BY A PROTESTANT MINISTER.

XXV.

The time between 1688 and 1714 was in England a time of surging to and fro between the old disposition to perute the Dissenters and a recognition of the fruitlessness of this, and of the necessity of rewarding them for their co operation in overthrowing James. In 1689 the permission which James himself had given them to build meet ing houses, though without steeples or bells, was confirmed by William and bells, was confirmed by William and Mary. The new King and Queen would gladly have removed their poli-tical disabilities also, but could not. Indeed, under Anne these disabilities were for a while made more rigorous than ever. Had this intense High Churchwoman reigned a few years longer, the Non conformists would pronave been thrown back again in-With the accession of to the furnace. George the First, however, in 1714, this particular stream of persecution was permanently checked. The Dissenters were still despised and reviled, and harrassed in a hundred petty ways and mostly shut out of office, but they were never again forbidden to worshi in public, provided they did not build their chapels within a certain distance of the parish churches. Their minis-ters, moreover, like the State clergy, were exempted from military and jury duty. Curiously enough, indeed, the dissenting ministers now enjoy one advantage from which the clergy of the Church of England, the Church of Scotland, and the Church of Rome, are de In remembrance of the time when it was the Convocations which alone taxed the priesthood, those min-isters whom the law recognizes as 'clergymen" can not sit in the House of Commons, which dissenting minis-

ters can, and sometimes do. With the coming in, then, of the Guelphs, both sides of English Protest autism, vigorously assisted by Scottish Presbyterianism, giving up, for the most part, their mutual persecutions, found themselves ready to take up again the persecution of the Roman Catholics, which had paused for a moment in view of the possibility that the younger James might succeed his

Every one has some notice, more or less detailed, of the state of things in Ireland under the Orange and earlier Brunswick rule. Few, however, have an adequate conception of the intense legal compression under which the Catholics of the larger island lived. I own to having had the very vaguest apprehension of this until I lately read Wilfrid Ward's Life of Cardinal Wiseman. Provisions of law that we are accustomed to think of as confined to Ireland were equally in force in Engand and Scotland; besides that the Roman Catholic worship, which was permitted in Ireland, was strictly for bidden in Great Britain. "It was," says Mr. Ward, "made criminal in a Papist to possess arms, or to own a horse worth more than £5. To say Mass or to keep a school subjected the Papist to perpetual imprisonment. The informer who should lead to the ap prehension of a priest for saying Ma received £100. Papists were incapable of inheriting any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, and could be called upon to give them up in favor of their Nor could a Papist purchase land after April 10, 1700 Any orming against a Papist who educated his children beyond the seas —as at Douay or St. Omer—received the whole penalty of £100 which had been inflicted by James I. for the of-The Acts of Elizabeth making it death for a priest to be in England remained, it should be added, unrepealed; but as the Act of William offered a reward, convictions were naturally made under that Act rather

than under its predecessor."
This policy, as Mr. Ward remarks, as better calculated to wear out the Catholics of Great Britain than the fiercer statutes of the Tudors. These roused the heroic spirit of resistance, which often reached the sublimities of martyrdom. Accordingly, the policy instituted under the Stuarts, but stil mixed with much of the earlier savage ness, was, after the Revolution, finally disengaged from the shedding of blood and confined to such a hopeless and degrading constriction of every prospect and activity and interest of life as we have seen. "The blood of the have seen. martyrs is the seed of the Church ; but here the martyrdom, being care fully detached from the actual taking of life, ceased to be martyrdom in the recognized sense. It did not draw the eye or rouse the enthusiasm of beholders. It was an endless treadmill of automatic discouragement. Even now, it is true, the harsher features of the legislation were mostly kept in abey-ance, yet there was a large residue which was independent of the dispositions of authority and acted by force of a law which there was no discretion to remit; besides that the wors enactments might at any time be re vived by private malice or cupicity The monotonous and depressing pros pect stretched out from generation to generation. Had pagan Rome for her occasional fierce outbursts of persecution substituted the system of William and Mary, it might be questioned whether, humanly speaking, the Chris tian Church could have survived. It is no wonder, then, that in England the defections from Catholicism were almost continuous, and that, when de-

storation, and still more of the Revolution, for large masses passed these limits. In Ireland every Catholic was buoyed up to resistance by the consciousness that a whole nation was with him; in England he was smothered under the consciousness that a whole nation was against him.

