# The Church.

### THE NATIONAL SINS OF CONTINENTAL EUROPE PUNISHED BY THE WARS AND OPPRESSIONS OF NAPOLEON.

(From Alison's History of the French Revolution).

Putting together the losses to the victors and to the vanquished, it may fairly be concluded that, from the 1st October, 1806, to the 30th June, 1807, that is, during a period of nine months, a million of human beings were consigned to military hospitals, of whom, at least, a hundred thousand perished, independent of those slain in battle, who were at least as many more! The mind finds it impossible to apprehend such enormous calamities; like the calculations of the distance of the sun, or the fixed stars, they elude the grasp of the most vivid imagination; bùt even in the bewildering impression which they produce, they tend to show how boundless was the suffering then occasioned by human ambition; how awful the judgment of the to whose favourable opinion he aspired. On entering Almighty then executed upon the earth!

Nor is it difficult to discern what were the national sins which were thus visited with so terrible a punishment. Fourteen years before, Austria, Russia, and Prussia, had united their armies to partition Sarmatia, and Suwarrow had entered Warsaw while yet reeking with Polish blood. In the prosecution of this guilty object, they neglected the volcano which was bursting forth in the west of Europe; they starved the war on the Rhine to feed that on the Vistula, and opened the gates of Germany to French ambition. Prussia, in particular, first drew off from the European alliance, and after the great barrier of frontier fortresses had been broken through in 1793, and revolutionary France stood, as Napoleon admits, "on the verge of ruin," allowed her to restore her tottering fortunes, and, for ten long years, stood by in dubious and selfish neutrality, anxious only to secure or increase her illgotten gains. And what was the result? Poland became the great theatre of punishment to the partitioning powers; her blood-stained fields beheld the writhing and the anguish of the victors. Pierced to the heart by hostile armies, driven up to a corner of her territory, within sight almost of the Sarmatian wilds, Austria saw her expiring efforts for independence overthrown on the field of Austerlitz. Reft of her dominions, bound in chains for the insult of the Conqueror, with the iron driven into her soul, Prussia beheld her last hopes expire on the shores of the Vistula. Banished almost from Europe, couquered in war, sullied in fame, Russia was compelled to sign the ignominious peace on the banks of the Niemen, the frontier of her Lithuanian spoils. The measure of her retribution is not yet complete; the Grand Duchy of Warsaw is to become the outwork of France against Moscovy; the tide of war is to roll on to Red Russia; the sacred towers of Smolensko are to be shaken by Polish battalions, the sack of Praga is to be expiated by the flames of Moscow. That Providence superintends the progress of human affairs; that the retributions of justice apply to political societies as well as single men, and that nations, which have no immortality, are destined to undergo the punishment of their flagrant iniquities in this world, was long ago announced in thunders from Mount Sinai, and may be observed in every subsequent page of civilized history. But it is often on the third and fourth generation that the retribution descends, and, in the complicated thread of intervening events, it is sometimes difficult to trace the connexion which we know exists between the guilty deeds and the deserved suffering. In the present instance, however, the connexion was immediate and palpable; the actors in the iniquitous spoliation were themselves the sufferers by its effects; it was the partition of Poland which opened the gates of Europe to France; it was the partitioning powers that sunk beneath the car of Napoleon's ambition.

