

called Cephas, which is by interpretation Peter. (Revised Version and Douay say, "Peter," King James, "a stone," St. Mark says, "And Simon he surnamed Peter.")

St. Peter is usually mentioned first. It is "Peter and John," and "Peter and James and John" were present on the Mount of Transfiguration. It was St. Peter to whom the revelation of Christ's true divinity was made.

Christ especially instructs him as to paying tribute and to the matter of fidelity. St. Peter needed discipline, because the chief disciple should not be rash and impetuous. The lesson was a stern one, but its effect lasted throughout life.

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read non-Catholic editions and authorities at first. Clement, Ignatius, Polycarp, Justin, Irenaeus, Tertullian—I read them or searched them; in Edinburgh editions, comparing with Latin originals, and in more general historic discussions, and read, not as a critic or annotator with a point to be maintained, but with a desire to learn the truth.

My course spread out into detrital and polemical fields. I felt the cruel warfare of diversity of belief. What Christ taught must be true, and truth is unity: "One Lord, one faith."

That impressive prayer of His—"that they may be one, as we are," "that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe," "that they may be one, even as we are one"—three petitions for unity in one short prayer—how it accuses Christendom!

Earnestly the apostles contended against any rise of sects; they expounded against "heresy"—literally a personal choice of belief; they denounced as the son of perdition him who should some time arise to split the church by schism.

In science, which is human knowledge systematized, we hold to first principles, and all along appeal to standard authority. Why should one depart from the truth Christ taught at the beginning, and why not abide in that which He founded and to which He promised the guidance and truth of the Holy Ghost through all time?

other day some of his couriers begged him to create his two sisters countesses, for every Pope has ennobled his own family. "Countesses!" ejaculated his Holiness; "it is enough honor for them to be sisters to a Pope, unworthy as is the present one."

Some nobles of Lucca begged the Pope to nominate the new Archbishop of that city from their own social rank. "My children," gently replied the Pontiff Maximus, "that is as much as to say that if you nobles had your will I, a peasant, should never have become Pope."

In 1433 the enemies of Bernardine renewed their attack before Pope Eugenius IV. But that Pontiff had been one of those appointed by Pope Martin V. to attend the previous examination, and needed no further argument to prove the efficacy of our saint's teaching.

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Through the world have been established numerous societies whose distinctive badge is this blessed Name. Happy those families whose households are members of this society, and especially happy shall they be when, at the hour of death, their last sighs shall be hallowed by the sound of their Master's adorable Name.

prolates were all visibly touched. St. John Capistran was permitted to follow Bernardine. His defense of his spiritual father was so masterly that the charges of our saint's opponents were completely overthrown, and for the first time did Pope Martin fully realize the greatness of the humble friar who stood before him.

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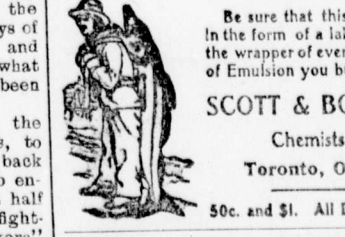
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