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PROTESTANTISM CRUMBLING

It was only very recently that the subject for the General Intention for the Sacred Haart League, selected by our Holy Father, was the conversion of Protestants. What a prolific theme, and what food for reflection of Protestants. While a plotting theme, and what food for reflection as we pass through four centuries of a vast spostasy from Holy Mother Church ! Can we see in Protestant-ism to-day what it was in the begin-ning of the so called Reformation of the Sixteenth Century ? In the days of Luther, Calvin, Z vingli, Melanch-ton, Knoz, Occulampadius and other refractory lights the authority of the Church as a divinely instituted or-ganization was trampled on, many of its teachings were rejected arbitrari-ly, many of its practices were abol-ished, but the essence of Christianity, its very foundation in the atomement of Christ as the Son of God, was tena-clously retained. The divine inspiraciously retained. The divine inspiran of the Scriptures was upheld, the Bible pronounced the sole rule of fast, without any need of tradition, or the authoritative, infallible voice of a teaching Church. With all its errors Protestantism clung to the vital constituents of Christianity. But Protestantism in the lapse of four centuries has lost its identity. The Reformers, if they could rise

from the dead, would not be able to recognize their progeny. There are hundreds and hundreds of denominations, calling themselves Christian and yet most of them deny even the divinity of Christ. In spite of recent afforts to accomplish unity, they are still far apart from each other. all the incongruities between them, it is useless to expect harmony. It is partly colored patchwork without uty of design or color -a jumbled mass of contradictory shapes. Sometimes intelligent men ask themselves the question : Is not Protestantism tegrating ? There is every sign that it is crumbling from the original of the Sixteenth Century. It is more and more losing the earmarks of genuine Christianity. But having lost the substance, it may keep the name, and with the boast of lifting on high a progressive, modern Chris-tianity, float to the breezes the standard of "Indifferentism" and and "Ethical Supremacy"-proclaiming that all religions are equally good and that ethics may desirably fill the place of positive religion.

A Catholic writer in a recent numbar of "The Sacred Heart Messenger" puts it thus :

'Our present subject matter does not call for a discussion of whether or not Protestantism will eventually or not Protestantism will eventually go the way of all other religious revo-lutions of the past. But when our Holy Father asks us to pray at this time for the conversion of Protestants, one of the principal thoughts must be that Protestantism now as compared with what it was at the beginning, has far less influence among its own people, and that never before has the weakness of its hold been more apparent than it is to day. If a great section of the Protestant community have withdrawn, as they church participation, because the Protestant church has ceased to appeal to them, then it is a particu-larly fitting time for the Catholic world to pray that this secession may not lead into the ranks of the infidels but back to the bosom of Mother Church.

Giving a brief resume of Protestant Herald. history he save :

"Thirty five years after the first break with Rome the Protestant cause was triumphant over twothirds of Europe. Not only was it in complete possession of England, the ern Germany; it had gained. the also in Poland, in ascendancy also in Poland, in Bohemia, in Hungary. It seemed to be surely drawing France away from the Church, it had acquired a strong foothold in the Austrian Archduchy it had penetrated even into Spain and Italy. Then about the year 1555 there came an amazing change. The newly organized Society of Jesus, under St. Ignatius Loyola had begun what is known in history as the Catholic Counter - Reformation. Catholic Counter · Reformation. There had been a great revival of religious life within the Church. The Council of Trent had met and had renewed and restated in convincing fashion the truths of Christian Doc trine. Finally the people had had time to see that the Protestant flood left no millennium in its wake, but that economically and socially the rank and file were not as well off as were before. The reaction to they Catholic Church in the short interval of ten years following 1555 is one of the marvels of history. Rapidly as Protestantism had spread in the first instance, its repulse was equally swift. In this one decade it disappeared completely or in greater part from nearly half the territory it had won. Austria, Bohemia, Hungary, Poland-the vast majority of their people-were brought back to the Faith. And the ground recovered by the Church in these few years has over since been lost. Since middle of the sixteenth century Pro testantism has not been able to launch in Europe another forward It has gained nothing over what it held in 1565; it has lost enormously as compared with what it held in 1555. On the other hand, the rise of Catholicism, especially during the last seventy five years, has been very prenounced in all the Protestant countries. In England, Scotland and Wales conversions

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shifting towards a larger Catholic percentage, so much so that even Protestant writers admit that in another hundred years Germany will have a preponderance of Catholics." have a prepondurance of Casholics. It is easy enough to see that with its tendency to indifferentism Pro-testantism in the end will become only a champion of Christian ethics, giving its tollowers the privilege of iects. making their own creeds, of believ ing whatever they please, and that is the course which is largely being mapped out to day by its leaders of thought. Thousands upon thou sands of Protestants are becoming agnostics in the sense of believing still in the Supreme Being, but ignoring all claims of divins revelation. Let us hops that many of these, grop ing in the dark, may return to the light that dwells in the home of holy

LATEST ANGLICAN CONVER. SIONS-CLERGYMEN AND LAYMEN

Aother Church. - Intermountain

Catholic.

