

DID POPE ADRIAN GIVE IRELAND TO HENRY II?

The Question Answered in an Interesting Manner.

Some Extracts From the Now Famous Papal Bull.

Liverpool Catholic Times.

Some weeks back a correspondent asked the above question. And no wonder. For almost every history, without exception, Catholic as well as Protestant, says that he did; yet when we come to think the matter over, and even look at the question of probabilities, the whole occurrence seems so unlikely as to warrant the question still being asked.

Recent years more attention has been given to the matter, and the authority upon which the generally received opinion is based has been traced to its earliest sources. The results that impartial investigators have arrived at are almost absolute negative answer to the question.

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They tend to throw discredit upon the grant of Adrian IV, for they do not mention it, and recognize the only right Henry exercised to his power and the submission of the chiefs.

These letters are dated from Tusculum, where we know Alexander was. But the bull is dated from Rome, two years after these letters. Now, as a matter of fact, Alexander had been driven out of Rome, and did not return till six years later.

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more than referring to the well-known flourishing state of the Irish church at the period, with which Adrian must have been well acquainted, we think enough has been said (though by no means all that can be said on the subject) to enable us to sum up the matter in this way:

THE MATTER IN A NUTSHELL.

The only authorities for the bull are found untrustworthy; the King never produced it; an application to a similar effect made with the King of France was rejected; the state of the country of Ireland was not such as required interference on the score of religion; and Henry was the last person in the world to whom Alexander would have confirmed the grant, supposing that Adrian had made it.

ARCHBISHOP JANSENS DEAD

He Passes Away Suddenly at Sea—An Outline of His Career.

The death of Archbishop Janssens, of New Orleans removes from the midst of the American Hierarchy one of its most able and active members. His Grace died at sea on Thursday, June 10. He was on his way to New York aboard the steamer Creole.

The news of his sudden death was a great shock to his friends, as it was known to very few persons that his health was bad. He left New Orleans in a really critical condition, suffering from an abscess on the neck.

The deceased prelate was comparatively a young man, being but 54 years of age, and since his going to New Orleans he accomplished a great deal for the archdiocese of which he was the chief pastor. He was a skillful administrator, a learned theologian, and he had the name of being one of the handsomest members of the American episcopacy.

Francis Janssens was born at Tillburg, North Brabant, Holland, in 1843, of a Dutch family of wealth and distinction. He was educated at the seminary of Bis Le Duc. He became a sub-deacon in 1866 and a priest in 1867.

Archbishop Janssens was the tenth incumbent of the New Orleans See. That see was erected in 1793, and celebrated its centennial four years ago. With the exception of Baltimore, it is the oldest American See, and the diocese originally included the entire old Louisiana purchase, which covered practically all the territory lying between the Mississippi and the Rocky Mountains.

The Catholic winter school suffers severely by the death of Archbishop Janssens. The New Orleans prelate was one of the first to lend his potent assistance to the establishment of this school, and in the two years that it has held sessions so far he was assiduous in his attendance at it and unremitting in his endeavors to make it as successful as possible.

The London Monitor, in a recent issue, says:—"The Church in danger!" used to be a great rallying cry years ago before the wedge of Ritualism was driven so far into the Establishment as to create a cleavage which is every day widening more and more.

The famous Dominican preacher, Father Burke, was nearly as remarkable for his humility and for his humor as for his oratory. His father was a baker. Once, when in a distinguished company, he was asked if he belonged to the blue-blooded Birkes of Galway.

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The Illustrated Church News, however, is harking back upon the old cry and is alarmed to find that Catholicism has made such rapid progress in Great Britain of recent years. "Few people of this country," it says, "who though they frequently hear speak of monks and nuns, have the most remote idea of the numbers of these classes of our population, of their extraordinary increase in Great Britain during the past few decades, or of the variety of orders and congregations; and no doubt they will be astounded to learn that of the first-named there are nearly fifty different orders and congregations; and of the latter double that number."

The auditing department of a great American railroad corporation reveals in respect of its records and transactions a Governmental department. The earnings of all the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad system in a year average about \$130,000,000 and the gross earnings of the Vanderbilt system amount to rather more—\$15,000,000 from the New York Central, \$21,000,000 from the Lake Shore, \$10,000,000 from the West Shore and Nickel Plate, \$33,000,000 from the Chicago and North-west, \$13,000,000 from the Michigan Central, and about \$15,000,000 from collateral lines or systems.

SIXTH ANNUAL EXCURSION TO ST. ANNE DE BEAUPRE.

The 6th annual excursion over the C. P. R. to St. Anne de Beaupre, 21 miles below Quebec, under the patronage of His Grace, Most Rev. Archbishop Cleary, of Kingston, Ont., and direction of Rev. M. J. Stanton, Smith's Falls, Ont., assisted by Rev. T. Davis, Madoc, Ont.; Rev. P. O'Connor, Stanville, Ont.; and Rev. W. McDonogh, Prescott, Ont., will take place on Tuesday, 20th July next.

For any further particulars apply to Rev. T. Davis, Madoc, Ont.; Rev. P. O'Connor, Stanville, Ont.; Rev. W. McDonogh, Prescott, Ont.; or Rev. M. J. Stanton, Smith's Falls, Ont.

EUGENE GIGOUT, Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, president d'honneur de la Societe Academique Musicale de France, compositeur, organisateur, fondateur de l'Institut d'Orgue, Paris.

MADONNELLE.—The Petite piano, of Montreal, Canada, on which I played the other day has completely charmed me. The quality of the tone and the mechanism of this instrument are remarkable, and after its long journey I have not been a little astonished to find it not only in perfect order but also in perfect tune.

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