# THE CATI OLIC RECORD.

## WHAT I SAW IN ROME.

Idea of a Church, such a toing was bowildering. And what I saw at my drst Mass I saw also at the lecture way from Rome, being able to say, with a deeper sense of the conviction of reality than ever before: "I believe in One which I attended. I saw listening to an Italian lecturer men of every E iro-pean nation : English, French, Spanfards, Greeks. Well, there was the Italian, lecturing in the language of the Church to representatives of six

mations of the same faith, who from his lips heard in the same spirit the same universal doctrines of the same uniuniversal doctrines of the same uni-versal Church. That was a sight of unity and Catholicity that to one brought up with the ides of national ism in religion was simply astounding. Wherever I went I felt at home, and I began more fully to realize what St. Paul meant when he said that all nations would break down the bar iers that separate them, in the unity of

faith. THE AURA OF SANCTITY.

The next mark of the Church that I saw in Rome was that of sanctity. Now, sanctity is an extraordinarily difficult thing to speak of. It is very mearly undefinable, but yet perfectly apparent, and I always think that a very good illustration of the difference between simple goodness and sanctity is the comparison of that between talent and genius. Religion produces and y extremely good men, and I sup-pose that theologically speaking there is, through the grace of baptism, no spiritual height to which a soul might aot rise, but the national churches to which I have referred do not produce this peculiar thing called sanctity. Sanctity is like fire; you cannot, as I have said, exactly define it, you can-not exactly describe it, and yet you know what it is when you see it. One day, when coming from one of the lec-tures at Rome, I saw a little group of mean media on meeting of measure and men made up mostly of peasants, and in the center of the group the figure of a Polish priest. He wore an old hat, his cassock was green with age and fall of holes, and his chin was but and full of holes, and his only was been as a standard full of holes, and his only was been as a standard full of dermany are a great power at home of dermany are a great power at home and abroad. They are thoroughly and abroad. They are thoroughly organized; their religion is dear to organized; they are not ashamed to mever forgotten and never shall; a something in his face that I have mever seen in the face of any human being before, and he appeared to be surrounded by an extraordinary atmos phere of sanctity, an atmosphere that I have never yet seen outside the Catholic Church. As I have said before, all denominations produce good which the Church calls sanctity, and in England the people are not accusto sanctity; they don't know what it is.

Her sanctity is to be seen again in the way in which the people pray. I remember once observing a country boy-the dirtiest boy I have ever set eyes on, and sho looked as if he had not taken off his clothes for six weeks. I remember he entered the great church in which I was, and walked across the splendid marble floor as if absolutely at home—every Catholic is at home in his church—and placing a chair near the altar, took out his rosary beads, closed his eyes in prayer, and for twenty minutes remained absoand for twenty minutes remained abso-hutely motionles. But that is the spirit of Rome. There is holiness everywhere. I remember on another occasion visiting a little church close to the city, where the Blessed Sacra

I saw the Holy Father two or three times after that, and each time the im WHAT I SAW IN ROME.
I saw the Holy Father two or three times after that, and each time the impression deepened. There was the man who sat in the Chair of Peter. When I saw the Chair of the

## THE NEGLECT OF THE CATHOLIC PRESS.

The press of the Twentieth Century is the greatest power on earth for good or evil. It is the maker of public opinion, and public opinion shapes our social, political and national destinies. The ordinary man is ruled by p pular opinion. It enters into his veins, his sympathies, his politics. his education. even his religion. With him no cause can get a hearing that does not get the sanction of the press. This was dis covered long ago by the rationalist, the socialist, the reformer and politi-Now do we Catholics realize this cian.

I regret to say that we Catholics are apathetic towards the Catholic press and Catholic literature. We give little support to Catholic writers and think-ers. Unfortunately we are not a reading people. At best we are satisfied with the secular press which is often a poisoned source of information. The fectual antidote to all this is Catholic literature. The lamented Pope, Leo XIII., never ceased sending out warn ings to his children the world over The present glorious Pontiff, Pius X has also spoken clearly on the subject The following words have the proper ring. Speaking to the French clergy, he said: "In vain you build churches, give missions and found schools - all your noble works all your second ." your noble works, all your grand efforts will be destroyed if you are not able to build up the defensive weapon of a log-

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him from making himself ridiculous

Then there was Triggs - Triggs, the worshipper of Walt Whitman, John

s dying.

ical and sincere Catholic press." A glance at the condition of Catho-licity in the various countries of Europe will prove the truth of these burning words, Contrast France and Germany. them, and they are not ashamed to bring it to bear upon all that is around and about them. In spite of long years of persecution, overwhelming d fliculties and banishment of their spiritual leaders, they have organized themselves into an invincible army. How did they accomplish all this? How did they accomplish all this? Principally by the means of a Catho-ile press to the support of which Bishops, clergy and laity devoted hemselves with untiring energy.