A London journal recently made the pleasing announcement that two more Anglicans of some importance had been received into the Church. One was a clergyman whose name meanwhile, for prudential reasons, is not disclosed, and who admits that the last link that bound him to the Anglican Church was snapped through the reading of an article on the Anglican claims by Mr. (lately the Rev.) H. E. Hall, himself a note

the Rev.) H. E. Hall, himself a hole worthy convert, in the Catholic Re-view. "I read," he writes to a cor-respondent, " and it was like the blast of silver trumpets ringing sweet and clear, as the walls of my Anglican Jericho collapsed in a shower of dust and bits of stones." The second convert is Mr. John Cox, brother of Father Cox, I. C., who was received into the Church by Father Wonnacott at Lee. Mr. Cox, it seems, had been intimately connected with several highly Ritualistic societies in the Church of England, especially the Catholic League, which recently incurred Episcopal displeasure, and has since its foundation sent not a few of its members into

the Church. - Edinburgh Catholic CARDINAL BOURNE

clared that, speaking in the shadow of the old House of Commons, he PAYS TRIBUTE TO CANADIANS felt sure if the voices of Grattan,

together more closely these bonds which bound them to their grand old faith with a love stronger than death. When the priest was slain or borns away on the high sees to enforced exile, when the Mass and the Sacra-ments were no longer within reach, how often have our fathers gathered around their d secrated alfars, and within the crumbling walls of ruined churches recited the Reary! This devotion to the Holy Mother of God has clang to the exiled children of our race wherever they have sought ratuge from persecution. They have borne is away from home in their breaking hearts, together with love of the dear old land, and they have planted it deeply and firmly in those had done their part already—to emu-late and perhaps surpass their noble Two things were necessary to enable a man to offer his life for his country willingly and without fear. First to know that he had to fight in a just cause, and secondly to see that his heart was true, and that he was prepared to enter into the presence

Cardinal Bourne went on to warn his hearers against greater dangers than those against which they had so well prepared themselves; namely, the temptations to which their own passions might lead them were they not on guard against the snares which under certain conditions would surplanted it deeply and firmly in those plants it deeply and firmly in those flourishing young churches, in the founding of which they and their descendants have taken a leading part.—St. Anthony's Messenger. round them. He needed not to dwell upon that point. But many a brave man who would never have been overcome in the face of the enemy had unfortunately allowed himself to

AN UNCHRISTIAN FEELING

In conclusion, His Eminence ad Just now, more than ordinarily, dressed a few words in French, aressed a rew words in French, pointing out how by a wonderful dis-pensation of Providence French Canadians were now called upon to go to the assistance of their double fatherland : the old fatherland of France which had always held so true a place in their memories and the we hear men say that they dislike or hate whole nations. They "have no use for " French or Germans or Rus-sians or English. It is a foolish and altogether unChristian feeling. We must love all our fellow-men, and if one has had an opportunity to get acquainted with persons of different a place in their memories and the new fatherland of the British Empire, nationalities, he has found very which was safeguarding their liber-ties and traditions, had found in them most loyal and devoted submany among them fine and charming Occasionally you may have come across a disagreeable one. Every nation, including your own, has such. -Fortnightly Review.

-The Missionary.