Few know (the writer for one did not, until informed by Ward) how heavy a blow the Civil War gave to English Roman Catholicism. hundred gentlemen who lost their lives in this, it is estimated that nearly two hundred were Catholics. Many leading families thus became extinct. Their Catholic tenantry and retainers, deprived of their rallying points, large ly conformed. After the Stuarts came back, their unpatriotic intrigues with France (although the bulk of the Catholics were wholly innocent of these) so roused public feeling that the Test Act was passed, which for more than one hundred and fifty years shut English Catholics out of every office, high and low. Thenceforth every man of rank had to choose between his religion and

everything that gave animation and dignity to life. Many chose the nobler part, but many, the more immediately Those that were faithful to alluring. their faith were largely thrown back into a rudeness and illiterateness of iving which deprived thom of almost all remaining influence. Save that the repeated executions of ministers which were seen in France at this time were not seen in England, the decay ing remnant of English Catholicism and the decaying remnant of French Protestantism were in almost precisely the same conditions. Wilfrid Ward, whose Life of Wise

man is pervaded by the most eminent candor, is far from pretending that the horror of "Popery" felt at this time in England was mere ignorance and barbarity. In England, as elsewhere throughout Europe, the struggle two religions had long been a fearful war, and, as in warfare generally, everything bearing against the enemy was remembered, and everything making in his favor was It was remembered that orgotten. Pius V. had declared Edzabeth de-It was forgotten that the great mass of English Catholics refused to receive the Bull, and that Rome, seeing it useless to contend with them, ex-pressly gave permission, "rebussic stantibus," to bear allegiance to the Queen, after as before. It was re-membered that the Jesuits refused to allow that the Popes had always been transgressing Scripture in their de-positions of kings, which would have been to declare the whole medieval Church at least materially heretical. It was forgotten that English Jesuits, as well as seculars and laity, -the il lustrious Campion leading them-had even after the deposing Ball, expressly acknowledged Elizabeth for their native and lawful Queen, and on the scaffolds to which she had sent them, to die a death of lingering torture had often prayed that God would grant her a long and prosperous reign.

Next after the Marian persecutions. the event of the great struggle which has sunk most deeply into the mind of Anglo - Saxon Protestantism is, course, the defeat of the Invincible Armada, sent out by the Catholic King and blessed by the Pope. It was for gotten, and seems but little noted yet, that the English Catholics (a little knot of denationalized fanatics excepted were as zealous as their neighbors in defending the throne of Etizabeth and the independence of England. "The loyalty of the Catholics," says Mr. Green, "decided the fate of Philip's Froude himself, to his great scheme. honor, emphasizes this fact very

strongly

In like manner, it was remembered against the Catholics that many, hough far from all, even of the priest hood, had scrupled to take the oath of allegiance in a form which they judged entangling to their faith. It was for gotten, or never noted, that the secular lergy had sent to the Pope a declaration that if his Holiness came as a missionary they would support him at the cost of their lives, but that if he should ome as an invader they would resist him at the cost of their lives. In this they were only applying Bellarmine's doctrine, that a Pope who should invade a country to the prejudice of civil rights must be opposed as an enemy, and that if he should fall in the conflict ne would have no one but himself to Self-defence, declares the blame. great Jesuit Cardinal, is an indefeas ible right of every man as against every man. The facts of fifty years were enough in England to kindle an intolerable hatred of the Roman Catho

lics. Three hundred years have only imperfectly given weight to the facts which should mitigate this hatred, convincing as they are. Indeed, for a while, motion continued after the first while, include continued after the first impulse had ceased. The depth of grovelling and cruel fanaticism was not reached until 1678, seventy five years after the death of Elizabeth. Nothing corresponding in atrocious idocy and idotic atrocity to the twentyfour murders instigated by Titus Oates had been seen in England before or has been seen there since. The Gordon riets of 1780 were the nearest parallel, but though during them

Blazing London seemed a second Troy. they at least were not the fruit of con-

cious and murderous imposture. Not sanguinary but penetrating with the same spirit of fatuous malignity, was the inscription put upon the mon known, exactly like the Chicago fire, liverence at last came in 1829, only a sorry remnant emerged, as Mr. Ward broke out in a part of the city full of combustibles, and spread before the wind until it had laid 13 000 buildings expresses it. Average human nature the hopes of eternity and the interests of time, and the legislation of the Relation of the Re

with it than with the taking of Consti nople by the Turks. Yet the English, who, as a level headed people are only surpassed by the Scotch, and are only surpassed by them in the liability to sudden panics of absolute unreason, would not be content without engraving on the monument the outrageous declaration that the fire had owing " to the treachery and malice of the Popish faction," and to their "horrid plots for extirpating the Protestant religion and old English liberty, and introducing Popery and slavery. When Alexander Pope, himself a Cath olic, wrote, say in 1728, the couplet

Where London's column, tow'ring to the Like a tall bully, lifts its head and lies," all men of sense had long been ashamed of this, but the multitude would almos have raised a rebellion had the inscrip-tion been erased. Like Hogarth's pious soldier, they would have been eady to declare, with an oath between every two words, that it was all up with religion if that was not kept, that it was only that which saved the Archbishop of Canterbury from being immediately burned in Smithfield by a detachment of Cardinals. dalous thing actually remained down

to about 1806 There are three things which next deserve attention in connection with the fortunes of English Catholicism during the eighteenth century. These are: the growth of Rationalism; the rise of Methodism, and the French Revolution.

