

Wanted--A Pope.

The Anglican Church acknowledges itself in a bad way. It is a mighty body that is growing apace, but only a body. It has neither a mind nor a will. It cannot either decide or command. This lack of functional life became very painfully evident in the discussions on the subject held during the late Pan-Anglican Congress. The Bishops of England were most anxious to revive the powers and jurisdiction of the first Archbishop of Canterbury. They had nothing but praise for the good Pope Gregory, who sent Augustine to the English clothed with primal power and made Rome's representative among the English. There were many and very important questions to be decided in the early days of the Church in England, and they were always referred to Rome, which generally after a lapse of three years sent a complete and satisfactory solution, and one that was always obeyed by the clergy and people of England.

There are just as important matters of faith and discipline to be decided in the Anglican Church to-day, but by whom are they to be decided? The Archbishop of Canterbury has been the de facto arbiter of controversies that have come up to him from the colonial bishops for many years, but they would have him a judge de jure as well as de facto. But the moment the subject was mooted the bishops from the United States shook their heads and declared they wanted no Pope.

But the matter was not allowed to rest. The London Times, which has had perhaps as much to do in shaping the policy and directing the work of the Congress as the bishops, took up the question and declared that some authority must be created in the Church of England to decide controversies or the body could not survive, no matter how great its growth in numbers and wealth. And it pressed upon the Lambeth Conference, a sort of aftermath of the Congress, to take up the question, and it is now before that body in the form of suggestions: "Of a central consultative body; of a tribunal of reference; establishment of relations between primates and metropolitans in the colonies and elsewhere to the See of Canterbury." The Times foresees that the American bishops will stand as a wall of adamant against one and all of these propositions, but it is not dismayed, and if it cannot save both mother and daughters, it will try to save the mother.

The arguments adduced by the leaders of this movement are all taken from the best text-books of Catholic theology, and Suarez and St. Thomas are quoted with reverence and respect. The English at last realize the sin of schism and the ruin that trails in its wake. There must be not only union in the Church of Christ, but unity, and not only unity, but a principle of unity, if she is to endure. This was denied by all Protestants four hundred years ago. But in England the children of Cranmer are now willing to smite their breasts and say: "Peccavimus; inique egimus."

In other Protestant countries there is not a shadow of hope of ever reviving the magisterial power of the church, and the Christian peoples of those unhappy lands are given over to despair. There was a time when men's minds were awed into reverence for the written word of God, and their hearts beat in unison with their thoughts. People did not dispute, did not inquire, did not criticize. But the age of irreverence, quizzed at last, and it was discovered that the feet of the Scriptural idol were made of clay. Then the whole edifice gave signs of cracking, and to-day all eyes are uplifted in expectation of the inevitable collapse.

Protestantism is dead as Julius Caesar. The name, the simulacrum only remains. With Protestantism dead, where will Protestants go for their religion, for religion they must have? For years they have been appropriating our ritual. One by one they have adopted our methods of discipline. Our priests, our monks and our nuns, and now they propose to take away our Pope! Why wait for the mountain to come to them? Why not go to the mountain?—Western Watchman.

To Explore the Hills of Tara.

Dublin, Aug. 22.—The hill of Tara, which was once the palace site of the high kings of Ireland, is to be excavated and thoroughly explored under the direction of a joint committee of the Royal Society of Antiquaries, the Royal Irish Academy, the archaeological societies of Louth, Kildare, Cork and Waterford, and the literary societies of Dublin and London.

Several proposals to explore the hill in the past have been defeated on account of the outburst of public indignation at what, it was felt, was a plan to destroy one of Ireland's historic monuments, but it is promised now that the exploration shall be carried out in a thoroughly scientific manner and that neither the appearance nor the fabric of the hill will be affected.

It is hoped that a great mass of objects of antiquarian and historical interest will be unearthed. Many of the best examples of ancient Irish ornaments and jewellery have been found in the vicinity.

Patron Saint for Altar Boys.

On the last day of August the Church celebrates the feast of a staunch little hero, St. Dominic de Val, who suffered martyrdom at an early age. He was born in Saragossa, Spain, in the year 1243 about ten years after the canonization of the great St. Dominic de Guzman, in whose honor he was named. He was

remarkable for the devout manner in which he served at the altar, and hence he is venerated as the special patron of altar boys and choristers. On Holy Thursday of the year 1250 little Dominic was passing from out the cathedral of his native city when he was seized by an infuriated mob and was nailed to the very walls of the cathedral. His heart was pierced with a dagger, and the poor little martyr expired, as did his Master, amid the jeers of the frenzied mob. The body was taken down and cast into the river Ebro. An unusual splendor played on the water, and thus was marked the spot where the body lay. Many miracles were wrought by his intercession.

