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PROTESTANTISM

WHAT IS IT ?

Michael Andrew Chapman in America The recent "Anglo-Catholic Congress" in London which was made up of representatives of the extreme "High Church party" in the Church of England and the Protestant Epis- | Hall has answered both this question copal Church in the United States of and that which serves as caption to America was not only an interesting this article. For there is one point and important phenomenon in the of sgreement among Protestants, and realm of religion, but a serious indi- only one, from the Reverend Father to among the diversity of Protestant cation of the trend of the times in Altus in his Gothic chasuble to the non-Catholic circles. The more Reverend Mr. Calvin in his shirt-than 10,000 people who several times sleeves on the revival platform, and filled the Albert Hall at the meetings that is repudiation of the Pope. of the Congress ; the street processions of copied and mitered prelates; the Selemn High Masses in various London churches, with Bishops from America, Canada, Australia and South Africa as well as England officiating with all the pomp of Cash-officiating with all the pomp of Cash-olic cersmonial, made an impressive picture which caught the public sys far more strikingly than the more far more strikingly than the more officiating with all the pomp of Cath.

its inception by several University men, including John Henry Newman, Dr. Pusey, and John Keble, in the middle of the nineteenth century, has progressed, in spite of the strenuous opposition of ecclesias. tical authoritics, until today, as Father Vincent McNabb, O.P., remarks in his article in the current number of Blackfriars, it would seem to be an Anglican "second spring," a veritable resurrection of the estab-Church. Numerically it can must be more or less High Church, and the whole body, both in Church, and the whole body, both in England and in this country has become thoroughly leavened with Catholic doctrine and tends more Churchmen are undoubtedly orthodox Catholic doctrine and tends more and more to Catholic ceremonial and practice. Indeed, so strong has the movement become, so far has it pro-gressed, that its leaders are forsaking the applogetic attitude which for a generation was characteristic, and generation was experience of a post-are assuming the position of a post-tive offensive. Teaching and prac-of Christ?" is answered in a varying tive offensive. Teaching and pracexplained are today being held up as the only true teaching and practice the Head of His Church on earth." of the Anglican Church by an in-creasingly large and influential group of leaders in whose minds there is not the faintest shadow of a doubt as to the sternal truths of the Catholic Faith or their own Godgiven mission to restore it in its fulness to the Anglican Communion. Their work is marked by sincerity and vigor. It cannot be denied that the life of the Episcopal churches in English speaking lands centers in them. The results of their work are marvelous, and they point to the growth of religious communities of th men and women, the acceptance of Catholic teaching and the spread of Catholic observances in increasing numbers of parishes as proof that sect of whatever name, they all the Church they so ably represent is a true and integral part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

The recent defection of one of their Bishops to the Catholic Church while admittedly a setback and a grief to them, can be, and is, readily encroaching tide of modern neces explained on personal grounds. Dr. sities. Just as Catholics hold up the Hall, of the General Theological Papacy as the visible center of unity, Seminary in New York, in an article so Protestants units in the denial of Anglo Catholics. And I take one are many Anglicans who say their making the usual Anglican claim that the Providence of God has overruled that historic calamity for good, says : "To prove that it was an aposinserted.) Catholic Congress in the daily papers, viewing admiringly the pictures in the Sanday supplements of the out door procession of the daily papers, essential to the full profession of the second to the full profession of the conceive of that one point as non-the last moments of life, and fervent tators, of course, the services of any "advanced parish" in our large oities, one might almost think that the High Church or Catholic pariy in the Episcopal Church had nothing in common with their Presbyterian or door processions, attending, as spec-tators, of course, the services of any The Rev. Mr. Ca the Episcopai Church had beling in common with their Presbyterian or Methodist neighbors. Father Mc-Nabb's encomium is merited by the group of men who represent all that is vital and active in Anglicanism: Movement, does not believe in the Catholic religion. He abhors every the House of Providence Chapel. Solemn Requiem Mass was sung by Seven Horns.'' He thinks, though he is too polite to say so, that the Episis vital and active in Anglicanism : is too polite to say so, that the Epis-This resurrection has sprung from copal Bisbop of Nazareth, sitting at Dundas, sub descon. Reverend J. A such resolve, has encountered such the head of the table in the Directors' O'Sullivan was master of coremonies such resolve, has encountered such opposition, has been fraught with such surprises, and, as we may truly say, has been crowned with success that it is one of the chief phenomena of the nineteenth and twentieth cen-turies. Its importance to us, Roman Catholics, is not merely that it has given us two Cardinals, many Bish-one, thousands of converts, and a given us two Cardinate, many bine to contrain at S. Alada at the story of the state of the used of the wears at the altar, and the hymns our people sing in their homes. The things it has done within our fold though so great, and indeed unique, are almost unimportant when com-pared with the things it has done at

home in its own fold—their restora-tion of liturgical worship has ex-amples even for us within the fold of sgree to help raise the necessary ______ Their churches are often medels of liturgical exactness. What, says the Catholic ; what,

triumphantly rejoins the Anglican what has such a movement as this to do with Protestantism ? And Dr.