On the other hand, look at poor dis tracted France to-day. French Catho lics arglected their press and the Catholics of France bave been swept off their feel by the rising tide of socialism. This state of affairs could never have arisen had French Catho-lics been sustained, instructed, fortified and organized by an up-to-date Catholic pres

What are we Catholics doing in our own dear republic for our Catholic press? Are we slive to the necessity of an aggressive Catholic defender of religion? Making every allowance for our shortcomings and inactivity, we are ot doing all in our power to support the means of strengthening the Catho lic faith in the hearts of our children. We are permitting the powers of irre-there ten minutes, and during that ten minutes the sacred edifice was visited ought to be holding our own. As a



New York during the last centry-a maxing, convincing, soul-thrilling. A century ago the Puritan dominated New England. He does not do so to day. New England is Catholic. A The battle is to be fought, not with the sword, but with the pen, not with roise and shouting, but with the en in tellects well-stored with correct data hundred years ago, likewise, Pennsyl vanis had comparatively few Catholics We must, therefore, have the guidance of our best Catholic writers and think-ers, and these are to be found only in Look at her Catholic hosts at this moment. Look at the Catholic growth in New Jersey, moreover; then turn west and note how the the pages of our Catholic press. Otherwise we must surrender ourselves turn to the whims of the anti-clerical "Ro-man Correspondent," the sociological charlatan, the decadent literary critic Kingdom of God has advanced in Ohio : now it glows in Indiana ; how it solendors a dazzling noon here in Illinois. Look toward the Pacific coast, and and pseudo-scientific cheap jack. Their wares may be flashy, but surely they do not deserve to be made part of note that a radiant dawn is rising in the far West. Look South and see a Catholic day breaking from Kentucky to the Gulf. There is nothing like it in modern time, and the only thing like it in explort days is the more of the a Catholic mental furniture. If we have not the time or ability to investigate these subjects for ourselves in a scholarly way, we should at least make ourselves a little acquainted with them in ancient days is the work of the glorious Apostle of Ireland, See, too now thousands of churches, parochial through the medium of the Catholic press. The power and influence of the Catholic newspaper and Catholic magaschools, academies, colleges and univer sities are lifting the Cross of Christ before the eyes of men, and note the zine will largely depend upon the support we give them. REV. JOHN F. MULLANY. Catholic millions that go forth from beneath their roofs to engage in con-flict with the spirit of paganism, which constantl preaches the Gospel of the world, the flash and the devil. IS AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY

No; Chri-tianity will not die so long as time exists. The Catholic Church cannot die; neither can she be re-trained in her forward advance. A This week the local press has given nuch publicity to the views of a Uni-France may strike her down here, yet behold she rises in Africa. A cloud may darken her face in Uraguay; in versity of Chicago professor who boldly asserts that Christianity in this country The general public ought to be suffi-Germany there glows a noonday spien dor. Here a fool may go out; yonder a Newman comes in. Long-haired uniciently aware of the character of the Chicago University by this time. We versity professors to the contrary, paganism will cot dominate the United States. Protestantism, indeed, will perish, but Catholic Christianity will up on the the contrainence. presume there are sane, upright men and women within its walls, but unfortunately, those ofteness heard from appear to be long haired freaks. It must be admitted, also, that a majorwill live on. As the centuries pass it may teach the truths of God in the ity of these freaks pose as picturesque pagans. There's Loeb, who knew so much very halls where agnostic savants now rule and utter words of unfaith. She who overcame the Cætars and later taught in their halls knows that There is the state of the solution of the solution is about if that frequently he astonished himself. He wasn't certain that there was any God except a thing he called Science. All the world could see, however, that his god couldn't save him for mathin that he solution the solution of stranger things are possible .- New

BIGOTRY DYING OUT.

