## men of whom He said, 'As My Father of Christ is the very opposite of pagan- PROTESTANTS SEE THE POPE. Vatican in due course, and were led THE STORY OF A CURIOUS CON-

## VERSION.

## Former Secret Society Leader L d to Embrace the True Faith by the Spectacle of an Ex-Priest Defaming His Spiritual Mother.

Editor Catholic Standard and Times : I recently formed the acquaintance

of an Englishman (a convert to the Roman Catholic Faith) whom I had previously observed as being a very prominent secret society leader and a rofessed Protestant. In his presence I expressed some wonder at the change in his religious practices, and he at once volunteered to state, for my information, the cause. Here is the story he told :

"I wish you to believe that I have always from boyhood up esteemed my eternal affairs and state of paramount importance to everything earthly. was always determined to save my soul, either amid poverty, riches or disgrace. to live as consistent and useful a life as Protestantism dictated. And it was pursuance of this determination that I was induced to go and hear (a converted priest we termed him) Rev. Father Chiniquy preach. And he it was who converted me to Roman Catholicism. Yes, strange as it may seem to you, this man who now preached with the avowed intention of heaping abuse on his former calling and belief -this man was, after God, the means of my becoming a Roman Catholic. "I began to reason thus : Who wa

this man, and what is he now ? He alleges (and I believe in truth) that he was one of the Roman Catholic priest hood. I recalled that the British and most other soldiers are required to take an eath binding them to a certain give it special consideration and con-term of service, and that the man trast it with what has gone before, or breaking said oath (termed a deserter) was at a comparatively recent date ad judged deserving of death, and even to day the offense is deemed so serious as to merit severe punishment and dis grace. Now this man Chiniquy, after mature deliberation and preparation, took vows-not to an earthly sover ign, but to God, of perpetual poverty, chastity and charity, and I find that the same Protestantism which metes out severe punishment and disgrace to the soldier who vowed (probably while under the influence of the recruiting officer's liquor) to serve only for a time an earthly sovereign, adjudges Chin-iquy, who is now married and reputed wealthy, to be a hero, a leading light of Protestantism. And what of his perjured vows to God ? Protestantism answers: 'Oh, that's nothing.'

"Heaven defend us! And when I looked around and asked: What of the remaining many thousand Roman Catholic clergy? What power holds those men steadfast in the choice of and artistic supremacy; perpetual self denial in the midst of a indeed, Roman power perpetual self denial in the midst of a indeed, Roman power and Roman people where perjury and desertion of prowess ! world holds most in esteem and reverence? I could find only one answer : It must be the Holy Spirit, the same of which He spoke, saying, 'I go, but I send you the Comforter, who shall abide with you to the end, to teach you all truth.' In fact, I could not find a stronger proof of the power of the Holy Spirit present in the hearts of men to No earthly tribunal to punish desertion ; the world with all its pleasures to gain ; nothing to lose, the feasting, rioting, banqueting world crying. 'Come,' 'desert,' 'welcome.' crying. 'Come,' 'desert,' 'welcome.' Ah me ! And do they come ? Do they in the face of such alluring temptation desert the cross and the Crucified ? Ah of hearth, of family circle. This

drives his own carriage.

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sent Me, so I send you ; he who heareth you heareth Me and he who heareth Me heareth Him who sent Me. Aud I am with you always even to the end.' I have found the one, the only lawfully constituted authority, the Church which I must believe as I beieve Him, which I must hear as I hear Him, or be classed with the unbeliever,

the heathen and the publican. J. B. J. D.

THE FRATERNITY OF CHRIST.

Dr. Stafford's Sermon on the Pity and Benevolence of the Saviour,

An eloquent and touching sermon An eloquent and fourning seruion was that delivered by the Ray. D J. Stafford, on Sunday last at S. Patrick's Church, Washington, upon "Payan Cruelty and Christian Charlty." Dr. Stafford spoke, in part, as follows :

" Appreciation comes by contrast. Therefore, I always tried That which is always before us, how ever beautiful or sublime, loses some what by constant association ; and in order properly and truly to appreciate it, we must turn our minds upon it for special consideration ; or imagine the absence of it and the establishment of its opposite. Thus the poet teaches us to appreciate the glory of light by bringing before us the appalling vision of universal darkness. We are sur-rounded always by the beauty of na ture, but we seldom think of it, and by

no means appreciate it. "Now it is precisely so with God's supernatural universe-religion. It has been with us from the beginning -this beauty of doctrine ; by constant association it has become common, and in order fully to appreciate it we must imagine what the world would be without it. Brothren, the birth of civilization dates far back in the history of man

"Mankind seems to have begun with the practical ; and while Greece, who was afterward to polish, refine, elevate, and make beautiful as her own atmosphere all the arts, was yet a wandering tribe of barbarians, Egypt and Assyria and the far East well advanced in mechanical knowledge.

