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"Christianus mihi nomen est, Catholicus vero Cognomen." — (Christian is my Name, but Catholic my Surname.) — St. Pacian, 4th. Century.

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The Infamous Titus Oates in the Pilory.

There is so much resemblance between the history of the infamous Titus Oates and the A. P. A. movement—the former explains so well the latter, throws so much light upon it, and shows it so truthfully in all its odious character—that we give it to our readers. The sources from which our informatiou is derived cannot be suspicious even to Protestants, as we draw it from Chanber's Encyclopedia and Macaulay, and give it textually. The encyclopedia says: Titus Oates was the son of a ribbon weaver, who have a substitute to the story of the polity of the encyclopedia says: Titus Oates was the son of a ribbon weaver, who have seen born about the year 1620. He was sent to Trinity college, Cambridge, where he took orders, and received a small living from the Duke of Norfolk. This position, however, he forfeited, in consequence of a malicious prosecution, in which he narrowly escaped conviction for perjury: and having been afterwards appointed to a chaplainey of one of the King's ship, he was expelled from it on a charge still more disgraceful. In this extremity, he conformed to the Catholic Church, and was admitted as a scholar of the Jesuits' college at Valladolid, Spain, but was expelled for misconduct after a trial of a few months. He was again received by the Jesuits, on his earnest protestations of reportance, at St. Omer, France, where he proved as mean and worthless as before, and he was finally dismissed by them in the early part of 1678. He mow, as a mere vagabond adventurer, set himself to live by his wit, in the evil exercise of which he devised, about this time, the atrocious scheme with which his name is identified in history. Just then great excitement and alarm pervaded the Protestant Roman Catholic; and his brother, the Duke of York, afterwards James II, was an active and avowed zealot on the same side. The growing confidence of the Roman Catholic, was underted to the flames. A few doubt he described in those document which added the doubt he described in those of concealed; and with or without reason, the cry so often since heard arose and was everywhere re-echoed, that the 'Protestant religion was in danger.' In this fevered state of general feel-

wild talk about the best means of commissions directed to gentlemen who bringing England back to the true Church. From hints thus furnished peached the Lord Treasurer of high he constructed a hideous romance, resembling rather the dream of a sick "Mea resembling rather the dream of a sick man than any transaction which ever took place in the real world. The Pope, he said, had entrusted the government of England to the Jesuits.

"Meanwhile the courts of justice, which ought to be, in the midst of political commotions, sure places of refuge for the innocent of every party, were disgraced by wilder passions and The Jesuits had, by commissions under the seal of their society, appointed Roman Catholic noblemen, and gentlemen, to all the highest offices in Church vulse the whole realm, would not, and State. The Papists had burned down London once. They had tried to burn it down again. They were at that moment planning a scheme for setting fire to all the shipping in the Thames. They were to rise at a signal all their Protestant and massacre A French army was at the same time to land in Ireland. All the leading statesmen and divines of England were to be murdered. Three or four schemes had been formed for assassinating the King. He was to be stabbed. He was to be poisoned in his medicine. He was to be shot with rivals. A wretch named Carstairs, silver bullets. The public mind was so sore and excitable that these lies land by going disguised to convenreadily found credit with the vulgar; and two events which speedily took place led even some reflecting men to suspect that the tale, though evidently distorted and exaggerated, might have ome foundation.

"Edward Coleman, a very busy and not very honest Roman Catholic intriguer, had been among the persons cused. Search was made for his apers. It was found that he had just destroyed the greater part of them. But a few which had escaped contained some passages such as, to minds strongly prepossessed, might seem to confirm the evidence of Oates. Those passages, indeed, when candidly construed, appear to express little more than the hopes which the posture affairs, the predilections of Charles, a Roman Catholic strongly attached some show of reason, that, if papers magistrate pretended to believe, even which had been passed over as un-important were filled with matter so judges of the realm were corrupt,

