

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

BY A PROTESTANT THEOLOGIAN. OCLIV. The correspondent of the Springfield Republic, as we have seen, says that multitudes of admirable men and women have been tortured and murdered for refusing to accept the Papal supremacy.

In the West, down to 1870, I am not aware that proceedings were ever taken against any one on the simple ground of his rejecting the Pope, for no such case seems ever to have occurred. The rejection of the Pope meant, in the West, divergence from Catholic teaching at large.

The Waldenses do not seem even to have rejected the Primacy, in theory. They denounced Rome, and the Catholic Church at large, as anti Christ, but only on the ground of her wealth.

Moreover, while holding firmly to Transubstantiation, they denied the lawfulness of invoking the saints, and, I believe, the existence of purgatory. They enjoined yearly confession, which they sometimes made to their elders, but remarks Bossuet, by preference to the parish priest.

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logic have any? Wycliffe, like Luther, after him, denounces universities as prejudicial to the true faith, and college commencements as inventions of the evil one.

The historian Green is congratulated by Matthew Arnold on having remitted of his first enthusiasm for the English Reformation, because, as he had explained to Arnold, the better he had come to know the English Reformers, the less he liked the English Reformation.

We will go on to consider some other of the admirable men and women who have been tortured and murdered in England for refusing to accept the anti papal religion.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PAROCHIAL.

One of the most remarkable facts disclosed in the public school situation, as set forth in the annual report (1903) of the Commission of Education is the great falling off in the number of male teachers for the past twenty five years.

For the past year it had fallen to 26 per cent. The average salary of teachers shows some increase over the previous year, the salary of male teachers reaching \$50 a month (less 2 cents), while the average salary of women teachers has risen to \$40.51.

Indeed, brethren, all Christians of our day have a great mission to fulfill in this regard; but we especially, for the reason given by our Lord Himself—"because you are with Me from the beginning."

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adequate supply of competent teachers for the primary schools by reason of the low salaries which the service offers.

The statistics of enrollment in secondary schools for boys show a gradual decline of attendance upon the public secondary schools from 1887 to 1898, with a corresponding increase in the enrollment in the schools under the religious associations.

It is not within the province of Dr. Harris to state his view on these melancholy statistics. He only chronicles the fact that at first it was only contemplated that the religious orders should be compelled to apply to the State for authorization.

FIVE-MINUTE SERMON.

Sunday Within the Octave of the Ascension. BEARING WITNESS FOR OUR LORD. "And you shall give testimony, because you are with Me from the beginning." (St. John xv. 27)

It might be asked, dear brethren, what need God has of our testimony, or why the creature should act the part of witness for the Creator?

Since, then, this our mission is so important, brethren, how are we to fulfill it? It seems to me in no better way than by leading truly Christian lives, and thus forcing the world to acknowledge that we are animated by the spirit of God.

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Stephen Girard, in religion himself, respect for the religious. One Saturday he to come the following vessel which had just no work of necessity merely suited the mence that the ves loaded as quickly as to sea again. One strong convictions, upon them.

The shrewdest can do--to say no upon his character put the greatest and the highest into everything resolution, at the career, to stamp everything that p and to determine does shall have after upon it as the highest and best is his patent of this he will not of capital to start advertise it. He will be to himself best quality goes with cess.

The late Prof. these maxims to his own experience 1. Rely upon and do not wa other people. 2. Cling with own highest ideal tray by such valuation, popularity. 3. Your work are, and not in you are will show 4. Never fre not make your paring your cir of more fortune the most of the Emloy profabtion. 5. Associate people you can books; live w learn to be happ 6. Do not be and heroism are discover prince saints among Be assured they hope to be in 8. Cultivate gather into your acquainta for truth and heaven itself intimacy of pur 9. Do not s kindly act, ho it may be. Th