

THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

BY A PROTESTANT THEOLOGIAN.

CCVII.

I have spoken of the absolutely devilish book which the Southern Baptists have issued from their Book Concern at Louisville.

How is it with the Southern Baptists? The Ave Maria describes the Baptist generally as the most intensely hostile to the Catholics of all Protestant bodies.

Vernon himself shows plainly enough that he has no great provision of learning, although, unlike the man for whom he condescends to write a preface, he has an intellect and some measure of coherent knowledge.

Schulte jeers at the phrase ex cathedra, declaring it to be merely a scholastic subterfuge. Whatever we may call it, there is no doubt that the Council has expressly limited its declaration of papal infallibility to definitions bearing this formal character.

The Old Catholic offered the Council and the Pope what they viewed as a fair choice of alternatives. They might have abstained altogether from defining, which would have pleased the German scholars best, as it would have pleased us Protestants best.

Of course then we can indulge Dr. Schulte and Professor Vernon in an explosion of natural displeasure that the Council would not gratify them by consecrating all the outrageous propositions which they looked for.

Schulte fails him in a vital matter. The Methodist of Syracuse calls the Canon Law "the undisputed, fundamental code of Romanism."

There is one thing that bespeaks allowance for Vernon. He was some time Superintendent of the Methodist mission in Italy.

We will next consider what Vernon has to say about the Syllabus, and then about Leo's proposal to throw universally open the literary treasures of the Vatican.

INFLUENCE OF MOTHERS.

A Christian Home the Saving Grace of the World.

BY CARDINAL GIBBONS.

If every Christian home were what it ought to be, a Christian school, there would be less need of Christian public schools. Mothers are ordained by God to be the first teachers of their children.

Mothers, be fond of your homes. Be attached to them. Let not the two words so dear to the Christian heart—home and mother—be separated.

PROTESTANT TESTIMONY.

The manager of the largest shipping firm in Manila states as follows: "Financially the American occupation is a success, morally it is a tremendous failure."

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FIVE-MINUTES SERMON.

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost. GOOD EXAMPLE.

"And himself believed, and his whole household" (St. John iv 33). I wish to say a few words this morning dear brethren, on the force of example.

You remember how, in the fable, the father-crab was so worried that his children would not walk straight along the sands, but persisted in scuttling about in the most grotesque manner.

Do you, Christian parents, wish your children to be gentle, modest, sweet, self-respecting girls? Then set the example! Do not be a gossip and a gadabout yourself.

Do you, Christian parents, wish your children to reverence God's sanctuary, to be devout attendants at Holy Mass on Sundays, to be scrupulous in their fulfilment of every religious duty? Then set the example.

We hear a good deal nowadays about "heredity." Well, there is heredity in religion as well as in other things. If parents are good, devout, reverent Catholics, attentive to their duties, peaceable and considerate of one another at home, regular in their reception of the Sacraments, punctual and unfailing in their presence at Mass and the other services in church, living in charity and good-will with their neighbors, never forgetting to commend themselves and their households to God in morning and evening prayer—then their children will grow up like them, just, upright, God-fearing, dutiful, and pure.

THOUGHTS ON THE SACRED HEART.

What riches do we not lose for want of knowing how to use them! Jesus Christ Himself promised that all who asked favors through His Heart should receive them abundantly.—St. Augustine.

Study in the Heart of Jesus the idea you should form of the greatness, beauty and fertility of spiritual blessings. Oh, how rich is the treasure of Thy Heart, O Jesus! I will give all to buy it, casting into it all my anxiety.—St. Bernard.

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IMITATION OF CHRIST.

Of Learning Patience, and of Fighting against Concupiscence.

O Lord God, patience, as I perceive, is very necessary for me; for this life is exposed to many adversities.

For notwithstanding all I can do to live in peace, my life cannot be without war and sorrow.

Christ 2. So it is, my son; yet I would not have thee seek for such a peace as to be without temptations, or to meet with no adversities.

TENDENCY OF RITUALISM.

"Tendency towards mediocrity" is the latest description of the Ritualist movement. Those who think this movement originates in a mere love of display are very much in error.

A writer in the New York Sun says: "While the other denominations have been taking many leaves from the Book of Common Prayer, the Episcopalians have been getting farther away from the standards of their Church and nearer to Rome."

"This was emphatically called to my attention by an incident which happened while crossing the Atlantic a few years ago. On board ship I made the acquaintance of a scholarly and agreeable gentleman, one of the prominent Episcopalians of this city.

As indicating the manner of the Real Presence, there was an essential difference between Consubstantiation and Transubstantiation. The manner of Real Presence called Consustantiation was a conceit of Martin Luther, devised as a substitute for Transubstantiation.

His conceit is that Our Lord is bodily present with, in or under the bread after consecration, as fire is present in or with the hot iron.

WHAT MADE HIM A CATHOLIC.

Sir Stephen de Vere, brother of the dead poet, Aubrey de Vere, says: "What made a Catholic of me was my knowledge, my intimate knowledge of the innocence of the morals of the young men of the peasant class (in Ireland)."

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Worth while. When life flows along like a song, the man worth while is the man who smiles. When everything goes dead wrong, they make up their minds to stay. For the test of the man is in the year. And it always comes with the year. And the smile that is worth the earth. It is the smile that shines through to the soul.

There has never been a beautiful character which became more and more beautiful and smaller offices appointed. How Character is Built. It is a part of the all-wise runs through and above all in that matters pertaining to the building of character, each must be built up by his own hands. But the virtue that confers in a life is those that are worth the earth. For we find them but once in a while.

A complaint often made by is that the enamel of their teeth is worn. If worn, there is for it except in a new improvement. Just as you can be much improved in attention. Take a large, soft and lukewarm water. With your wheel carefully and do not soap. Then polish it with a soft rag. Then polish it with a soft rag. Then polish it with a soft rag. Then polish it with a soft rag.

The time has come when in any line, it requires careful training and preparation. It is true that the opportunity to young men is greater than ever before. On the other hand, there never was a time in the world's history when the requisites for success of worthy endeavor were character. The artisan, the farmer, the clerk, the man, the lawyer, the scientist, the musician, must prepare ever-enlarging ideals, attain his full height.