COURAGE

Recen'ly a degenerate attempted murder in St. Peters's in Rome, and after teing apprehended, declared boastingly that he was a reader of the Asino, the infamous sheet of certain

Asino, the infamous sheet of certain Roman degenerates. It is strange that the list of murderers is made up so commonly of readers of evil literature and enemies of religion. Still, there are compensations that bring out true manly character and it is also a fact that these are most commonly the results of religious conviction.

Recently the inspector of a school in Lugano, in Italian Switzerland, intro-duced into his classes a certain text-book containing a highly colored eulogy of Ferrer, the Barcelona anarchist.

Some of the pupils refused to accept the book, and eleven of the young men of the Faido school declared firmly that they would never accept the sectarian imposition. As a result the inspector of schools sentenced them to one day in jail.

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The following day being Sunday the

young men demanded permission to assist at Mass, a request that was grudg-ingly granted. They went to the church strongly guarded, but amid the manifestations of popular sympathy.

manifestations of popular sympathy. In the evening they were liberated, and, invited to the home of Dr. Emmanuel Cataneo a deputy to the Grand Council of State, they were tendered a banquet together with their parents and friends, where the extrinery of the

evening was a pledge of fidelity to Cath-

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It is courage like this which counts in the great affairs of life. The timidity of the religiously minded young men often destroys their best efforts in the work of their own personal improvement. If our young men—and our young women also—would show that they have always

the courage of their convictions, they

friends, where the sentim

SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION

HYPOCRISY

The Jews, under pretense of zeal for service of God, drove the disciples from the temple, persecuted them and endeavored to put them to death. Alas! Many Christians may be compared to these Jews, for many evil deeds are committed nowadays under the pretense of virture and institute.

Our Saviour censured the Scribes and Pharisees more severely for their hypocrisy than for any other of their faults. He warned His disciples repeatedly: "Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy." (St. Luke xii, I.) "Wo, to you, Pharisees, because you tithe mint and rue every herb; and pass over judgment and the charity of God. Wo to you, because you are as sepulchres that appear not, and men that walk over, are not aware" (Luke xi, 42, 44). "Beware of the scribes who devour the houses of widows under the pretense of long prayer; these shall receive greater widows under the pretense of long prayer; these shall receive greater judgment" (Mark xii, 38, 40.) "Wo to you seribes and Pharisees, hypocrites; because you are like to whited sepulchers, which outwardly appear to men beautiful, but within are full of dead men's bones and of all filthiness. So you also outwardly indeed appear to men just, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity" (Matt. xxiii, 27, 28.) From these words of our Saviour we may readily understand the meaning of hypocrisy. The hypocrites strives to appear as pious, but he has a corrupt heart. In the eyes of men he endeavors to pass as just and virtuous, but in truth he scorns the commandments of God and of society. Hypocrites are most dangerous people because under the cloak of piety they delude the inexperienced, and endeavor to ments of God and of society. Hypocrites are most dangerous people because under the cloak of piety they delude the inexperienced, and endeavor to corrupt and injure them in body an soul. The hypocrite wears the mask of virtue and covers his evil purposes with the mantle of piety. We have an example of this in Judas. When Mary Magdalen anointed the feet of our Saviour with costly spices, Judas grumbled, and said: "To what purpose is this waste?" (Matt. xxvi, S). "Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? Now he said this not because he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief and having the purse, carried the things that were put therein." (John xii, 5, 6) He pretended to be moved by charity for the poor, while in reality he longed for the money that have been so gained. Another man of this sort was King Herod, who asked the wise men to inform him when the Holy Child was found, so that he might go and adore, while his real purpose was to murder.

My dear friends! Are there not many who manage to pass as just and honest, but in truth deal dishonestly with their neighbors at every opportunity? Are there not others who display great zeal for the greater honor of God, but only to be praised by others for zeal, and who seerelly are vain, selfish and hard-hearted? This is hypocrisy and all their zeal and all their good works will avail them

but in truth deal disnonestly with their neighbors at every opportunity? Are there not others who display great zeal for the greater honor of God, but only to be praised by others for zeal, and who secretly are vain, selfish and hard-hearted? This is hypocrisy and all their zeal and all their good ways, will avail them. all their good works will avail them nothing, if they do not become humble, contrite and free from sin.

My dear Christians, guard yourselves against hypoerisy. Do not pretend to be virtuous in order to deceive others. Perform not good deeds for the sake of Perform not good deeds for the sake of being seen and praised by people, but do good for the greater honor and glory of God. You may succeed in deceiving your neighbors by shamming virtue, but remember, you can not and will not suc-ceed in deceiving God. He will not indeed to the control of the control of the control of the indeed to the control of ceed in deceiving God. He will not judge according to appearances, but according to the truth. At His judgment seat "The hope of the hypocrite shall perish" (Job vii, 13). The mask will be torn away and hypocrisy will be revealed. Let us therefore walk conscientiously in the way of the commandments and let us be good Christians not only outwardly, but with our whole heart and soul, for "he that walketh uprightly shall be saved" (Prov. xxviii, 18). Amen.

