

A WONDERFUL CATHEDRAL.

Journalist's Impressions of the Great and Still Unfinished Basilica at Westminster.

A contributor to the London Daily News who has been writing a series of sketches entitled "Sunday morning in London," thus describes his impressions—the impressions of a tolerant unbeliever with an eye for the picturesque—of High Mass in Westminster Cathedral:

I enter the porch, and my eye is held, not by the mighty building, but by the great golden crucifix which hangs suspended from the chancel arch, as if the Man of Sorrows would welcome and warn every crosser of the threshold—the arms outstretched in welcome, the hands pierced in warning.

A vast yellow brick building of immense proportions, with four mighty domes, the westernmost in strong light, the next in shadow, the third in still darker shade, the fourth, above the high altar, illuminated by twelve windows. The size is impressive, overwhelming. The wide areas of space encompassed forbid the temerity of noise. Here, where the loudest shout would be dashed by its littleness, the voice is hushed to a whisper. The naked majesty of the place demands and secures homage; here at least is a worthy symbol of an awe-inspiring faith. The architect has planned, the builders have builded, but the believers must adorn and these yellow cliffs are at once a challenge and a prayer. No one now living will witness the temple completed, no pious priest see the travail of his soul and be satisfied; masses, priests, worshippers will long have been dust ere the last stone is encrusted with gems, the last brick covered with gold. But the present is profuse. Already marble columns, rich and rare, the votive offerings of benefactors, support the vaulting of aisles and arches. To walk around the Cathedral is a pilgrimage through Europe. Monoliths from the ancient classical quarries of Thessaly and Euboea stand beside Verona's grey and purple treasures. Norway bends her crimson granite to wear the white crown of Carrara's famous mines. The chapels are fair with delicate stones and intricate mosaics; marbles green and translucent as the sea, marbles black and impenetrable as the tempest, marbles violet, and marbles rose-red, with jasper and lapis lazuli, and mother-of-pearl and porphyry.

The worshippers stream in, men and women, poor and rich, hale and infirm, old and young. Each as he or she enters sinks on one knee to the temporary high altar, which stands before a green curtain stretched across the Cathedral, above which scaffolding can be seen, stands in lonely simplicity beneath its green canopy, bearing six giant "candlesticks, three on either side of a crucifix. A green carpet leads down from the altar to the base of the altar steps. To right and left sits the choir. The congregation increases until the Cathedral is well filled. The six lighted candles burn steadily at the end of what, from where I sit, is a dim vista. The chanting of the priest reaches me as from across a valley; the sound ebbs and flows, now swelling high, rushing against the arches and roof to be sucked back in echoes and tossed to and fro, now sinking to a suspiration, the murmur of a summer sea. From time to time the organ is heard, but it never becomes more than a background for the voices, deep, sonorous voices, which roll their syllables richly forth. To and fro in front of the altar move the white figures, advancing, retreating, bowing, kneeling, weaving the, to me, complicated pattern with infinite ease and dignity. The smoke of the incense floats up, thinly veiling the black scaffold poles, the great congregation silent and still, watches the white figures, rises as one man, kneels with a like unanimity, the bell rings, with bowed head the priest uplifts the Host, the climax is reached, the tension relaxed.

A few yards away from me is a man of about thirty-five, whose coat is tightly buttoned to conceal his lack of a shirt, the coat itself is torn and ragged, and as he kneels I see the soles of his boots are almost gone. The face is a sad, weary face, tanned by exposure, lined by anxiety; the features are small and refined. No one is more devout. He sits me musing. Into how many of our churches could you have wandered, my brother, without being stared at with eyes, not altogether friendly—supposing, indeed, you had been admitted and given a seat. But here thou canst sit beside ladies in dresses the most exquisite brains can devise or money purchase, without a single curious glance to make thee feel thy lack.

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ROME'S DEBT TO THE POPE.

Rome is undergoing a gradual transformation, writes Rev. D. S. Phelan in a letter from the Eternal City to the Western Watchman. I fear it will be soon "Rome no more." For the tourists there is still left but the Pope and the Vatican. All else has been given up to the small shopkeeper, who is the most remorseless of iconoclasts. Public buildings are encroaching on historic spots, and where in years gone by the classic traveler would stop to decipher a Latin inscription, his eyes are greeted with signs in English: Tea rooms at such a place; English goods at such another place; American drinks here; and American wares there. The old city of Romulus and Remus resembles a fair; and every citizen in it is on the qui vive for the stranger's lira. The children in the schools are being taught modern languages with a view to manage the tourists of the future. I was astonished at the correctness with which these children spoke English. At the hotel where I stopped 250 tourists from Germany arrived in one evening. They formed a jolly party and saw the sights together. The small boy was equal to the occasion; and I was surprised to hear those same little fellows speaking even better German than they had English. I found that these two languages are down in the compulsory courses of all elementary schools. Italy has made up her mind to go into the hotel and restaurant business and the sooner she goes out of all others, including the military, the better for the people. Rome can well live off of travellers as long as the Vatican lasts, and the Pope continues to occupy it. For there is absolutely nothing to repay a visit to this city, but the hope of seeing the Sovereign Pontiff and the assurance of being able to visit the Vatican gallery and the churches. This attraction has lost none of its charm, and the growing enthusiasm of the visitors is proof that it is more likely to increase than to decrease. It has softened the asperity of the patriots towards the Holy Father. In 1870 they were told that the Pope could do more for Rome than the Savoyard intruder; they have learned by this time that he is the only one who can do anything for the city. Applying the words of Holy Writ to the present situation in the peninsula we can imagine the most rampant Garibaldian saying to-day; not in a great standing army, or in mighty battleships do we place our hopes; but in the temples of the Lord and his viceregent, the King, and his court, and his Parliament have as little to do with the temporal well-being of Italy's capital to-day, as has a college debating society with the material prosperity of St. Louis. I do not know whether Victor Emmanuel is in the city or not; I have not inquired; and I have heard no one inquire where his beautiful coach is; what chance there is to see her is a question that does not disturb the minds of tourists to Rome. But to come to the Eternal City, and not see the Pope, is to have spent both time and money in vain. To see the long line of carriages on both sides of the Square of St. Peter's, one would be led to think that there was a General Council in permanent session within the great basilica. It would be a curious exhibit if the Minister of the Interior were to give to the world the exact figures of the revenue derived from tourists in the City of Rome in one year. We would then know how much it owes to the Pope and the Vatican.

