

For the benefit of our readers who may not have books of reference to hand, it may not be amiss to quote a few facts which are of practical interest in our days of Ritualistic agitation. The gentlemen who yearn for ecclesiastical vestments of the most approved pattern are very fond of claiming kinship with the Apostolic Roman Church.

Their dulcet utterances about the truth, and their slavish imitation of Catholic rites, may beguile the many from the conviction that they are not ecclesiastical jackdaws. They are, of course, striving and straining after truth. We sympathize with them, and we humbly suggest that falsifying history will not help them to the wished-for goal.

The Venerable Bede informs us that Pope Ethelbert sent missionaries to instruct the British people. Their success was ample, for in a short time we read of flourishing dioceses peopled by thousands of men and women who believed in the same truth that are proclaimed to-day from Catholic pulpits and who recognized the fact that all the faithful should be united by bonds of one and the same faith and communion with the Church of Rome.

When the Britons were driven from their holdings by the Anglo-Saxons who were immersed in paganism, Rome sent to them also a heroic missionary to tell them of the story that has transformed the world. So fruitful was labor, and so zealous were those who succeeded to him, that a Protestant historian tells us that in a single century England became known to Christendom as a fountain of light, as land of learned men, of devout and wearied missions, of strong and pointing out in detail the spiritual leaders who not only kept their feet firm in faith, but protected the oft-times from kingly despotism, and never wavered in allegiance to Christ.

Disputes arose, but they affected matters of discipline only. Up to the time of Henry VIII. Englishmen were one in faith; they were obedient to the Mother that rescued them from barbarism, and the ruins of temples show eloquently their general affection. Their souls were fed and strengthened by the Bread from heaven, the love for their Mother burned brightly in the heart of peasant and of chivalrous knight, who looked to her as the safeguard and defence of his purity. So it was until the appearance of a new creed opposed to Henry VIII. on the chain that char his kingdom to Rome, and that the freedom of truth for English into a blind, slavish servility to Rome. The claims of spiritual authority admitted for, nearly ten centuries, fended, too, by illustrious Bishops, were as a barrier to, king against a general sense set aside, and a biocensual monarch sent out the man that he alone was supreme head of the Church of England. His main arguments were the axe, the gibbet, the stake, and his chief minions a band of truckling minions as and as cruel as any that ever lived on the earth. These words may be strong, but they are a Chesterfield utterance when compared to the of the unscrupulous Littledale, calls them utterly unredeemed victims. Henceforward things spiritual to be controlled by the King. E to be the pillar of fire to guide the objects through the night; and ever

A DIGNIFIED PROTEST.

Rev. Father Fallon on the Coronation Oath - Catholic Truth Society Passes a Resolution.

Ottawa Free Press, Feb. 17. A large audience in the Assembly hall of Ottawa listened with delight to the paper read by Rev. Father Fallon, D. M. L., on the Coronation Oath. The Rev. Father Fallon, D. M. L., on the Coronation Oath. The Rev. Father Fallon, D. M. L., on the Coronation Oath.

WHAT THE DECLARATION SAYS. He reviewed the history of English coronation oaths up to the settlement in 1688, which this act forces upon the monarch a world-wide liberty of conscience, and a free and undisturbed exercise of his religious duties. It runs as follows: "I, J. M. B., by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, do hereby solemnly and sincerely, in the presence of God, profess and declare that I do not intend to be a Protestant, or to be a member of any other denomination of Christians, or to be a member of any other denomination of Christians, or to be a member of any other denomination of Christians."

DIocese of Hamilton. Annual Entertainment in Aid of the Orphans. Yesterday afternoon and evening a total of nearly three thousand friends, big and little, St. Mary's Orphan Asylum, in the Grand Opera House, in aid of the orphans of the Diocese of Hamilton. The entertainment was a grand success, and the proceeds were used for the benefit of the orphans.

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