

A PRELATE IN THE WILDERNESS.

Archbishop Tache was 22 years of age before he set his foot in the North-West. At the time of his arrival there the country was a silent wilderness, in which some wandering tribes of Indians and a few scores of white men made their homes.

He was consumed with zeal, and the prospect of performing the slightest service for a soul within his care was sufficient to engage him in journeys of hundreds of miles, even in the depth of winter.

There he instructed and baptized several poor Indians. His next missionary expedition was to Athabasca. On his way thither he was warned of the fierce and savage character of the Indian tribes who frequented that region, but nevertheless he pursued his weary journey of 400 miles to the end.

He also gives a picture of his establishment on the march as follows: "The entire household of his Lordship is en route, with two Indians and a half-breed, who conducts a team of four dogs.

They kept alive the memory of civil order in the midst of anarchy, the of Hellenic culture in a barbarous society.—Rev. J. M. Donahoe's.

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Nature is too grand and beautiful in the midst of even all its trying rigors for us to forget its Author; therefore, during these encampments our hearts became filled with thoughts that are solemn and overpowering.

Even Renan, who labored so strenuously to destroy the value of the facts of Christianity, asserts that Peter came to Rome.

But enough of tradition; let us now consider the testimony. We will begin with St. Peter's first Epistle, chapter 5, verse 13: "The Church that is in Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you and so doth my son Mark."

WAS ST. PETER IN ROME?

Rev. Mr. Horner asks: "Is there any clear, positive, absolute evidence that St. Peter was ever in Rome and that he sat in the Papal chair for twenty-five years, as Catholics teach?"

The historical evidence goes to prove that St. Peter was in Rome in a kind that cannot be doubted, except by that extreme spirit of skepticism which would destroy belief in all past events and make historical and monumental evidence of no value; that skeptical spirit that would throw doubt on the authenticity of the New Testament, on the existence of those who are known as its authors and even on the existence and personality of Christ Himself.

St. Peter was a Jew, and in writing his first epistle in Rome he dated it Babylon, for the same reason that St. John called it Babylon, according to what Renan calls "the secret style of the Christians in those days."

St. Irenaeus was born in the year 97, at or near Smyrna, in Asia Minor. He was a pupil of Papias, Bishop of Hierapolis, whose testimony has just been quoted above.

Now let us see what he has to say about St. Peter's presence in Rome. In his work *Contra Haereses*, book II, chapter 1, he writes: "Matthew's Gospel in their tongue, while Peter and Paul were evangelizing at Rome and founding the Church. After their decease, Mark, the disciple and interpreter of Peter, committed to writing what had been preached by Peter."

In the same book, chapter 3, Irenaeus says: "Since it is too long to enumerate in a volume of this kind the successions of all the churches pointing out that tradition which the greatest and most ancient and universally known Church, founded and constituted by the two glorious apostles, Peter and Paul, derives from the apostles and that faith announced to all men, which through the succession of (our) Bishops has come down to us, we cannot all those who in any way, through pride or blindness or perverse opinion, assemble otherwise than as behoveth them."

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Christians antiquity have had in representing St. Peter as living and dying in Rome if he did not live and die there? After quoting many early Christian writers in proof of the fact of St. Peter's presence in Rome, Dr. Schaff observes: "However these testimonies differ in particular circumstances, they can only be accounted for on the supposition of some fact at the bottom; for they were precious to any one for orthodox and hierarchical purposes."

Again we ask, from a Catholic point of view, what could have been the purpose in placing St. Peter at Rome if he was not there? Suppose he had lived and died in Antioch or in Babylon, on the Nile or on the Euphrates, what would follow? Only that the line of Pontiffs, his successors, would have come down from one or the other of those places.

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Words to be Treasured.

The address of President Angell to the graduates of the University of Michigan is in pleasing contrast with the discourses on similar occasions. It is indeed gratifying to find any educational institution whose last cry to its departing graduates is: "Oh, that we could daily feel that in our inner lives, our most secret thoughts and purposes, we are building for our whole lives—building for eternity!"

"The providence of the Universal Ruler led, as it were by the hand, to Rome that most powerful and great one of the apostles, and on account of his virtue the mouthpiece (or leader) of the rest, Peter against that sad destroyer of the human race (Simon Magus)." In the same history he says: "Linus was the first after Peter to obtain the episcopate of Rome."

We will conclude with these ancient witnesses by quoting St. Optatus of Milevis, a writer of the fourth century: "Thou canst not deny, for thou knowest that in the city of Rome, on Peter I. was the episcopal chair conferred, wherein might sit of all the apostles the head, Peter; whence also he was called Cephas; that in that one chair unity might be preserved by all; nor the other apostles, each contend for a distinct chair for himself and that those who set up another chair against the single chair might at once be a schismatic and a sinner. Peter, therefore, filled that individual chair, which is the first of the marks (of the Church). To him succeeded Linus."

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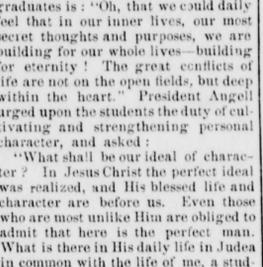
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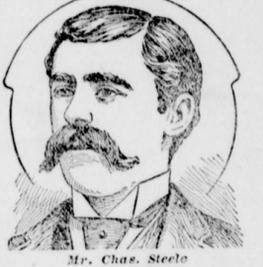
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