THE WALDENSES.

The voice of the commencement ora tor has been filling the land, and in the Protestant colleges the old argu-ments against Rome and in favor of the "open Bible" have been heard. Not a few of the ambitious young men selected the subject of the Waldenses, ever fruitful and ever handy as it is. Protestant tradition has invested these peculiar people with quite an archaic character, as unreal as the griffin and dragon of heraldry and legion. Most Protestants have been taught that the Waldenses, who formulated their creed in 1160, were the original Protestants, and thus they can claim a greater antiquity than the time of Luther. They believe it on faith. They do not stop to inquire what doctrines the Waldenses taught nor how they compare with the Protestant doctrines and ideas of to-day. We propose to enlighten them by exhibiting some of the absurd theories of the Waldenses, as drawn from their "Old Confession of Faith," which was formulated in

1. Their most important charge against the Catholic Church was that she ceased to be the Church of Christ under Pope Sylvester, in the beginning of the fourth century, because she accepted temporal possessions from the Emperor Constantine, thereby leaving apostolic sanctity and evangelical poverty, she became the conventicle of Satan

2. They asserted that the Church was become the scarlet lady because the Pope and the prelates in his communion were murderers, inasmuch as they approved of, or at least, permitted the waging of war.

3. They pronounced the Church to be fallen, because she admitted dis-tinctions between her numbers, styling some of them clergy of various orders, and others laity, thereby destroying

their Christian equality.

4. They condemned the Church be cause she allowed priests to possess

their family property.
5. They taught that the Church was an abomination in the eye of heaven, because her clergy were permitted to receive prebends, or portions, or pensions from foundations of rea

estate attached to churches.

6. They complained of the un Christian conduct of the Church in allowing persons who were guilty of the crime of possessing land, as property of their own, and not as that of the community, to receive the sacra-

7. They taught that the Church had grossly erred from the true religion of Jesus Christ, by having churches endowed with property, thereby straying from holy poverty and deluding the unfortunate persons who were guilty of the crime of such endowments.

They believed that it was an attribute of anti-Christ to leave a legacy to a Church, and therefore that it was criminal to bequeath and criminal to

receive such legacy.
9. They did not consider that any pastor of souls was qualified for his place except he support himself by the labor of his hands, as the Apostles did, and they considered the Church which supported the clergy from any other funds to be the scarlet lady.

10. They taught that there should be no distinction of offices in the Church, as it only favored vanity instead of

promoting religion. Notwithstanding the Fourteenth Article, they professed to believe that all rulers and judges were in a state of damnation.

12. They condemned as vanities of the devil all the academies or privileged

schools or literary distinctions. By the last clause it will be seen that if the Waldenses were in power in this country to-day they would sweep away those very institutions in which their praises are so loudly sung. The rich endowments of Protestant churches would be confiscated, and the pastors made to earn their living during the six secular days. No man could own any land in his own right. The preachers would have to inform the rulers and judges who sit in their pews that they were in a state of damnation. And we have only cited above a few of the vagaries taught by the Waldenses. the additiona vagaries of the sects into which this, like all other heresies, divided we could fill many columus. We shall note a

The Waldenses proper were frequently designated Leonists, from the city of Lyons, where they had their origin, as also Poor Men of Lyons, from their profession of evangelical poverty and declaiming against riches and the possession of private property. They had various other names from the places of their abode and remarkable leaders Good Men, from their sanctimonious appearance and contempt for luxury and wealth. They 'branched, among others into the following sects:

1. The Sciscidents, who contended for the necessity of receiving the Eucharist, and approaching nearer to the Catholic doctrine respecting the nature of this sacrament.

2. The Ortlibens, who professed the doctrine correctly, but gave mystic interpretations by which they evaded their true sense. They, among other curious notions, believed that there was no Trinity previous to the Incarnation and that Jesus was the son of Joseph : that marriage was good, but its use They looked for the judgment and the millennium upon the conversion of the Pope and the Emperor.

The Ordibarists, besides some of the above notions, believed that the Trinity was to be found in the members

4. The Cathari, or Puritans, who, amongst a variety of other peculiar errors, considered this world to have

under any circumstances. These soon became divided into Albanians and Bagnolensians. The Paterinians, who admitted Lucifer only as a sub-creator, and had strange notions of marriage.

been created by the devil, looked upon

marriage to be criminal, as also the eating of meat, of eggs, or of cheese,

The Passagenians, who, among her peculiarities, considered the ritual portion of the Jewish law obligatory upon Christians.

There were at least a dozen more down to the Lollard; but these are suficient. We would ask the Protestant orators what they make of such doc rines as these, and how they would like to recommend the theories of the heroes they be praise to the Ameri-can public. And while they are about it, why should they not trace the origin of the Protestants back to the age of the Apostles, instead of stopping at the Waldenses in the twelfth century? Simon Magus, who was condemned by the Apostles, taught many of the doctrines professed by the Waldenses, and they can claim, if they wish, the first arch heretic as their proud projenitor.—N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

CARDINAL MANNING.

