

might be your turn now, Benson, to be superstitious. You entertain a Jesuit at Lambeth, and all the Archbishops tumble with their face to the ground. Our Lady alone remains undisturbed." The Archbishop took this banter, as it was meant, playfully. After more than forty years of uninterrupted friendship there was no chance of misunderstanding between us.

Observe I was no longer Provincial, I had not sought an audience on business, but was there on a friendly invitation; we visited the library on his proposal in order to see some one who was at the time making extracts from MSS.; I paused before Laud's portrait in the gallery, simply reminding Benson of a former conversation; I made no silly exclamation: "Bad omen, he ought to have said a judgment from God." We heard no crash, but met those who had. There was no view of Rome upon the ground, no dumbfounded Jesuit Provincial. The incident, if it had any meaning, bore quite an opposite interpretation. Anglicanism prostrate, Rome symbolised by Our Lady's picture serene and undisturbed.

Of course, I attach not the slightest importance to an incident which simply provoked two old friends to a mere pleasantry, but whoever manufactured "Peter Lombard's" version of the story seems to want to make serious capital out of it against Rome. So rises one tiny rill which might be destined to swell the torrent of anti-Roman traditions in England.

EDWARD J. PURBRICK, S.J.  
Wimbledon, February 22nd.

#### The African Danger.

Preston "Catholic News."

Bishop Leonard, of Cape Town, who has been some twenty-three years in South Africa, says that the gravest danger in connection with a war between the white races in South Africa is that of a great native uprising. The natives are well aware of all the animosity that exists between Boers and Britishers, and would most probably make a desperate effort to emancipate themselves if a war were to occur between the Transvaal and Great Britain.

Both sides, no doubt, would look for native help. The British would expect the Basutos to keep a large body of the Free State burghers engaged, while, on the other hand, the Zulus might be incited to rise in Natal. Swazis love neither Boers nor British, and it is clear that in Bechuanaland there is much unrest which would require attention at the hands of the Cape authorities were a war to break out. Neither the Matabele nor the Mashonas are at all pacified, and there is, therefore, much reason for Bishop Leonard's fears.

Should this Government force a war in South Africa, it can all be set down to the granting of the Charter, and the "raid." The former was the work of a former Conservative Ministry, and had the present political party not been in office, the "raid" would never have been attempted. Mr. Chamberlain has shown neither tact nor skill in dealing with the situation.

One day he wires to the justly incensed President of the Republic for mercy for the raiders, and praises his clemency. As soon, however, as the President asks for Rhodes's punishment, Chamberlain becomes petulant and snubs Kruger, telling him that "he does not need to be reminded of his duty." And so on. We hope, however, that the crime of a war in South Africa will be avoided, but if it is, Chamberlain will need to be watched. He is a dangerous minister.

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