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lovest them more than I do; bless them and give them strength to do great things for Thy glory.

St. Anselm holds that Christ ascended into heaven before His mother, not only to prepare for her a throne in paradise, but also to render her entrance into heaven more glorious, by accompanying her Himself with all the blessed spirits.

St. Antoninus says that as the mistress is incomparably above her servants, so is the glory of Mary unexpressibly greater than that of the angels.

St. Bernardine holds that as the other planets are illuminated by the sun, so all the blessed receive greater light and joy from the sight of Mary.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

While for the most part the ministers of Protestant denominations are the foremost calumniators of the Catholic Church and encouragers of all the anti-Catholic societies which are established for persecuting purposes, it is gratifying to observe that there are from time to time some who love fair-play and honesty, and who condemn the vile methods of those intolerant organizations.

The Government of the Transvaal has at length agreed to remedy one of the most important grievances of which the Uitlanders of Johannesburg complained, and a law has just been passed by the Volksraad whereby children who attend the Public schools will be allowed to learn the language of their parents.

The policy of giving certain people "rope enough to hang themselves" is said to have been wonderfully successful in regard to the International Socialist Congress which closed its sessions in London last week.

It is clear from this that the orthodox party, though in the minority, prevent the majority from changing the present creed into another which would omit those doctrines which are now not generally believed in.

CATHOLIC PRESS.

Cardinal Satolli has been charged to prepare, before his departure from the United States, the erection of an ecclesiastical tribunal, to act as a Court of Appeal in ecclesiastical questions which were hitherto brought directly before the Propaganda.

Heresy is a deadly sin. But to be really a heretic guilty of that sin, a person must know the truth to be true, and then voluntarily and persistently reject it.

Stranger to say, many of the anti-Catholic madmen of England are denouncing "The Grand Old Man" as "a sentimental, childish Puseyite," because of his friendly letter to the Holy Father regarding the recognition of Anglican orders.

That was a very notable declaration for a non-Catholic to make which Archbishop Landor, of the Protestant Episcopal church, uttered at a synod of clergymen of that denomination held the other day at Ottawa, Ont.

RED RIBBON IS HERE.

Sister Marie Chantal Captures the coveted Decoration of the Legion of Honor. The French Legion of Honor has conferred for nearly one hundred years. Over half a million men, native and foreign, have been decorated with its cross during that hundred years.

The law instituting the order, originating with and supported by Napoleon, then of the Consulate, and opposed by Carnet and his followers, was enacted in May, 1802, and the first distribution of its decorations took place at the Hotel des Invalides two years afterward.

At the restoration, in 1814, the Bourbons did not venture to abolish the new order which had grown into great popularity, but they restored the old ones and made them all as useful as possible, giving out the new decorations in particular with a liberality which rather cheapened their value.

Who is it that is most at ease? Doubtless he who is willing to suffer something for Christ's sake.—The Imitation. The time will come when thou wilt wish for one day or hour to amend, and I know not whether thou shalt obtain it.—The Imitation.

ARCHBISHOP OF ALL ENGLAND.

Stead's Reminiscences of Cardinal Manning. William T. Stead, editor of the Pall Mall Gazette, contributes to the Independent some interesting reminiscences of Cardinal Manning.

His bearing in the last years of his life became dull—that is true—and after 1889 his memory, although as keen as ever for events which happened early in his life, was not quite so good for events which had only occurred comparatively recently.

Looking back over the seven years during which I was in close and constant intercourse with the Cardinal, I should say that I was most impressed, first of all, with his imperialism.

Still another advance for the Catholic faith in Norway may be seen in the ordination by Bishop Fallize, who has charge of Catholic interests in that part of the world, of the first Norwegian priest to attain orders since the days of the so-called reformation.

CATHOLICITY AND IRISH NATIONALITY.

"I was a Catholic before I was an Irishman." This is what somebody in England said the other day to John Dillon, which elicited from that gentleman at a meeting in London the following excellent observations on the connection between Catholicity and nationality in the Irish character:

"I have been in most parts of the world, and have met Irishmen and Irish Catholics all the world over, and I have discovered this to be the rule: The better the Irishman the better the Catholic and the better the Catholic the better the Irishman.

Of course, nobody who knows the Irish people could say anything on this subject different from what John Dillon thus so well says. We may, however, venture to add that there is good ground for the suspicion that those persons who talk about being Catholics before being Irish men to suggest that there is something in Catholicity which is inconsistent with or opposed to Irish nationality; in other words, that a man cannot be at the same time a good Catholic and a sound Irish Nationalist.

Mary is the beautiful bow on life's dark cloud. Her star shines upon the child; it sheds its radiance upon the man; it guides declining age to the vision of the celestial Sun. It kindles the fire of love in every heart. It is a light that cannot be put out. If we travel life's tempestuous sea and disregard the Star of the Ocean we shall be wrecked on the voyage. If we sail under the guidance of its undimmed ray we will arrive safely in the port of Paradise.