And was France, then, the instrument of this terrible dispensation, to escape herself the punishment of her sins? Was she, stained with the blood of the righteous, wrapt in the flames of the Church, marked Sir, I would not trust such a man with the honour of with the sign of the miscreant, to be the besom of a wife, a sister, or a daughter—with my own purse or speech nor language, but its voice was heard, sayin destruction to others, and to bask only in the reputation, or with any thing which I thought valuable. to the gazing audience,-LIVE FOR THE FUTURE.sunshine of glory herself?-No! the dread hour Our acquaintance, sir, is at an end.' I rose and left of her retribution was steadily approaching; swift as the company, and never after spoke to Mr. Giles. was the march of her triumphant hosts, swifter still was the advance of the calamities which was to pre- as helping to elucidate the character of Mr. Jefferson sage her fall. Already to the discerning eye was on the disputed point of want of credulity, as he would visible the handwriting on the wall which foretold her call it. In nodding and smiling assent to all the vidoom. At Tilsit she reached the highest point of rulence of his friend, Mr. Giles, he appeared to me to her ascendant; every subsequent change was a step avow most distinctly his entire approbation. From nearer to her ruin. True, the continent had sunk this time my acquaintance with Mr. Jefferson became beneath her arms; true, Austria, Prussia, and Rus- cold and distant."-Church Record, (Published at reminding him that the exertion might probab sia had successively fallen in the conflict : true, she Flushing N. Y.) had advanced her eagles to the Niemen, and from the Rock of Gibraltar to the Baltic Sea, no voice dared to breathe a whisper against her authority; still the seeds of destruction were implanted in her bosom .-Her feet were of base and perishable clay. The resources of the empire were wasting away in the pursuit of the lurid phantoms which its people worshipped; its strength was melting under the incessant drains which the career of victory demanded ; a the pure light of the gospel in this kingdom, as she Farley ; where his sickness and infirmity confined h hundred and fifty thousand men were annually sacri- had before most successfully done in England; so, in to the bed from which he was never taken alive. ficed to the Moloch of its ambition. They saw it order to this, she resolves to restore the Book of Com- was, at that time, wasted away almost to a skelet not,-they felt it not; joyfully its youth, "like reapers, descend to the harvest of death." "They REPENTED NOT of their sins, to give glory to the Lord." \* \* \* \* Though the timidity of Austria, when her forces were capable of interfering with decisive effect on the theatre of European contest, and the Lord Lieutenant here, the Litany and Te Deum were actually expire in the pulpit, he, at least, ended supineness of England, when she had only to appear publicly read in the English tongue, with much solemn days in the work of the ministry : for, in the midst in adequate force to conquer, were the causes to which alone we are to ascribe the long subsequent continuance, multiplied disasters, and unbounded ultimate bloodshed of the war, yet for the development of Archbishop of Dublin, and of the Mayor of this city, sorrowing bystanders, he spoke nearly as follows :the great moral lesson to France and mankind, and and a very great assembly. the illustration of the glories of patriotic resistance, it was fortunate that, by protracting it, opportunity was Popish zealots, were exceedingly disgusted; who I am, therefore, anxious, while yet the breath afforded for the memorable occurrences of its later evidently saw, it would be in vain to support the dving my body, and my gracious God will spare me the years. But for that circumstance the annals of the cause of the Mass, if the English Service-Book be of my tongue, to address my last words to you. world would have lost the strife in the Tyrol, the fully introduced ; rightly concluding, if that were once has always been my prayer to God, from the time patriotism of Aspern; the siege of Saragossa, the fields of Spain. Peace would have been concluded with France as an ordinary power; she would have retained her magnificence quite destroyed: the Rhine for her boundary, and Paris would have remained the depositary of revolutionary plunder; the forged, and as confidently given out. The account oblation of my body. Since this has not been grad Moscow campaign would not have avenged the blood of the innocent, nor the capture of their capital entered like iron into the soul of the vanquished .---The last act of the mighty drama had not yet arrived; England would have saved three hundred millions of down the Conqueror of the World.

DENT OF THE UNITED STATES. In Colonel Trumbull's Autobiography, he mentions his dislike to Mr. Jefferson, with whom he was for-

merly on terms of intimacy and friendship. Colonel Trumbull gives the following account of their alienation: "It has been seen that in Europe I had been on

terms of confidence with Mr. Jefferson; this continued for some time, so that in America, when the first mission to the states of Barbary was determined on, it was, through him, offered to me, and declined; but, as the French revolution advanced, my whole soul revolted from the atrocities of France, while he approved, or apologized for all. He opposed Washington-I revered him-and coldness gradually succeeded, until in 1793 he invited me to dine. A few days before, I had offended his friend, Mr. Giles, Senator from Virginia, by rendering him ridiculous in the eyes of a lady, the drawing-room at Mr. Jefferson's, on the day of the dinner, I found a part of the company already

assembled, and among them Mr. Giles. I was scarcely seated, when Giles began to rally me upon the puritanical ancestry and character of New-England. I saw there was no other person from New-England present, and therefore, although conscious that I was in no degree qualified to manage a religious discussion, yet I felt myself bound to make the attempt, and defend my country on this delicate point as well as I could.

