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THE BIBLE.

How it Was Written and Preserved by the Catholic Church. Which Alone Vouches for its Divine Authority.

In his series of sermons on "The Catholic Church before the Tribunal of Reason," Father Pardow, S. J., is giving to the world a mine of historical knowledge clothed in the choicest language and so clearly stated, so logically established, that denial shrinks away.

His last sermon was on the Bible. His text was from Chap. XV. of the Acts of the Apostles, which gives an account of the first council of the Church, held in Jerusalem very soon after the Divine Master had accomplished the sacrifice to redeem fallen man. The Disciples and the seventy were there. From that council the Church came. Those who attended it had themselves seen, heard and talked with "the Christ." And yet the Bible tells us that at this council "there was much disputing."

Father Pardow says of this: "But why should there be any disputing if Christ is ever with His Church to guide it? I answer, Christ wishes His Apostles and their successors to use their own natural powers of mind; He wishes them to study the question before them thoroughly, and He only promises to be with them so that they teach nothing but what is true in matter of faith and morals. But listen to the decision, as we read it in the Acts: 'It hath seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us.' Does not this sound like presumption? How do these few uneducated men dare to pronounce on what the Holy Ghost thinks? It is only because they remember the words of the divine charter of the Church: 'Go and teach all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and behold I am with you all days even unto the consummation of the world.' They thus pronounce judgment on a very weighty matter and all discussion is at an end."

The Father then showed how the Bible was made. He said some people seem to think that the New Testament was all written up and printed before Christ ascended to Heaven. The fact is that the various writings which go to make it up were selected from a large number, by a Supreme Council of the Church. That council, like the first held in Jerusalem, could rely upon what Christ said: "I am with you all days even unto the consummation of the world."

And then the distinguished Father said:

"Our separated Protestant brethren refuse to admit the infallibility of the Church, and yet they unhesitatingly admit all the writings now found in the New Testament solely on the authority of the Church. Now, the church is either infallible or she is not. If she is not, then she may have admitted into the Bible what is not really the word of God, but only human words, and so the divine authority of the Bible disappears. If she is infallible, and can be fully trusted for so all-important a work as the selection of the real Word of God, how inconsistent it is not to

trust her for the other things which she teaches?

"If the Bible were simply a good book to read; if its principal use were to occupy a conspicuous place on the centre-table in a drawing-room, it would not matter so much whether merely human words crept into it or not. But the difference between the Bible and all other books is this: That what other books tell me to do or to believe, I may do or not do, believe or not believe, and no great harm will come of it; but what the Bible tells me to do and believe I must do and believe under pain of damnation. Heaven and earth will pass away, but God's Word will never pass away. Now, the Bible is what the Bible means, hence the tribunal of reason declares the necessity of an infallible interpreter of the Bible."

It is seldom that anyone has more clearly demonstrated the necessity of an infallible interpreter than was done by Father Pardow. The fact that outside of this doctrine—that is, among those who admit the Bible as the Word of God but deny the right of the Church to interpret it, there are several hundred differing interpretations of almost every sentence—is the strongest proof that man's fallible reason is not capable of the work it claims to do.

FULTON AND CHINQUY.

The Army and Navy Journal of March 5, says:

"There is a wild Ishmaelite of a Baptist minister in Boston, named Justin D. Fulton, who has long wearied that city with his insane utterances. In a recent sermon he thus explodes: 'McKinley has deserted God and betrayed Americans. The same I say of Tom Reed. Since the assassination of Abraham Lincoln by Rome there has not been such a horror as the destruction of the 'Maine.' Rome has in every chapel in the Navy, a man who would toss a torpedo into the magazine of any ship in the Navy if he was so commanded. Has Rome Hoodooed McKinley?'"

We believe that the wild Ishmaelite does not just now honor Boston with his presence. He fell into disfavor with the A.P. A. contingent when he went out to Chicago at the time of the International Exposition to capture the World's Congress of Religions. He was accompanied by \$800, contributed by his admirers. He returned without having accomplished his mission; and the \$800—but that is another story. When last heard of in this section he was reluctantly obeying an enthusiastic request to give up his pastorate in Somerville. His assertion that "Rome" blew up the "Maine" does not proceed from insanity, but just from pure cussedness; like his other statement that "Rome" assassinated Lincoln. But Fulton, with all his versatile untruthfulness, is only an amateur in comparison with the venerable impostor, "Father" Chinquy, who has just been astonishing a Montreal reporter with a long story of his many escapes from death at the hands of "Rome" during the past forty or fifty years. The American liar lacks the daring imagination of the Canadian. Hence it is that so many "patriotic" American bodies have fallen under the control of imported patriots from

Nova Scotia, Ontario, the North of Ireland and other alien places. Maria Monk located her imaginary "awful experience" in Canada; Slattery and others give free rein to their fancy in placing their experiences anywhere in No Man's Land, and Margaret Shepherd can cook up a tale of horror in a Reformatory for fallen women, and call the institution a convent; but our native humbugs are so lacking in imagination, or perhaps so fearful of keen American ridicule, that they can concoct only fables that would not deceive a nursery. Wherefore it happens that the imported "patriot" gathers in all the shekels and the native is told to "move on," by parish after parish. There should be a law to protect native born frauds from the competition of such cheap foreign labor.—BOSTON PILOT.

Letellier and St. Pie.

April 7th.

Our Saviour summoned to his almighty Presence his young servant Raymond Cadieux, on Tuesday morning. His mortal remains were interred at Letellier immediately after mass on Holy Thursday.

Deceased was only fourteen years of age, a boy of decided talent, and liked by all. Many of us thought of the number of times he had carried the Cross for the funerals of others. He lived at the Presbytery with Fr. Jutras two or three years until last summer, when he was sent to the Oblate College at Ottawa, where his illness began. There he received every possible care and kindness, and he always spoke affectionately of those who took such care of him. In December he was well enough to bear the journey and came home to his parents. After a time he seemed a little better but not for long; still the end came suddenly.—R.I.P.

Mr. and Mrs. Cadieux have the heartfelt sympathy of all in their sad bereavement. This is the third death in the family during the last six months. First Mr. Victor Robert (Mrs. Cadieux's brother) then her mother and now one of her sons.

A great dust storm, I might say blizzard if it were not dust instead of snow, has been blowing all day, making it most disagreeable and dirty out of doors. Seeding will probably begin next week. The snow is all gone.

Last Thursday, one of our daily contemporaries announced that His Grace was ill, had been taken the previous evening to the St. Boniface Hospital and would have to postpone his eastward journey. There was this only grain of truth in the report that on Wednesday the Archbishop, feeling a soreness in his throat went to the hospital to be treated therefor; but he returned immediately to his own residence and the ailment had so completely disappeared the following day that he was enabled to go through, without any fatigue, the long function of the blessing of the Holy Oils, in which he had to use his voice a great deal. We are happy to add that yesterday when he began his long journey to Paris for the Oblate General Chapter, our beloved Archbishop was in perfect health.

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