BY A PROTESTANT THEOLOGIAN. CCCII.

A letter has appeared in the Transcript, from Mr. John Snyder, protesting, with much force, though in a friendly and excellent spirit, and with much command of historical facts, against the proposal to call the Episcopal Church "The American Church," as well as against the contemptuous airs in which many Episco. temptuous airs in which many Episco-palians indulge towards other Protest-

ant churches. As a Low Churchman and almost a Presbyterian, I must own to being much pleased with Mr. Snyder's letter, although I think he fails to bring out the equal right of the Catholicizing wing of the Church to membership in it. Elizabeth evidently meant her estab-lishment to have room for all English Christians who were willing to abandon the Pope. She herself, as she express-ly declared, was a Catholic otherwise, and she was naturally more indulgent towards her own school than towards the Puritans. Even the articles which were forced upon her, express Protest-antism in its mildest form, besides that they do not bind the laity, and in America bind neither laity nor clergy. Deducting the few Reformed Episco. palians, approbation of the Reformation is no condition of Anglican communion

However, I am only concerned with one sentence of Mr. Snyder's letter. Allowing that for a good while a some what friendlier feeling prevailed in England towards the ancient Church than in most Protestant countries, he ascribes it to the fact that the English had never seen their cities burnt and their homes invaded by Catholic armies. Does this fact explain the somewhat

Does this fact explain the somewhat milder feeling in England towards the elder Church? Hardly. Scotland was very much more hostile towards the Catholics than England, yet Scotland had suffered immeasurably less from Catholic severity. As the late Marquis of Bute remarked, in Scotland there were only nineteen religious executions on both sides, which as he observes with both sides, which, as he observes with grim humor, would barely have kept Mary Tudor going for a month. Elsewhere also the proposition can hardly be made out that hostility to-

the Catholic Church bore proportion to inflictions suffered from her. Next after Scotland (if not rather be fore her) in hatred towards the Cath-olics, was North Germany. Yet here the Lutherans were the aggressors, and the Catholics the sufferers. Lutheran-ism swept in an irresistible wave from the northern sea to the Bavarian moun-tains, turning the Catholics out of their churches, the monks and nuns out of their monasteries, the non-conforming priests out of their parsonages, the ad-hering Catholics out of their homes. Nay, Luther even proposed, although did not carry it through, that the churches should be destroyed, so that the new order might begin from the very foundation. This was going farther than even the French Jacobins This was going

went.
On the other hand, in Holland, where the Inquisition (episcopal and Domin ican) had been more severe than even in Spain, the powerful influence of William of Orange has always availed william of orange ins aways a variety to induce a more tolerant feeling towards the Catholics, who indeed form one-third of the people, although I believe it is not very long since the Dutch Catholics were first allowed to hold office. At present, as we know, the two religions are politically in alliance against Secularism, and the Protestants, I believe, were lately seen following complacently a Catholic prime minister, until his decease. Perhaps he was only leader of the Com-

In France, as in Germany, the outrages against religion began with the Protestants. Before they had any temples of their own, almost before they were recognized as a distinct body, when as yet few, if any, had been burnt for heresy, they began to break down the images of the saints, to wrest the Viaticum out of the priest's hand to trample It under footachievements which Merle d'Aubigne faintly reproves, and which Dr. Rule, whose book is published by the English Methodists, openly glorifies, as they were reproduced in Italy and

Soon the Huguenot bands began to roam the country, defacing churches, burning monasteries, murdering monks, flaying priests alive, sweeping off the vessels of the altars, breaking open tombs and shrines, and throwing the bones of saints, of kings and queens, of bishops and abbots, about the church-

yards, or burning them into lime.

At last they gathered in a mighty company, with their great teacher Beza at their head, invaded the splendid cathedral of Orleans, hallowed by the memories of Joan of Arc, and blew up three great pillars, thus bringing down

he whole western front.

In brief, in both Germany and France In prief, in both Germany and France from the very beginning, the Reform-ation, as Hallam rightly declares, showed itself implacably intolerant in its very essence. The hatred of the Protestants to the Catholics seems to have been as intense when as yet it was that they were committing out-rages rather than suffering them, as it was after the ingredients of their poisoned chalice were commended to their own lips. Let it be understood that I am not speaking here of the Netherlands, in which their sufferings were great, and in which their revenge, under the restraining hand of their illustrious leader, was comparatively slight.

Dean Hodges has set forth the course in the Low Countries very of events in luminously.

