

the coffers of the rich, but in the sustenance of the poor, and that Christians should learn by their wealth to seek not themselves but Christ, that Christ may seek after them. From these and the like testimonies duly considered, we make no doubt that you will be enabled to urge effectually the claims of your poor people.

"This Letter might terminate here. But whilst yielding to our wishes you will have appointed public prayers, we would not have you be unminded of ourselves, who at all times are admonished of (7) our daily instances, the solicitude for all churches. We behold the violence and severity of the storm by which the Universal Church is assailed. We perceive with alarm (8) the things that the enemy hath done wickedly in the Sanctuary. We tremble when we remember the wicked conspiracy that is now forming (9) against the Lord and against his Christ. Wherefore we most specially recommend, that on occasion of the public prayers appointed for Ireland, you would induce your several flocks, at the same time, to implore the Almighty for the welfare of the Universal Church.

"In the meantime, we most affectionately impart to you, Venerable Brethren, our Apostolical benediction.

"Given in Rome, at St. Mary Major's, in the first year of our Pontificate, on the 25th of March, in the year of our Lord, 1817."

(1) See Eusebius' Ecclesiastical History, Book IV., chap. 23 (Cambridge Edition), where he speaks of a letter of Dionysius, the Bishop of the Corinthians, to Soter, the Roman Pontiff, in which he says that from the earliest days of religion the Church at Rome was accustomed to transmit the necessary support of life to Christians, and that this custom was advanced by the holy Bishop Soter. See also the same author book vii., chapter v., in which place he makes mention of the letter of Dionysius, the Bishop of Alexandria, to Pope Stephen I., who had sent necessary aid to the provinces of Syria and Arabia. There is also a letter of St. Basil to St. Damasus Pope in which he speaks of aid sent by Dionysius Pope to the Church of Caesara.—Works of St. Basil, vol iii, Edition, Maurin, Letter 70.

(2) Council of Florence in the definition of Faith.

(3) Second sermon on the anniversary of his elevation to the papal chair.

(4) Letter on the fast of the tenth month, and also upon alms.

(5) Edit. Bal. Letter 60, in which St. Cyprian speaking of money collected at Carthage, and sent to the Bishops of Numidia for the ransom of Christians, saying, "we have sent a hundred thousand *sestercii*, which have been collected here in the church over which by the permission of the Lord, we preside, by the subscriptions of the clergy and people amongst us, which you will distribute according to your judgement.

(6) Epistle II. to Bishop Constantine, in the second volume of the Paris Edition, 1690.

(7) Cor. II., ch. 11, 28.

(8) Ps. 73, 3.

(9) Ps. 3, 2.

WHAT POPERY IS.

In order to destroy all traces of Popery in England, (says MacDonnell,) you must raze to the ground the most venerated temples that embellish your land, together with our legislative and judicial halls—the monuments of piety, of wisdom, and of civilization. All your churches must renounce their titles of dedication; you must suppress both your universities; your churchmen must abolish their hierarchy, their creed, their liturgy, their canonical code, their bible, and, though last, perhaps not least in estimation, their tithes; your lawyers must extinguish those learned lights which in their early studies they approached with respect, and on more matured acquaintances they cherish with affectionate esteem, and must consign to the same

common ruin all their forensic forms and institutions; your senators must cancel that hallowed guarantee of British liberties, your great charter; your soldiers must expunge from their annals the names of Cressy and Agincourt; your cavaliers must deface their emblazoned banners, and erase from the rolls of heraldry the most esteemed honours and rewards of chivalrous fame; your Barons must demolish their towering domes; your citizens must abandon their best charters, abolish their proudest guilds, and prostrate their Guildhall; your Kings must repudiate the Alfreds, the Edwards and the Henrys, in whose succession they were wont to exult; your boasted constitution must be annihilated. The very name of England must be blotted out nay, all those appalling sacrifices will not suffice; you must do more—you must invite to your shores the axe and the torch of some new invader; and when he shall have cloven down every successor to the most happy and most honored ages of your ancestry, and laid waste the land of your birth, then indeed, but not till then, will the inglorious desire be accomplished, and all traces of Popery be destroyed in England.

REFRESHING HINTS FOR PROTESTANTS.

1. Protestantism is a negative, and therefore cannot be revealed. The only doctrine they (Protestants) profess, that savours of any thing positive, is the spiritual supremacy of the king; but this when placed in juxta position with the supremacy of the Pope, is evidently a negation of the latter.

2. Henry VIII., with the approbation of his reforming clergy, enacted a law, forbidding "the new Testament to be read in English, by women, apprentices, journeymen, or serving men." "In Scotland," says Chambers, "Knox, and other reformers, comprehend the Institution of schools, as well as kirks in their general scheme of renovation; but, except as regarded the tuition of young men for the clerical profession, they did not influence the progress of learning to an extent worth naming."

3. Henry VIII. has pithily, and to the life, described the first fathers of the English Reformation. "By our Lady," said he, "when the cormorants have got the garbage, they will devour the dish." "Tut man," exclaimed this head of the new church—this monster of lust and rapine—to the villain Cromwell, "the whole of my realm would not staunch their maw."

4. Elizabeth made it death, and forfeiture of estate, to doubt her spiritual supremacy.

5. Whilst the famished poor of Ireland are eating sea-weed, the law church hierarchy is living in all the pomp of eastern splendour. Sir John Newport stated in Parliament, that three Protestant Irish Bishops, within the last fifteen years, had left the enormous sum of £700,000 to their families.

6. To the everlasting shame of Protestant England, there stands on the statute book an act, making it penal to introduce from abroad the Crucifix, which is the sign of our redemption; and there is an entry on the books of the Loudon Custom House to prove that Idols made in London, have been exported to the East Indies, for the use of the Idolaters!

7. Rousseau, the champion of infidelity, who was bred a Protestant, says, "that if he had been a Christian, he would have been a Catholic, and that the Reformation was in-