Henry George, Jr., Visits Him and Talks with Him on Capital and Labor.

Henry George, Jr., who is travelling in England and writing down his im pressions of men and things for syndicate of newspapers, recently called on Cardinal Manning. He writes as follows of the visit: Cardinal Manning's palace is not far from the House of Parliament at Westminister But it is no palace at all in the popular sense of being a magnificent residence It stands on a narrow side street, and, indeed everything about it manifests an utter disregard of appearances.

It is a large building, with grea windows and wide entrance double doors, but devoid of any architectual ornaments whatever. everely plain and unpretentious is it that it has more the appearance of a school house than the residence of a prince ecclesiastic of the Church of Rome.

I was admitted to a large, square hall, in the back of which was a brown stone stairway, and to each side of it doorways led to suites of rooms. The floor was bare and there was no furniture save some chairs and a small The walls were tinted, and near the entrance hung a map of the

Following up the stairway I was conducted through a comfortable-look-ing room with easy chairs pushed about and an ample table in the centre into the Cardinal's private receptionroom adjoining.

It is a spacious apartment, with lofty ceiling and old black book cases that reach far up toward it. The shelves are filled with leather and vellum-bound volumes, the former so wrinkled and rotten with age that it eems that they must fall to pieces with

the handling. From a plain, black, old style fireplace came a gentle warmth, and on the mantlepiece and bookcases, and hanging about the walls were portraits of numerous dead and living prelates of the Church.

Beside the fireplace stood a high screen and two large chairs with gilded frames and crimson satin cushionsbut the gilt was dull and cracked and the satin worn.

and on it surrounded by chairs, a large table scattered over with books and papers. Over all this three or four great windows let in a flood of light.

The Cardinal entered through a side door. His photographs have made his personal appearance well known t'iroughout the United States—a tall man, somewhat bent with years, with fine features, high forehead, luminous hazel eyes and scant gray hair. attire told of his rank—a black cassock, fastened with crimson buttons, and on his head a crimson beretta.

His manner was frank and simple. He seated himself in one of the large gilt chairs and talked with complete freedom on the subject treated in the last Papal Encyclical—the social ques-

"Examination of the Encyclical will show," said he, "that the Pope has a wonderfully clear grasp of THE GREAT SOCIAL PROBLEM

that confronts the civilized world to-He keenly appreciates day. powerful forces that are gathering, but points out the great danger lying in some of the remedial methods proposed.
"Here in England," said the Car-

dinal, "there is no such danger. Preparation for changes is being wrough through the safe means of economical discussion. There is going on an edu cational movement which is apart from politics. But on the continent of Europe this is not so. There little or no educational work is going on.

"The masses are rushing into poli tics before they have maturely considered what it is they want to do to ameliorate their condition. The social question is closely linked with politics, which is subject to sudden and violent changes. For this reason the social movement on the continent is subversive and revolutionary. But of the safe outcome of the rest of the world I

am hopeful. "In America and Australia," continued the Cardinal, "methods for bringing about social reform seem to be the same as those pursued here in England. The laboring masses gathering into vast organizations like the Knights of Labor, design rather to educate themselves in the principles of

cal powers and attempt to better their condition by immaturely considered and violent changes.
"You in the United States with your

extremes of wealth have the problem pressing heavily upon you. But knowledge is spreading and the changes that must soon come will be easy and peaceful."

"Here in London, just at present," the Cardinal concluded, "things do not look as bright for the trade organizations, great as these organizations have grown. For this there are two reasons: first on account of the recent strikes, which, being passive warfare, as all strikes in their nature must be hurt the business of a great number of people, and in this way raised up much ill-will against them; and secondly on account of the appointment on the royal commission on abor of a majority of men hostile, some of them bitterly hostile, to the trade organizations, men who can, I fear, do much to prejudice public sentiment outside the unions. However, three things are but temporary and trivial in comparison with the great social movement, the safe issue of which I am most sanguine.

So the distinguished prelate talked. He does not go out into public as much as he did a short time ago, for advance ing years are telling on him; but he sits among his books, and gazes with hope out upon the struggles of the

LATEST CATHOLIC NEWS.

One hundred and twenty-seven Catholic newspapers and peridicals are now published in the United States.

The Pope has conferred the title of Roman Count upon Right Rev. Bishop McNeirny, of Albany, N. Y. The Bishop is the first of the American lergy to receive this high honor.

Bishop Chatard has excommunicated a Catholic society of New Albany, Ind., for giving a Sunday excursion where beer and dancing were among the attractions.

Rev. Father John B. Eis, of Columbus, Ohio, delivered a lecture on the Holy Eucharist to the Bible class of the Universalist Church of that town on May 21. The lecture was given by special invitation.

Father Didon, the well-known Dominican whose recent life of Christ met with such immediate success, is now engaged in preparing for publi-cation a "Life of St. Bernard." He has gone to Clairvaux, the Abbey which that great Doctor labored, to gather materials for his work.