Charles C. Starbuck. Andover, Mass.

DOES PRAYER AVAIL?

Providence Visitor. One of the prize questions of doubt-ers, since doubt became a fashion, has een as to the efficacy of prayers. is a very ancient question and one that s expected to "stan" a believer into silence. In its most effective form it that it avails we have Christ's clear is expressed as not a few ready doubters with feigned perplexity now express it when they put their insidious

inquiry in this fashion : There is a poor fainting seam tress working in a sweat-shop From an infant she has never omitted supplicating the Father in heaven for her daily bread, and, oh, how little she has got for her prayers, and that stale and mouldy. There is her employer, a bold blasphemer, who never breathes God's name except in cursing, who defies heaven and sneers at piety and, lo! the wretch gets not only bread, but cake as well, gets not only his own bread, but the bread, perhaps, of a nation also. What, then, becomes of the seamstress' prayer? Take another instance. A wayward

on is breaking his mother's heart. She has built her hopes on him, she worships him, and he is scornful, re gards neither her entreaties nor her pleadings, but goes his way, fearing neither God nor the devil. She prays, out apparently to no effect; she is in sistent in prayer; she secures the co operation of others and lays seige to heaven. But he only becomes wilder and wilder, loses the power of his manhood and becomes sodden in sin Now, there is nothing selfish in her prayer, or the selfishness is purified away by the superior motive of conern for her child's spiritual well-being which actuates her. Moreover, she prays for something that is a desirable thing clearly good, whether cons whether considered individual's standpoint, the from But whitens and her face worn and her spirit broken and the proud young debauchee still turns his back on her and lets her fade and sink o the grave. Perhaps death touches him and he becomes a changed man. Perhaps it merely relieves him and he goes on to worse and worse lengths when there is no mother's heart break ing for him, no mother's lips breathing Hail Marys, no sad, reproaching eyes burning through tears for his waywardness and sins. What, then, comes of that mother's prayers? Are they not ineffectual?

And so you could go on forever ask ing questions which seem to make against the efficacy of prayer and bringing forth instances which clearly show that much asking has resulted in not receiving the boon asked for, and that repeated rappings at the gates of mercy have made no effect upon the imperturbable janitor, and earching has not been crowned with the success of finding. So, then, after all.God does not hear prayers.

Now if the heavenly bounty which ve supplicate in prayer were like one of those slot machines into which chil lren drop a penny and draw a stick of chewing gum, then we might say that once we had formulated our request we should have a right to look for the receipt of the good thing we destred, and to grumble because it did not after getting our penny But in the first place there is no "insurance" on prayer in the sense that we must get what we pray for. The d vine word means no more than that God hears us and answers us always when we pray. God answers often times as the parent answers his child, by bidding him to be quiet—and yet He infallibly answers. The child cries for candy, tugs and tugs away at its dress, screams and rubs its mother's dress, screams and randy."
eyes red and grows angry "for candy."
eyes red and grows angry "for candy. Its Its happiness is centered on candy. Its lusty petition is for candy. Does its ument raised to commemorate the mother not hear it, think you? Does great fire of 1666. This fire, as it she not "answer" her child's pleadshe not "answer" her child's plead-ings? Certainly she does. She may give it a piece of bread, which it flings on the ground in disgust, she may pet it a little or leave it to get over its ugly

unruly child prayed, and sometimes God treats us as that wise mother treated her child.

The doctrine of prayer is mixed up with those two fundemental questions, the providence of God and free will. The Almighty is not ruling the world as some incompetent general might direct a campaign, shifting and shifting and changing and modifying forever in this detail and that, and always being surprised by the next event. Far from it. God foresees the future and has made His plans. History is work ing out God's design, which suspect in part but, short of revelation, may never know. God's creature, set forth for a propose and the filling of that purpose we call God's providence.

Moreover, men are free agents. They act on their own initiative, and God does not compel them either Our prayers towards good or evil. will never alter God's providence or destroy man's freedom.

