

ENGLISH MARTYRS

THE TRIBUTE OF A GREAT LONDON NEWSPAPER

Some little time back the Times published a picture of the signature of Blessed Henry Walpole on the wall of a dungeon in the Salt Tower of the Tower of London, lately opened to the public. Under this picture it printed gross misstatements against the martyr, for which no apology has been forthcoming in an article on the same subject by Mr. Walter G. Bell, printed in last Saturday's Daily Telegraph, from which we take the following:

PRISONERS FOR FAITH

"But the abiding interest of the Salt Tower is in its upper floor. It has more light than the dark age which built this turret ever intended; the stone, having kept its whiteness, looks surprisingly new. Here visitors will linger, pouring over the many inscriptions cut into the wall. At once it becomes obvious that the captives held here were prisoners for faith, and mostly, so far as this evidence tells, of Elizabeth's age of intolerance. In one place you see a palm and fingers roughly scratched, with the piercing nail that indicates the Crucifixion. Opposite are the Holy Feet, pierced in like manner.

"No name accompanies these rude graffiti, yet how poignant they are! They will excite more emotion than does the finest sculptured piece here, the horseshoe above which are clear cut the words, 'Hew Draper of Brystow made thus Spher the 30 day of Maye Anno 1561.' Draper was imprisoned on a charge of sorcery and magic, so was daring to do this.

GENTLEST OF MARTYRS

"Of the men commemorated by their self-carved names, the greatest is one of the gentlest martyrs. 'Henry Walpole,' you read clear and distinct, in tapering letters. Of the Norfolk Walpoles, he had kept the Roman faith, and he stood by the scaffold at Tyburn whereon the priest Edmund Campion suffered, when during the customary barbarities blood splashed into the faces of the crowd pressing round, and some fell upon Walpole's clothes. This he accepted as a call to continue the work; he went on the Continent and was admitted a Jesuit, and ultimately returned on the English mission.

"Burgley's spies captured him, and he was handed over to the notorious persecutor Topcliffe, the cruellest tyrant of England, a man most infamous and hateful to all the realm of England by his bloody and butcherly mind. Topcliffe kept a private rack—more terrible, he boasted, than the Tower's own. It was told significantly that in July, 1594, Walpole was still able to write; the silence thereafter tells enough. The following spring he was taken to York and there hanged."

In an editorial comment The Universe says:

Like the Times, the Telegraph has been publishing articles about the Tower of London, in connection with the opening to the public of four of the turrets hitherto closed. But, unlike the Times, the Telegraph has done justice to Blessed Henry Walpole, and it has done reverence as well as justice, in a really beautiful passage which we quote on another page. The thanks of the Catholic public are due both to Mr. Walter G. Bell for penning this tribute, and to Lord Burnham's great paper for publishing it. We have failed to notice in the Times any editorial retraction or apology for the outrageous statements made about Blessed Henry Walpole, and the incident remains a deep discredit to that paper. It is an un-

pleasant duty to expose such incidents, but fortunately they are generally offset by incidents of a very different color such as it is a pleasure to us to record today! On Monday the Times printed a leading article on the Salt Tower in which Father John Gerard was mentioned with decent respect, but no correction was made in respect of Father Walpole.

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS LETTER

PAGAN GOOD WILL

Seldom free from trials, difficult missions such as middle Tonkin, are sometimes very consoling in their fruits. Bishop Eloy, Vicar Apostolic of this field describes the mandarins who have opposed the mission for years, as their first and foremost difficulty. Every missionary knows what men in authority can do to hamper and harass the work. And yet the Bishop found on his episcopal journey one of his richest consolations. He discovered in one village situated in the very heart of paganism that all dying children had been baptized by the chief, although he was not a Christian.

Having been friendly in former days with a native priest who impressed upon him the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism, and the merit acquired by those who performed the holy rite which opened heaven to souls, this old pagan chief never failed to administer the Sacrament.

THE VALUE OF A CATECHIST

A catechist on the mission means much more than a Sunday School teacher at home. The lonely figure of a missionary in an immense field of paganism must be surrounded by capable men and women who will act for him in his absence, keeping alive the spark of Faith which he has ignited, by reciting the prayers, teaching the Catechism and instructing pagans who are attracted to the New Doctrine. And so these catechists are expected to give all working hours—daily and Sunday—to the task. The catechist is usually married and the wages paid must be enough to cover the simple needs of the family. How remunerative this calling is from a worldly standpoint may be gathered from the fact that one day's pay of a Canadian bricklayer would keep a catechist and his family for a month.