THE PAPACY AND PIUS X.

The papacy was established by Christ

The papacy was established by Christ Himself. Peter was the first Pope, for Christ placed him at the head of His apostles and said He would have a special care over Peter and prayed that Peter's faith never fail, and He said to him, should any question ever puzzle him, he was to seek divine light and once being settled in his conclusions, he should convert the brethren.

The Church is Christ's kingdom on earth, and the Pope is its ruler. The Church has authority, infallibility and indefectibility, established as it has been by Christ, the Son of God, and all these attributes He has innoculated into the papacy. Thus every successive Pope rules in His name, just the same as if Christ Himself was still living on earth and ruling as He did when He established the Church in Peter, as in the time of the apostles.

The Popes, from Peter's day down to this, have been the fathers and friends of the human family, and the saviors and preservers of society. They have sowed the seeds of divine faith and have been the founders and promoters of learning, knowledge, science and art. They were especially fathers to the poor and needy, the afflicted and suifering and alleviated the ills of all with unstinted generosity—both in money and labor. People of every age and every class and condition have loved and honored the Pope, because of what he was among them. Those of the household of the faith naturally would be expected to venerate and love him. They do so, for to them he is the great high priest, and as such he is the connecting link between heaven and carth, priest, the Vierr of Christ, the Divine High Priest, and as such he is the connecting link between heaven and earth, the summus pontifix, or greater bridge, in the designs of God, over which mankind is to pass in order to reach the promised laud of heaven.

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sanctive. All have known Leo, All, and were amazed at his learning and inspired by his boundless zeal and the magnitude of his labors and influence, and still better do we all know Pus X., our beloved reigning Pontiff, who possesses many of the qualities of both his illustrious predecessors. We see that sesses many of the qualities of both his illustrious predecessors. We see that he aspires to sanctity like Pius IX., for he has taken his name, and he is walking in the footsteps of Leo XIII. by a learning born of experience and by a wisdom begotten of his piety, and from the first it has been his declared wish "To restore all things in Christ." Because of his humble origin and simple character, Plus X. is called the "People's Pope." But the priests, since they belong to the But the priests, since they belong to the But the priests, since they belong to the people, may call him their Pope as well—the priest's Pope. He served the people as priest and bishop, and as churchman he passed through every position possible to the clerical career, namely, curate, pastor, professor, president of seminary, chancellor, vicargeneral, bishop, archbishop, patriarch,

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cardinal and finally, in the chair of Peter—the beloved ruler of 300,000,000 of men. He has had his sorrows, he has had his joys and he will triumph over all who oppose him, for the Lord is with him. He has been hardly eight years Pope and yet has added largely to history. He is fearless when there is question of the Church's rights, because he is conscious of his responsibility to God for the trust committed to him. Thus he resisted the encroachments of the infidel legislators of France and freed the bishops and priests from state interference; he condemned modernism and excommunicated its non-conforming and excommunicated its non-conforming teachers; he has introduced a universa system of marriage laws; he has orde a codification of the Church's laws and a codification of the Church's laws and decrees for their easier application; he is having prepared a revision of the scriptures; he has commended that the catechism be taught to the people, old as well as young, for the better under-standing of the faith; he has reformed Church music; he has promoted frequent and even daily communion and finally, he has commanded that the little ones, the lambs of the fold, be admitted

ones, the lambs of the fold, be admitted to receive it from their years of earliest reason, in order to build up from the first the kingdom of God in their hearts. That the bishops and priests of the United States love Plus X. goes without saying. They are trained to reverence and obey all ecclesiastical superiors—especially the Pope, the one great superior of all. The people have followed their pastors. Both love the Pope with a love befitting his exalted station. Plus IX. once said that in no country was he so much Pope as in the United States. The papacy will live till the end of time. Long live our present Holy Father!—Bishop Colton in Buffalo Union and Times. Union and Times.

ANTI-CHRISTIANISM

The Christian world has shocked at the open expressions of hosshocked at the open expressions of hostility to Christianity in the press of many European countries. American Christians, too, must be very careful of the newspapers which fall into their hands. A Sunday paper in Boston prints a long article, the first sentence of which contains the phrase: "I believe that Christianity and modern civilization are opposed and irreconcilable."

