

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

BY A PROTESTANT THEOLOGIAN.

CCXIX.

The Rev. John T. Christian may say that he is not responsible for any of the things...

I have already remarked that Professor F. H. Foster's work, although in itself not without value...

Somewhat curiously, even Lansing's book, although not set forth by any Church, has in a manner become indirectly an ecclesiastical publication...

I have not given over Lansing yet, although I have not had much to say of him for a good while back.

Just now, however, we are only concerned with Lansing so far as he is concerned with the Church.

We will therefore run over Lansing's book now, to catalogue his blunders, nothing else, remembering that in substance, although not in form, they are all accepted and approved from Ohio to the Rio Grande.

I shall not include in this catalogue anything but pure blunders, as nearly detached from mendacious slander as possible.

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Pages 49-50, we are told that every Jesuit professes absolute poverty, but that at the suppression in 1772 the Society was found with \$200,000,000.

Observe the hopeless confusion between individual and the body. It is true that every Jesuit takes a vow of poverty, and every Jesuit keeps it.

his worthless book a great deal often than in itself it deserves, comparing it with authentic sources, and can safely say that he is scarcely ever right except by pure accident.

As to the particular facts in this case, I do not know them, but the presumption always is, that Lansing is falsifying by the wholesale.

Page 52, as a proof of the military organization of the Jesuits, we are told that their head is called General.

Now, first, he is not called General. He is called Superior General and General. He is merely a convenient abridgment of his proper title.

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FIVE-MINUTE SERMON.

Fourth Sunday of Advent.

EXPECTATION OF THE MESSIAH.

Almighty God at various times, my brethren, has repeated and confirmed His promise of a Redeemer who should come to save us from sin and its consequences.

The Jews, then, this chosen and favored people of God, plainly had the means of the eternal salvation before our eyes, but they were not ready to receive it.

It is true that a very strenuous and far-reaching obedience is exacted of the Jesuit, although Bernard Dubr easily shows that it stops a good deal short of that required of soldiers, who, unlike a Jesuit, are never allowed to plead conscience.

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RE-VISITING IRELAND—IMPRESSIONS PRODUCED THEREBY.

WILLIAM EDLISON. IN THE ROSARY MAGAZINE.

The genuine Celtic Irishman who revisits his native land after an absence of twenty-five or thirty years experiences strange feelings when his foot again touches the sacred soil where he was born.

And whenever his death occurred, the full amount of the bond would be payable to his beneficiary.

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steamer draws near to the bold headlands of the northwestern coast.

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THE GOOD SEED.

BY THE REV. JOHN H. TARR.

The Magdalen of Bethlehem.

A pilgrim from the hour of birth, the right and wrong of the war, I traversed, heavenward journeying, a hidden prophecy of Spring.

By the aid of Life Insurance the struggle of life is greatly lessened, for by comparatively small annual payments a man can make his family certain of a much larger amount in the future.

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