The attention of the Archbishop of Canterbury has been called by a Catholic member of the Inner Temple to the system of slander which is used as a weapon against the Catholic Church by number of his flock, and which has not yet been repudiated on the part of the Church of England. So far no re ply has been received.

The Catholic Record, of Indianapolis, thus treats a common excuse: neglect to take a Catholic paper because you read a secular paper is the same as to refuse to buy a prayer book because you have brought a novel, and refuse to pay for a pew in a church because you have to pay your way to the theatre."

The Annales de Notre Dame de Lourdes states that Viori-Dury, a Frenchman, has miraculously received his sight through the application of Lourdes water. He lost his sight whilst rescuing four persons at the Town Hall Cafe of Dijon, and a number of doctors whom he had consulted had declared that a remedy was impossible.

A Revue Scripturaire is to be established at Jerusalem by Very Rev Father Lagrange, the new Prior of the Dominican Convent of St. Jerusalem. It will treat of questions relating to Holy Scripture, which will be dealt with by specialists and experts, under direction of the Professors of the Scriptured Institute which is already in operation; and it is expected that much light may be thrown by the subscribers.

The Emperor of Germany in closing the Landtag said that the recent resti-tution to the Catholic clergy of their salaries, of which they had been unustly deprived under the Kulturkampf, had been productive of a much better understanding between Church and State, and that many of those religious differences had been allayed which disturbed the public peace while the May laws were in force. declaration of the Emperor is a forecast that the last vestige of Prince Bismarck's tyrannical code of laws against the Church will soon be swept away.

Archbishop Janssens of New Orleans, ecently addressed at the Convent of the Holy Family, in that city, a large assemblage of colored people who, in answer to an invitation issued by the Sisters, had willingly responded. object of the meeting was to raise funds to build a home for colored girls where they would be taught trades. The dis course of the Archbishop proved highly satisfactory to those present and a com mittee was appointed to formulate plans to raise the necessary amount to bring the undertaking to a successful issue.

An interesting occurrence took place recently at the Agricultural institute of St. John Berchmans at Anelgham, in Belgium, a couple of weeks ago when Mgr. Glorieux, Apostolic of Idaho, consecrated the chapel. Many of the pupils were confirmed, and the chants during the consecration and the Mass were beautifully rendered by the boys. But when the services were concluded.

social economy than to seize the politi- the air of "Yankee Doodle" sung by the pupils.

> It is reported that Cardinal Manning has been requested by the Pope to bring about, if possible, an augmentation of the contributions to Peter's pence from Great Britain. The Vatican Commission which has been inquiring into the financial condition of Papal household has found that the Peter's pence is 10,000,000 francs short of the estimated amount. It is also said that a similar request has been made to prominent ecclesiastics in other countries

Some French Bishops propose, if their colleagues in the French hierarchy will co-operate with them, to print, at their joint expense, the Papal Encyclical in pamphlet form, and send it gratis to our 10,000,000 of electors. They say that when the peasants receive a gratuitous pamphlet they are pleased, firstly, because it is directed to them personally, and, secondly, because it gives them something to read without any cost to themselves, and so they read it. If all Frenchmen could be penetrated with the spirit of these wonderful pages a much clearer notion of duty in all social classes would be the result. It is stated on semi-official authority

from Berlin that the Emperor has been so much impressed with the perusal of the Encyclical on Labor that he intends to issue a proclamation to the working people throughout Germany recommending them to read it. 'Those who, after the manifestation of May 1, still think," says Le Figaro 'that the movement among the work ing classes was exaggerated, should now be convinced of their error. admirable letter of the Holy Father proves not only the wide political grasp of his mind and his marvellous acquaintance with the actual situation of society in Europe, but it likewise recognizes the fact that the workpeople have been everywhere, in some form or another, advancing their claims.

The cross which was borne by Chris opher Columbus, and erected on his landing on American soil, is in the possession of Mrs. General Durango, of Colorado, who has deposited it for safekeeping with the Sisters of Loretto in their convent. It will probably be exhibited at the World's Fair in Chicago, the directors of which intend to make it in every way as complete a celebration as possible of the discovery of the New World. The late Bishop Macheboeuf, of Denver, stated that the crucifix in question was for generations in the possession of the Mission Fathers at Santa Fe, passing regularly from the Chief of the mission to his suc-

In the course of Monsieur Carnot's ecent visit to Pau he called at the hospital, and taking the Cross of the Legion of Honor attached it to the breast of Madame Declaux de Latenee Sister Superioress. This lady is seventy-three years of age, and has passed forty-four years in the hospital service, three of them in the Crimea during the war. She has consecrated almost her entire fortune to works of charity and each year gives a dowry to several orphans out of the retenue remaining to her. It was much against her will this modest living saint accepted the honor which had peen frequently pressed upon her, and as she accompanied the President of the Republic through the wards she endeavored to hide the decoration under her large sleeves.

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