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HARVARD TO HAVE CATHOLIC SAVANT FOR FIRST TIME

UNIVERSITY, SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS OLD, BREAKS ALL PAST

be beaten by the weakness of his

PRECEDENTS Professor Maurice de Wult, formerly of the faculty of the Univer-sity of Louvain, Belgium, has accepted the invitation of Harvard Univer-sity to the chair of the philosophy of medieval history. He is the first Catholic ever to occupy such a position in this oldest of American secu-lar universities. On his arrival at Cambridge recently, Dr. de Wulf spoke of his work at Harvard :

"I am to lecture as a scientific historian, not as a Catholic. In my lectures I shall adhere strictly to the historical point of view. But I shall try to make plain that the Middle Ages were strikingly alive and in-teresting philosophically. Do you know that there were one hundred

different systems of thought in the thirteenth century? "All the problems that you call modern were spiritedly discussed, and there was the broadest diversity of ideas. There was no one system you could call Scholasticism; for the

more you stady those much maligned periods the more you will see that they did not make the mistake of confusing theology with philosophy. They kept the two distinct -as they should be kept. That is something I hops to bring out very strongly—so that the prejudice against Scholas-ticism as a cut and dried theory, half religion, half philosophy, will be removed. The men in the thir-

teenth century had just as lively discussions—quarrels, if you will— as the philosophers of to-day."— Buffalo Echo. SEVENTEEN IRISH V. C.'S The city of Dublin has contributed,

The city of Dubin has contributed, in proportion to its population, more soldiers to the service than any other city in Great Britain or Ire-land. After stating this fact at a recent recruiting meeting in Dublin Lieutenant Alderman McWalter de

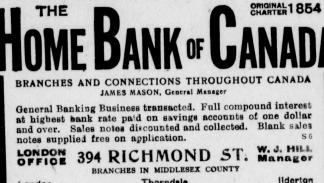


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During the week end Cardinal Bourne paid a visit to the Canadian soldiers encamped at Shorncliffe. His Eminence had been invited by the Catholics of the Second Division, and travelled from town on Saturday evening accompanied by Father George Coote.

(From the London Universe)

The Cardinal said Mass at 7:80 on Sunday morning in the Catholic chapel hut, several of the Canadians

eceiving Holy Communion. His Eminence assisted at the parade Mass, celebrated at 11 o'clock in the field in which the Canadian troops were recently reviewed by the King 1,500 soldiers attending the impres sive ceremony, the majority being French Canadians from Quebec. An altar was placed upon a platform supported by pontoon boats, and during the Mass the men joined in the singing of hymns. The celebrant

was the senior Catholic Chaplain Father T. C. Doyon, O. P.

Addressing the troops, the Cardi-nal said he had been privileged to speak to the men of His Majesty's Forces, and the fact that he had been with the men in France should con-vince his hearers of how gladly he associated himself with those who, through love of God, King and country, were offering their lives in de fence of the sacred rights of Christian civilization. The war, said His Eminence, had

brought about many wonderful things. Men had come from north, south, east and west to offer their lives, to sacrifice ease and comfort-to do all that any man could do. The wonder ful Canadian nation had done its due share.

He was glad to pay a public testimony to the part the Catholics were taking in this war; men out of all proportion to their numbers had entered the Army. This country had given nobly of her sons, and now he saw before him such splendid repre-sentatives of Canada. Canada had done magnificently to the admiration average 0,000 a year. In the Onited Sentatives of Canada. Canada had Saints in every land which has been for further to be sent sounded by the senty right for further for further to be senty from the bessed by their teaching. In dark your subscr and support of our fathers, drawing Red Cross."

Flord and O'Cannell co they would say it was the duty of the men of Dublin to act and to help their kith and their kin and to offer their services to the Government, knowing their wives and children were safe and would be taken care Referring to Irish heroism on the

battlefield in times past, he said it had been surpassed within the past banefits. twelve months. Out of the hundred V. C.'s which had been won, seven-

teen had gone to Irishmen. Two of these V. C.'s, Sergeant O'Leary, the hero of Qainchy, and Private Dwyer, have been given com

missions in the Army, and will henceforward be among the officers of the Northumberland Fusiliers. Both these young men are Catholics. —The Republic. pointed as a day for strest and other cellections of funds for the British Red Cross. No need to urge the supreme worth of this cause. Our heroic sailors and soldiers who keep the door

CARDINAL LOGUE ON THE ROSARY

I have on more than one occasion oined in the Rosary with the Pope in his Court at the Vatican ; I have joined in the Rosary in the of the peasant ; I have seen the beads elip through the fingers of the most

learned men I ever met ; I have seen them in the hands of the ignorant,and I have seen in all the same earnest, unquestioned reverence Now, it appears to me impossible that this or any other form of devotion could be so widespread, or indeed so deeply appreciated by men in every walk of life, if those that practiced it

did not know from their own experience, from the experience of others that it was a fruitful source of spirit ual favors. The history of Irish Catholicity is the history of devotion

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