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THE CATHOLIC.

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On perusing the religious extracts with which the Editor of the *Church* fills his dull, drivelling sheet; and, indeed, in looking over with heart-sickening disgust all the Protestant Tract and Pamphlet matter—most silly, tasteless, unclassical, ignorantly concocted, recklessly asserted, and self-contradictory stuff—we every where observe a sameness of saintly slang, a sort of slimy film, covering from the eyes of their simple, unsuspecting, and well-meaning followers, their misgivings in argument; their unproved, though boldly hazarded assertions; their falsely applied and misconstrued quotations from Scripture and the Fathers; their wilful misstatements or misrepresentation of facts; in a word, all the studiously deceptive arts, invariably resorted to by such as “lie in wait to deceive;” by whom, as the chief Apostle says, “the way of truth shall be evil spoken of, and who, through covetousness, with feigned speeches, make merchandize of you”—2nd Peter, ii. 3—“blaspheming,” continues he, “those things which they know not,” ib. v. 12: and “of which they are wilfully ignorant,” ch. iii. 5.

All, however, with themselves is holy, orthodox, evangelical, apostolical—nay, and Catholic too, a name which they so lately abhorred as belonging exclusively to the Church of Rome—the only church, as that name implies, universal as to time and place since the Saviour and his Apostles. But as for her—the Romish, Popish, Papist Church—she is superstitious, vile, idolatrous; the mother of ignorance, vice, and immorality; a sink of iniquity; devilish and damnable. And all these fair compliments are gratuitously bestowed on her, whom all acknowledge to have been at first the only church founded by the Deity incarnate: the only one, therefore, to whom all his promises were made; by which he assured us, that “he had built her on the rock, and that the gates of hell should never prevail against her: that he himself would be with her legitimate pastors at all times, even to the end of the world; together with his holy spirit, the spirit of truth, who would teach them all truth, and bring to their minds all things, whatsoever he had said unto them:” concluding the whole with his solemn declaration, that “heaven and earth should pass away, but that his words should never pass away.”

This is the Church which Protestant teachers represent as every way so detestable: the very church which Christ commanded all “to hear, or be accounted as heathens and publicans.—MATT. xviii. 17. But, say they, she has fallen from the

truth; she has become corrupted, heathenish, contaminated and contaminating: she is now herself the very “gate of hell.” Luther, the father of Protestantism, was the first who dared to advance this blasphemous contradiction of the Saviour’s declaration; giving his followers to understand, that, but for him, the Church of Christ was undone for ever. Calvin gives the German monk the lie, and claims to himself the exclusive merit of saving Christ’s Church from ruin: the same did Wesley by his newly invented method; and each and all consider Jesus Christ as under the greatest obligations to them, without whose exertions all his promises would have been made void, and his church would have not only ceased to be, but the kingdom of Satan would have been established in her stead, and the prince of darkness would have thus prevailed against him.

Now, this is equivalent to what every new teacher pretends. All the world, says he, is wrong; but listen to me, and I will rescue you from Popery—that intolerant and intolerable Church—from ignorance, error, and damnation. And all these unscriptural, unproved, boldly ventured assertions of those, their interested deceivers, whose easy, wealthy, and safely enjoyed livings, depend on keeping up the delusion—all these bare-faced, blasphemous untruths, are readily believed by the hood-winked, credulous, and uninvestigating Protestant public!!!

The Rev. Mr. Lee will officiate for his people on Sunday next in the Catholic church of St. Catharines. He has been prevented from returning to them sooner by unavoidably necessary business.

We must acknowledge ourselves, like many others, imposed upon by the extreme hypocrisy, and ultra-shammed repentance of the worthless priest, Waters, alluded to in a former number of our paper, as palming himself upon the Catholics in and about the township of London. Their only pastor is the Rev. Patrick O’Dwyer. The intruder is suspended for ever.

The Kingsten package of this paper for October 27, has not reached its destination. We would thank the P. M. whose possession it may be in, to send it on or return it to us.

NEW CHURCHES.

A fine new stone church is just finished at Belleville, with tinned roof and a lofty steeple, owing to the exertions of the worthy clergyman of that place, the Reverend Michael Brennan.

Another elegant stone church has been completed at Peterborough, through the exertions of the Rev Mr Butler.

A stone church has been lately built at Picton, Bay of Quinte, under the superintendance of the Rev Mr Lallor.

A stone church we have also to mention has just been opened at the Falls of Niagara, within the mission of the Reverend E. Gordon.

A very nice frame church has been built at Brantford, and one also at Indiana, under the direction of the Rev Mr Mills.

Besides these, there are the churches of Hamilton, Dundas, Oakville and Trafalgar, all of recent origin.

Extract of a letter from the Rev Mr Cannon, dated

BYTOWN, Oct. 30, 1841.