Elsewhere, however, the hatred of

is hard to understand the inner mean-ing of the course of events. Even Pro-fessor Gardiner remarks that we have as yet only a legend of the Thirty Years' War, that the time has not come when we can have a history.

Of course we have a chronicle of the

outward occurrences, but we very im-perfectly understand their real significance. Religious animosity, disinte-grating disloyalty of the princes to the Empire, unremitting French intrigues, collision between the beliefs of the princes and of the people, determination of the Catholics to have back the secularized Church lands, determina-tion of the Protestants to keep them all, per fas et nefas, all these motives, and others still, are so hopelessly in-terwoven, that after reading Schiller, and Ranke and Janssen, and Duhr and Trench, and Gardiner, we are willing to take refuge under the wing of this to take relige under the wing of this last great authority, and to acknowledge that there is something in this terrible break-up of the old order deeper than we can yet fathom. I must own, for one, that the more I have read, the more perplexed I have read, the more perplexed I have been. Even the intrigues of the Jesuits, which have hitherto been esteemed incontestable, begin to be dubious after reading the brief, but very distinct documents,

adduced by Duhr.
One thing, however, is unmistakable, as is remarked by that strong Irish Protestant, Archbishop Trench, namely, "the utterly loveless spirit" in which the German Protestants carried on the great controversy. They were the victors, not the vanquished. The outrages hitherto committed — much less atrocious, it is true, than in France had mostly proceeded from them-selves. The Catholics were as yet a dispirited minority. Yet for at least the seventy years before the final crash, an unremitting storm of vilification and slander rained upon the Cath-olics, from the whole body of the Protestant elergy, and educated laity, the atrocity of which can only be con-ceived by reading the originals, so far as given by Janssen. These are so damning that it is no wonder that some of the German Protestants were for appealing to the Government to sup press his book, while one pious son o the Reformation proposed punishing such unwelcome disclosures by cutting off his ears.

In France everything is plain. Just as soon as the Huguenots gathered a little strength they did their very best to carry out Calvin's exhortation "to put the idolaters to the sword." As we have seen, even counting in St. Bartholomew's, according to their own estimate of it—13,000—their massacres of the Catholics relatively to their numbers, fell little short, if they were not rather in excess, of the Catholic massacres of them. They tried to lay Paris waste, though they failed of their purpose. It was not toleration for their dissent which they asked, but unlimited authority to cut down all who would not come into the true fold. would not come into the true fold. Only when their Huguenot King chose rather to be found a tolerant Catholic than a murdering Protestant, did they, after excommunicating him, discontent

edly accept the Edict of Nantes.

Mr. Snyder should revise his sent-CHARLES C. STARBUCK,

Andover, Mass.

DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

The fundamental intention of ou holy Father, Pope Pius X., openly announced at the beginning of his pontificate, is, in St. Paul's words, "to restore all things in Christ." To our separated brethren it may appear very singular that, prominent among the means adopted by the Pontiff towards the attainment of that end, is the old, often-criticized, frequently misunder-stood, Catholic practice of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

no outburst of ridicule, of dislike, of animosity, has, so far as we have seen, greeted the Pope's words, in any of our non-Catholic exchanges. Possibly it is beginning to dawn upon the minds of men that the old Church has some good reason in thus keeping prominently before her children the name and the history of Mary. They may begin dimly to suspect that the chosen Mother of Jesus Christ was intended to have special influence over the souls He came to save, and over the Church He came to found.

At least, they surely must perceive that the Church that openly honors Mary is the Church of the men and women who sacrifice everything for their brethren; whom they hear of on the battlefield and in the pest-house; and whom they meet face to face on toilsome roads as Little Sisters of the Poor, as Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, Poor, as Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, as Mothers and Servants of the Colored and Indian races, as Brothers of Char-ity, as priests of all races, seeking the sick, the dying and the lost. They must begin to perceive that the Church that honors Mary is the Church that brought forth a Vincent de Paul, a Francis de Sales, a Francis of Assisi, a Catherine of Siena, a Leo XIII.,—the Church that attracted into her fold a Newman's intellect, a Manning's activ-

ity, a Mother Seton's holiness.

