

for that which is determined shall be done. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers. Nor regard any God: for he shall magnify himself above all." *Dan xi. 36, 37.*

According to Protestants, this is said of Antichrist. Now, let them name, which of the Popes of Rome has denied the God of his forefathers? Or magnified himself above every God? Or spoke against the God of Gods? If none of the Popes have done this, then, we are absolutely certain, none of the Popes were Antichrists.

7. "Even him whose coming is after the working of Satan, with all power, and signs, and lying wonders; and he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire to come down from heaven on the earth, in the sight of men." *Rev. xiii, 13.* "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." *ver 15.*

According to Holy Scripture these are the signs and prodigies which will be done by the great Antichrist; but not one of the Popes of Rome have yet done any prodigies like these: then none of the Popes are Antichrist.

8. "And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and three score days, clothed in sackcloth." *Rev xi. 3.* "And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth up out of the bottomless pit, shall make war against them; and shall overcome them, and kill them." *ver 7.*

The Holy Scripture here informs us, that, toward the end of the world, two great prophets (Enoch and Elias) will be sent, clothed in sackcloth to preach and work miracles against Antichrist for the space of one thousand two hundred and three score days, at the end of which term, the two prophets are to be slain by the beast, and to suffer martyrdom: Now, let Protestants say, which of the Popes is the beast that has slain the two prophets Enoch and Elias? Or, if this extraordinary thing has never yet been done, we may rest satisfied, and conclude that none of the Popes is Antichrist.

From the texts above cited, it is plain, even to demonstration, that the great Antichrist who is mentioned by St. John in his first Epistle, and in the Revelations; and by the prophet Daniel; never yet sat in St. Peter's chair at Rome. Could we but learn what was the famous medicine for the brain, which the townsmen of Democritus formerly sent to that philosopher, when they heard he was, in imagination, building the structure of this great world out of atoms, never could it be more properly applied than in the present case to those who imagine Antichrist to be a long series of the Bishops of Rome, successors of St. Peter, who, instead of opposing Christ (*2 Thess. ii.*) as Antichrist will do, have all constantly professed the

faith of Christ, great part of whom, at least one hundred, have suffered martyrdom for Christ, who, moreover, are continually sending missionaries into all parts of the world, to propagate amongst infidels the name of Christ: from whom, in a word, almost all nations of the Christian world, did, at first receive their Christianity, England in particular. Those who have ever looked into Scripture, must clearly perceive that the great Antichrist there mentioned, is one single person, the greatest of all impostors, who will make his appearance a little before the day of judgement; will deny Jesus Christ and, in his place proclaim himself to be the Messiah, and God; (*Belarm. de Rom. Pont. xiv. and xii.*) will do great prodigies, and reign in great prosperity for about three years and a half, persecuting the Church beyond all the tyrants that went before him. It is true St. John makes mention of some Antichrists that were already come in his time; but his meaning cannot be, that the great Antichrist himself was then come in person, but only, that he had appeared in his precursors, and such wicked men as were types of him. Now, by the very characters he gives of these, we know they could not be the Popes and Bishops of Rome that were in St. John's time, for these were no other than St. Peter, and his immediate successors, who, for the first three hundred years after Christ, almost every one suffered martyrdom for the faith of Christ: but much rather the Antichrists that were come in St. John's time as precursors of the great Antichrist, were the heretics of that age, especially such as denied our Saviour to be the Messiah; which is the very doctrine that Antichrist himself will teach in person. So all the ancients ever understood the matter. Now, I appeal to all sober Protestants, whether our interpretation of Scripture or theirs, in relation to Antichrist, is the most probable. They will do well, at the same time, to reflect, whether these, their industrious slanders, against the Church of Christ, and the heads of it styling one the Whore of Babylon and the other Antichrist, are not damnable sins, of which they must give a terrible account one day to God: and what opinion ought they to have of a religion which, by a principle that is intrinsic and essential to it, teaches all its followers daily to utter these abominable slanders.

INTERMENTS.

AT THE CEMETERY OF THE HOLY CROSS.

- August 2.—William, infant son of Patrick and Johanna Wall, aged 13 months.
 4.—Johanna, daughter of Patrick and Catharine Moriarty, aged 2 years.
 " Ellen, daughter of David and Mary Dillon; aged 10 days.
 8.—William Cassin, a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland, aged 40 years.