

SECRET HEART REVIEW. PROTESTANT CONTROVERSY.

BY A PROTESTANT MINISTER.

XXXI.

Any one who will consult the American Ecclesiastical Review for February, 1899, will find there in the original Latin a decree of the Holy Roman and Universal Inquisition...

Could any such decree be issued in favor of Protestants? Assuredly not. The farthest point of concession allowable (and even this not directly authorized) may be viewed as marked by an incident reported by Sainte Beuve...

Observe, however, the priest did not give the dying Protestant a sacramental absolution. Indeed, the soldier could hardly have solicited it without ceasing to be a Protestant.

Now what is the ground of this vital difference between the treatment of Oriental Christians and of Protestants? It is owing to a vital difference in their respective positions.

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Protestantism, on the contrary, differs from Catholic tradition at every joint and turning of doctrine. It is not a question of more or less, or of the mere force of terms.

Protestantism either has no justification for existence, or it is bound to approve itself a maturer form of Christianity than that in which the Church appears under the immediate successors of the Apostles.

not protest, and separate in protesting, without quitting the common foundation. Such breaks have happened, are happening, and doubtless will happen.

When, therefore, Catholics use the phrase "converted to Christ and the Church," they are far from setting up the Church as a distinct and independent authority.

Now, if Bishop Mallieu, or any other, in speaking of a "conversion to Christ and Methodism," mean the same, they doubtless are not guilty of making Methodism co-ordinate with Christ.

This real though slightly disguised claim of Methodism to be the perfect Christianity, explains how it is that the Methodists so commonly, as for instance, in India and South Africa, either evade or refuse outright all limitations of their activity on the ground of comity with other Protestants.

In next progress to consider Methodism on the political side.

THE CRUCIFIX, A BOOK OF MEDITATION.

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There is only one remedy known that has a combined action on the kidneys and liver and cures the most complicated ailments of these delicate filtering organs.

Are your corners harder to remove than those that others have had? Have they not had the same kind? Have they not been cured by using Holloway's Corn Cure? Try a bottle.

LEAGUE OF THE SACRED HEART.

The Beatification of Joan of Arc.

GENERAL INTENTION FOR MAY, 1899.

Recommended to our Prayers by His Holiness, Leo XIII.

American Messenger of the Sacred Heart. The Holy Father desires before he dies to give his children one more intercessor in heaven, to place upon the altars of the Church and present to the veneration of the faithful one more of those remarkable personages whom God raises up from time to time to be models of virtue, marvels of sanctity, doers of mighty deeds in the cause of truth and justice.

The heavens show forth the glory of God, the earth is His footstool, nature through all her works displays His power and wisdom. But nowhere do His divine attributes shine forth more splendidly than in the life of a saint.

In honoring the saints, we honor God, for we know that all their virtues and all their holiness were the gifts of God. This truth they themselves clearly discerned, and hence they were always humble even amid the praises of men.

In the hearts, therefore, we praise and glorify God who has done such great things to men; who has shown forth in them His mercy, His love, His generosity, His sanctity, His power to lift up the needy from the dunghill and make them sit with princes, even with the angelic princes of the heavenly hierarchy.

The beatification of Joan of Arc would be most opportune at the present time. She comes before the modern world dazzling by her heroism, winning it by her sweet maidenhood, calling forth the admiration of Catholics and non-Catholics, Frenchmen and Englishmen.

To-day men are crying out for freedom and autonomy. Joan gave freedom and autonomy to a down-trodden people. Men are crying out for progress and national prosperity.

Joan opened a new era of progress and prosperity to her country. To-day there is a desire to enlarge the sphere of woman's usefulness. Joan led an army to battle and refounded a kingdom.

Joan put an end to a hundred years' war, and two rival nations forgot their differences when they think of her.

But what a rebuke is her life to the errors that beset us! The great mistake of our times is the attempt to divorce the natural from the supernatural. Man in his folly thinks he is sufficient for himself: he needs no God, no religion to help him carry out his enterprises.

She teaches us reverence for authority. She sought out the King in his retirement and humiliation when almost all had forsaken him, because he was the lawful ruler.

But, above all, she teaches us how retirement, contemplation, mysticism, so far from unfitting one for great actions, are the best preparation for them.

is a life of union with God and partakes of the power of God. Witness the life of St. Bernard, St. Augustine, St. Francis Xavier and so many other contemplatives and mystics who have achieved such marvels in the active life.

