

PROTESTANT CONTROVERSY.

BY A PROTESTANT MINISTER.

There can not, in my judgment, be any reasonable exception taken to Dean Hodges' reserved and moderate account of Luther's visit to Rome, and the scandal which it gave him.

Luther's visit to Rome, however, was not without some bright points. He was pleased with the temperance of the Italians, as contrasted with the drunkenness of the Germans.

It seems a pity that Luther did not give more prominence to these pleasant sides of his Roman sojourn; but that was not his way after his violent breach with the supreme See.

Dean Hodges does not repeat the silly story about there having been no Bibles in Germany before Luther made them known.

For where in the Bible do you read of any Bible? Where in the Bible do you find any list of books? The list of books is outside the Bible; where did it come from? How do you learn what is the canon of Scripture?

Where do you get the Bible from? "Where do you get the Bible from?" is the first question you have to answer. It must be answered, and yet the answer to it is not in the Bible.

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Interpretations of the Protestants has died down again, and has now given way to large spiritual privileges offered for Bible reading.

It is astonishing what blank ignorance of Scripture may be found among educated people who have had the amplest opportunities of study.

We must bear in mind that Luther, before his monastic profession, had kept company only with the paganism of the Middle Ages.

As to the commonplace of the "chained Bible," I wish in my next to make some remarks on something lately said by the Spectator, apropos of an impatient examination of Doctor William Elliot Griffiths.

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The Bible is unhistorical, unreasonable. But behind all that stands this proposition: The Gospel is not a book-revelation, but a tradition.

Christ made His Church to be this guide. This is the historical truth, and this is reasonable.

FIVE-MINUTE'S SERMON.

Second Sunday After Easter.

OBSERVANCE OF THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE CHURCH.

"Mine know me." (John 10, 14)

If Jesus is the good Shepherd, then we, whom He has redeemed, should be docile sheep, for only to such will the door of the heavenly fold be opened.

But alas! how often does it not happen that the Good Shepherd speaks through His holy Church, and His sheep do not listen!

Now, let me ask what is contained in these commandments which are treated so contemptuously?

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did not our Lord say to Peter, and in him, to all his successors, "Whosoever thou shalt bind upon earth it shall be bound also in Heaven."

One of the most notable and interesting functions that takes place in Washington is the annual dinner given by the Little Sisters of the Poor on the feast of their patron saint, St. Joseph, to their beneficiaries.

A CORPS OF DISTINGUISHED WAITERS.

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Little Things. It was only a little thing for Nell To brighten the kitchen fire.

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One day as I was rambling through the City of Religion, in the environs of the grand Cathedral of Virtue, for which it is noted, my attention was attracted by the appearance of a beautiful maiden.

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