"Marvelous, indeed, brethren, the progress of the ancient world, marvelous indeed ! From Egypt to Assyria, to Babylonia, to Greece and Rome the march of civilization, the tide of progress flows majestically on. It is won-derful, this progress. Wonderful the Chaldean's knowledge of the heavens, wonderful the Egyptian's knowledge of mechanics, wonderful the Babylonian's knowledge of metals-surpass ing wonderful Grecian gracefulness wonderful,

ment, with all that the folly-laden derful, and more surpassing strange More wonderful than Egyptian knowledge, more astounding than Eastern wisdom, more amazing than Grecian art, and more overpowering than the power of Rome, is this fact—this as-tonishing fact—this horrible fact, to which I now call your attention. In all the ancient world there was no such thing as benevolence or pity. Nowhere, neither among the pyramids and temples of Egypt, nor the Doric tions, and when the measure of and Ionic structures of Greece, nor the wickedness is full it will plead with triumphant arches of Rome did one building rise to shelter the poor or to harbor the harborless. Man had no pity for man, and the sick and the weak and the poor and the child were no. Wonderful! They still stand left to die. Society made no provision fast, foregoing the comforts of home, for them. Benevolence was unknown. "But this cruelty was not only know not by what spirit they are ani-negative in its character; it was posi-tive also, and it fell with a crushing first loved the poor and introduced fra-tive also, and it fell with a crushing first loved the poor and introduced fra-tive also, and it fell with a crushing first loved the poor and introduced fra-tive also, and it fell with a crushing first loved the poor and introduced fra-tive also, and it fell with a crushing first loved the poor and its the there is a first loved the poor and its the basis of the poor and the there is a first loved the poor and the there is a first loved the poor and the there is a first loved the poor and the there is a first loved the poor and the there is a first loved the poor and the there is a first loved the poor and the there is a first loved the poor and the there is a first loved the poor and the there is a first loved the poor and the there is a first loved the poor and the there is a first loved the poor and the there is a first loved the poor and the there is a first loved the poor and the poor a grand army of self denying men, edu cated with great labor and care, choos-ing after mature deliberation a thank weight upon three classes-the helpless, including women and children; the slaves, and the captives. There is less, laborious and dangerous occupation ! And for what? They cannot call the coat they wear their own at any time. Yet look at Chiniquy, the no word to describe this chapter of infamy in man's history. Children were daily exposed. So thoroughly had this spirit of cruelty permeated so idol of Protestantism, boasting that he ciety that parents, even mothers, put their children to death by expos-'Pitying my own blindness, which had caused me for fifty years to entireure or offered them in sacrifice to the ly overlock this one ever present and The custom of exposing in important truth, the indisputable proofs of which surrounded me on fants was universal, according to the testimony of Aristole in one age and Tacitus in another. Minutius Felix, Lactuations in another. Minutius Felix, Lactuatius, and Justin reproach the pagans with it in the early Christian times. Woman was down to the says: "The large number of diverge every hand. I thought it high time to look further and observe whether other proofs of D.vine origin and guidance were visible. And I had not far or long to look. I consulted a priest, times. Woman was degraded, and her degradation became a public, nay, under whose direction I was enrolled a religious spectacle, while the slave a member of the true and only Church, and the captive were, upon the slightwhich He came on earth to establish to est pretext, or no pretext, put to death; and the means of disposing of the the end. And it is easy for me to perceive now that if this, His own estab lished true Church, has fallen into error He who established and said He helpless, poor, and aged was death. Neibuhr relates that once, in a scarcity of bread in Rome, sixty old people were drowned in the Tiber, and intiwould keep it, even against the gates of hell, and preserve it unto the end, must have been false and consequently mates that this was by no means a rare spectacle. But there was added to themselves to select their associates Christianity would be a lie and a sham. "Etther that Church is true, and the this a greater crime yet, and it touched several hundred base imitations every ancient nation and polluted it. created and established by as many There is no doubt, according to good There is no doubt, according to good testimony, that human sacrifice was universal in the ancient world. Inacts of Parliament and otherwise are false, or Christianity is the veriest deed, the most cruel and heartless inflictions were connected with religion, "Oh yes, I discovered that I did not surely worship the true God, since I had pronounced my God a miserable failure. While the true God is too being inferior, were born to slavery. It recognized nothing sacred in human life, and treated the barbarian and the wise to err, my God might have come on earth to establish a true, ever abid. stranger, the helpless and the poor as if they were of the lower animals. ing and infallible Church, but I had "Such was the ancient world. Man pronounced His work a ruined, tumble-down job when I declaimed against the thought of everything but man. Pagan civilization was beautiful like a errors of Rome, dethroned Him and Greek statue. It stood before you and it seemed to breathe but it was lifeless put myself in His place, instituting several hundred styles of much better and cold. Such, brethren, was the world when the Lord was born in Bethand widely different Churches in opposition to His Divine pronouncement, There shall be one Shepherd and one lehem. Oh, well might the angels defold.' My whole religion and life was a vigorous protest against the infalli-Child—that Child who was to protect a vigorous protest against the infalli-bility of my God and His work. I was a Protestant. But now I believe God rather than men. I have found the every living creature. The doctrine a the found the start of the s

