

## THE "ITALIAN MISSION."

The present Archbishop of Canterbury has done the Church a great service by using the phrase at the head of this article. The Archbishop knows well how men's minds are governed by apt and descriptive phrases, and by this particular phrase he has hit off with a brilliant aptitude especially his own the exact position of Roman Catholics in England. The Roman Catholic communion in England is a plant of foreign growth. It is essentially an exotic, and it has no historical connection with the Church of England at any period of its existence. It is really and actually what the Archbishop calls it. It is 'The Italian Mission,' and can never be the National Church of the Anglo-Saxon race. Archdeacon Grant has adduced in this present issue some valuable historical testimony to prove that the English Church was national and independent for centuries before the Reformation.

The south of England owes much to the "Italian Mission" of St. Augustine and his followers in A. D. 597. The heathen Saxons of the South, who had driven the British Church into Wales and Cornwall, were converted by his efforts. But the first Archbishop of Canterbury was consecrated in France, and the "Italian Mission" became merged into the National Church of England. St. Augustine did not attempt to introduce Roman ritual and usages, and he never attempted to introduce the idea of a Papal Supremacy. After all, his work was very limited in its area. St. Aidan, as the representative of British and Celtic Christianity, was the real Apostle of England, as the late Bishop Lightfoot acutely observed. Paulinus, as an emissary of St. Augustine's Mission, tried to convert the North of England, but failed, and then Celtic Christianity stepped in and won the North of England for Christ. The French Roman Catholic, Montalembert, frankly makes this admission.

Archbishop Theodore, of Tarsus, subsequently united the remnant of St. Augustine's mission with the Celtic Christians, and undid the mischief wrought at St. Augustine's oak. After his day the English Church has remained national and independent until the present time. The Roman Catholic Church had no existence in England before the reign of Queen Elizabeth. When the Pope excommunicated her, a handful of English people left the National Church and became Roman Catholic dissenters. An "Italian Mission" of Jesuits was sent from Rome to look after this tiny flock.

This is the historical beginning of the modern anti-Roman Catholic schism in England, which is presided over by Cardinal Vaughan, and which the Archbishop of Canterbury has rightly termed the "Italian Mission." The Roman Catholic Church in England is an alien exotic, and is utterly removed by its associations and sympathies from the broad stream of the national religious life. Pope Leo XIII. recently expressed the pious aspiration that England might speedily become Roman Catholic. The Pope shows deroti not to realize facts, and he knows well enough that England is no more likely to become Roman Catholic than it is to become converted to the tenets of the Plymouth Brethren, or the peculiar religious beliefs of the persons whom their founder aptly terms the "Grubb Lunatics."

England is becoming more Catholic every day in the true sense of the term. The English Church is the purest representative of the Catholicity of the Primitive Church.—'Family Churchman.'

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