

the contrary, if the adversary believes in nothing which is divinely revealed, there remains no longer to prove to him articles of faith by reasoning, but to capsize his reasonings against the faith."

We should, then, be solicitous that our young people march to the combat properly instructed in Biblical knowledge, in order that they must not frustrate our legitimate hopes, nor—what would be much more serious—that they thoughtlessly run the risk of falling into error, led astray by the false promises of rationalists and the phantom of a superficial erudition. But they will be completely ready for the struggle if, after the method which We Ourselves have indicated and proscribed, they cultivate religiously and profoundly the study of philosophy and theology, under the guidance of St. Thomas Aquinas. Thus they will be certain to make sure progress not merely in Biblical science but in the domain of the theology called positive.

Certes, it is much that the truth of Catholic doctrine has been proved, and that that doctrine has been explained and elucidated, thanks to the legitimate and accomplished interpretation of the Bible; but there remains to be established another point as important as the work necessary to arrive at it is considerable—that the complete authority of the Scriptures should be demonstrated as solidly as possible. This object cannot be obtained in a full and complete manner except by the proper and ever-enduring magistracy of the Church, which "by herself, by her admirable diffusion, her eminent holiness, her inexhaustible productivity of every species of good, her Catholic unity and invincible stability, is a grand and perpetual *motus* of credibility, and an irrefragable proof of the divine mission."

But since the divine and infallible magistracy of the Church reposes on the authority of Holy Writ, at least human belief in it must at the outset be affirmed and revalidated. From these books, in fact, as from witnesses, the most experienced of antiquity, the divinity and mission of the Christ (God, the institution of the hierarchy of the Church, the primacy conferred on Peter and his successors) are to be brought in evidence and confidently established. (TO BE CONTINUED)

Who are the Patriots?

Mr. George Parsons Lathrop, who became a convert to the Catholic religion some years ago, thus gives the lie to the A. P. A. fanatics: "Am I, whose ardent and steady patriotism no one doubted before, whose family, of Puritan origin, has produced a line of evangelical ministers and has been solidly American for 258 years—am I at once transformed into a disloyal citizen when I become a Catholic? An eminent man said to me: 'You have turned your back on your countrymen.' I replied: 'No, sir. I am now the best kind of an American there is.' And with entire modesty—for the merit is not mine—I believe this to be true. For, what can make a man so good a citizen as the religion which teaches him the oneness of truth, fidelity to his country, to marriage, to conscience, and applies itself directly every day to strengthening these forces which conserve or purify society and exalt the soul?"

The choir masters of the principal cathedrals of Europe have been invited to give their opinions on the reform of the liturgic chant. The Congregation of Rites has also sent circulars to the Archbishops of Italy seeking their views in order that the alteration may be as well considered as possible.

To preserve a youthful appearance as long as possible, it is indispensable that the hair should retain its natural color and fullness. There is no preparation so effective as Ayer's Hair Vigor. It prevents baldness, and keeps the scalp clean, cool, and healthy.

A Beautiful Legend.

Dr. Macmillan, writing of the island of St. Honorat as the cradle of European monasticism, relates a beautiful legend of the saint from whom it takes its name, which recalls those told of St. Benedict and St. Scholastica. "When St. Honorat left his northern home he was accompanied by his sister, who was devotedly attached to him. The strict rules of monastic life would not allow the presence of a woman within the precincts. The gentle and beautiful girl, who, at her baptism as a Christian received the name of Margaret . . . was consequently sent to reside in the neighboring isle of Lero, where she was completely separated from her brother. . . . By her entreaties she at last prevailed on him to promise to come and see her once a year. 'Let me know,' she said, 'at what time I may look for your coming, for that season will be to me the only season of the year.' The saint replied that he would come when the almond trees were in blossom. Whereupon the legend says the forsaken Margaret assailed all the saints with her prayers and tears, until she got her wish, that the almond trees should miraculously blossom once a month, and sending each month a branch with the significant flowers on it to her brother's retreat, he dutifully came to her at once, and her heart was thus made glad by the sight of her brother no less than twelve times every year."

