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INFANT BAPTISM.

The following letter was written simultaneously for the Catholic Record, London, and The Planet:

The subject of a sermon delivered in a Baptist Church of Chatham by the Rev. J. J. Ross, the pastor, was "The Sin of Infant Baptism."

The preacher announced that the teaching he proposed to deliver would "hit" many of his own congregation, as well as the other congregations of the city, and that in fact he had been asked and advised by members of his own congregation to leave the subject alone and not speak of it; but after deep thought and study he has arrived at the belief that "infant baptism is a sin," and he proposed to be able to prove through biblical references that what he said is true.

He admitted that some Baptists do not agree with him in this belief, and stated that those who uphold the doctrine quote the words of Christ: "Suffer little children to come unto Me." The report does not state that he denied that this passage is inapplicable to the case, but that it is to be presumed that he did so, for immediately afterward he is reported as having said: "If it is right to baptize a child either by sprinkling or immersion, it is also right for them to take Sacrament. No one will say that it is right for children to be allowed to take Sacrament, and if we reject one, we must reject the other."

We are told by the reporter of the sermon that "throughout it was from an argumentative standpoint, and for each statement which he made he produced biblical references to support his belief." There is only a single biblical reference in his sermon as reported to sustain his teaching, so that we are unable to say on what grounds he based this he made the assertion. We know, however, that no valid proof of the kind can be given. We will therefore say a few words on the one passage to which he does refer as a proof of his position, after which we will state the Catholic position on the subject.

The Rev. Mr. Ross says, according to the report: "That a child should not be baptized until he or she was old enough to realize the meaning of Baptism. It is stated in the gospels that only believers shall be baptized."

This is evidently a reference to the gospel of St. Mark xvi. 16: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned."

There is no other passage in Holy Scripture resembling Rev. Mr. Ross's quotation, so that this is the only Scriptural passage referred to in the report of the sermon to show the sinfulness of infant baptism, and if it does not show this, that gentleman is utterly without proof for his main thesis.

There are two conditions here laid down on the fulfillment of which salvation is promised—believe in Christ and baptism—but there is not one word to show that Rev. Mr. Ross infers from this text, namely, that actual belief must precede baptism in the case of infants.

If these words are to be strictly applied to infants they will not only mean that infants may not be baptized, but also that they cannot be saved at all, for they cannot have that actual belief which Rev. Mr. Ross requires from them, and the text tells us that they who have not that belief shall not be saved but shall be damned. This consequence the Rev. Mr. Ross expresses his repugnance to, and asserts that "when an infant is born into this world, its life is pure and spotless, and it has no need of baptism."

Thus the Rev. gentleman refutes his own interpretation of the only text which he can quote in favor of the pompous theory which he so confidently propounds, and which he acknowledges to be repudiated by all other Christian congregations in his city, and even by many of his own denomination.

As a matter of fact, which we intend to prove before the end of this year, the doctrine of a purely modern invention which has no basis in Holy Scripture, and which the whole Christian world to this day repudiates, with the exception of a faction within a church which is itself but a very small fraction of Christianity.

Assuming Mr. Ross's theory to be true, what means the presence of Christ in the Church which He built upon a rock shall not be overthrown by the gates of hell? That the gates of hell shall not prevail against it? What means the commission made by Christ Himself, that His Church or Kingdom should be like the mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, in its beginning, which should grow up to be a tree, "greater than any herb, so that the birds of the air come and dwell in the branches thereof?" (St. Matt. xiii. 32).

What means the prophecy of Isaiah, which even the translators of the Protestant version of the Bible admit to be a prediction of Christ's Kingdom or Church:

"And it shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountain, and shall be exalted above the hill, and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall say: Come ye and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and we shall walk in His paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem!" (Is. li. 2, 3).

Does the Rev. Mr. Ross's fraction of a church, never before heard of, which he claims to be the true Church in Germany in 1523, by ripping and patching the teachings of Luther, alone possess the "faith once delivered to the Saints" by Christ Himself?

To assert that in the case makes Christ and His Apostles mere buffoons and impostors when they assert that the church which Christ established should be heard under penalty that they who disobey must be

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We have dealt with this part of our subject somewhat lengthily that we might set forth the principal thesis of the Rev. Mr. Ross. We must on this account be brief in regard to the proofs that infant baptism is a doctrine handed down from Christ's Apostles, as Christ's own teaching.

1. Rev. Mr. Ross is wrong in his assertion that children are born pure and spotless.

"By one man sin entered into this world, and by sin death; and so death passed upon all men, in whom all have sinned." (Rom. v. 12).

In the Greek original, man is anthropos, which means a human being of any age or sex. Pantes, "all" have sinned has the same meaning: "all persons" or "people." Therefore, children are included.

"Behold, I was shaped in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Ps. li. 5, Prot. version).

Here original sin is clearly stated to have passed upon mankind.

"As by the offence of one unto all men to condemnation, so also by the justice of One unto all men to justification of life. For as by the disobedience of one man, many were made sinners, so also by the obedience of One many shall be justified."

Also:

"For if by one man's offence, death reigned through one, much more they who receive abundance of grace, etc., shall reign in life through One, Jesus Christ." (Rom. v. 17-19).

Hence, even little children have sinned in Adam, and therefore Baptism, the sacrament whereby we are justified, is for them.

2. This is confirmed by Christ, who said to Nicodemus (St. John iii. 5), "Unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

Here baptism is meant, and it must be received by all, for where we find "born again," the Greek original has "reborn," which signifies "unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

All in Samaria, "from the least to the greatest," followed Simon the magician, until Philip preached Christ there. Then "they were baptized both men and women" (Acts viii. 12).

No exception is made, as many would have been the case if children were not to be baptized. It would have been necessary, if Mr. Ross were right, to have given warning of such a case, lest some one should take these words together with "all men," and children being included, and thus Rev. Mr. Ross's sin would have been committed.

We find, also, that St. Paul baptized the household of Stephanus in Corinth. (1 Cor. i. 26).

At Philippi, Lydia, and her household were baptized, and also the keeper of the prison in which St. Paul was confined, together with "all" his household. (Acts xvi. 15, 33).

These and many other reasons which we cannot adduce at present show beyond doubt that infant baptism was used by the Apostles. We may add, however, one testimony in regard to the manner in which the Christian Church interpreted Christ's words from the beginning. Thus speaks St. Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, who wrote about the year 170, and who was the disciple of Polycarp, the disciple of St. John the Evangelist:

"He (Christ) came to save all men who, through faith in Him, are born again unto God; infants and children, boys, young men, and elders."

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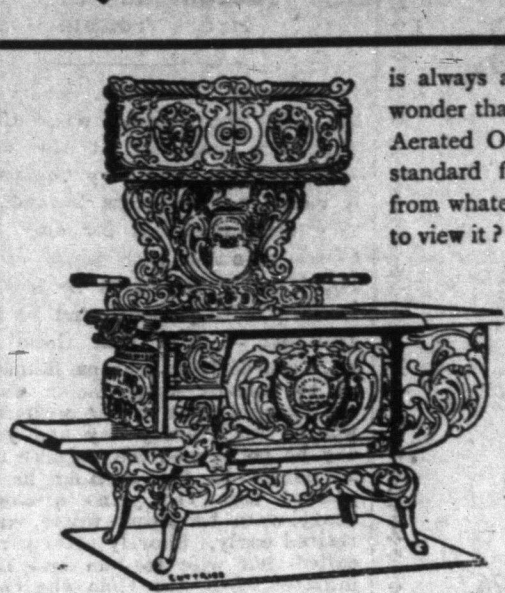
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