

just before the sermon of the day, "prayed for Pope Leo." He asked "that he might be spared from all suffering, and if it was the Divine will that he should not recover that his confession might be accepted at the throne of grace." Dr. Smyth asked that, "the life of this great Christian might be a benediction on the great and influential Church of which he is the head."

A HEROIC PICTURE

Rev. Charles Bayard Mitchell, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, in a sermon devoted almost entirely to the dying Pontiff said: "It is an heroic picture; that of the old soldier, ready to die, but anxious to live a little longer where he can serve the Church he loves. If any man living to-day has no need for fearing death, it is Pope Leo. What a long and unselfish life he has lived! From his childhood he has been pure and good. In him are found the rarest qualities of head and heart. He is a statesman, and well capable of exercising temporal power if God wanted him to use it. He is a rare scholar and poet and even now in his closing days is pouring out his great heart in sacred poetry. He is equally noted for his great human sympathies. He loves his fellow men and I break this alabaster box of Protestant ointment and pour it on his aged head, against the day of his burial. My Protestant eyes are not so blinded by rancor that I cannot see that he is both great and good."

BROUGHT CATHOLICS AND PROTESTANTS TOGETHER

Rev. C. W. Blodgett, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church, Cincinnati, speaking of Leo XIII. said:

"His death will be regretted by the Protestant world. No one has ever doubted his consecration to his Church, and there should be none but would gladly lay upon his casket a flower of sacred remembrance to a Christian man.

"Pope Leo, by his statesmanship, diplomacy and kind heart, has