

the world, but have the approval of your own conscience. See to it that whatever you lose, whether it be money, or place, or reputation, you do not lose courage, honesty or truthfulness.—*Selected.*

CHURCH HISTORY.

THE ANGLO-SAXON CHURCH.

*Q.* What was the religion of the ancient Britons?

*A.* Druidism; they worshipped the heavenly bodies, and in addition to other strange ceremonies, it is said they offered human sacrifices to their idols.

*Q.* Were they easily conquered?

*A.* The Romans did not find them so; neither did the missionaries find them easily Christianized.

*Q.* How long did Britain remain a Roman province?

*A.* For about three hundred years

*Q.* With whom were the Britons constantly at war?

*A.* The Picts, living in Scotland, who were their bitterest foes.

*Q.* Whose aid did they seek in contending against the Picts?

*A.* The Saxons, a brave, hardy and adventurous people from the coasts of the Baltic and North Seas.

*Q.* What other tribe joined the Saxons in Britain?

*A.* The Angles from the South of Denmark.

*Q.* To what did their arrival in Britain lead?

*A.* They drove away the Picts and Romans. But they destroyed the towns and cities, plundered the inhabitants everywhere, demolished churches, and caused the Christians to fly to Wales and the mountain fastnesses for safety.

*Q.* What was the final result?

*A.* The Britons were exiles; Christianity was again almost unknown in the land, and the invaders, who were heathens, gave their name to the country, Angles-land, that is, England.

*Q.* What was the religion of these Anglo-Saxons?

*A.* They were idolaters, worshipping many false deities, and they were in addition fierce haters of Christianity.

*Q.* Why did not the ancient Britons seek the conversion of their conquerors?

*A.* They hated their very name, and though fugitives in their own land, bound themselves by an oath not to reveal the true religion to their enemies.

*Q.* Who was at this time Bishop of Rome?

*A.* Gregory the Great, a man full of missionary ardor, and a pious servant of God.

*Q.* How did he learn of the condition of Britain?

*A.* Through some Saxon children in the slave market at Rome.

*Q.* Relate the incident.

*A.* Gregory, touched by their sad condition, asked their name. "They are Angles" was the reply. "They look like Angels," answered he; "from whence come they?" "From Deira," their owner responded. This name was given to a part of Northumbria, and it means "from wrath." "Would that they were delivered from the wrath of God," said Gregory. "And who is their king?" asked he. "Ella" was the answer. "Alleluias must be sung in their land," said the holy man, and from that hour he determined that they should hear the glad tidings of the Gospel.