They begin to perceive the need of a visible, infallible, central head for a united and powerful Christendom; they flock with singular interest and with moved hearts to the feet of Christ's vicar; and slowly, surely, the conviction is laying hold of them that those saints, those converts, those zealous and selfless laborers, those supreme pontiffs—men and women whom they can not deny to be wise, learned, holy, the fine gold of the universe and the salt of the earth—all these love Mary, honor Mary, invoke Mary, with an unfailing, childlike, daily and hourly love. They can not Protestants against the Catholics seems rather to have been a sense of wrongs inflicted, than of wrongs endured. As of old: odisti quem laceris. ('* Whom you have wronged you hate.'')

Let us not be referred to the horrors of the Thirty Years' War. These were mutual, and came about more than a century after the Reformation, being, moreover, so complicated with purely political interests and motives, that it

archangel's salutation, "Hall Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;" all are repeating the words of St. Elizabeth, "Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus;" and all are receiving her, as St. John received her, from the

hands of our Lord upon the cross; "Behold thy Mother."
Our Divine Lord has given to His faithful Catholics the heart of a little child, to know as it were intuitively what and who will best lead us neare to Jesus; and by what means "al things may be restored in Jesus Christ." This one point we would have our readers grasp clearly to-day,—that the Catholic Church and her pon-Catholic Church and her pon-tiffs, and her doctors and her saints, love, honor, invoke the Blessed Virgin as their helper and their Oueen. Let us follow their example with special earnestness during the present month May, and light will dawn yet more clearly on other points in this great clearly on other points in this great and noticeable devotion of the Catholic Church .- Sacred Heart Review.

FIVE-MINUTES SERMON.

Sunday Within the Octave of Corpus

"Jeans said to them: I am the bread of life; he that cometh to Me shall not nunger, and he that believeth in Me shall never thirst." (St. John vi. 35.)

My dear Brethren : There are many profound thinkers interested in survey ing the domain of consciousness, and in making explorations to discover the process by which ideas are formed and process by which ideas are formed and retained in the human mind. Within the brain, where the powers of thought reside, there is a sort of dark continent that has not vet been illuminated by the sunlight, or even by the electric light of modern science. It is more than probable that the masters of scholastic philosophy in the thirteenth century knew as much concerning the laws that govern the process of mental growth as the most pretentious modern scholars. In a mysterious way the sight, the hearing, and the other poreal senses co-operate with the faculties of the mind to produce ideas. Without being able to analyze the process closely, we are nevertheless cer-tain of the results produced. The material world enters into communica tion with our immaterial spirit, and does so through the agency of the senses. The most difficult problem of mental philosophy is to explain how these sensible impressions are transmuted into thought, and to show how we obtain assurance that the inner world of thought is a correct photo graph, and exact representation, of the

During the time of Our Lord's public life He performed many astounding miracles which proved His dominion over the forces of nature, which proved His power in the spirit world beyond the grave. He gave sight to the blind, health to the sick, life to the He multiplied a few loaves of bread and some fishes so that the hunger of five thousand people was peased. All these were miracles that fell under the senses. They are evidences of His power which come to our understanding through the ordinary channels of human thought and knowl

But in the great mystery we celebrate during this octave, my dear brethren, faith and not the senses tells us of the greatest of all His miracles-His pres ence in the Holy Eucharist. Our eyes see nothing that would of itself convince us of His presence. Our senses cannot perceive that Our Lord is truly present under the appearances of bread and wine. It is only by the aid of faith that we can penetrate the veil that hides Him from our view. We believe solely on the testimony of Our Lord; we call to mind the words He spoke at the Last Supper, and remember that He has declared those blessed who have not seen and yet have believed. So when we receive Holy Communion, when we assist at Benediction, when we make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, we make an act of faith in the Real Pres-

The mysterious life that Our Lord has chosen in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest of all miracles, and when considered attentively fills the mind with wonder and amazement. By a constant and perpetually recurring miracle He abides with His creatures, He still abides with His creatures, He still dwells among us, and finds delight in distributing gifts and blessings to the children of men. It was not sufficient for the accomplishment of His plan that He should assume our human nature, that He endeared Himself to the poorest and most destitute of the people among whom He lived. He laid plans and appointed ambassadors to secure the peaceful conquest of all nations; He entered into an agreement beforehand with all who should receive His doc-trine: He promised to reward every one who would live righteously, in con formity with the law that He estab-

lished. He is still living with us. He is as really present on our altars as He is in the home of His eternal Father. He is with us because of His personal love for each one of us. His presence among us is a great and unceasing wonder, but it is a wonder that can only be explained by His love. Wherever the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated, there is He present not only in His Divinity, but in His ever-adorable humanity as well. Thrones and temples have been built for Him in all nations, and from His presence the sorrowful find comfort, the weak find strength, the cowardly find courage, and all find the

pledge of eternal life. He, to whom I speak, will quickly be wise and will make great progress in

spirit.—Imitation of Christ.

