

Cardinal Newman on the Papacy.

The Sydney Freeman's Journal published the following paper on the living power of the Papacy, which is from the pen of Cardinal Newman, but not to be found in any of his published works. It was written, says our contemporary, many years ago, and forwarded to Rome, and we are sure it will be lovingly received by and treasured by our readers.

Deeply do I feel, ever will I protest, for I can appeal to the ample testimony of history to bear me out, that in questions of right and wrong, there is nothing really strong in the whole world, nothing decisive and operative, but the voice of him, to whom have been committed the keys of the kingdom and the oversight of Christ's flock. The voice of Peter is now, as it ever has been, a real authority, infallible when it teaches, prosperous when it commands, ever taking the lead wisely and distinctly in its own province, adding certainty to what is probable, and persuasion to what is certain. Before it speaks, the most saintly may mistake, and after it has spoken the most gifted must obey.

Peter is no recluse, no abstracted student, no dreamer about the past, no doting upon the dead and gone, no projector of the visionary. Peter for eighteen hundred years has lived in the world; he has seen all fortunes, he has encountered all adversaries, he has shaped himself for all emergencies. If there ever was a power on earth who had an eye for the times, who has confined himself to the practicable, and has been happy in his anticipations, whose words have been deeds, and whose commands prophecies, such is he, in the history of ages, who sits from generation to generation in the chair of the Apostles, as the Vicar of Christ and the Doctor of His Church. It was said by an old philosopher, who declined to reply to an imperious argument: "It was not safe contorting with the master of twenty legions." What Augustus had in the material order, that, and much more, has Peter in the spiritual. When was he ever unequal to the occasion? When has he not risen with the crisis? What danger has ever daunted him? What sophistry foiled him? What uncertainties misled him. When did ever any power go to war with Peter, material or moral, civilized or savage, and get the better. When did the whole world ever band together against him solitary, and not find him too many for it.

All who take part with Peter are on the winning side. The Apostle of Christ says not in order to unsay; for he has inherited that word which is with power. From the first he has looked through the wide world, of which he has the burden; and according to the need of the day, and the inspirations of his Lord, he has set himself, now to one thing, now to another, but to all in reason, and to nothing in vain. He came first upon an age of refinement and luxury like our own; and in spite of the persecution, fertile in the resources of its cruelty, he soon gathered, out of all classes of society, the slave, the soldier, the high-born lady, and the sophist, to form a people for his Master's honor. The savage hordes came down in torrents from the north, hideous to look upon; and Peter went out with holy water and with benison, and by his very eye he sobered them and backed them in full career. They turned aside, and flooded the whole earth, but only to be more surely civilized by him, and to be made ten times more his children even than the older population they had overwhelmed. Lawless kings arose, sagacious as the Roman, passionate as the Hun, yet in him they found their match and were shattered, and he lived on. The gates of the earth were opened to the east and west, and men poured out to take possession, and he and his went with them, swept along by zeal and charity, as far as they by enterprise, covetousness, or ambition. Has he failed in his enterprise up to this hour? Did he, in our fathers' day, fail in his struggle with Joseph of Germany and his confederates—with Napoleon, a greater name, and his dependent kings—that, though in another kind of fight, he should fail in ours. What grey hairs are on the head of Judah, whose youth is renewed like an eagle's, whose feet are like the feet of harts and underneath the everlasting arms.

"Thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and formed thee, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed thee, and called thee by thy name! Thou art mine."

"When thou shalt pass through the waters, I will be with thee and the rivers shall not cover thee."

"When thou shalt walk in the fire, thou shalt not be burned, and the flames shall not kindle against thee."

"For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour."

"Fear not, for I am with thee. I am the first, and I am the last, and besides Me there is no God."

CORRESPONDENCE.

CATHOLIC WORSHIP.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

SIR,—I observe in the columns of one of your evening contemporaries a very brief notice of a discourse which is called a reply to the sermon of the Rev. Father Drummond, S.J., preached in St. Mary's Church on Sunday, 13th inst., on the "Holy Name of Mary."

