never be a bad Pope? No. He promised that the heads of His Church on earth should never teach false doctrine, and they have never done so.

To argue that because a certain Pope was a bad man, therefore the Catholic religion is an untrue creed, would only be admissible if it were first conceded that the truth of the Church depended on the personal virtue of the Pope: something which Catholics not only do not claim, but which they will not allow.

On Christ's Ascension into Heaven He left to human instruments, divinely guided as to teaching, the work required for bringing to future ages the knowledge of God's truth. But He did not guarantee that the instruments chosen would be men incapable of sin. Protestants seem to think that Catholics say so, and further there underlies all their attacks on the virtue to past Popes the implication that if that virtue be successfully assailed the Catholic Church is correspondingly discredited. Yet the unreason of such argument is easily apparent. Judas was one of the chosen expositors of Christ's doctrine, yet we have never seen Protestants assail Christ's teaching on this score. St. Peter, the first Pope, was a man who actually denied his Lord, yet this piece of Papal backsliding is not put forth, as it ought in logic and fairness to be, with the shortcomings of Alexander VI. If in the first century the sins of Judas and of Peter are not to be accounted an argument against the truth of the doctrine they taught, then on what ground of fairness or logic can a different rule be applied to the fifteenth?

Again, it is manifest that not only has such a claim as the impossibility of the Pope committing sin never been put forth by Catholics, but that such a claim would be adverse to Catholic truth and to Christian doctrine. The Pope, like any other Christian, is obliged to pray daily for forgiveness for his past sins and for grace to sin no more, which latter would be a clear absurdity if he were to be held as exempt from the possibility of sin. Again, every human creature has the power of free will. He can choose between good and bad. But if the Pope were to be regarded as incapable of sin he would have to be regarded as robbed of free will, which is the manifest possession of every creature. It becomes clear, then, that Christ could not have left the inerrancy of His Church to the chance that those who followed the sinner Peter would prove always sinless. And since Christ left to Peter and Peter's successors the possession of free will and the consequent liability of sin, it is clearly established that any possible lapse on their part was not regarded by Our Lord as affecting in any degree the truth of the doctrine committed to their care. That doctrine Christ promised to safeguard, knowing their liability to sin, and on His promise Catholics are content to rely.

No, the truth of Catholic doctrine does not depend on the personal holiness of the Pope nor of any number of Popes, nor Popes, bishops, priests, and laymen severally or collectively. The holiness of her children is one of the marks of the Catholic Church in this as in all ages. No other communion in any age can show such a number of saints nor such a standard of saintliness. But the truth of the Catholic Church, the

inerrancy of teaching which she possesses do not depend on this; they depend on the promise of Christ that He will sustain her against all error through all time. So if there have been bad Popes if they were again to be bad Popes, that, so far from militating against the claim of the Catholic Church to be the Church of Christ would but prove, as it has proved, that not even such a supreme misfortune can affect the impregnable position in which by her Divine Founder the Catholic Church has been placed.

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