Whether it had been pre-arranged that a discussion on the Christian religion, in which it should be powerfully ridiculed on the one side, and weakly defended on the other, should be brought forward, as promising amusement to a rather free-thinking dinner party, I will not determine; but it had that appearance, and Mr. Giles pushed his raillery, to my no small annoyance, if not discomfiture, until dinner was announced. That, I hoped, would relieve me, by giving a new turn to the conversation, but such was not the case; the company was hardly seated at table, when he renewed his attack with increasing asperity, and proceeded so far, at last, as to ridicule the character, conduct, and doctrines of the divine founder of our religion-Jefferson in the mean time smiling and nodding in approbation on Mr. Giles, while the rest of the company silently left me and my defence to our fate; until at length my friend, Mr. David Franksfirst Cashier of the Bank of the United States-took up the argument on my side. Thinking this a fair opportunity for evading farther conversation on this subject, I turned to Mr. Jefferson and said, 'Sir, this is a strange situation in which I find myself: in a country professing Christianity, and at a table with Christians, as I supposed, I find my religion and myself attacked with severe and almost irresistible wit and raillery, and not a person to aid me in my defence, but my friend Mr. Franks, who is himself a Jew. For a moment this attempt to parry the discussion appeared to have some effect; but Giles soon returned to the attack with renewed virulence, and burst out with-' It is all a miserable delusion and priestcraft; I do not believe one word of all they say about a future state of existence, and retribution for actions done here. I do not believe one word of a Supreme Being who takes cognizance of the paltry affairs of this world, and to whom we are responsible for what we do.

"I had never before heard or seen in writing such a broad and unqualified avowal of Atheism. I was at first shocked, and remained a moment silent; but soon rallied and replied, 'Mr. Giles, I admire your frankness, and it is but just that I should be equally frank in avowing my sentiments. Sir, in my opinion, the man who can with sincerity make the declaration which you have just made, is perfectly prepared for the commission of every atrocious action, by which he

can promise himself the advancement of his own interest, or the gratification of his impure passions, provided he can commit it secretly, and with a reasonable probability of escaping detection by his fellow men. "I have thought it proper to relate this conversation

choir, for fear of danger.

the blood soaked through upon the face.

of God does very often direct the most inconsiderable count of that fictitious miracle, which the Archbishop and at a very critical juncture in the year 1559, and it had the desired happy effect.

## THE MORAL OF A BUTTERFLY.

On a fine summer's day, in 1840, a clergyman was called to preach in a town in Indiana, to a young Episcopal congregation. At the close of his discourse he addressed his young hearers in some such words as these : " Learn that the present life is a preparation inked with the future throughout creation, in the ves the seed, so is the fruit, -as is the egg, so is the ional being in this world, so will he be in the next.-Dives estranged from God here, is Dives estranged from God there; and Eaoch walking with God here, is Enoch walking with God in a higher and better world .--- I beseech you then, live for a blessed eternity. Go to the worm that you wead upon and learn a lesson of wisdom. The very caterpillar seeks the food that fosters it for another and sublimer state; and more wisely than man, builds its own sepulchre, from whence, in time, by a kind of resurrection, it comes forth a new creature, in almost an angelic form. And now, that which was hideous is beautiful-and that which crawled, flies-and that which fed on comparitively gross food, sips the dew and revels in the rich pastures, an emblem of that paradise where flows the river of life, and grows the tree of life. Could the caterpillar have been diverted from its proper element and mode of life, it had never attained the butterfly's splendid form and hue; it had perished a worthless worm. Consider her ways and be wise. Let it not be said that ye are more negligent than worms; and that your reason is less available than their instinct. As often as the butterfly flits across your path, re member that it whispers in its flight-LIVE FOR TH FUTURE."