I had a long and charming interview with Cardinal Satolli yesterday. He sized up the situation of the papacy by saying that Pius IX. was a representative of its burning heart; Leo XIII. of its throbbing brain; and Pius X. of its busy and beneficial hands. He said that in his last interview with the Holy Father he had dwelt long on the happy situation of the Church in the United States, and that Pius thoroughly agreed with all he said, and added: "The Church is strong in America, because the people there love justice and obey the law." The Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation of Studies lamented the financial condition of our Catholic University, and still more the internal dissensions of that institution. He seemed to think that the professors were adopting the policy of the mutineers of the Black Sea, and said most po-

actively that the present rector would be sustained "against the egotistic professors." His Eminence showed much feeling in speaking on the subject, a fact all the more remarkable as he knew I was seeking for information to be used in these columns. I had a very pleasant visit at the American College, and was surprised at the great material improvement that had been made in the institution in the past few years. The late rector, the present Bishop of Portland, some years ago purchased a splendid castle at Castel Gondolfo for the insignificant sum of 120,000 lire, while it had cost more than a million to build. Here the students can spend their vacation in as much ease and comfort as any prince in Rome. In the city the present rector, Mgr. Kennedy, has purchased a building adjoining the present college, which gives him forty additional rooms, and much needed recreation ground. Now it is as well off in point of space as any college in Rome. The college is in a very prosperous condition, and is the pet of the Holy Father.

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POPULARITY HIS RUIN. Dean Ramsey of Scotland, once spoke sharply to a whiskey-loving parishioner, ending his lecture by setting himself up as an example. "I can go to the village," said the Dean, "and come home sober." "Ay, minister," was the reply, "but I'm sae popular!"

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF MONTREAL, Superior Court, No. 2287. Dame Josephine Enlow has this day instituted an action in separation as to property against her husband, Edward Lawrence Wood, of the City of Montreal, trader.

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THURSDAY, SEPT... THE WO... Story of a Love... It was tea time before the... of the lamps. The v... looked the sea, and... which had disappeared, h... gashed surface shining lik... dished metal plate. For off to the right... mountains lifted their bla... against the pale purple of... We were talking of love... the old subject, and sa... the things which we had a... so often. "Can one remain in lo... years in recession?" ask... the group. "Yes," maintained some... "No," said others. All of a sudden some on... been listening and looking... into the distance cried: "Oh, see! What is it?" On the horizon line, wh... heavens met, loomed up... gray mass. Some one said: "It is Corsica. Two... times a year it may be se... the air is perfectly clear... is no fog." That an old gentleman... been silent until then, sa... "I know a story of lov... which brought lasting... which the sight of that isl... as if it had come in answe... questioning. Listen: "Five years ago I was... in Corsica. This wild isl... ther away and less known... than America, despite the... we can see it from our v... as we have done to-day. "Imagine a world which... chaos; imagine ranges of... separated by narrow rav... with rushing torrents;... plains; but rolling hills... and pine covered earth... desert, lonely, uncultivat... sometimes you can see a... a pile of rocks, perched o... mit of a mountain. "There is no culture th... duries, no art. Not a... carved wood or a piece of... stone. Face to face y... where every palace is a... and where every metal an... stone bears witness to ma... Corsica has remained exa... the first wild days. "Each man lives in his... indifferent to all that doe... cern his bare existence an... ly leads. They have reta... and the virtues of savage... are violent, bloodthirsty... shadow of remorse, but th... wise hospitable, generou... opening their doors to... traveller and bestowing... friendship in return for th... sign of sympathy. "I had been wandering... island for a month, feelin... had reached the end of the... roads, no taverns, no inn... "You follow mule paths... mountain sides to outca... seem perched in midair... and ask shelter for the n... something to live on unt... row. In the morning you... host's hand and he guides... as the outskirts of the vil... "One night, after ten h... ing, I came to a little ca... quite alone in a narrow... leagu from the sea. T... mountain sides, covered w... and jagged piles of stones... the valley like two somb... "There was a garden a... vines around the tiny h... close by several large chest... enough to live on, and in... a fortune for the barren... "In answer to my kn... woman, exceptionally nee... opened the door. The ma... seated on a stray chair... entered and then sat do... without saying a word. "E... said: "Excuse him, he is dea... years old." "She spoke the French... I was surprised. "You were not born i... I asked. "No, we are from the... she answered. "But we... here fifty years." "A feeling of dismay... swept over me at the th... those fifty years spent in... ter valley, so far from... of other men and women... shepherd returned and w... at the bare table to eat... of potatoes, lard and ce... together, the only th... was. "When we had finished