R ckefeller and Nature. What delicate notions he had and how, finally, they Thus the Ave Maria :---The imposition of a fine of \$150 on

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got him into all sorts of trouble and newsdealer in New York for selling copies of French and Italian anti-Cathcaused his undoing. We've all seen poor Triggs. Then Zieblin arose - he who advo olic publications is another illustration of the marked charge in public senticated trial marriages and other cantraip ideas, each of which was a giowerment toward the Catholic body in this country. Less than thirty years ago it was considered no offence to revile ing insult to Christianity. The daily press heralded abroad the vsgaries of these men until the impression made on the Church, her clergy and members in the minds of people of sanity was one now the people won't "stand for it," the minds of people of sanity was one of continual disgnst. In simple truth, out in the classic shades of that institu tion, freak has seemed to succeed freak, profits work of the long-truth of the second tion, freak has seemed to succeed freak, pretty much as polecat succeeds pole looked-for and blessed change. At c inference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Los Angeles, some promincat in solemn procession across a moonlit meadow. And now another voice is uplifted ent laymen in attendance sternly re-buked the Rev. Dr. King for indulging declaring that Christianity is dying ? but as the the Rev. Dr. King for induging If it is not, the fault docen't appear to in an attack upon the religion of Cath

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## Baptist Sunday School at Catholic Mission.

The scholars of the Sunday school attached to the Baptist Church of West Conshohocken asked permission to attend a serion by Rev. Father Alexis, C. P., on "Way I am a Catho-lic" in the nearby Church of St. Gertrude, of which Rev. James P. McCloskey is rector. Of course, they were told they would be welcome. Thirty five attended in a body, and were not only given choice seats but each individual was presented with a copy of "The Faith of Our Fathers,"

which was accepted. The mission closed last Sunday, Daring its progress eight hundred persons approached the sacraments. On Thursday morning of this week, Bishop Prendergast confirmed one hundred and eighty persons. - Phila delphia Catholic Standard and Times. Phila

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look upon the Apostolic age as being very far distant, but in Rome it appears yery far distant, but in Kome it appears to be very near, and you find that St. Peter and St. Paul are in a sense there to-day. There are their relics, there are the catacombs in which St. Peter baptized and preached, but more than that, there is an indescribable sense of the actual presence of St. Pater. Oa St. Cecilia's day I went down into the dark catacombs and heard Mass. It was all most impressive, and one of the

life. The scene carried me back nine teen centuries to the Apostolic times, and I felt as I had never felt before that the Apostles were there in spirit. I saw the Holy Father several times.

I saw the Holy Father several times. I heard him preach in the great court yard of the Vatican. Twenty thousand people had assembled to hear him, and crowded round the platform from which he was to address them. Presently the Pontiff appeared upon it, and immedistely the great mass of humanity broke into a thunder of applause. He looked old, worn and very ill, and his face was drawn with suffering, but when he began to speak his face quickly became transmed, and there was the Apostle himself speaking to you before your eyes.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S 25c.

moral force which is absolutely neces sary to save our republic from destruc We contribute generously to the ing of churches, schools, colleges ion BACK TO APOSTOLIC TIMES. In Rome, too, you are everywhere reminded of the fact that the Church is Apostolic. I have been accustomed to look upon the Apostolic age as being ance seems to vanish into air. We for get that on the Catholic press depends much of our success. Under present conditions a Catholic press is an absolute necessity. The secular press, the rationalist press and the immoral press

are destroying faith and morals in the present g neration. Without exaggeration it is safe to say that Catholics of this country neither read nor encourage the Catholic publiwas all most impressive, and one of the most extraordinary experiences of my ife. The scene carried me back nine teen centuries to the Apostolic times, prefer the non Catholic publica tions, especially the light, foamy periodicals.

The sporting columns of our daily press and the frivolous magazines are all the rage. Our graduates from Cath olic institutions have little taste for reading. They have plenty of money to spend on theaters and amuse subscribe for a good sound Catholic journal never enters their minds. This tendency should be combatted, as it weakens the moral sense of those who yield to it.

The graduates of our colleges and onvents are not doing all they should do for Catholic literature. They have plenty of money for pleasure and recreation of all kinds, but not a dollar for a Catholic periodical. They de-vour all kinds of foamy and even salaci ous publications, but seldom do they see the Catholic press. The fact is they lack the backbone of interest which might fire them with a noble ambition to become deeply interested in the great battle that the Church to day is waging on a hundred battle

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