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Roman Catholic; and his brother, the Duke of York, afterwards James II., monies, which indicted rather fear and was an active and avowed zealot on the same side. The growing confidence of the Roman Catholics was under the vaults over which they sate, in order to secure them against a second Gun-powder Plot. All their proceedings were of a piece with this demand. Ever since the reign of Elizabeth the ing, Oates saw his opportunity, and dexterously and boldly availed him from members of the House of Commons. Some Roman Catholics, how Macaulay says: "One Titus Oates, ever had contrived so to interpret this a clergyman of the Church of Eng- oath that they could take it without land, had, by his disorderly life and scruple. A more stringent test was heterodox doctrine, drawn on himself now added; every member of Parlia-the censure of his spiritual superiors, ment was required to make the declarthe censure of his spiritual superiors, ment was required to make the deciar-had been compelled to quit his benefice, action against transubstantiation; and thus the Roman Catholic Lords were and vagrant life. He had once professed hirself a Roman Catholic, and passed some time on the Continent in against the Queen. The Commons English colleges of the order of Jesus. threw one of the Secretaries of State In those seminaries he had heard much into prison for having countersigned

fouler corruptions than were to be vulse the whole realm, would not, unless confirmed by other evidence, suffice to destroy the humblest of those whom he had accused. For, by the old law of England, two witnesses are necessary to establish a charge of trea son. But the success of the first im poster produced its natural conse quences. In a few weeks he had been raised from penury and obscurity to opulence, to power which made him the dread of princes and nobles, and to notoriety such as has for low and bad minds all the attractions of glory. He was not long without coadjutors and land by going disguised to conventicles and then informing against the preachers, led the way. Bedloe, a noted swindler, followed; and soon from all the brothels, gambling houses and spunging houses of London, false witnesses appeared to swear away Roman Catholics. One came with a story about an army of thirty thousand men who were to muster in the disguise of pilgrims at Corunna, and to sail thence to Wales. Another had been promised canonization five hundred pounds to murder the king. A third had stepped into an eating house in Covent Gar-den, and had there heard a great Roman Catholic banker vow, in the presence of the guests and drawers, to kill the heretical tyrant. Oates, that he might not be eclipsed by his imitathe still stronger predilections of James, and the relations existing between the French and English courts, other things, that he had once stood behind a door which was ajar, and had there overheard the Queen declare that the country was not then inclined she had resolved to give her consent to construe the letters of Papists the assassination of her husband. The candidly; and it was urged, with vulgar believed, and the highest

suspicious, some great mystery of cruel and timid. The leaders of the able among them, indeed, were so far deluded as to believe the greater part of the evidence of the plot to be true. Such men as Shaftesbury and Buckingham doubtless perceived that the whole was a romance. But it was a romance which served their turn ; and to their seared consciences the death of an innocent man gave no more uneasiness than the death of a partridge. The juries partook of the feelings then common throughout the nation, and were encouraged by the bench to indulge those feelings without restraint. The multitude applauded Oates and his confederates, hooted and pelted the witnesses who appeared on behalf of the accused, and shouted with joy when the verdict of guilty was pronounced. It was in vain that the sufferers appealed to the respectability of their past lives; for the public mind was possessed with a belief that the more conscientious a Papist was, the more likely he must be to plot against a Protestant government. It was in vain that they resolutely affirmed their innocence, for the general opinion was that a good Papist considered all lies

> as not only excusable but meritorious. The encyclopedia continues : "Many innocent Roman Catholic gentleman died the death of traitors at the block. Over the space of two years the base success of Oates was signalized by a series of judicial murders. Naturally, however, as reason resumed its sway, doubts began to be felt; and on the execution of a venerable and respected nobleman, Viscount Stafford with a strong shock of pity and remorse, public suspicion awoke, and a violent reaction set in. It was only, however, on the accession of James II., in 1685, that retribution overtook the malefactor. Active steps against him were then taken. He was tried be-fore the court of King's Bench, convicted of perjury, sentenced to be pilloried, whipped at the cart's tail, and afterwards imprisoned for life.

were serviceable to his Church

"We might wonder a little at the leniency of the sentence, were it not thus explained: it was intended that the severity of the first two items of punishment should render the last one superfluous, and that the wretch should die under the lash of the executioner. But the hide of Oates was tough be-yond calculation; and horribly lacer-ated, yet living, his carcass was con-veyed into the prison, from which it was meant never more to issue. Very strangely, however, the next turn at the political wheel brought back the monster to the light of day and prosperity. When the revolution of 1688 placed William on the throne writes, "I was sitting in the room the Protestant influence triumphed once more. In the outburst of en-thusiasm which followed what more natural than that Oates should be glorified as a Protestant martyr? Parliament solemnly declared his trial illegal; be was pardoned, and obthegat; he was partoned, and ob-tained his liberty; and in order to his perfect enjoyment of it, a pension of £300 a year was granted him. He was, however, no more heard of; he passed his seventeen remaining years in obscurity, and died in 1705 at the good old age of eighty six.