With this the preacher closed his discourse-bu to deepen the impression, a butterfly, directed by th hand which guides alike the sun and atom in its cours fluttered through the church, as if commissioned heaven to repeat the exhortation. There was neither

ANECDOTE OF MR. JEFFERSON, PRESI- Lord Lieutenant and Council hastened out of the might entertain opinions different from my own. It was my only desire that neither party might prejudice The Archbishop of Dublin, suspecting the cheat, the other, and that charity might be shed abroad upon caused the image to be searched and washed, to see the hearts of our brethren, by the Holy Spirit which if it would bleed afresh; which was no sooner done, is given unto us. And my prayer to the Almighty and but asponge was found within the hollow of the image's most gracious God, is, that of his infinite mercy, he head, which Leigh, (sometime a monk of that cathe- will vouchsafe either to convert or to confound the dral) had soaked in a bowl of blood, and watching Roman Pontiff, the author, the sower, and the standardhis opportunity, early on Sunday morning, had placed bearer, of all the rebellions, dissensions, and schisms, the sponge, so swollen with blood, over the image's in the Christian world; who, wherever he has planted head, within the crown; and so by little and little his foot, has scattered abroad the seeds of contention,

and, as it were, thrown down bones for dogs to fight The sponge was presently brought down, and for. I also pray that he will long preserve her Mashowed to those worshippers, who were both ashamed jesty, the Queen, and that he will govern and defend and cursed Father Leigh, and the contrivers of the the Parliament; that he will multiply and protect cheat, who were all put to public penance the next religious pastors; and will give true peace and Chris-Sunday in the church, and stood on a table, before tian concord to the Church. I further request of you, the pulpit, with their crime written on their breasts. who are now standing around me, and of all whom I The Archbishop of Dublin himself preaching before may have offended, that you will grant me your forthe Lord Lieutenant and Council, chose for his text giveness; and that you will do this one last good ofthat remarkable and seasonable portion of Holy fice of charity to a dying man : namely, that since my Scripture, taken out of the 2 Thess. ii. 11., God hour is at hand, and all the moisture of my body is shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe dried up, you will aid me by your own prayers, when you perceive that my own are becoming languid, The detection of this master-piece of Romish forgery through the weakness of the flesh. If I have, heretohad such an effect upon many of the Papists then fore, taught you, and many others, now is the time in assembled, that an hundred of them swore they would which I, in my turn, may be edified and confirmed by never hear Mass again. And, as the unerring wisdom you." He then desired that the 71st Psalm might be sung. At the words, Thou, O Lord, art my hope events to great and admirable purposes, for the benefit and my trust, from my youth, he cried out, "Thou, of his true religion and worship; so did this very Lord, hast been my only hope." And again-when they came to the verses, Cast me not off in the time of of Dublin carefully transmitted to Dr. Parker, then old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth; nor Archbishop elect of Canterbury, prove a good argu- when I um old and grey-headed, O Lord, forsake me ment to him and the other Protestant divines, then not,-he exclaimed, "Every one, who is dying, is in bishops elect of some of the vacant sees, to urge to truth, old and grey-headed, and failing in strength." the Queen the total removal of all images out of When the Psalm was over, he broke forth into frechurches; which was then under debate in England, quent ejaculation;-"" Lord, now let thy servant depart in peace-Lord, suffer thy servant to come unto Thee-Lord, receive my spirit." On hearing one who was present praying that God would restore him to health, and give him back to the Church, he turned his eye towards the person, and repeated the words of Ambrose :--- "I have not so lived, that I am ashamed of having lived ; neither do I fear death for our God is merciful. A crown of righteousness is now laid up for me. Christ is my righteousness. Father, thy will be done : thy will, I say; not mine, for, and has a tendency to eternity. The present is for mine is imperfect and depraved. O Lord, in Thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded. This is getable, in the animal, and in the moral world. As my to-day. To-day, I shall quickly come unto Thee. To-day, I shall see Thee, O Lord Jesus." His voice fowl; as is the boy, so is the man; and as is the ra- now failing him, he signified to the bystanders, that they should continue to pray incessantly. And when he was unable to join them with his tongue, he expressed the consent of his soul with their supplica tions, by lifting up his hands and eyes, to his very last breath. When he had expired, his eyes were closed by his steward, Riley : and thus was finished the mortal course of this great and good man, on the 23d September, 1571, before he had completed his fiftieth year .- Life of Jewel by Rev. C. W. Le Bas.

