

SECRET HEART REVIEW. PROTESTANT CONTROVERSY. BY A PROTESTANT MINISTER. LXVII.

Let me say here that I have inadvertently attributed to the eminent divine Holden a remark which belongs to a still more eminent divine, namely, that in the Middle Ages there was an excess of interdicts and excommunications, and an excess of ecclesiastical legislation, not always the most discreet. This remark comes in fact from the great Spanish theologian, Melchior Cano, Bishop of the Canary Islands, Holden, on the other hand, says what perhaps a Spaniard would hardly have felt safe to say, namely, that a good many "very pious and very learned men have approved neither the principle nor the practice of the Inquisition."

He tells us that Hildebrand, Pope Gregory VII., put forth, among other propositions, these three: "The Pope cannot err," "The Pope is holy," "The Pope can do no wrong."

What is the real duty of parents? God has given you a treasure, a thousand times more valuable in His eyes, than all the gold, silver and precious stones in the world; a treasure which He Himself has purchased with His own blood; for this pearl of great price He hesitated not to sacrifice His life on the cross. By this valuable gift is meant your innocent child, washed in the blood of the Lamb, sanctified in the blood of the Redeemer, the brightest and most beautiful image and likeness of God. You must guard well this treasure lest God should be deprived of it.

When the late Cardinal became a Catholic. The sufferings of a convert leaving his old friends—"What my human affections have suffered," (so Dr. Manning wrote to a friend three months before his conversion) "in leaving my home and flock, where for eighteen years and my whole life as a man has been spent, no words can say; but God gave me grace to lay it all at the foot of the cross, where I am ready, if it be His will, to lay whatever remains to me."

THE MANNING'S CONVERSION. When the late Cardinal became a Catholic.

FIVE MINUTES' SERMON. First Sunday After Epiphany. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY.

And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace with God and man. (Luke 11, 22.) This is a summary of the life of Jesus from His youth until His thirtieth year. "Jesus advanced in wisdom and grace with God and man. More the Evangelists do not relate concerning the youth of our Lord. Little as it is, however, it is so instructive, so edifying, that you will, no doubt exclaim: 'Would that all our children followed this divine example!'

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A SENSATIONAL SERMON. The Rev. Dr. A. C. Dixon, of Brooklyn, will think twice before he invites the Rev. Dr. Lon G. Broughton, of Atlanta, Ga., to occupy his pulpit again.

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. An Armenian Hero of the Long Ago. BY FATHER CHERIEHART.

Likely all our young folks have heard during the past few months frequent talks on the subject of Armenia and the Armenians; and while they may not have any very definite knowledge as to the geographical limits of the country or the history of its inhabitants, they do know that Armenia has recently been the victims of frightful massacres at the hands of the treacherous and blood-thirsty Turks. One of the immense districts of which mention is often made in the newspapers when treating the "Armenian question" is Anatolia, once called Asia Minor. The young Armenian hero that I am going to talk about was born, a God many hundred years before America was ever heard of in that part of Anatolia which used to be called Phrygia.

Providence seconded the uncle's designs. Dnyis himself became a Christian, and at once concluded that it was his duty to have his nephew fully instructed in the doctrines of Christianity. In order to carry out his project, he took Pancratius to Rome, intending to entrust his education to a Christian priest. Just at that time, however, it was not very easy to find priests; for those who had escaped the clutches of Diodotus's executioners were forced to remain in concealment. Dnyis did not lose confidence, however, and he eventually verified the truth of our Lord's words: "Seek and you shall find." Having gained the confidence of some of the Christians, he was at length introduced to Pope Cornelius, who had retired to a cavern near Mount Collis.

Although only fourteen years of age, Pancratius displayed all the ardor and courage of a full-grown man. He became noted for the zeal he manifested for the true faith; a zeal that he did not or could not always suppress even in the presence of pagans. One day, when he was dilating upon the beauty of Christianity, he was arrested by some pagan bystanders and led before the Proconsul Tarpilius. This magistrate asked him how he had come to Rome and who had taught him the religion of the Christians.

"The grace of God," said Pancratius, "brought me to Rome by the hand of an uncle, whom I have had the misfortune to lose. As for him who instructed me in the religion which you affect to consider false, his name is Dnyis, and he is now in Rome, and I have a perfect horror of paganism and its false gods."

Irritated at such bold language coming from a mere boy, the Proconsul angrily threatened him. "You dares to despise what Caesar honors!" he said. "I have you tortured to death, you young villain!" Pancratius thought of our Saviour's promise: "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and speak all that is evil against you, truly, for My sake. Be glad and rejoice; for your reward is very great in heaven." Recalling these consolatory words, he rejoined:

"I am not afraid of your threats, nor am I afraid of either man or you, which you can condemn me. You, as well as understand that we Christians have so great an idea of the true God whom we adore, and He gives us strength and courage, that our persecutors don't frighten us a bit more than those pictures painted on your walls." Turpilus grew so furious at that he ordered Pancratius to be beheaded forthwith. The young hero heard his sentence with great composure, and he said to the executioners: "I have no fear of death, for I know that I shall be with my Lord and Saviour, and I shall be with Him forever."

Pancratius' memory was so high honor among the early Christians, and a church was built over his tomb. Pope Gregory the Great, of his relics with the greatest veneration. St. Gregory of Tours says that God punished miraculously and visibly any one who swore falsely the relics of St. Pancratius. The reigning Pope sent some of his relics to the King of England, France, in Spain, in Italy, in many—all over Christendom. Churches in many places have been dedicated to the Armenian saint. Thus are we in his case also the palimpsest: "The memory of the just is forever."