Is it not time that the public press and the public at large should call a halt to the present unfair and un-manly methods of attack on our Catholic fellow-citizens and protest against the repeated and continuous insults to their faith? When civilized nations decide to settle their disputes by an appeal to arms, it is always understood that the issue should fought out on the lines of honorable warfare-that poisoned bullets be not used, the rivers and streams not to be poisoned, nor other methods resorted to condemned by civilized opinion. have a right to look for a higher standard of attack on the part of the Church and the tabernacle. The wandering and reputationless adventurers who have lately visited our city are a disgrace to religion and unworthy the endorsement of its bitterest enemy. Avoiding honorable methods of controversy they regale their hearers with all manner of tales, calumnies, slanders, fables, fictions and absurdities about the Catholic her priests and nuns. add to these miserable insults and to intensify hatred and bad feeling, they

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take the ground that it is heathen and idolatrous, then the warfare is justifiable to a certain extent, but even then not on the lines laid down by the Master. This much we feel satisfied of that men like Cardinals Newman and Manning, Hon. Frank Hurd, Hon. Thomas Ewing, Charles Warren Stoddard, George
Parsons Lathrop, Sir. John Thompson and the Hon. J. R. Chandler would not remain twenty-four hours in a Church for this characteristic for the characteristic forms of the characteristic Parsons Lathrop, Sir. John Thompson and the Hon. J. R. Chandler would not for which they gave up their Protestantism if her altars were manned by adulterers and her convents the home

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We appeal to the enlightened intelligence of our readers, to Protestant

must bear good fruit, and remove feelings of discord. His account of the progress of the C. M. B. A and of the account of the progress of the C. M. B. A and of the account of the progress of the C. M. B. A and of the account of the progress of the C. M. B. A and of the account of the progress of the C. M. B. A and of the account of the progress of the C. M. B. A and of the account of the progress of the count of the progress of the progress of the count of the progress of the century. He was a fervent Catholic, and during his later years was occupied almost entirely with devotional compositions. Thus is another name added to the glorious list of those who have consecrated their genius to the service of religion. May he rest in peace!

add to these miserable insults and to intensify hatred and bad feeling, they are too often encouraged by people who, from daily association with their Catholic neighbors, ought to know better.

The public should know that "converted priests" and "escaped nuns" have been dismissed, unfrocked and expelled from the Catholic Church on account of crime and unfaithfulness. In our experience we have not met a single convert to Protestantism that ever left the Church of Rome through to conviction. If our readers know of the any such person or persons we will rejoice to hear of them. Every intelligent Protestant would be pleased to this way of thinking, but, if converts of the church of t

any copies printed without Joseph Cook's speech. I should like one of those best." The lady's taste is correct; but perhaps the volume would

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The editor of the Journal makes the follow ing editorial remarks on the letter of Father Harris. It is refreshing to note that a few Protestant editors like this gentleman have from time to time spoken out manfully in behalf of their wronged Catholic fellow-citi-

HOME RULE PROSPECTS.

A cable despitch from London on last Monday says that John Redmond now occupies the position of first favorite in Tory esteem. All the enemies of Ireland have discovered qualities and virtues in Redmond herotofre quite unsuspected, and the Tory orators, from Lord Salisbury and Lord Randolph Churchill down to the common village tub humper, lose no opportunity to proclaim

without the waste of time that such a course would entail.

This scheme has been accepted in effect, if not formally, by the Nationalists, but Redmond has not indicated whether it would satisfy his party. It is agreed that it is the best the Ministry can do, since if it were to devote the whole of this session to the Home Rule Bill again the best Informed opinion is that the disappointment so caused to English supporters would result in the breaking up of the Liberal party, the destruction of the Government and the loss of all chance of a Home Rule Ministry being returned at the next election.

According to the latest German Year Book there are in each 10,000 of the population 3,577 Catholics, 6,279 Protestants, 29 Christians of other denominations, and 115 Jews. It thus appears that the Catholics are more than 35 per cent. of the population of the Empire.

Sister Rose Lynch of the Dominican convent, Galveston, Texas, died re ently in the 86th year of her age and the sixty-second of religious life. For many years she was superioress of the Dominican Sisters in Ohio, and was widely known throughout the United States for her zeal for the higher education of girls.

Be gentlemen; be not only gentle, but be men. Religion does not destroy manhood. Courage, strength and independence come from God as well as supernatural humility. Go out into the world, leave your impress upon it, and may God bless you.— Archbishop Ryan.

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