From a Fearful Fate.

A captain belonging to a Honved regiment, says a cable dispatch, will shortly start for Cairo, where he will assume the command of an expedition to the Soudan. The object of the expedition is to liberate the Austrians, Herr Neufelder, a merchant, and, Slatin Bey, who have long been held as slaves by the Mahdists.

Before the departure of the expedition; from Cairo, its commander will have a conference with Father Carwalder the priest who escaped from the Mahdists.

Father Carwalder and Sisters Catharine Chinciarini and Elizabeth Venturini Mission, were captured by the Mahdists and held in slavery for a long time. They effected their escape during a fight between the natives and Omdurmen, and after many privations crossed the desert to Korosko. They reported that when they left Omdurmen there were still held captives by the Mahdists at that place nineteen Greeks, eight Syrians, eight Jews, and two Austrian Missionaries.

Slatin Bey was then holding a high post under the Khalifa Abdallah, but was closely watched. Herr Neufelder was kept in chains and compelled to make powder for his captors in the old Austrian Mission Church at Khartoum. Some of the captive sisters died soon after being taken into slavery.

The first part of a work on the Deluge, of much interest to theologians and scientists, has just come from the University press, Fribourg, Switzerland. The title is "Le Deluge devant la Critique Historique," and the author is M. de Girard, a professor at the Polytechnical School of Zurich.

The handsome bronze statue of the Rev. John C. Drumgoole, which was recently cast in Philadelphia, has been placed upon its pedestal on the corner of Lafayette Place and Great Jones street, in front of the handsome building of the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, and, facing west, it will be very plainly seen by pedestrians on Broadway.

Beniger's Catholic Home Annual, 1894.

We have just received a supply of this very popular annual. It contains the usual good things in the shape of stories, poems, historical and biographical sketches, and plenty of pretty, interesting pictures. Price by mail 25cts., in stamps or scrip. Address, CATHOLIC REGISTER Publishing Co., Ltd., Toronto, Ont.

Eloquent Bishop Keane.

Right Rev. John J. Keane, rector of the Catholic University at Washington, D. C., delivered an eloquent lecture on "The Light of the World" on Dec. 20, in St. Patrick's school hall, Roxbury, Mass., before a large and thoroughly appreciative audience.

Bishop Keane began by justifying his assumption of such a subject by the proximity of Christmas, Christ's birthday. He next delivered a beautiful apostrophe to light, whose absence meant darkness. He then considered the gropings of the human mind in the darkness since the creation of the world.

He instanced Socrates as an example of the many figures prophetic of the coming of Christ. He then brought his audience through the time of the birth of Christ to the period of the renaissance, and showed how from that time on the world wandered with regard to philosophy, statesmanship, economy, and the relationship existing between God and man, as well as the relationship of man to man.

He then considered at length the darkness of modern times, and took up the school question.

"The schoolroom," he continued, "does not exclude religion because it hates it, but because it does not know how to make room for it. But room must be made. Schools which teach their children to hate one another, to envy one another's successes, and to never grow up as friends in this world, are not Christian schools. Give me the school which teaches its members to love truth, honesty and purity, whose aim is love of your neighbor, whose ideal is God."

"The Printer's Devil."

The origin of the word has led to many surmises, says an exchange. Superstitious people used to think that in order to produce copies so rapidly a printer must have the assistance of the black art, and therefore his apprentice was called the devil. The story goes that when Aldus Manutius commenced printing in Venice he had in his service a negro boy who became famous all over the city as "the little black devil," and it was whispered he was the representative of his Satanic Majesty. This was very annoying to Aldus, so he publicly exhibited the boy and said:

"Be it known to Venice that I, Aldus Manutius, printer to the Holy Church and Doge, have this very day made public exposure of the printer's devil. All those who think he is not flesh and blood may come and pinch him."

