

ST. ANACLETUS, FIFTH POPE.

A. D. 83 to 96.

These are the acts of St. Anacletus, as we read them in the same document as those of the preceding Popes.

"Anacletus, Greek by origin, was born at Athens, his father's name being Antiochus. He sat thirteen years, two months and ten days, in the time of Domitian, between the consulate of Domitian and Sabinus (83) and that of Domitian and Clement (96). Anacletus had been ordained by the Blessed Peter. He built on the tomb of the Prince of the Apostles a monument for the burial of the Sovereign Pontiffs, in which he was deposited himself near the body of Blessed Peter, the third day before the Ides of July. At the ordinations held by him in the month of December, he ordained five Priests, three Deacons and six Bishops, for divers countries. After his death the Pontifical See remained vacant thirteen days. How is it possible, after reading this, to admit that St. Anacletus was the same as St. Cletus, as we continue to see in some recently printed histories of the church? 'St. Clet or Anaclet.' Here we see that Anacletus was a Greek, while St. Cletus was a Roman; Anacletus was born in Athens, while St. Cletus was born in Rome. Anacletus's father was Antiochus, while Cletus was son of Æmilianus. 'St. Cletus' Feast is celebrated April 26; and St. Anacletus, July 13."

St. Linus, St. Clement, St. Cletus and St. Anacletus had all been ordained by St. Peter, the three first ones as Bishops, and the last only a Priest. In what respect must St. Peter have been held by the primitive church in Rome, since, as long as some of

his disciples were alive, the successor to the Pontificate was chosen among them!

ROMAN EMPERORS AND POPES OF THE FIRST CENTURY.

The Emperors persecuted the Popes, and put them to death as they found them. Yet the Popes outlived the Emperors. Only five Popes died between the years of Our Lord 65 and 100; while nine Emperors died in the same lapse of time. Here is a table of the Emperors and Popes of the first century, with the date of their death, which is at the same time the date of the accession of the succeeding one.

EMPERORS:

1. Augusta had been Emperor 32 years before Christ was born, and died 14 years after, that is the year of our Lord.	14
2. Tiberius, died A. D.	37
3. Caligula, " "	41
4. Claudius, " "	54
5. Nero, " "	68
6. Galba, " "	69
7. Otho, " "	69
8. Vitellius, " "	69
9. Vespasian, " "	79
10. Titus, " "	81
11. Domitian, " "	96
12. Nerva, " "	98
13. Trajan, " "	117

POPES:

1. Our Lord Jesus Christ lived 14 years under August, and 20 years under Tiberius. He appointed to govern the Church, St. Peter, who outlived the Emperors Tiberius, Caligula and Claudius and was put to death by Nero, A. D.	66
2. St. Linus "	67
3. St. Clement, (resigned)	67
4. St. Cletus	83
5. St. Anacletus	96