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THE TRUE AND THE FALSE.

The Church would have us revere Mary as Immaculate in her Conception, Ever-Virgin, the true Mother of God, higher in Heaven and nearer to God than any other creature, with the most loving heart in Heaven for the children of men, save only the Heart of the Divine Redeemer, and most powerful with Him when she pleads for us whose Mother she is. But the Church sternly checks all devotion to Our Blessed Lady which goes beyond this, or is only with difficulty and extravagance deduced from it, says the editor of the Boston Pilot commenting on "True and False Devotion to the Blessed Virgin." There is a case in point, in the refusal of the Holy Office to approve the so-called "Cross of the Immaculate Conception." Of this, the editor of the American Ecclesiastical Review says, in the "Conferences" in the present number :

"Under the plea that the Virgin Mother of Christ had a share in the Passion of her Divine Son, and that her immunity from the stain of original sin is the anticipated fruit of the Cross of Christ, it combines the image of the Blessed Virgin with that of the Cross, and puts the figure of the Immaculate Mother where the body of the dying Saviour is properly placed to show that He died for mankind. Him we adore when we bend the knee to the symbol of the Cross ; and it is utterly misleading to place upon the Cross our Blessed Lady, who, however exalted she is among the child-

ren of men, differs from her Divine Son by the illimitable distance that exists between the Creator and the creature, between God and man. So the pretty cross is apt to teach false doctrine and should not be used by Catholics ; for a symbol that serves to deform truth is itself at best but a beautiful pretence.

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Soldiers and sailors seem not, as a rule, the material out of which saints are made. "Yet," comments The Pilot, "the two newly beatified martyrs of the Carmelite Order, Blessed Denis and Redemptus, in whose honor religious functions of extraordinary interest took place recently at the Boston Carmel, were soldiers and sailors both. The former, before he became a monk, was a commander in the Portuguese navy, and in this onerous position was a model of manly and Christian virtues. Even after his entrance into religion, he came forth at the need of his countrymen, and saved the port of Goa when it was besieged by the Dutch. Both are modern men, having begun and ended their eventful careers in the 17th century."

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Rev. Joseph Parker, of the City Temple, London, said before the Congregation Union conference, on April 22, that "He sympathized with the Roman Catholics, who were wounded by the pitiable insults heaped upon their religion by the antiquated and despicable oath put into the sovereign's mouth. He declared that the oath must be improved off the earth." Mr. Parker is anything but a pro-Catholic advocate, but he shames some of the weak-kneed English Catholics who would excuse Edward VII. for taking the oath, on the ground that he did not believe in it !—Boston Pilot.

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