Now, it is a memorable fact that even our Lord prayed for an impossible thing when He asked that the chalice pass away, if it were possible. It did not pass away, however, and He drained it to the bitter dregs, but here, surely, was a case for the scoffer to point out the impotency of prayer. would be, perhaps, if the Lord had not really prayed for God's will to be done, which, of course, in this case, was most beautifully accomplished. Indeed, the major proposition of every rightly directed prayer is, "Thy will be done." our minor may express our wish that our will may coincide with God's, but it is God's will that we desire to fulfit, and, only in a secondary sense, our This is at least the theory upon which the prayer is based, and as re sulting in putting us in touch with God's will, however different from our own, prayer is never without its effect.

Until we are able to comprehend the hidden things of darkness we shall never know how prayer avails, though declaration. How can we with our limited focus of vision understand the complexity of life or the ubiquity of dod's presence on earth? Here is a Pope praying for the conversion of a race or a nation. Here is a poor needle woman asking God to help her find a spool of cotton. Is the one pre-sumptions in his petition? the other trivial? No, there is neither small nor great in God's sight. The need of the seamstress is not beneath His notice; the desire of the Pontiff is no beyond His power. We often forget that is it our Lord who has told us that God feeds the birds of the air and clothes the grass of the field ; yea, even numbers the hairs of our heads. Details make our heads ache and vast ness makes our heads swim, but God is not like us, nor does He suffer our

limitations in power or knowledge One result of prayer and a result that is a grace, is its moral effect upon ourselves. It soothes our minds; it quiets our restless spirits; it lays the tever of passion, and in the speaking silence of communion with God we gain that pause which acts like balm upon our souls and stills the rebellion of disappointment. Prayer leads us into conformity with God's will and gains for us that desirable estate if we

have not possessed it before. Those who talk with such confidence of the discoveries of science and the inerrancy of nature's laws, maintain tha there is no such thing as miracle, and that prayer to be efficacious suppose the existence of a miracle. We know what we have to think of such a position which makes God the subject of His creatures, powerless to modify the laws He was powerful enough to impose. But does prayer necessarily imply a miracle? Indeed, it does not. We have no right to expect that God should work a miracle for us, but we have a right to expect that He should hear us. His intervention in our behalf is part only of that mysterious Providence of which our prayers are a part-one of those wonderful chains of causes of which the effects are the favorable responses to our pleadings. St. Peter says that we are the coadjutors of God, and God certainly knows, and knew what our needs are and shall be, and is there fore not surprised by us when we supolicate Him.

It is easy to heap ridicule on prayer it is not so easy to explain the plain effects of its employment. It is not one, nor two, nor a hundred, who believe, or rather who have tested the truth of that heavenly promise that if you ask you shall receive. They have asked, they have received, and in the joy of possession it would take more han smart wit to make them think otherwise than that prayer is a celestial weapon without which they would have ong since had to capitulate to the owers of darkness.

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ECONOMY.

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There is a false economy, better called stinginess, and which comes from a miserable spirit, and this is certainly very displeasing to God. There are some -- and thank God they are fewwho are foolish enough to starve them selves and live in meanness and wretch edness while their money is stored away in bank. But the not uncommon fault which we have to meet, and which with all the energy of our soul we deplore, is the wasteful, negligent, unthrifty spirit found among many people People, indeed, not lazy nor idle, but people who make hay while the sun shines, and then are unwise enough not to gather it in and lay it aside for a needy day.

"Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof," says the man who lives like a prince, eats the best and drinks the vorst-"Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof. I have money now, and day I will eat, drink, and be merry.

It is to such as these that our Blessed Lord would say: "Take care, be say. ing, gather up the fragments. Be more economical when the sun shines; lay aside a dollar now and then of the fragments; save those fragments you spend in the saloons; save those fragments you waste in gambling; save those fragments you squander in useless and needless amusements; gather them all up lest they be lost and in the day of need you be found penniless.

And for those upon whom God has bestowed an abundance of temporal favors the lesson is as grave and important. For among such there is a wastefulness, an extravagance that is often disedifying to the worthy poor, and deplorable in its results to their own spiritual good. People of means may smile or turn up their noses at the suggestion of being prudent and economical about the fragments they are warned to gather up lest they be lost. Oh! how many such fragments are lost to the poor; that needless ex travagance in dress, that wilful and useless expense, those fragments of every whim and every selfish desire gratified, which might not be lost if properly gathered up and given to

dod's own, the poor.