The preacher of the reply seems to have forgotten in his solicitude for the faith of his fellow citizens, that the learned Jesuit's discourse was preached to those of his own faith, and that no special invitation was given to those outside the Catholic Church to listen to it, though they were heartily welcome to do so. He characterizes, it would seem, the honor and reverence paid to the Mother of the Incarnate Word of the Catholic Church as blasphemous, dishonoring to God and degrading to men, but although the deduction is that all Catholics are blasphemers, robbers of God's honor, and self-degraded, he would not for a moment have these impious and degraded souls imagine that he could desire to wound their hearts or hurt their feelings. Apparently he thinks they have neither one nor the other.

It is not my purpose to discuss with the preacher the doctrine of the Church Catholic, but before he prepares for his hearers such statements as that the Catholic Church gives all honor to the Virgin Mother and that all prayers are made to her, and that Our Lady is to us what Christ is to Protestants, I would ask him to examine our authorized books of devotion, the text of our chief offices, and especially that of the office of the Holy Mass, which is the chief service of the Catholic church. I would also ask him to question any reasonably well instructed child of the church as to the honor (or worship if he pleases, for there is no objection to the relative use of the good old word) paid to the Mother of Jesus, and that other and Divine honor which can only be paid to the Eternal God in Three Persons, the Holy Trinity. If the preacher is as amiable and as solicitous for the truth as he would have us believe, I am not one bit afraid of the result in either case. Any child who knows his catechism will tell him that it would be not only blasphemous but heretical to pay divine honor to any creature, and a creature the Blessed Virgin certainly is, though the highest and best of God's wonderful creation, and yet he asks the public to believe that this payment of divine honor is the church's teaching and practice.

It is not my intention to discuss what is the doctrine of the church as to the honor paid to the saints, I will content myself with stating what it is not, and will conclude by saying that the statements that all the reverence, and all the honor of the faithful are given to Mary, and that all their prayers are offered to her, as well as that she is to Catholics what Christ is to Protestants, are absolutely false. So false that they cannot be allowed to go without contradiction by

A CATHOLIC LAYMAN.

Winnipeg, Sept. 22.

An Old Prediction that 1856 will be a Bad Year.

In the Church of Oberemmet, near the city of Treves, in Germany, there stands a stone on which is carved the following inscription: "When Mark shall bring us Easter, Anthony will sing the praises of Pentecost, and John will incense the Blessed Sacrament on the Feast of Corpus Christi, then will the world resound with cries of mourning and grief." In 1886 Easter falls on Mark's Day, Whit Sunday on St. Anthony of Padua's, and Corpus Christi on St. John Baptist's. According to this, therefore, next year is to be a sad year. Much talk is going on, in certain circles, anent this inscription.

The Pope's Efforts to Reawaken Italian Faith.

The great revival of faith and fervor in Italy, which is the admiration of strangers, may be said to be the work of Leo XIII. The extraordinary tact he has displayed in episcopal appointments, his prudent selection of bishops, and his conciliatory attitude, have completely won the hearts of his enemies. No one outside Italy can appreciate the difficulties under which he labours when making an appointment. But he has never given ground for a complaint. He has studied the interests of all, and sometimes, as in the example of Turin, has deprived himself and the Roman Court of the presence of a dear friend, and one of the brightest ornaments of the Church, in order to conciliate and to further God's interests.

The Sinking Fund for the erection of a Diocesan Seminary in Detroit now amounts to \$32,012.

THE NORTHWEST REVIEW.

Press Opinions.

The first number of a new Catholic paper, called the NORTHWEST REVIEW, published in Winnipeg is now before us. It is owned and edited by Mr. J. J. Chadock. It presents a handsome and business appearance, and should, as no doubt it will, become very popular. We wish it every success.—Catholic Visitor, Richmond, Va.

The NORTHWEST REVIEW is the title of a weekly newspaper just established at Winnipeg. It is neatly printed—the reading matter being selected with taste and the editorials written in an able and vigorous style. Its creed is Catholic, and in politics it promises to be independent. The initial numbers give promise that the REVIEW will be a live journal, and that it is destined to make its mark. We wish it success.—Irish Canadian, Toronto.