Joan's vocation, certainly an extraordinary one, made it necessary for her to don the accoutrements of a warrior, to live among men and be a leader of men.

She rides forth, then, that warrior maiden, that mirror of knightly and of womanhood, the champion of the Apostleship of Prayer, fighting by day and praying by night that God's kingdom may come, that Christian principles and Christian charity may reign throughout the world.

Let us pray, then, with the Holy Father, that we may soon be able to invoke her as Blessed, and that her beautiful life and powerful intercession may inspire the faithful with fresh ardor and win over to the truth those who still dwell amid the darkness of error.

FIVE-MINUTES' SERMON.

Fourth Sunday After Easter.

CONSCIENCE—SINNER, MOURN.

"Sorrow has filled your heart." (Luke 10, 4)

The apostles were in deep sorrow at the impending farewell of the Master whom they loved so dearly, and yet, they had no cause, as Jesus assured them. For in a little while the Paraclete, the Divine Comforter, the Holy Ghost, would come upon them, to take the place of the Redeemer, and to strengthen them miraculously for their future labors and sufferings.

On the summits of high mountains may often be seen the sun shining in glorious effulgence, whilst in the valley below the most violent hurricanes are raging, causing terror and devastation.

Respect your priests. Ingratitude With Which Some Receive His Self-Sacrificing and Willing Services.

"A priest is not an angel," says a New Zealand priest at the close of a sermon to a large congregation recently. "He is only a man; he is human. He has the faults of human nature, but his life is given to you."

The order of Melchisedech, with the wonderful power which it confers, carries with it the blue ribbon of all earthly dignities, but it carries also with it a great dower of human loneliness. When he dons the garb of his supernatural knighthood the priest is shut out by a wall of separateness from the fair garden of human love.

Example is Better than Precept. These sententious proverbs, or old saws, repeatedly laid before the public in the columns of the daily press, proves that Dr. THOMAS' ELECTRIC OIL...

Many dealers will recommend inferior preparations and lower-priced articles. Ask for and obtain only the Genuine has the Brown's French Troches of Boston.

EASY QUICK WORK. SNOWY WHITE CLOTHES.

SURPRISE SOAP. MAKES CHILD'S PLAY OF WASH DAY.

CARLING'S GOLD MEDAL ALE, PORTER & LAGER. These Brands are exclusively used in the House of Commons.

FUN FOR THE CANUCKS.

"They say an Englishman can't appreciate a joke, or play one. That isn't the case with the Canuck as I have found him," said a New York man who had just returned from a trip to the Dominion.

A HAMILTON CASE.

GROCER S. ROSS MAKES A VERY STARTLING STATEMENT.

He Would Have Been a Cripple All His Life Hadn't He Taken the Kidney Pills he Took—Fell on an Icy Walk and Injured His Kidneys.

Hamilton, April 17.—"I do confidently believe I would have been a cripple for life, if I had not used Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Such was the startling statement made by Mr. S. Ross, 76 Merrick street, to several friends and acquaintances a few days ago.

Mr. Ross is one of our shrewdest, and most progressive business men. He conducts a flourishing grocery business, at the address given.

Well, you all know of my severe fall on an icy sidewalk, three years ago. The doctors said my kidneys were injured severely. I suffered the most agonizing pains in my back, and loins.

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

A May Blossom.

In my dim room, above the city street, I sat at work. . . yet, all about me grew bright reaches of the dieting so sweet; I heard the pretty talk of building birds, I heard for whom no post had found words, And whirl of wings, that wren spoke through the air.

A Quick Temper.

What did you say? That you had a quick temper, but were soon over it; and that it was only a word and a blow with you sometimes, but you were always sorry as soon as it was over?

Ah! my boy, that was the way with Cain. People almost seem to pride themselves on having quick tempers, as though they were not things to be ashamed of, and fought against.

A man who carries a quick temper about with him is much like a man who rides a horse which has the trick of running away. You would not care to own a runaway horse, would you?

When you feel the fierce spirit rising, do not speak until you can speak calmly, whatever may be the provocation.

A Hero of Our Day.

Many years ago there was a great fire, which burned down a large part of the city of Chicago. Hundreds of homes were swept away, and many strange events occurred while the flames were raging.

A pretty little story comes from Baltimore. At a fair held there for the benefit of a church a little girl named Rose had worked very hard while the fair was in progress to save up a few dollars.

A Touching Friendship. Perhaps one of the most touching instances of apparently ill-so friendships is that of the well known lioness which died at an advanced age in the Dublin Zoological Gardens 1876.