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When Masons Become Catholics.

The Five Points of Fellowship is a Masonic monthly published at Covington in Kentucky, in its July number it says:

"His Holiness, Pius X. following the example of a long line of illustrious Pontiffs of the Holy Roman Catholic Church, has recently issued an encyclical forbidding the laity of the Roman Catholic Church uniting with the Masonic Fraternity. For so issuing he is entitled to the everlasting gratitude of Masons the world over, for the very good reason that the encyclical will have the effect to keep out of the Masonic Order an undesirable class of men. A Roman Catholic becoming a member of the Masonic Order and claiming to hold his membership in the Roman Catholic Church cannot be true to both, and if false to either, he cannot be true to either. On the other hand, a Freemason who becomes a member of the Roman Catholic Church proves false to the Masonic Order. It is fair to infer that it is not the sublime teachings of Freemasonry that attracted the Roman Catholic, but only the substantial benefits he hoped would accrue to him by becoming a Freemason. On the other hand, it is likewise safe to infer that it is not a change of heart that attracted the Freemason, but, like his brother Roman Catholic it is only the substantial benefits he hoped would accrue to him by becoming a Roman Catholic."

Our Covington contemporary is right in his inference that, as a rule, a Catholic is attracted to Masonry not by its teachings but by the benefit that he expects from it in his endeavours to get on in the world.

But it is not safe to infer that a Freemason, forsaking the craft in order to become a Catholic, is lured by hope of substantial profit. Such expectation would be vain. No, he is moved by two convictions, namely: that Jesus Christ is indispensable to a man's illumination of mind and perfection of character, and that there is no salvation in the next life attainable except through Him. Masonry as a religion is not Christianity, that it is against the altar, and throne in order to establish itself, and its principles of brotherhood extend only to its own members, that its highest teaching is pantheism, and that its royal secret, as revealed in the book of Albert Pike, is the glorification of phallus. A Mason becomes a Catholic to accept the faith that Christ is God incarnate, and to save his own soul.—Catholic Columbian.

Had Weak Back

Would Lie In Bed For Days And Was Scarcely Able To Turn

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Mrs. Arch. Schnare, Black Point, N.B., writes:—For years I was troubled with weak back. Oftentimes I have lain in bed for days, being scarcely able to turn myself, and I have also been a great sufferer while trying to perform my household duties. I had doctors attending me without avail, and have tried liniments and plasters, but nothing seem to do me any good. I was about to give up in despair when my husband induced me to try Doan's Kidney Pills, and after using two boxes I am now well and able to do my work. I am positive Doan's Kidney Pills are all that you claim for them, and I would advise all kidney sufferers to give them a fair trial.

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HOPE FOR FRANCE.

Catholicity is evidently coming out of the catacombs in France, says the Messenger, apropos of the following: "The Archbishop of Paris appeared at a public meeting in a hall built for popular reunions and was saluted by the frantic applause of an immense multitude. There were six thousand men present, piled on top of each other up to the cornice, and a shout arose like the roar of the sea on the sand."

"When down the narrow lane of crowding men, all on their feet, the Archbishop wended his way, in his purple soutane and ascended the platform it was like lifting the flag over the soldiers of an army. He made the sign of the cross, and the six thousand men made it with him, not in a shame-faced, hurried way, but in a large and challenging fashion, that meant everything. It was the act of faith of the six thousand. "There were speeches and resolutions, and then the Archbishop gave his blessing, and started to go. Spontaneously 'Hurrah for the Pope!' arose from the multitude and reverberated like thunder through the hall and then without an order and without a signal six thousand voices intoned the 'Credo' that rattled through the vaulted roof and started the crowds outside who wanted to listen to the great cry of a people asserting its faith."

Moslem Testimony to the Immaculate Conception.

(From the Examiner, Bombay.) Sir: In perusing a small booklet, "Christ in Islam," by Rev. Goldsack (Christian Literature Society), I came across a curious passage which may be considered, I think, as the testimony of an outsider to the belief of the early Church in the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The passage runs thus: "In the Mishkat al Ma Sahib—a book of the early traditions of Mohammedans it is related that every child of Adam is touched by Satan the day his mother is delivered of him, with the exception of Mary and her Son." (Christ in Islam, page 9.)