We have received the first number of a new Catholic journal called THE NORTHWEST REVIEW, published in Winnipeg, and edited by J. J. Chadock. It is a weekly of eight pages and is neatly gotten up. It is destined to have a large circulation and be a power in the great territory in which it is established. Catholics needed such a paper to defend them from the attacks and gross falsehoods of bigots, whose pleasure was to defame them and their church. These bigots will find a champion in the REVIEW not easy to vanquish. We wish it God speed.—New York Tablet.

THE NORTHWEST REVIEW is the title of still another aspirant for journalistic honors in the field of Catholic literature. And why not? The more the merrier. There is room enough for all. We do not take the stand with others, that there are too many Catholic papers, that they are liable to failure, and that the publishers are fit subjects for a commission of lunacy. There are not too many such papers, all are liable to failure, and every new venture, no matter how long it lasts, promotes, to some extent, the cause for which it is founded. But in the case of the publication under notice, there was a particular field open to its production. The want of a Catholic paper has been long felt in that section of the country for which it is intended. THE NORTHWEST REVIEW bids fair to supply that want and its initial numbers show that it is capable of much better things under the warming breath of public favor. Its editor and publisher is Mr. J. J. Chadock, and he appears to be a gentleman of taste and erudition. The composition, paper and press-work are very good for a beginning. We wish it unqualified success.—Catholic Telegraph, Albany, N. Y.

CATHOLIC NEWS.

The Protestant Episcopal Church has five holy days in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The question of establishing a Catholic University at Fribourg, Switzerland, is under consideration. The undertaking is warmly favored by the Sovereign Pontiff and the Swiss Bishops.

According to Rt. Rev. Bishop Mugabure, the Japanese missionary now in Boston, there are 32,000 Catholics in Japan, 15,000 of whom are the descendants of the converts made by St. Francis Xavier, the Jesuit missionary, 200 years ago.

Catholics number more than 8,000,000 American citizens, who have over 7,000 churches, 3,000 schools, 700 colleges and academies, and 400 hospitals, asylums, and other institutions. We are the largest religious denomination in America.

Missions are now flourishing in Africa, and it would seem that the Dark Continent is at last freed from the imprecations of the Prophets against the land of Mesraim, and no longer that prison of the desert wherein the Archangel Raphael was commanded by God to shut up the spirit of darkness.

The work of extending and developing foreign missions, to which his Holiness, Leo XIII, has given such an impetus, has been taken up with remarkable energy by the Jesuit Fathers. Nearly all the German Jesuit Fathers employed in the Tertianship at Portico last year have gone either on the American or on the Indian missions.

The new altar in the Boston Cathedral is said to be the finest in America, and has cost £20,000. It is of the rarest statuary marble, inlaid with mosaics and panels of Californian and Mexican onyx, and with marbles specially brought from France and Germany. The altar is of gothic design, and is forty feet high. In the centre is a niche in which is a statue of our Lord, and there are smaller niches on each side for statues of the Blessed Virgin and of St. John. These niches are surrounded by most artistic inlaid pillars of onyx.

Very Rev. F. M. Boff, Vicar-General of Cleveland, has been raised by Leo XIII to the dignity of domestic prelate of the Papal household, with all the privileges and rights thereunto belonging. Rev. N. A. Moss, of the same diocese, has been declared a doctor in theology.

The Very Rev. Namatalla Sahli, Vicar-General of the Maronites, in the Island of Cyprus, has arrived in New York and is a guest of Father Anacletus, O.S.F., at the rectory of St. Anthony's Church. He has come to the United States to raise funds for the relief of the people of his country. Priests, churches and schools are very much needed all over the island, he says. Father Sahli has testimonials from Cardinal Simeoni, of the Propaganda at Rome, and has received from Cardinal McCloskey, through Archbishop Corrigan, permission to solicit funds in the New York Archdiocese.

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