A more probable origin of the phrase, however, is the following: The first apprentice William Caxton had was the son of a French gentleman named De Ville of Deville. So the word came into general use for the boys who did the printer's dirty work.

The Church in France has lost since the beginning of the year eleven prelates amongst whom were five Archbishops, comprising the Cardinals of Lyons and of Rennes, three bishops, and four Vicars-Apostolic. Four Sees are at present vacant—namely, the Archbishopric of Besancon, and the bishoprics of Evreux, Orleans, and Mans.

Mrs. Celeste Cook, Syracuse, N. Y., writes: "For years I could not eat many kinds of food without producing a burning, excruciating pain in my stomach. I took Parmelee's Pills according to directions under the head of 'Dyspepsia or Indigestion.' One box entirely cured me. I can now eat anything I choose, without distressing me in the least." These Pills do not cause pain or griping, and should be used when a cathartic is required.

The youngest queen consort of Europe, the Queen of Portugal, was born at Twickenham in England. She was the favorite child of the Comte de Paris, and is a brave and graceful horsewoman. She has two little sons.

For Christian Education.

The Protestant Conservatives in Germany have taken a resolution which redounds much to their honor, and will certainly win for them the approbation of all Catholics. It will be remembered that the famous scholastic law in favor of Christian education, promulgated by the government and assured of passing by a large majority, being violently opposed by the Liberals, was withdrawn by command of the Emperor. The recent election having given the Conservatives a very largely increased majority, their organs call upon the Prussian Government to re-introduce the measure, otherwise the Conservatives will take the initiative themselves. As the candidates at the late elections distinctly pledged themselves to support this proposed law, and people who voted for them have shown themselves undeniably in favor of it, and have pronounced with one accord for the legal establishment of religious education. Hence it is imperative on the Conservative, in supporting the Scholastic Law, to combat also the neutral or atheistic schools so dear to the Jews and Freemasons, and in doing so they may count on the support of all Catholics, who desire nothing so much as a sincere union of all believers in the work of arresting the spread of dangers which menace the Christian society of Germany.—London Tablet.

The Loretto Nuns of Australia.

Monsignor Kelly, rector of the Irish National College at Rome, had the honor of an audience with the Holy Father on Wednesday, November 29, for the purpose of presenting him with an address from the nuns and pupils of the Loretto Order in Australia. Although twenty years have not elapsed since the foundress of this Order, Mrs. Barry and her companions, left Rathfarnham, Dublin, for the foundation in Ballarat, there are now several flourishing houses in Australia. Almost all the nuns and pupils are Irish or of Irish descent. The address was beautifully printed on silk, and mounted on rollers in white and gold. There were also a large bouquet and a solid quill-shaped gold pen sent with the address for presentation to Leo XIII. The Pope received Mgr. Kelly with marked cordiality, and expressed his paternal appreciation of the filial devotion of these Irish-Australian children and nuns, and in conclusion bestowed the apostolic Benediction on all the convents and their work.

The Sailor Monk.

Father Albert Guglielmotti, the Dominican priest who died in Rome recently, was a noted figure in the Via Nazionale of that city, where he was accustomed to walk on Sundays at sunset, his head erect, his eyes steady, his walk firm. He looked like a soldier who had turned monk, and in fact in early life he had been a marine. When not in Rome he traveled along the coasts of Italy, taking pleasure in conversing with sailors and collecting their modes of speech and idioms. He was a man of science, had large views, and kept up a literary correspondence with Signor Lixio, whom, however, he had never met. He was so much admired for his study of naval affairs that a man-of-war was to have been named after the sailor-monk, had not custom forbade the use of the name of a living man.

A Simple way to help Poor Catholic Missions.

Save all cancelled postage stamps of every kind and country and send them to Rev. P. M. Barral, Hammoncton, New Jersey. Give at once your address, and you will receive with the necessary explanation a nice Souvenir of Hammoncton Missions.

Mgr. Satolli is said to be very fond of birds. There is a cage of birds in almost every room in his house.