The lesson is the same for us all, whether we are rich or poor; all the blessings, we receive come from God, they are His and we are only His stewards. In the day of our prosperity, whether that be great or small, we hould avoid all wilful, criminal waste, or should learn to gather up the fragments that remain after ordinary and necessary wants are supplied ; gather them up carefully lest they be lost. Then, if we have lived honestly, and demands on our generosity are made, we shall be able to meet them fragments we have gathered up; and if poverty through hard times overtake us, we shall have the consolation to know in our distress that we have not

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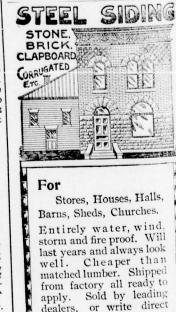
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MARCH 25, 1894 FIVE . MINUTES' SERMON.

Palm Sunday. PERSEVERANCE.

" Hosanna to the Son of Davitt." (Matt. 21, 9.) St. Matthew informs us in the gospel of to day that when Jesus made His entrance into the royal city, the enthusiastic multitude of the people raised the glorious triumphal hymn of "Hosanna to the Son of This joyful acclamation David. ought to fill us with sadness when we reflect that our divine Saviour will hear from the same people on the Friday following the terrible cry of "Crucify "Hosanna," and "Crucify Him." What contradictory senti-ments! Who would imagine such inmy hearers who have fre-

constancy possible! But, alas! this occurred not only then, it takes place every day, and perhaps there are quently been guilty of malice so great against our dear Lord that it cried to aven for vengeance. dear Christians, what have you done often as, by the commission of mortal sin, you rejected Jesus, and crucified Him anew? Have you not also faithlessly revoked the glorious Hosanna which arose in your heart a the reception of Holy Communion, and your sinful deeds exchanged it for he fearful " Away with Him, crucify

Ah! you have indeed done this, and not like the Jews, through blindness, but with the full knowledge that Jesus is the Son of God, your Saviour, your future Judge. You have been shamefully inconstant to Him, who has never injared you, who loved you, shed His Blood for you, who has promised you a Heaven of infinite happiness, as a reward for your fidelity. Oa! should not the greatest sorrow penetrate your Should you not, with your whole hearts, renew your resolution to remain, loyal to your Saviour, and never more to prove unfaithful in His What will it avail us to begin in the

grace of God, if we do not persevere in it? Not the beginning but the end of life decides our fate. Judas began well-as a highly favored apostle of the Lord-but how did he end? As thief, liar, sacrilegist, traitor, suicide and reprobate of hell. On the other hand, St. Mary Magdalen, the good thief on the cross, millions of holy penitents, all these began as reprobat sinners, but they ended well, as elect children of God, and as glorious heirs of Heaven. And thus, my dear Chris ians, your former virtuous life, with all its eminent good works, will be as naught if you do not persevere and die in the grace and love of God. Though you lived four score years in sanctity and innocence as great as that of St. Aloysius, or even of Mary, the Queen of all saints, yet, if one mo ment before your death you would lose sanctifying grace by committing a grievous sin, were it only in thought, then woe to you; all your virtues, all your good works, would be useless, the grown of Heaven would be lest -irre treviably lost-and the fiery chains of hell would be your eternal portion. Of this our Saviour assures us in the gos pel: "No man putting his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9, 62), and St. John admonishes us in the Apocalypse: "Be thou faithful until death, and I will give thee the crown

(Apoc. 2, 10 Take away, therefore, perseverance, and what remains? All else is vain and useless to no purpose were vou struggles for virtue : to no purpose al your good works of piety, mortification and mercy: to no purpose so many sufferings endured. The heavenly sufferings endured. inheritance is lost, eternal perdition

alone remains. O Perseverance! I may justly ex claim, you are the crown of all good for without you, nothing can lead me to that which alone is good and desirable. O Perseverance! you are th narrow portal of life, which cannot be evaded, through which I must force myself, at whatever cost. O Persever-ance! you are the pearl of all graces, since those who obtained you now dwell in the land of peace and happiness; they have crossed the thresho to our eternal home, in happy secur they now rest from all struggles and sufferings; they have nothing more to fear from human frailty and

But, courage, my dearly beloved Christians! Let us not be disheart ened. What our glorified brethren and sisters have done, we also, with good will, can accomplish. Let us cooperate faithfully with which our Lord will abundantly grant us for our salvation. Let us fight the good fight, scrupulously avoid the dangers and occasions of sin, be diligent in prayer, in the reception of the acraments, and mindful of our last end. Then, certainly, our merciful ord, who has begun the goo! work in us, will also perfect it by means of all availing grace. Then the God who in life was our helper in the struggles for virtue, will also in death, be our Saviour and Preserver. just Rewarder, for whom, during life, we suffered and fought, will also in death give us the glorious, unfading crown of victory, which He has prom-

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