

He took the name of Clement VII, and his election was made known to all the courts of the Christian world.

Such was the origin of the great schism which was, during forty years, to desolate the Church.

(To be continued.)

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SORROW AS A MEDICINE.

God has given us the power of sorrowing : why, and to what end ? For no other end but that you may use it to wash away your sins. Let an example show how true this is. Medicines were made for those diseases only which they can cure, and are useful for those alone. For instance, if a medicine has been tried for many diseases, and has failed in curing them, but when applied in the case of one disease has removed it at once we concluded directly that that medicine was made for that disease and that alone. Now sorrow is a medicine apply it, then, in the case of all the miseries of this life; and see which it heals, and learn from that for what it was made, and why the power of sorrowing has been implanted in our hearts by God. You have lost all your property, and are reduced to beggary: add sorrow, does it give you back your riches ? No, then it was not made for loss of riches. You are annoyed and insulted and injured by your neighbour: add sorrow, and what do you gain by the addition ? Does it lessen the annoyance, remove the insult, or compensate for the injury ? No ; it was not then made for annoyances, or insults or injuries. You have lost a dear wife or child ; you grieve, lament, sorrow. Does this recal your wife or child to life ? No, such grief is natural, but it heals nothing here. It was not, then, made for loss of wife or children. You are on a sick bed, you lose patience, you sorrow—does this help you ? No, it only increases your sickness. It was not then made for sickness. But you have sinned, and you sorrow for your sin, and at once the sin is forgiven. Sorrow was then made for sin and for sin alone. For it was used as a medicine for other miseries