

# FATHER VAUGHAN'S INDICTMENT OF PROTESTANTISM.

Our readers are familiar with the name of Cardinal Vaughan, of Westminster, London, and with the grand characteristics of the worthy successor of the Wisemans and Mannings; but all are not acquainted with the Cardinal's brother, the Rev. Bernard Vaughan, S.J. On a recent occasion Father Vaughan preached at the Pro-Cathedral, Kensington, on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul orphanage, Carlisle Place. The sermon, which is a terrible indictment of Protestantism as the enemy of truth, is one of the most beautifully worded pieces of eloquence that we have read in years. It is short, but so grand that we will make no excuse for giving it in full. The text was:—

"And Pilate said to him, Art thou, then, a King? And He answered, Thou sayest I am a King. For this was I born, for this I came into the world that I should give testimony of the truth.

"The curtains of night (said the very reverend preacher) were already drawn back, and the sun rising above Olivet with its golden shafts of light was driving the lingering morning mist across the city that did not know the day of its visitation. The streets were tenanted, the city was not yet astir, except the open space before the marble palace of the Roman Governor. There a seething mass, a motley mob, swayed to and fro, and the yells with which they pierced the morning air told that the night had made captive of some prisoner whose blood they were demanding of Pilate before the Sabbath Day. Drawing nearer they discovered the prisoner pinioned; He was garbed in white. His face was white, and there was a calm majesty about his bearing, and sorrow which could not be expressed in words lay across his countenance. Presently Pilate, who seemed to be in no humor that morning of being trifled with, after harranguing the mob bent forward and beckoned to the divine prisoner to follow him. For a moment there was some hesitation, then the soldiers made a pathway, and down it our Divine Lord passed followed only by the jeers and yells, shouts and curses of the mob. With reverence and love we may follow Him from the glare of morning into the hush of that hall. Pilate sat and Jesus stood. There was a silence broken only by the splash of the fountain upon the broad leaves of the lilies that lived in the marble basin. Then it was the dialogue began between the Governor and the divine prisoner, some of which formed the substance of the text. Pilate rose from his throne, shrugged his shoulders, as much as to say, 'What is truth, and who cares?' The world seemed to have for its mission the compromise of truth.

"The mission of the Church was to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, amid the shouts and yells, the hisses and the curses of the world; no compromise, think straight, speak straight, and go straight. Pilate represented the large majority of mankind. To-day

sky, who succumbed to homophobia, on the 3rd inst., at the age of only 37, has produced a most painful impression at the Vatican. His Grace was one of the youngest, if not the youngest member of the hierarchy, and would certainly have been raised to the purple in the near future, as the See of Prague is at present occupied by a Cardinal Archbishop.

Princess Eugenie Bonaparte de la Moskova has been allowed a private audience by the Holy Father.

A group of one thousand workmen will be sent to visit the Paris Exhibition next month, the Government defraying their expenses.

A picturesque procession in honor of the Sacred Heart took place last Sunday in the Borghese Villa, Cardinal Cassetta carrying the Host, which was followed by several members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See and by over 600 persons. Queen Margherita was also present at the ceremony.

## A MEDICAL MAN'S TRIBULATIONS.

A very extraordinary story is told in the last issue of the "Lancet," with reference to the case of a medical man who, as our contemporary remarks, "if he is not a cunning and persistent criminal, is one of the most cruelly wronged and unfortunate of men." The individual referred to in these words is a Mr. C. A. Bynoe, who, in 1892, while carrying on the practice of his profession in London, was arrested on a charge of forgery, tried for his alleged offence at the Old Bailey before Mr. Justice Cave, and sentenced to nine years' penal servitude. This heavy sentence Mr. Bynoe has now completed, although his friends made many efforts to secure its commutation or his freedom, and he is now engaged in efforts to prove that he was wholly innocent of the crime of which he was found guilty. He has, accordingly, recently applied to the London High Court to set aside the conviction, and to compel the General Medical Council, which on his conviction erased his name with ignominy from the register of practitioners, to re-hear his case and to restore him to his original status. This application has been refused, although Mr. Justice Channell, who heard it, remarked that the General Medical Council had full discretion, if it thought fit, to hear any evidence Mr. Bynoe may have to offer, and to adopt any course it might deem proper. Whether the Council will act upon this judicial intimation remains to be seen, but it is perfectly obvious from the statements published by the "Lancet," that, if it does so, it will have to deal with a very tangled skein of evidence. The "Lancet" does not claim that its version of the story now told by Mr. Bynoe is an entirely exhaustive one, but it is quite clear that if it is true that gentleman has been the victim of a most flagrant injustice. We will think that the General Medical Council would display a sense of equity in, at least, affording Mr. Bynoe an opportunity of coming before it and submitting to examination the evidence which he can produce of his innocence.

