

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SAMOA.

A few days later a pagan chief named Soua welcomed them at Salevalu. Every sort of pressure was brought to bear on him by Rev. Mr. Pratt, and a whole host of preachers, to induce him not to accept the lot of the Catholic missionaries.

On the 29th of September, 1845, the devoted missionaries landed at Apia. They received a friendly welcome from the American consul, Mr. Williams.

All this, however, was a matter of time. On the arrival of the missionaries in Apia, every house of the natives was closed against them.

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sonaries were setting out from Wallis to Samoa, he gave a special commission to one of the catechists to commend them in his name to Mataafa.

The catechist brought to Mataafa the message of King Lavelua. Mataafa at once replied, "Bring the missionaries hither; my house is not large, but there will be sufficient room for us all, and they will be heartily welcome."

It required a firm resolve on the part of Mataafa to resist the persistent efforts that were made to prejudice him against the Catholic missionaries.

Humanly speaking, the contest between the Protestant sects and the Catholic cause was most unequal.

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your Protestantism may flourish for a day, but then, like the banana, it must decay and die. How can it promise us life, when it is itself subject to death?"

Another chief named Moe was supposed to be wavering in regard to the Catholic lotu which he had embraced.

One of the preachers resolved by a coup de theatre to overcome the obstinacy of another convert chief.

It was no easy matter for the Catholic missionaries at the outset to secure a site in Apia for a Church and residence.

Here, however, after a time a favorable opportunity was presented from a most unexpected quarter.

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chosen as the Episcopal residence and the centre of the Vicariate, when, in 1896 the present illustrious Bishop Moneigneur Broyer was consecrated Vicar Apostolic of Samoa.

Moneigneur Elloy, to whom reference has been made, came to the islands as a missionary in 1856.

One of the most interesting works which engaged the new Bishop's attention was the erection of the College for native catechists on the beautiful site of several acres at Vaea, overlooking the city and harbor of Apia.

In 1890 a special festival was kept in Apia. It was the jubilee celebration to mark the beatification of the blessed martyr Chanel, the proto-martyr of the Marist Order, and of the missionaries of the Pacific.

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Hence we see that all God-fearing souls loved the cross. The apostles joyfully suffered persecutions for the name of Jesus.

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. BLESSINGS OF AFFLICTIONS.

"For whom the Lord loveth, He chastiseth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." (Hebrew 12, 10.)

The condition of the man sick of the palsy was indeed a deplorable one. Helpless, and continually tortured by this dread disease, he deserved the compassion of his relatives and friends.

Whence this painful ordination of God? What is it that causes so much tribulation? Faith answers: Sin is the poisonous source from which the stream of evil issues to flood the earth.

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How many, during the enjoyment of perfect health, lost all care for the salvation of their soul!

How many others will you find whose only god is the world with all its vanities. Their heart is so attached to the world that they never think of death, judgment, Heaven or hell.

Verily, afflictions are the staff which God uses to break the flinty hearts of men.

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overwhelmed with afflictions prayed: Lord, do not take this cross away from me, except to send me a heavier one.

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