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SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1900

ONE RELIGION IS AS GOOD AS ANOTHER

The Right Rev. Mgr. Robinson, of London, has been preaching a series of Sunday sermons at the church of St. John, Duncan Terrace.

What is the phenomenon which you observe chiefly with reference to the question—is England likely to come back to the Catholic faith or not?

Indifference! Indifference! Indifference! Indifference! Indifference! Indifference! Indifference! Indifference!

Again, take this expression, "One religion is as good as another." If the (the preacher) was to use that expression before a mixed audience, the majority would cry out "hear, hear!"

Men and women were satisfied to give no more attention than that to such a vital matter; people gave as much thought to their eternal salvation as they did to the German problem.

What should they say to show the fallacy of the statement that one religion is as good as another? Looking at it from the human point of view, how could it be so?

Do not then regard as foreign to the present occasion the invitation we extend to you to join with us in the holy unity of prayer for an intention in perfect harmony with the dictates of that evangelical love which knows no limits of place and no distinction of race.

and not objective. Yet one of the first attributes of truth was that it must be objective.

CORONATION DAY IN ROME

A correspondence from Rome, date March 2, and addressed to the "Free-man's Journal," contains some fine descriptions of various events in connection with the coronation anniversary of Leo XIII.

THE ADDRESS

Most Holy Father: The anniversary of the solemn coronation of Your Holiness recurs to-day for the twenty-second time under the happiest auspices, renewing the universal joy and giving birth to the fairest hopes.

To-day Providence opens a new year to your untiring activity; and the Sacred College cherishes the firm hope that while it may be through Your Holiness' wise ruling a year of regeneration and salvation for the whole world and especially for your own home, so, too, may it be a year of abundant consolation to Your Holiness, who in the proclamation of the Great Jubilee had in view only the glory of the Church and the sanctification of souls.

POPE LEO'S REPLY

The Holy Father's reply was as follows:—Venerable Brothers: It is, humanly speaking, to our own amazement, at a longevity granted to but few, that we enter upon this new year of the pontificate.

Meanwhile, it remains for us not to spare the strength which is still left us, but rather to spend it all willingly, as we are trying to do, in the service of Holy Church. It is indeed true that the burden of the high office becomes grievous on aged shoulders, but on the other hand the Church has a promise from on high, which is a guarantee against all human infirmity.

WHAT IS AIMED AT AND STRIVEN FOR DURING THE COURSE OF THE HOLY YEAR

Be assured, Lord Cardinal, that the year of Jubilee will bear the fruit the Sacred College wishes and hopes. It will infallibly do so, for in the work of helping souls the powerful influences of grace ever accompany the solicitude of the Church.

We are obliged and grateful to you, Venerable Brothers, for the kind feelings to which you have once more given utterance by the mouth of your venerable Dean, and still more by that constant devotion which has always been and still continues to be for us one of the greatest of human comforts.

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As a pledge of heavenly favors and in token of our affection, we heartily impart the Apostolic Benediction to the Sacred College and to the bishops, prelates and all others who surround us here.

THE CORONATION MASS

March 3.—I have just returned from the Vatican, and can still almost hear the evayas that greeted the appearance of Leo XIII, as he passed in the sedia gestatoria through the Sala Ducale and the Sala Reale on his way to the Sistine, where the Coronation Mass was celebrated by Cardinal Mazzella in the presence of the Papal Court, the diplomatic body accredited to the Vatican, and the few thousand persons who were fortunate enough to be able to secure tickets.

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