“The great Bishop of Nancy has just been here, accompanied by several priests, to hold a spiritual retreat, which has done an immensity of good in every way—upwards of 1000 went to communion, a great many received confirmation; it lasted 11 days, the church being crowded all the time, as a proof of the good disposition of people to amend their ways. Among the spiritual exercises which took place each day of the retreat, both forenoon and afternoon, (they were most interesting, attracting an immense crowd,) that of the blessing, and laying the corner stone of our new church by the Bishop of Nancy, was most solemn and imposing: we received on the occasion a handsome sum towards the building. As is usual we enclosed in the corner stone several articles of note, coins, papers; and among the rest one of your papers, as a memento for after years, of your exertions to promote the interests of our religion. His lordship on his arrival was met by a great concourse of people at the steamboat landing and conducted to the church, (tastefully decorated for the occasion) and likewise at his departure. The air resounded with their joyful acclamations from the cliff; (you know the spot,) and I assure you this display of religious feeling had a beautiful effect, the people remaining and continuing their loud cheers till the boat got out of sight. All this must have astounded our Protestant friends. No notice whatever has been taken of the circumstance whilst they notice with zeal the most farcical ceremonies that take place in their church here.

“Here I give you the Inscription laid in the corner stone—you may think proper to insert in your next:

D. O. M.

GREGORIO XVI. SUMMO PONTIFICE,
EPISCOPO REGIOPOLITANO ILLUSMO. REVMO.
REMIGIO GAULIN :
VICTORIA IN ANGLIA, FELICITUR REGNANTE
PROVINCIAM CANADE ADMINISTRANTE :
DUCE R. D. JACKSON :
DYTONIENSES, PASTORE AC MISSIONARIO
JOANNE FRANCISCO CANNON :
HUNC ANGULAREM LAPIDEM PONEBAT
ILLUSTRISSIMUS AC REVERENDISSIMUS,
CAROLUS AUGUSTUS MARIA JOS. DE FORBIN
JANSON,
EPISCOPUS NANSIENSIS AC TULLENSIS.
ANNO DOMINI, 1841, DIE VERO XXVI OCT.

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SEIZURE FOR CHURCH RATES.

Extraordinary proceedings.

London, Saturday—Yesterday the following scene was exhibited at the auction rooms of Mr. Lloyd, of Hatfield street, Stamford street—

It was known that the sale of a copy of “Mathew Henry’s Bible,” in 3 volumes,

“Baptist Magazine,” 13 vols. and “Ridgley’s Body of Divinity,” 2 vols., which had been taken under a warrant of distress from the Rev. Mr Francis, Baptist minister of Waterloo-road, on account of the non-payment of 16s6d for two church rates, would be held, and in consequence a number of very respectable persons, inhabitants of the parish of Lambeth, attended the room to watch the proceedings.

After some ordinary sales had been made, the auctioneer stating that the next lot, 37, was Mathew Henry’s bible, a cry of “No church rates! no church rates!” resounded from every part of the room.

Mr FALL said, that before Mr Lloyd proceeded to sell, he wished to say a few words. The lot now about to be sold, as well as the two following ones, had been taken away from the library of the Rev. Mr. Francis for church rates—(Cries of “Oh, oh!”)—the proceedings connected with the seizure were unjust and illegal. With that, however, they had at that moment nothing to do. The Rev. gentleman refused to pay church rates from principle; at the same time, not wishing to lose the books, he had requested him, Mr Fall, to attend and buy them in. Whether those whom he addressed were Churchmen, Dissenters, or Jews, he trusted that, under the circumstances connected with the seizure, no person would bid against him, so that when the lots were put up, a mere nominal value might be obtained, and the books returned to the reverend owner.

Mr Lloyd said he did not know why he was so addressed, for he was not going to bid one shilling for any of the lots. They had been sent to him for sale, and he should do with them as with the previous lots, sell them to the highest bidder; the seizure had not been made by him, nor had he any thing to do with the church rates.

Mr Fall replied, that he did not impute the seizure of the books to Mr Lloyd. As he found there was to be no opposition, he would bid 2s6d

Mr Lloyd said there are 11s bid, 12s, and so went on increasing amidst loud cries of “where is the bidder?—what is his name?” and cries of “shame.” At length the confusion became so great as to cause the auctioneer to stop, and to say that the biddings which he had named were *bona fide* ones.—He knew what he was about, and should do his duty. Mr. Lloyd then went on with the biddings amidst cries of “no church rates,” and other demonstrations of the feelings of the assemblage, and declared the lot to have been knocked down for 25s.

Mr Fall and several others denied that such a sum had been offered by any person, and demanded the name of the buyer.

Mr Lloyd—The next lot is the Baptist Magazine, 13 volumes, for which 10s are bid.

This assertion was denied, but the auctioneer maintained that the sum had been offered, and continued to announce the increase of the biddings until they reached 18s, when they were declared to have been purchased by Mr Fall.

A young man, having the appearance of a working-man, here stepped forward, and said he had been authorised to bid for