A contemporary remarks there are few more severe tests of an athlete's staying ability than such a running match as the so-called Mara thon race held under the auspices of the Boston Athletic Association. This is an event that was suggested by the visit of our athletes to Greece, and their competition in the sports there, and is a trial that grows more popular with the athletes and with the general public year after year. In the Unicorn the official publication of the Boston Athletic Association, the following interesting remarks are made in regard to

ample of the serious effects of alcohol when used as a stimulant in such an event as this. A boy of eighteen years began taking raw brandy at South Framingham. He had four drinks of the brandy, and perhaps more, on the way to Boston. He had never taken liquor before. As a result, he was pale, stupid, with a very slow, poor, pulse, reflexes diminished, and a low temperhaustion. The physicians re-affirm their unanimous belief that alcohol taken as stimulant in such events as the Marathon run acts literally as a poison.

Here is evidence submitted not by prohibitionists or unreasoning advocates

In the spiritual life, Mary can never e far from any of us. As she held Jesus in her arms on earth, so now she is still His mother. Her image stands near His altar. Her name accompanies His name. The Hail Mary follows the Lord's Prayer. The mysteries of His life and passion are commemorated in her rosary. Over every church, over every religious altar, her name is invoked.

The Catholic seldom kneels for devotion, prepares for the sacraments, begins or finishes an undertaking, or resists temptation, without invoking Mary's intercession. A childlike and affectionate trust in her mercy and her power is characteristic of the Catholic spirit.

Ave Maria! bright and pure, Hear. O, hear me when I pray. Pains and pleasures try the pligrim On his long and weary way. Fears and perils are around me. Ora pro me!

We should, from time to time, read devotional books on Our Lady, and such reading should be followed or accom-panied by effective meditation. The words of the saints place before us the saints as her humble and devoted clients proclaiming in magnificent accord th prerogatives of Mary, and her office in the dispensation of salvation.

Mary, Mary, Queen of Heaven, Teach, O teach me to obey: Load me on, though flerce temptations Stand and meet me in the way; When I fall and faint, my Mother, Ora pro me!

Besides reading and meditation, we should have daily or regular practises which we perform in honor of Mary. These things, though small, both keep up devotion and bring us grace. The rosary should be said daily; and we should not be content with a single decade, but should say the round of the rosary-five mysteries.

Cur Lady, of the Rosary:
What name can be so sweet
As that we call thee, when we place
Our chaplets at thy feet?

The effect of the ros in bringing Jesus and Mary together in our thought and devotion; in causing Mary to shadow forth and echo Jesus, and Jesus to shine more clearly through the magnificence of Mary; and in fill-ing the heart with the Catholic feeling that to salute Mary is, by that very fact, to draw upon us the loving glance of her Son.

In the chaplet, on Jesus and Mary From our hearts let us call; At each Ave Maria we whisper A rosebud shall fall, And at each Gloria Patri a lily, To crown of them all.

Further — seeing how no one can properly take in or estimate the Incar-nation without some adequate idea of nation without some adequate idea of the Mother of God — we should try to spread all around us a solid devotion to her, according to the mind of the Church.

We should all remember that it is part of her prerogative to subdue hearts to Christ, to promote the faith, and to kill heresy.

Refuge of sinners: many a soul By guilt cast down, and sin, Has learned, through this dear name of thine Pardon and peace to win.

Penance Necessary to Attain Perfection.

"There was again an interesting exature for some hours after the finish He presented a picture of extreme ex

of total abstinence, but by physicians, all of whom are familiar with athletes and athletic contests. No stronger proof can be furnished than this, that for those undergoing a severe physical strain alcohol beverages, far from being an assistance, actually bring a man to much more exhausted condition than if no stimulant whatever had been used. We commend the testimony of these doctors to temperance advocates, who will find in it strong evidence in sup-port of some of their claims. — Sacred Heart Review.

THOUGHTS ON OUR LADY.

Oh, in May how we honor our Lady, Her own month of flowers! How happy we are with our garlands Through all the spring hours! All the shrines, in the church or by wayside, Are made into bowers!

Then shall I—if thou, O Mary,
Art my strong support and stay—
Fear nor feel the threefold danger
Standing forth in dread array.
Now and ever shield and guard me!
Ora pro me!

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