The story, even as told in abbreviated form in the pages of the "Lancet," reads like the plot of a modern sensational novel. It appears that, previous to his conviction, Mr. Bynoe resided with his mother, and practised as a physician, at Endeleigh-gardens, London. Mrs. Bynoe kept a boarding-house, and amongst her lodgers was a lady named Miss Potts, who is alleged to have been of intemperate habits. At the same time there resided in the boarding-house a Mr. Kirk, who seems to have been an intimate friend of Miss Potts. It appears that eventually both Mr. Kirk and Miss Potts left Mr. Bynoe's residence, and that after their departure letters continued to arrive for Miss Potts, which were not forwarded to her, and some of these contained warrants for the payment of dividends upon stocks and shares owned by her. Certain of the dividend warrants, which came in this way to Endeleigh-gardens, and which bore Miss Potts's name forged upon them, were undoubtedly cashed by someone. Again, someone, presumably the same unscrupulous person, forged letters, which were sent to Miss Potts's name to the companies issuing the warrants and stating that Miss Potts had lost her certificates, asked for duplicates of these documents to be sent to Endeleigh-gardens, and forwarded the required indemnities. On these indemnities appeared the signatures of Miss Potts and of her friend, Mr. Kirk, both forged. The person who obtained the duplicate certificates also sold Miss Potts's holding, one of the companies, and to help him to procure an open cheque for the amount this person, a man, took a woman who personated Miss Potts, to the office of the outside broker who sold the stock. The cheque was given as asked for, and was promptly exchanged for notes, while the notes were on the same day converted into gold. It was not denied by Mr. Bynoe that he knew of the dividend warrants and other documents coming to his house, and that more than one of the envelopes relating to Miss Potts's business had been opened there. He asserted, however, and still maintains, that he forwarded all Miss Potts's correspondence, with the exception of a certificate found upon him (as to which he offered an explanation), to the care of Mr. Kirk at a club of which that gentleman was a member. It will be evident that, whoever the actual forger may have been, he acted with a considerable amount of ingenuity, and that he left no precaution unavailing of to render the swindle in which he was engaged a success.

Unfortunately for Mr. Bynoe, the Crown called as witness at his trial Mr. Kirk. Miss Potts had died, and by her will had appointed this gentleman her executor, and residuary legatee. He denied having received

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## NOTES FROM ROME.

**THE CHURCH'S MISSIONARIES.**—While the infidel Italian press is seeking to cast discredit upon the Church and to blame the Chinese mission for the sad state of affairs in that land, almost all the representatives who have any knowledge of the conditions of affairs in the Far East, be they Catholic or non-Catholic—are unanimous in testifying to the worth of the brave pioneers of religion and civilization, who for centuries have patiently toiled and sacrificed their lives in the great task of conquering the Celestial Empire. China would not have been opened up and the Powers could not possessed themselves of the numerous spheres of influence which, by expatriating the Chinese, were the real causes of the present deplorable troubles. Germany's high-handed policy in occupying Kiao-Chao was the last straw on the Chinese camel's back, and Mgr. Anzer, Vicar-Apostolic of Southern Szechuan, who has addressed an interesting report on the cause of the insurrection to the Propaganda, is of opinion that the warlike preparations of the Boxers date from that time. The work of the Catholic Church in the Far East has always been prompted by the highest and purest ideals, and a glance at the comparatively small nucleus of apostles who are now struggling with the inert mass of four hundred millions of benighted heathens will convince us, when we look at the results of their apostolate, that similar results could not have been obtained "sine numine." The Catholic missions in China comprise 800 European and 400 native priests, with a total of eight hundred thousand converts who worship in three thousand churches or chapels; schools, hospitals, dispensaries, and other charitable institutions are being continually founded in the most important centres by Catholic missionaries, who do an incalculable amount of good wherever they plant their tents. The principal Orders represented in China are the Society of Foreign Missions, the Society of Jesus (two of whose members, Fathers Tance and Audouin, suffered martyrdom recently), the Franciscans, the Dominicans, and the Augustinians of Manila.

triduum celebrated in the latter church, on the facade of which the following inscription, dictated by Mgr. Lanza, the Royal Chaplain, was deposited: "Salvos fac servos tuos, Deus meus, sperantes in te, mitte eis auxilium de Sancto et de Sion tere dei." The Caetan family have retired to their ancient castle of Serronesta where they are awaiting, in cruel suspense, the confirmation of the terrible rumors concerning the massacres of the Peking Legation, where Don Livio Caetani is an attaché. In the midst of this anxiety and suspense it is not surprising that Signor Colaianni's speech in Parliament the other day, when the member for Castrogiovanni took up the cudgels for the Chinese, maintaining that they were only defending their rights, met with anything but a favorable reception, and was indignantly styled "an apology of cannibalism." It is certain that in view of the threatening turn affairs have taken in the Far East, the Italian expedition will be far more important than was hitherto anticipated, especially as the Government has succeeded in obtaining "exercizio provvisorio."

**ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME.**—Never was this old saying more truthfully illustrated than in the list of audiences accorded by the Holy Father two weeks ago. He has received prelates from every part of the world. Besides receiving the Canadian, Croatian, and Brazilian pilgrimages, the Pontiff granted individual audiences to Mgr. Marinangeli, Patriarch of Alexandria (Egypt); Mgr. Paul Paret, Vicar Apostolic of Benin, and Mgr. Driet, Prefect Apostolic of Dahomey (West Coast of Africa); Mgr. Lamaze, Vicar Apostolic of Central Oceania (Australia); Mgr. Mahuf, Greco-Melchite Bishop of Heliopolis (Ottoman Empire); Mgr. Marcolio, Bishop of Ragusa (Dalmatia), and Mgr. Piazzoli, Vicar Apostolic of Hong Kong (China). There are few temporal sovereigns who in the same week receive visitors and deputations from Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Australia, but at the Vatican it is quite a usual occurrence, and may be said to happen every week of the year.

**BRIEF NOTES.**—The Italian Parliament has approved the new commercial treaty with the United States, by which Italy will derive considerable benefit. The unexpected death of the Archbishop of Prague, Mgr. de Skrben-

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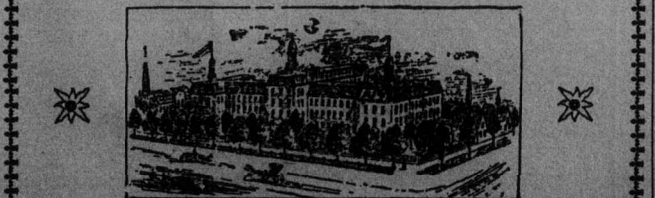
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