It is true the writer, an Indian, Dr. Charles A. Eastman, a graduate of Knox

Charles A. Eastman, a graduate of Knox Charles A. Eastman, a graduate of Knox College in Illinois, only blurted out explicitly the sentiment that so many have been teaching elsewhere in eupemistic terms and under the cover of a rationalistic parody of religion. Still the fact remains that these open and conceeled attacks upon Christianity are the fact remains that these open and concealed attacks upon Christianity are growing more and more frequent and bold from day to day, and it is fast becoming evident that a protest more than a mere general reproach will have to be made. It is indeed desolating to reflect that these articles are instilling poison in young minds, and intellects unformed, and sensitive.

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The boldness of the idea is furthered by the utter absence of fact in its discussion. The Indian is declared the sucussion. The indian is declared the superior in moral and religion of the civilized Christian. Thus he declares: "It was the spiritual prayer, while the body was subdued with fasting and hardship." All that chimes in well with Hiawatha and some like bits of poetry; while facts tells another story. while facts tells another story.

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The Indian of history may have been known for some human virtues, physical virtues such as endurance, determination and strength. But we fail to find any extensive records of the qualities that ennoble character, except when the Indian has been brought under the influence of Christianity. The Catholic Indians of the settlements and wiscinces. Indians of the settlements and missions are remarkable for their spiritual qualiare remarkable for their spiritual qualities, and it is among them that Ramona and Catharine Tegagwika lived. Outside of Cliristian influence the Indian betrayed very little spirituality above the dreamy belief in a happy hunting ground and the Great Spirit. His life was ordered accordingly. Whatever vas ordered accordingly. Whatever therefore he may possess that renders him worthy as a citizen he has gained through the patient word of the Christian missionary and the lessons of Christian missionary and the lessons of Christian faith and morality they taught

ble as betraying the method by which the propagators of anti-Christian-ism inculcate their doctrines. First they make a broad blasphemous statement then they put forward some poetical inwould not only display character, but would not only display character, but would at the same time command retelligence discovers the falsehood of the 'proof' and perceives the error of the whole structure. There is not an assertion of anti-Christianism that will not the proof of the would at the same time command respect for themselves and for their convictions. Continual compromising and yielding to doctrines that they know are wrong, and to persons who they know are hostile to the Catholic religion sertion of anti-Christianism that will not be found to have the same basis, a basis of false-hood. And hence, the only way to treat them is to meet their arguments on the ground of fact. On that ground they will always be found to be defective and their conclusions untenable.—The Pilot.

PROTESTANT ERRORS

The number of Protestant doctrinal errors is very large, says the Catholic Times, but there are some which are particularly cherished and taken to heart alike by Anglicans and members of the other Protestant sects. For in-stance, we find a writer in the British stance, we find a writer in the British Congregationalist saying: "Rome, in the course of centuries and by many a subtle influence, completely changed the idea of the Christian Church. It made it the most complete hierarchy in the world. The representative principle was carried up even to the mediation of the priest between the soul and God." These are two favorite Protestant theories, the first especially beloved of the Congregationalists, and the second use as an objection against "Rome" by Protestants of every type. If they mislead any, it can only be the very simple and ill-informed. A sure proof that "Rome" did not change the idea of the Christian Church is "Rome's" tenacious fidelity to tradition. What is tradition? The handing down from father to son. Christian down from father to son. Christian tradition is the handing down from father to son and from generation to generation of Christian doctrine and teaching, Christian ritual and modes of action. Protestantism has rejected the

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principle though it has not rejected, and cannot altogether reject, the practice for there are Protestant Hierarchies. The Catholic Church retains and firmly unholds principle and practice, and in doing so has preserved unchanged the doctrines and all the essential forms of principles. It is more than the practice of these young Swiss boys, who would rather go to prison than betray one icts of their Catholic and civilized principles. It is worthy of imitation any The Catholic Church retains and firmly unbolds principle and practice, and in ding so has preserved unchanged the doctrines and all the essential forms of primitive Christianity. The theory that the priest comes between the soul and God in a way Christ did not intend is not less fallacious. Christ did not leave everyone free to select His doctrines. His words were commands Christian Ministers, as even Protestants must admit, are bound to observe them and to insist upon their observance. In discharging that duty they fulfill the object of the Incarnation by placing and keeping the soul in communion with God.—New World. principles, is worthy of imitation any-where. If every Catholic had a little of it and would put it into practice there would be no need of public de-fence of Catholic people and Catholic principles.—Pilot.

Oh, how wise was that holy soul that said: "My mind is strongly settled and grounded upon Christ!" (St. Agatha.) If it were so with thee, the fear of man would not so easily give thee trouble, nor flying words move thee.—Thomas a Kempis.

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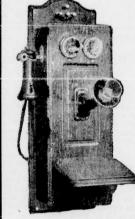
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