It would be interesting if some specialist in Muslim literature could go through the subject. Perhaps some other text may be found in the Quran or other Muslim book confirming and explaining that text, which is extremely strong and clearer than any early Christian text I remember. Yours, etc. L.P. We have long been aware of the Moslem testimony to the Immaculate Conception, but never looked into the matter closely. The existence of such a belief among a non-Christian sect which came into existence in the seventh century, has considerable controversial value against those Protestants who point to the time of St. Bernard as the date when the belief first sprang up in Christendom. But it would require careful study of dates, etc., before its exact value could be ascertained. We shall examine the question some day.

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Catholic Bishop's Tribute to a Presbyterian Minister.

Knowing of the pleasant neighborly relations which had always existed between the priests connected with St. Mary's Cathedral, Trenton, N. J., and Rev. Dr. S. M. Studdiford, the late rector of the Third Presbyterian Church, a few doors away, the Trenton Sunday Advertiser requested of Bishop McPaul some expression concerning the death of Rev. Dr. Studdiford. In reply the Bishop wrote:

"The doctor was one of the most genial, hard-working clergymen with whom I have ever been acquainted outside my own Church. Whenever I met him I was reminded by his gentle humor and paternal manner of the old-fashioned Catholic priest of fifty years ago, whose kindly interest in both the temporal and spiritual welfare of his flock endeared him to every one, young and old; so that his personality and wise sayings remain an heirloom in the families to whom he ministered."

"He was broad-minded and large-hearted. It is certainly pleasant now to record and bear witness to the happy relations which always existed between him and the Catholic clergy of St. Mary's Cathedral. He and Vicar General Smith were warm friends, and enjoyed many a jovial chat together. Bishop O'Farrell had the greatest esteem for him; highly I appreciated the man, his friendship and his long career of usefulness. It can be truly said that this city has suffered a great loss by his death, and the world has been made better because of his life."

Cardinal Gibbons Leaves.

Cardinal Gibbons had his farewell audience with the Pope last Saturday in the latter's private library. The Cardinal thanked the Pontiff for having granted him all that he had asked for, both from the propaganda and the Vatican, and the Pope replied that where the interest of the Church in America was concerned nothing ever would be denied. In conclusion, the Pope expressed the hope that he would see Cardinal Gibbons again soon. The Pope again expressed his satisfaction with the progress of the Catholic Church in America.

He praised the way in which the gospel is preached there, and said he was preparing a strong letter commending the Apostolic Mission House in Washington, which he would send to the Cardinal later. After leaving the Pope, Cardinal Gibbons paid a farewell call upon Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal Secretary of State, who came purposely to Rome from Castle Gandolfo for the meeting.

The Sweet Singer.

Through the gray
Mist of spray
That the storm was bringing,
Came to me,
Full and free,
Some strange kind of singing.

Never bird
I had heard
Sang that dainty measure,
And my brain
Told the strain
Again in its pleasure.

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To a grass-blade clinging,
Such a bright,
Merry wight,
Of a cricket singing.

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Alessandro.

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cap, turned and strode towards the open door where I could see her standing. They were best alone, so I turned away, hoping that now in her loneliness she would forget the village gossip and show her heart to Alessandro as she had shown it to me.

I stopped idly at the fountain twinkling in the sunlight, and recalled the day when Angelo, in all the bravery of his festive clothes had been forced to do penance for the sin of vanity in its shallow waters. I prayed that the small knave, Nicola, though Angelo was alive somewhere, though my heart misgave me when I thought of the hours he had been away without food or shelter. My words were brave ones when the desolate mother was within sound; but I feared the worst.

All at once a sound of many voices in the distance made me turn. Down the winding path that led to the old villa came the villagers, their shrill voices cutting through the quiet air. Nearer and nearer they came, their excited gestures telling me something had happened. That they had found the boy I was certain, but whether alive or not I dared not think. Alessandro had started, taking another path, one more direct but so precipitous that it was considered impossible. The cries had attracted him and I saw him now, running down the road, throwing his cap in the air and shouting. "He is found, Maddalena. He is found."

It was as Alessandro had told me when we stood outside Maddalena's door: the boy had climbed the precipitous path, found the villa—deserted, of course, no one had lived in it for ten years—crept into a sheltered corner of the courtyard, and cried himself to sleep. In the morning

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hunted vainly for something to eat, and when the men found him he was quite ready to be rescued. Poor little mite! All his courage had been in his own mind. He was crying bitterly for his mother. They carried him home triumphantly on their shoulders, but it was Alessandro who put him in Maddalena's arms—arms that held both the big and little man for an instant's time in a loving embrace; and when the big man turned to me with a look that said much, the wee one was being smothered in kisses. I saw that all was well, that Alessandro had entered the land of his heart's desire, that the ticket for the Promised Land would never be used, neither would the letter be delivered to the man who, as Alessandro told me later, could turn stones into gold.

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