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#### A POPISH MIRACLE.

(From a Sermon preached by Henry Maule, Lord Bishop of Dromore, at Christ Church, Dublin, on the 23d October 1733.)

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of Sussex into Ireland, whom she had appointed her him an expression of impatience; and, if he did joy, in this Cathedral, in the year of our Lord 1559, his mortal pains, he called his household togeth in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant and Privy and laboured for their edification, by an exposition Council of this Kingdom, of Dr. Hugh Curwen, Lord | the Lord's Prayer. At the close of his address to

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of it and of the detection of the forgery is this:

lin, a marble image of Christ, with a reed in his hand, the midst of my visitation of the people of God, and a crown of thorns on his head. While the Eng- God himself hath graciously visited me. With res it was the design of Providence that it should termi- lish Service was saying before the Lord Lieutenant, to my controversy with Harding, I protest that nate in yet deeper tragedy, and present a more awful the Archbishop of Dublin, the Privy Council, the countered him, not for the purpose of disparaging spectacle of the Divine judgments to mankind .- Mayor of the City, and a great assembly,-blood was reputation, nor with the view of intentionally supp seen to run down the crevices of the crown of thorns, ing any one erroneous doctrine, nor in order to her debt, but she would have lost Vittoria and Water- and to trickle down the face of the image, whereupon that emptiest of all things, the glory of this w loo; her standards would not have waved in the Pass one of the contrivers of the fraud cried out,-"See My sole object has been to serve God and his Chi of Roncevalles, nor her soldiers entered in triumph how our Saviour's image sweats blood, which it could My last sermon from the pulpit at St. Paul's, and the gates of Paris; she would have shared with Russia, not but do since heresy is now come into the Church;" conference with certain of my brethren, relativ in a very unequal proportion, the lustre of the contest, whereat several of the common people fell down, with the discipline of ceremonies, and the state of and to barbaric force, not freeborn bravery, future beads in their hands, and prayed to the image; vast Church, were held by me, not that I might gratify ages would have awarded the glory of having struck numbers flocked to the sight, and the confusion was mortal living, nor that I might please the ears of

Western Episcopal Observer.

# THE LAST HOURS OF BISHOP JEWEL

The last scene of Jewel's labours was the town Lacock, in Wiltshire, where he had promised preach. A gentleman, who saw him on his journ discovering, from his appearance, that he was miseral indisposed, besought him to desist from his purpos he fatal, and urging that it were better that the peo should be disappointed of one sermon, than be fina deprived of such a preacher. Jewel, however, w deaf to all persuasion. He only replied, that it w became a Bishop to die in the pulpit. He accordin persevered ; and delivered his last sermon from fifth chapter of Galatians,- Walk in the Spirit, and As it was one of the first and early cares of this shall not fulfil the lusts of the flesh. Having, with d glorious Protestant Queen [Elizabeth,] to establish ficulty, finished his discourse, he rode to Monk "like mon Prayer, published by authority of her pious and and endured extreme anguish from the violence of most excellent brother, King Edward VI, which had disorder. But the Christian graces, which had b gloriously manifested in his life, now appeared to

Accordingly, at the first coming over of the Earl stronger than death. His sufferings never wrung fi perceive clearly that I am about to go the way of

At this, the Romish priests and friars, and other flesh. I feel the arrows of death fixed within his name by the sacrifice of my flesh, and set my A pretended miracle was, therefore, immediately to the truth, which I profess and have taught, by me, it is my consolation that I am now worn d There was in the Cathedral of Christ Church, Dub- and exhausted by my labours in his service. For so great, that the congregation broke up, and the nor that I might molest or exasperate any party w