

Sacred Heart Review. THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

BY A PROTESTANT THEOLOGIAN. CCLCVIII.

We have examined the forty-five propositions of Wycliffe condemned by the Council of Constance, and have found that while the most of them are such as Protestants would not find fault with, there are a number which Protestants, no less than Catholics, would be bound to reject as wholly incompatible with Christianity, or indeed with right reason and historical justice.

As I have already said, Huss appears to have been of a more amiable and of a devouter temper than his English master, who, as Bishop Stubbs recently remarks, does not seem to have shown any distinctive mark of Christianity.

Of the thirty propositions condemned by the Council as from Huss, a number are expressed in what would appear to Protestants a strange and fantastic fashion, but would hardly seem to them open to condemnation. However, the twenty-fifth identifies Huss with Wycliffe's forty-fifth, namely, that every monastic order whatever has been introduced by the devil.

Huss's thirtieth article is identical with Wycliffe's fifteenth, namely, that mortal sin extinguishes all authority, and invalidates all sacramental or civil. Of course there is not a denunciation in Christendom, not even the Friends, or the Plymouth Brethren, which could subsist a day on such an assumption.

Let us now return to the declaration of the Republican correspondent, that thousands of admirable men and women have been tortured and murdered for refusing to accept the papal religion, and this by the imperious King of Rome.

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As to Scotland, there is no talk there of thousands murdered for refusing to accept the papal religion, for the whole number put to death for religion on both sides amounts only to the sum total of nineteen.

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made over the government of his diocese to his vicar-general, and probably did not even know what was going on, as he lingered half unconscious till the end.

However, in Oman's snarling temper towards the Popes, it would not have been strange if he had declared that James the Second's outrages on the Church of England were the fruit of the nuncio Adda's advice.

As for Lord Tennyson's attack on Reginald Pole:

"He'll burn a diocese to prove his orthodoxy," we must remember that Tennyson's Legate is no more the real Pole than Lady Macbeth is the original Queen Gruach.

We must say then that Rome has very little responsibility for the acts of Mary Tudor, of Philip the Second, or of the Spanish Inquisition, whose insolent disobedience to the Apostolic See, as Lorente remarks, would have led the Pope to abolish the institution altogether.

I think, though, that we have a grievance against the English Catholics of the sixteenth century which it is hard to get over. What right have they to dim the lustre of our martyrs by the blaze of two such martyrs as More and Fisher? It is simply unendurable.

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FIVE-MINUTE SERMON.

Third Sunday after Pentecost. DIVINE PROVIDENCE.

Castellani's your soliloquy upon Him, for He hath care of you.—(St. Peter v. 7.)

The doctrine of God's providence is one of those great truths which, though accepted by every Christian, are often not apprehended practically in everyday life.

God's work does not stop with creation. It would be absurd to suppose that He made all things and then left them to take care of themselves.

Our Lord's teaching concerning the providence of God is very clear and plain. He tells us that God cares for the lilies of the field and for the birds of the air.

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NESTLE'S FOOD advertisement featuring an illustration of a woman feeding a child and text describing the benefits for infants and the elderly.

CATHOLIC vs. PROTESTANT MORALS.

The following communication, published by the London Catholic Times, contains statistics and deductions that will prove of value in controversies concerning the comparative morality of Catholic and Protestant communities:

The London Times (September 3, 1903), stated that "the population of Saxony is overwhelmingly Protestant. The Catholics only amount to 4.7 per cent., though they have greatly increased in recent years, having nearly trebled since 1880.

These facts may be recommended, though probably without the least effect, to those slanderous defamers of the Catholic Church who are forever asserting that the confessional is a source of immorality.

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AN INCOME FOR LIFE advertisement for North American Life Insurance Company, featuring a map of North America and text about guaranteed income.

NORTH AMERICAN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY HOME OFFICE: TORONTO, ONT. L. GOLDMAN, A.I.A., F.C.A. JOHN L. BLAIKIE, Managing Director. W. B. TAYLOR, B.A., LL.B., Secretary.

TEST OF POPULARITY: 1] Low ratio of business lapsed, and 2] High ratio of business gained.

THE MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA has been noted for many years for its pre-eminence in these important respects, and to day it LEADS ALL CANADIAN COMPANIES in the net amount of business in force in Canada.

DeLaval Cream Separators advertisement with an illustration of a separator and text describing its benefits for dairy products.

O'KEEFE'S Liquid Extract of Mah advertisement featuring an illustration of a bottle and text about its medicinal properties.

"Peerless" SELF-PRONOUNCING Webster Dictionary FOR THE VEST POCKET 30c. paid CATHOLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON, ONT.

COWAN'S Perfecction COCOA [MAPLE LEAF LABEL] Children like it and thrive on it.

The London Mutual Fire INSURANCE CO. OF CANADA ESTABLISHED 1859 HEAD OFFICE TORONTO, ONTARIO FULL GOVERNMENT DEPOSIT

HOBBS MANUFACTURING CO. LIMITED Manufacturers of Memorial and Decorative Art Windows LONDON, CANADA

MEMORIAL WINDOWS ART GLASS advertisement with an illustration of a window and text about decorative glass products.

FREE K.O.C. advertisement featuring an illustration of a medicine bottle and text about its benefits for various ailments.

CONSTIPATION CURE K.O.C. is cured by K.O.C. K.O.C. is guaranteed to cure the trouble of constipation. Free Samples, etc.

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