Of course between the two gentle-men whom I have mentioned there lies a great gult which neither of them is desirous of bridging. But across that abyss they stretch out friendly hands in the basis of their air of finality that the Pope is anti-Christ. The former calls himself a

Catholic, and earnestly contends for the Faith which was once delivered to the Saints. His good faith cannot for an instant be called in question. Neither can that of the other, who, out. It may dis having given up every sectarian tenet it may are be honest in its convio-that called his communion into exthat called his communion into ex-istence in the sixteenth century, and possibly every vestige of old fash-ioned Christianity as well, still clings to the one great central dogma of Devices antiam, the one doctrine same Bishops, am not. But once Devices antiam, the one doctrine same Bishops, am not. But once Devices antiam, the one doctrine same Bishops, am not. But once the transformation of the same bishops, am not. But once the transformation of the same bishops, am not. But once the transformation of the transformati would seem that every third Angli-can must be more or less High which has survived the disintegrat-apply the touchetone of Peter, and

of Protestantism runs the gamut from Theism to frank agnosticism. tice which were, twenty or thirty years ago, telerated, permitted, and explaized are today being held up as Pope of Rome is not his Vicar nor externals there is a constant drift towards architectural and ceremonial

It is this bond of union which features which are certainly historically associated with Catholicism. today makes possible the remarkable efforts after a pan-Protestant re-union in which even the Protestant These outward manifestations stop with estheticism except in the Episcopal Church feels itself relucsantly forced to join. Protestantism is essentially a divisive force, its history proves that, if proof is needed. Modern Protestants have given up, to a very large extent, if not completely, the distinctive doctrines on the force of which they separated them'selves first from the Catholic Church, then from the Church of England, and finally from one Papalism. another. But by a strange paradox the Rock of Peter has been the foundation stone of every Protestant

stand on it together, their rock of scandal, their cornerstone, the one thing they lear, last it grind them to powder as the shifting sands of their various and divergent beliefs and denials disappear beneath the Seminary in New York, in an article published during the summer, goes deeper and examines the rationale of Dr. Kinsman's book, "Salve Maker," arriving, naturally, at the conclusion that the sometime Blehop faile to make out his case for Rome as against Canterbury. It is not my intention to write a review of Dr. Hall's article, I merely cite it as thall's article, I merely cite it as just this Protestant touchetone of at the hour of her departure from those will be offered to be and the departure from the present day position of the Papacy. There Sister Bride was the daughter of phrase as a text, because it seems to me to strike at the root of the prob. Anglican books of devotion which Hamilton. On December 8, 1884, me to strike at the root of the prob-lem of modern Protestantism, whether it be the "dcorated" sort of the High Churchmen whose chief protest today is that they are really Catholics, or the bald and jejume sectarianism of the rest of the non-Catholic world. Speaking of the Reformation in England, Dr. Hall, in making the usual Anglican claim the impossibility of any other infer pretation, and then amicably go to her charge. From that time until lunch with the learned and gentle. the hour of death sickness was her manly defender of the Menace's portion. To live with Our Saviour slogan "To hell with the Pope." In attached to the Cross was true joy says: To prove that it was an apos-tasy, we must show that vital ele-ments of Catholic Fath and order were repudiated. This cannot be done, unless submission to the papal see is such an element." (italics neerfed.) Reading the accounts of the Anglo. the least community of inter Cleary of Caledonian and Reverand est with Protestantism. And they T. Malone, Chaplain of the House of

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funds to send Y. M. C. A. secretaries MRS. MARGARET GOETZ to the benighted Papists in the Canal After a long illness death came as It would be trits to say that Pro-

testantism is a negative religion; that its adherents deny rather than affirm ; that it is what they do not believe that makes them Protestants. But the things they do not believe are so many and so varied, and differ cheerfulness. churches that it would be impossible to find a distinguishing Protestant trait aside from that which I have

mentioned. I do not think, therefore, that it would be unjust to say that Protestantism, as it exists today, reduced to its lowest common divisor, analyzed to its ultimate essence, is nothing more nor less than the denial that the Pope of Rome is the Vicar of Jesus Christon earth and the visible and infallible Head on parture. earth of the Church which Our Divine Lord and Saviour founded. The very core of the Papal claim is The High Church movement, often called the "Oxford movement," from its inseption by several University believe every other tenet of the

Church, however honestly he may believe himself to be a Catholic in Protestantism, like murder, will" out. It may disguise itself cleverly ;

E. McNeil. anti Roman, can and do call them Protestant, has points of resemblance to the Catholic Church and the Cath-olic Faith. There are a few Pro-Bible in spite of Tubingen. The Methodist Episcopal system of mourn the departure of the source of t assigning pastors is more like that was ever ready to aid and co of Catholic Bishops than the vestry others. May she rest in peace.

LETTER FROM PROPAGANDA

CHINA

of the Anglicans, and with them there is the further advance towards faith and practice of which the Anglo Catholic Congress is the fine flower. It is easy to lose sight of the wood for the trees. But back of them all, highest and lowest alike, is the determining factor, the Protestant solvent, the ineradicable stain, the all-permeating scent of anti-

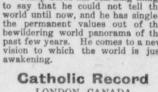
What is Protestantism ? It is denial of the prerogatives of the Pops. What is a Protestant ? Ho is one who is out of communion with the See of Rome. The further question "why" is another matter.

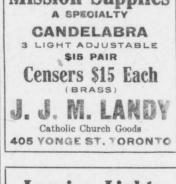
OBITUARY

SISTER MARY BRIDE On August 31st, Sister Mary Bride









prayers were offered by the sorrow-ing members of the Community who

War, and pilgrims will find there a of place to pray for them.

All the great monuments either in chapel at the "Col du Linge." Monsignor Jullien, Bishop of Arras,

on September 12 will bless the first stone of the large edifics which is designed to replace the chapel of Notre Dame de Lorette near Lens. The original chapel was destroyed in 1915 during battles in which 100,000.

men were killed.

All creatures serve to raise our hearts to God, whom we lock upon disinterestedly, and make use of them only for God's greater glory.-St. Felix of Cantalice.

O my soul! if thou bui know how sweet is the Heart of Jesus! Enter there, and when thou art within mayest thou close upon thyself the doors of His wounds that it may be impossible for thes to come forth again.-St. Bongventure.

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