

A NON-CATHOLIC ADMISSION WITH A MINE OF MEANING IN IT.

The eminent non-Catholic physician and writer, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, of Boston, Mass., has left some interesting records of impressions left on his mind by many years experience at the bedside of the dying. The following is a brief passage from the brochure of his, entitled, "Over the Tea Cups" published in 1892.

"So far as I have observed persons nearing the end of life, the Roman Catholics understand the business of dying better than the Protestants. They have an expert by them, armed with spiritual specifics, in which they both—patient and priestly ministrant—place implicit trust. * * * I have seen a good many Roman Catholics on their dying beds and it always appeared to me that they accepted the inevitable with a composure which showed that their belief, whether or not the best to live by, was a better one to die by than most of the harder creeds which have replaced it."—Review.

THE WAR.

In discussing the war between Japan and Russia, the question each man is anxious to have his neighbor answer is this: "Are you for Russia or for Japan?"

It is curious to note how various are the reasons different people give for taking sides with one or other combatant. The reason is sometimes sentimental, sometimes mercenary or commercial, sometimes national, sometimes religious.

One will say: "I am for Japan because she is the weaker nation. I am opposed to strong nations bullying weaker ones." Another will say: "I am for Russia because Japan struck the first blow."

One will say: "I am for Russia because the interests of our export trade centre in that country to a greater extent than they do in Japan. Japan, if victorious, is more likely to become a rival to American industries than Russia. She will control China and the two combined with their cheap labor will control the markets of the world." Certainly the threat of Russia to rescind orders for American merchandise has perceptibly cooled the ardor of the sentiment which so ostentatiously manifested itself in this country in favor of Japan.

Many Americans are favorably disposed towards Japan because they think Japan is a greater imitator of Yankee methods, is more progressive, according to American notions; that she is less autocratic and more republican than Russia. The sympathies of others in this country are, because of their pro-British feelings, with Japan. Other Americans favor Russia because she proved the friend of the United States during the war of the Rebellion, when both England and France were suspected of seeking a pretext to recognize the Southern Confederacy. Gratitude in this country today cuts an insignificant figure in the forming of public sentiment. The national government seems to have forgotten the service Russia rendered us, why then should we be surprised if but few of our citizens should remember it. At any rate what nations do is not the only thing to be considered, the motive which prompted them is also to be taken into account. If Russia's show of interest was prompted more by hostility to England and France, than by friendship for us, her action is to be considerably discounted.

The Irish and Irish-American and a respectable body of Americans favor Russia, because they regard Japan, in this war, as the cats-paw of England, because they believe support of Russia will administer an effective blow against Britain's ambition to dominate the world.

Religious considerations figure more prominently in molding opinion than any other. Some favor Russia because she is a Christian country others favor Japan, because, although a pagan nation, she has opened her doors and affords protection to missionaries of every Christian denomination, and because the prospect of

converting the people of Japan is, they think, encouraging, though there is barely a quarter of a million Christians in a population of sixty millions.

Last week, an American Catholic newspaper called attention to the fact that the Tablet (London) is the only Catholic paper which favors Japan and adds that "The Tablet was always more English than Catholic. Fifty years ago, Catholics entertained strong hopes of Russia's return to the unity of the faith. The belief was based largely on three facts: the Orthodox (Russian) Greek Church maintained Catholic doctrine with the exception of the procession of the holy Ghost and the supremacy of the Pope; it retained in its entirety our sacramental system and sacrifice, and it cherished great devotion towards the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In these days little or nothing is said or heard of the expected submission of Russia to Rome which was so much talked about a half century ago. While our hopes for the conversion of Japan are not at all sanguine we have little or no hope of the return of Russia to the Church. In speculating on such a problematical issue as the conversion of Japan or the submission of Russia, it is not always easy to give reasons for an impression or a conviction, or to make the reasons which sway us clear or convincing to others.

In the natural order we know it is more easy to make a graft from a wild tree grow into the domesticated than it is to make a limb which has been lopped off re-unite with the parent tree. A schismatic church like the Russian, is like a branch which has been cut off from the vine, it is doomed to wither and die. In the political order, we know it is much easier to make a loyal subject of an enemy than it is of a deserter or traitor. Our Lord says: "Many shall come from the East and the West and shall sit down in the kingdom of heaven with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; but the children of the kingdom shall be cast out."

What must make the reclamation of Russia appear hopeless, is the fact that candidates for the priesthood in the Orthodox Greek Church are now, and for some time back, have been, largely educated in German universities. They return to Russia imbued with German rationalism which is making greater havoc of the faith of their people in the doctrines of Christianity, than higher criticism is making in this country of the faith of Protestants in the Bible. Experience in Russia today is proving the truth of Bossuet's assertion, that there is no logical stopping place between the Roman Catholic Church and infidelity, once the authority of that Church has been called in question.

What is more remarkable about all the reasons given for taking sides with one combatant or the other, is the fact that the reasons do not grow out of the merits of the question in dispute, have no connection with even an honestly formed opinion as to which nation is right, which is wrong. All the aforementioned reasons for taking one side or the other might be advanced by people in blissful ignorance of the question at issue in the war between Russia and Japan.

We take sides neither with Russia nor Japan in this war. We condemn both. We say: "A plague on both join houses!" We say both are in the wrong. We say this not because we pretend to be more conversant than others with the merits of the issue, but because we know that the means they have resorted to, to end the misunderstanding—war—is wrong.

WHAT CATHOLICS OUGHT TO BE.

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