A BRAVE MISSIONARY

A story that recalls the days of early Christianity in Rome, when confessors defended the doctrines of the Church in face of dire punishment, comes from Father De Grasse of Br. West Africa.

Lahain who was subchief of Gerihun was faithful in church attendance, but persistent in refusing Baptism. "Father," he said, "I know I am not living a good life, and I believe you teach truth. But, we old people are weak, and have not the courage to abandon our bad habits. To accept baptism before all men and then to fall again into evil ways would hurt you and condemn me. Nevertheless, I ask God's Mercy. If ever I come to die, will you not bring me the blessed water and make me a Christian before the end?" He understood his influence on the people and his own weakness and in his sincerity he feared to displease his Creator after promising to observe the Christian life. The Giver of Grace however did not abandon him, and when Lahain was dying, in spite of guards and attendants, Father De Grasse sought him out and having prepared his soul, was about to pour the water on his head, when one of the counsellors interfered. "Do not do it! If you pour that water upon him, he will die!"

In spite of all that this powerful opposition meant, the priest completed the Sacrament, and encouraged the good old Lahain until he died. Then he determined on a bold stroke. Going to the king he said, "If what your counsellor has said about Baptism is correct, then I am guilty of murder, and of many murders, for I have baptized a great number of your people. It is your duty to bring me before the District Commissioner.

This courage so impressed the king that he replied, "Father, you are our friend, and we know you come among us to do us good. Never would you harm us."

"Then," replied the priest, "Talafele has done a grave offense against the mission and myself. All your family have heard him publicly insult me, therefore the reparation should be public also; He should be imprisoned 24 hours."

"But," anxiously replied the king, "Talafele is an important man and one of my chiefs. Let us consult together."

All the chief men were called in council and Talafele most humbly begged pardon for his statement, and the chief of the village was instructed to go among the public, announcing: "The words which Talafele, the headman, used in regard to baptism is not true."

THE YEAR OF THE TIGER

Time is counted, in China, in terms of seventy years, by a combination of twelve and ten letters which are called the "trunks" of heaven and the "branches" of the earth. Each of these combinations bears the name of an animal, such as, ox, mouse, rabbit, tiger.

Girls born in the period of the tiger and believed to be influenced by the bloody instincts of that beast, and that no man will ever marry them. Some are sacrificed to the fury of the tiger, for the father inscribes them as being born the preceding or following year, but this is rare indeed; most of them are killed at birth. The Holy Childhood Asylum which receives an average of 4,000 children a year, took in 6,000 in the year 1914 which came under the tiger. The number killed that year was correspondingly large.

SPEAKING OF ESTATES

"If our monuments are of marble, they will perish; if our good deeds are written in brass, time will efface them; if our life-work ends in hoarding a great fortune for our dear ones, they will dissipate it, and it will accomplish their ruin.

But if we work upon immortal souls—or aid others who are imbuing the souls of men with just fear of God, we are accomplishing something that will never die.

Instead of leaving an estate to be dissipated by ungrateful heirs, why not set aside a sum for educating a priest for China? For \$5,000 you can establish a Perpetual Bursary; the interest alone will pay for a priest's education. You will have a share in all the work he does. But your share does not end with him. That priest influences young boys to study for the priesthood; they in turn influence others. So your money never ceases its good work. It touches every soul of the race.

THE OPEN DOOR

We have lately received and read with interest a copy of a publication entitled "The Open Door" which gives some account of the attractions of a trip down the River St. Lawrence from Montreal, enroute for Rome.

With a preliminary discourse on the origin and meaning of the Holy Year Ceremonies in Rome, the author goes on to show that the early missionaries to the North American Continent came by way of the St. Lawrence River and pushed across the prairies and into Northern Canada from the Great Lakes. The St. Lawrence it is claimed is the natural inlet and outlet to and from Canada and the United States, and many thousands of pilgrims are expected to sail for Rome this year via Canada's inland waterway.

Copies of the booklet may be procured by application to the Cunard Steamship Company.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 10.—St. Antoninus, Bishop, was born at Florence in 1389, and after a childhood of singular holiness he was admitted to the Dominican House at Fiesole where he received the coveted habit in his sixteenth year. He wrote several works on theology and set as Papal Theologian at the Council of Florence. In 1446 he was compelled to accept the archbishopric of that city and his administration of this office earned for him the title of "Father of the Poor." He died in 1459.

Monday, May 11.—St. Mamertus, Archbishop of Vienne in Dauphine. He is noted for having instituted the fasts and supplications called the Rogations. On one occasion when a fire was ravaging the city and had defied the efforts of men to put it out, it was miraculously quenched through the prayers of the Saint.

