

Thin in flesh? Perhaps it's natural. If perfectly well, this is probably the case. But many are suffering from frequent colds, nervous debility, pallor, and a hundred aches and pains...

hardly necessary to discuss it, and to save time he would simply state the grounds on which Catholics based their belief without examining in detail the arguments which had been urged on the other side.

That belief was attacked on one ground only—the silence of the Bible, but the Bible was not silent on the subject. It contained an explicit statement that St. Peter was in Rome and there wrote his first epistle. It was beyond controversy that St. Peter was in Rome...

POPE LEO'S LATEST POEM

LEO'S LATEST BREATHINGS TO GOD AND THE VIRGIN MOTHER. One last ray, Leo, sheds thy smile, And pallid lips, 'tis comes now rain. As murky night descends; Descends on these, whose torpid blood Can withered veins no longer flood; Thy body falls, life ends...

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"St. Peter in Rome."

The Rome correspondent of the Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times, furnishes to that paper the following account of a lecture on the above named subject, delivered before the Catholic Truth Society of Rome, on March 1st, by Rev. A. St. P. Bruns, M.A.: St. Peter in Rome. The lecturer began by saying that he proposed to keep clear of all controversial questions. Of course, as a Catholic, he believed that St. Peter was Bishop of Rome, and that he had primary over the Church...

It was in the year 1877, when the illustrious Leo XIII. came to the throne, that the question of St. Peter's martyrdom in Rome was brought before the world. The Pope's own Commentaries, a very standard Protestant authority, that commentary speaks as follows: "We have to remark (1) that the city of Babylon was certainly not the seat of a Christian community; (2) that no ancient record has the slightest trace of St. Peter's presence or work in Chaldaea; (3) that all ancient authorities are unanimous in the assertion that his later years were passed in the West... We find an absolute consensus of ancient interpreters that here Babylon must be understood as equivalent to Rome... We adopt, therefore, this interpretation of the word without the least misgiving. We have no alternative but to accept the old unvarying testimony of the fathers, who must have known the sense in which the statement was understood throughout Asia Minor that St. Peter designates Rome by the name of Babylon."

Arrived there, Aquila, who was a tent-maker, would seem to have set up his home on the Aventine, where Santa Prisca now marks the spot, as there probably St. Peter at first lodged with him. Santa Prisca itself is of this period of apostolic residence, but last century an oratory was discovered close by with paintings, judgment has little to show to remind us of the fourth century, which may well have been the original church in the house of Aquila and Priscilla, so often mentioned in the epistles. The discovery attracted little attention, and the place was covered up and lost, the only record of it being an M.S. not yet published in the National Library at Paris. Santa Prisca, however, did not long keep St. Peter. Probably because of the hostility of the Jews, he removed very soon to a little beyond St. Agnes' Church, to the place where now is the Ostrin Cemetery. Here he had his "chair," and here he baptized. And since the essence of a cathedral is not in magnificent buildings, but in the possession of the "cathedra" or bishop's seat, we may fairly say that here was the first cathedral of Rome. We may still see there, not indeed probably the actual chair on which St. Peter sat, but the chair, carved in the solid rock, which was erected in the second century to commemorate the fact that he had once had his throne at that spot, and which in the fifth and sixth centuries was a favourite object of veneration to pilgrims to Rome, who went there to visit the spot "ubi Petrus prius sedit."

The Jews in Rome at this time were a large and powerful body. References to them are constant in all the literature of the time, and it is curious to see how exactly the national characteristics as we know them to-day existed then. There were some rich and powerful friends of Caesar, as the Herods and Agrippa, but most were poor and despised. They were turbulent and disorderly and Cicero on one occasion, speaking in the Forum, dropped his voice, so that only the Judges could hear, but he did so because he feared their vengeance (pro Placco xxviii). This turbulence, as it had been the cause of his leaving the house of Aquila, so also seems to have led to St. Peter's leaving Rome. In A. D. 49 all the Jews were expelled from Rome, on account, as we read in Suetonius, of riots, impudens Christus, which Christ instigated. So ended probably this visit to Rome, for the next year we find St. Peter at Jerusalem, at the first general council of the Apostolic Church.

The next period, A. D. 50 to 61, is a difficult one in the history both of St. Peter and of the Roman Church, for we have no records. It may perhaps be suggested that it was during these years in which he was absent from Rome that St. Peter resided at Antioch. Such a solution would satisfy all traditions. At Rome, according to local tradition, presided over the Church, and his headquarters would seem to have been not at the Ostrinium, but at S. Pudenziana. Of this, perhaps, we have a hint in II. Timothy iv., 21, "There salute Pudenzia and Linus and Claudia." On any other hypothesis than that he was a resident in their house, the mention of Linus between Pudenzia and Claudia, who were husband and wife would seem a strange one. In A. D. 58 St. Paul wrote to the Romans, and while on the one hand it seems clear that St. Peter was not then in Rome, we have also clear indications in that epistle that the Roman Church was already organized and that this had been done by an Apostle, since he alleges as his reason for not having come to Rome his unwillingness to "build on another man's foundation" (Rom. xv., 20). We can hardly place St. Peter's return to Rome earlier than A. D.

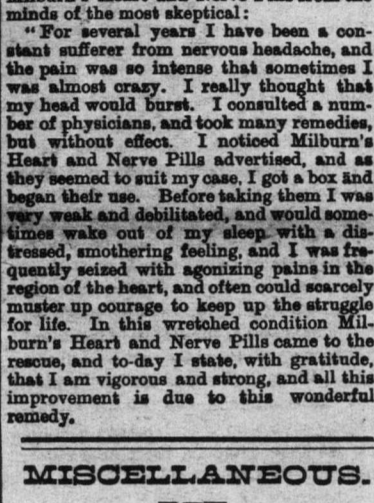
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