

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Persecution, as now understood, means: The application of temporal penalties against opinion.

The Reviewer justly ridicules the Northwestern Christian Advocate for saying: This or that Pope was unworthy; therefore how silly to say that the Pope, defining a doctrine...

We may doubt, though, whether this editor is as ignorant as he pretends. He is not the first, and will not be the last, that has given good heed to Luther's exhortation...

This man is aware that his Methodist readers, for the most part, neither know nor want to know anything about the Catholic Church except what is hateful or ridiculous...

However, this editor may perhaps really be as much of an ass as he would have us believe. If he will go before a justice of peace and solemnly depose to this effect...

But let us leave this Chicago nobody behind, and go on to a foeman worthy of our steel.

Dr. Warneek is an able man, genuinely learned man, and a man of sincere ingenueness towards Protestants, and not unfrequently towards Catholics.

I know very little about this long controversy, but the full account of Dr. Warneek himself has left me with no other impression than that Portugal has been very encroaching and refractory.

At last, to avoid the danger of a schism which should not only, as now, involve many of the Hindu Christians, but might possibly extend to the mother-country herself...

One would think that such a conclusion was perfectly obvious. Rome retains in India Catholic doctrine, succession, and worship, and the general direction of Catholic discipline.

But, scornfully remarks Professor Warneek, as the Pope is infallible, how can this consist with his making

arrangements out of worldly policy with a secular power?

Now Dr. Warneek knows perfectly well, or certainly is bound to know perfectly well, that the Pope claims no infallibility in administration.

Therefore Pius X. is left perfectly free to think that his predecessor has yielded too much to Portugal, or not yielded enough, or has exactly struck the true middle.

A Catholic clergyman, having read Dr. Warneek's account, has written, remonstrating with him, for so grossly confusing, in full view of the Pastor veterum, the Pope's administrative fallibility with his doctrinal ex cathedra infallibility.

Seeing the Vatican definition of infallibility is so brief, and so perfectly distinct, these attempts to extend it to matters to which it has not the remotest applicability are wholly inexcusable.

CHARLES C. STARBUCK.

*(It is unfortunate that we did not see the first sentence of Rev. Mr. Starbuck's paper until we were about to go to press.

As there is no time now to do this, we are forced to make the following comments on this sentence.

We object to his definition of the word persecution. He defines it: "the application of temporal penalties against opinion."

The Church never persecutes. Her children—kings, and prince and civil authorities generally—in mistaken zeal or from less worthy motives, or for the peace of their society, may have persecuted.

The distinguished Protestant historian, Leopold Ranke, gives us a beautiful picture of the charity, zeal and Christian character of the saintly Pius V.

Do these efforts of the holy Pope constitute the grounds of Rev. Mr. Starbuck's accusation? If so, he must

have forgotten that he himself has so often said, namely, that the Protestantism of that day had pledged itself to destroy the Papacy root and branch.

"This war of self-defence," therefore, which the Pope and Catholics carried on, against religious Nihilism, should not and can not, be fairness, be called a persecution."

ABOUT TELLING LIES.

The story of the little girl who the other day by telling a lie probably saved a number of people from being burned to death, is the subject of a good deal of discussion in the papers.

Was the girl justified in lying with such an end in view? Those who say she was, as some do, would doubtless be very ready to join the assailants of the falsely alleged teaching by Catholics of the same principle, if principle it be.

An English Protestant clergyman, Rev. Charles Kingsley, writing in a magazine, has vented on the assertion that "Truth for its own sake had never been a virtue with the Roman clergy."

"Great English authors, Jeremy Taylor, Milton, Paley, Johnson, men of very different schools of thought distinctly say that under certain extraordinary circumstances it is allowable to tell a lie.

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If such be the case, what is the use of the Church repeating to us every year the threat in the Gospel against those who made foolish and selfish excuses for staying away.

The second thing I want you to think about is that the invitation to the "Great Supper" of Holy Communion, whether at Easter or at any other time, is a call to make what is known as a worthy Communion.

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Do not believe and unkind. Never forget that smile cost you nothing less treasures to the world.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. There is a habit of which head, you will be loved. This is the secret of a happy one.

Most large business rule not to employ needy, or slovenly, make a good appearance for a position.

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