Tuesday, May 12.—St. Epiphanius, Archbishop, was born in Palestine about 310. In his youth he began the study of the Holy Scriptures, embraced a monastic life, and went into Egypt to perfect himself in the exercises of that state in the deserts of that country. He returned to Palestine about the year 383, and built a monastery near the place of his birth. Later he became Bishop of Salamis in Cyprus. He died in 409.

Wednesday, May 13.—St. John the Silent, was born of a noble family at Nicopolis in Armenia in the year 454. After the death of his parents he built a church in honor of the Blessed Virgin at Nicopolis and also a monastery in which he shut himself up when only eighteen years old with ten fervent companions with the view of making the salvation and sanctification of his soul his only and earnest pursuit. He seldom spoke and when obliged to it was always in a very few words and with extreme discretion. When only twenty-eight he was consecrated Bishop of Colanias but after nine years found means to abdicate this charge and retired to a monastery. He died in 558.

Thursday, May 14.—St. Pachomius, Abbot, was a recruit in the Roman army in the fourth century who was kindly treated by some Christians through whose village he passed. After his discharge from the army he was baptized and entered upon a life of great austerity. He founded a monastery at Tabenna and established a rigorous rule for the followers who flocked to him. He died in 348.

Friday, May 15.—Sts. Peter and Dionysia, were martyrs at Lamp-

saecus, a city of Asia Minor, during the Decian persecution. St. Peter was the first victim of the persecution at that city.

Saturday, May 16.—St. John Nepomucen, was born, in answer to a prayer, of poor parents at Nepomuc in Bohemia, in 1380. He was consecrated by his parents to God and his holy life as a priest led to his appointment as chaplain to the court of the Emperor Wenceslaus. When the Emperor sought to extort the confessions of the Emperor from the Saint the latter refused and was thrown into prison. After cruel tortures he was finally, made another effort to force the Saint to talk and when this failed, had the latter bound and thrown into the river. The body was miraculously recovered and buried with honor and when the casket was opened three hundred and thirty years later the flesh had disappeared but the Saint's tongue remained incorrupt; thus still, in silence, giving glory to God.

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STATUE OF CHRIST TO BE RESTORED

By Mgr. Enrico Piacelli (Rome Correspondent, N. C. W. G.)

Papal approval has been given to the project of the Catholic Youths of Rome to restore the famous statue of the Redeemer on Mount Guadagnolo which was struck by lightning and partially demolished last winter. The statue owes its origin to the piety of Italian Catholics in the last Holy Year of 1900. In response to a letter from the Cardinal outlining their proposal to restore the statue, Cardinal Gasparri, acting for the Pope, has sent them the following letter: "The proposal of the Catholic youths of Rome to restore the statue of the Divine Redeemer on Mount Guadagnolo to its former state is both noble and worthy. In this way, on the highest summit in the Lazio, will rise again more beautiful and resplendent the image of Him Who, through His Vicar, diffuses on this blessed Roman land the perennial and unvarying light of the eternal truths which are the sole guides along the sure paths of justice, truth and virile well-being. "This beautiful undertaking cannot lack the enthusiastic praise and encouragement of the August Pontiff. The Holy Father is delighted at the generous proposal of the Catholic Youths and is confident that the ardor of those who are invited to respond will not be less than the youthful fervor which inspired the proposal. "In this way might come to pass the wish of all good people, together with the most ardent desire of their common Father, and the divine image of the Redeemer will return to bless the Eternal city and the country and suburbs surrounding it, from the highest Lazial summit."

In 1900 the Catholics of Italy, as a demonstration of faith, consecrated the Italian mountains to God and initiated a practice of erecting statues of the Redeemer on some of the more prominent peaks. One peak selected was that of Mount Guadagnolo in the Lazio, on the estate of the Duke Leopold Torlonia. The Duke worked at the site and the statue, the work of a noted sculptor, Professor Zaecagnini, was formally unveiled September 18, 1908. The figure of the Redeemer was of heroic size, five and a-half meters in height. On the base was an inscription reading, in translation, "To Jesus Christ, God—in the year 1900 of the Redemption brought about by Him—the Roman, Sabini, Equi, Ernici, and Volsci" (Latin names of the ancient peoples inhabiting the region where the monument was erected.)

Many prominent personages attended the unveiling ceremonies. Those present included: Cardinal Vannetti, the Duke and Duchess Torlonia, Prince D. Francesco Massimo, the Marquis Theodoli, and many prelates, representatives of Catholic organizations and pilgrims.

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