ism was crucity and lust, which al-ways go together. The spirit of Christis purity and charity; these are likewise sisters. The figure which ushered in the New Testament is the figure of a virgin, and Christ was born in poverty. He established fraternity in the world, which before was not known, and gave as the very sign of discipleship the love of neighbor. "Christ came for man and He said

to His apostles, 'Go and teach all nations' And here St Paul, going forth, cannot restrain himself ; he must speak out, and it is like a hymn of praise-a canticle of joy. Oh ! man, man, hear and be attentive ! You cultured Greeks ; you haughty Romans and you poor slaves ; hear and be at-tentive : ' For there is neither Jew por Greek, neither bond nor free, neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus '

"Such, brethren, is the spirit which renovated the word and which and mated the Church of Christ. The martyrs embalmed it, the saints have burned with it, missionaties it has consumed ; and in every age of the Loudon there was a great commotion. Up from the homes of the poor came great multitudes -- the orphan and the widow, the halt and the blind, and the all quarters they came, they converge toward one building and stand guard around it. What is within? The wasted form and emaciated face of an old man cold in death. They bear him to the grave, the poor fellow, and when they have lowered him into it the poor rush in to carry away the earth that covers the remains of Henry Eiward Manning. And men eulogize him and speak of his great intellect-his grasp and comprehension of mind; his wonderful knowledge, which threw

light on every darkest question ; his literary excellence feldom equalled ; his practical judgment seldom excelled: his store of erudition, persistency of character, and massive individuality. But the poor think not of these things ; they rise up and weep and lament and add unto Henry Edward Manning the completion of his character and the greatest of eulogiums-he loved the poor and was our father.

"Brethren, this spirit of Christ has taken possession of the world and abides in it. It remains in the hearts of those who have rejected doctrine and repudiated dogma. But wherever it is it is God's presence and Christ's spirit, and God's blessing shall attend it. And it has power to cleave the darkness of error and descend into the abyss of crime and to lift man from crime and error to the light of truth and the joy of virtue. Wherever it is, it is Christ's spirit ; and, brethren, ac-knowledge it and bless it. It is in the world. You have all seen how in times of public calamity this spirit is displayed by fellow - citizens with a magnificent and spontaneous generosity seldom seen in the world ; and that spirit so often tested and so

often proved will bring God's blessing upon us. It will save us from our sins; it will perpetuate better than armies our liberties and our institudivine eloquence to stay the hand of God's vengeance. And yet, brethren, in this age and in this coun and a self-sacrifice truly Christian

T \* o Unpretentious and Uncredentialed Tourists Have an Interesting Audience. This is interesting-the manner in

which two unpretentious and uncredeutialed tourists came to have audi ence of Pope Leo XIII. Asit is a most difficult honor to attain, even by crowned heads and diplomats, the narration may encourage the ordinary sight seer, says the Lady's World. For obvious reasons I withhold the real names of the privileged ones, but vouch for the facts. Mr. S is a retired man of business, shrewd and kindly, whilst his wife is tall, matronly, with soft, brown eyes. It may be as well to mention these qualities, that the elements for a successful imitation may at least be recognized. I cannot do better than give the story as closely as I can in the very words of Mrs. S. "Both my husband and myself are

very fond of travelling, and, about a couple of years ago, went to Italy in -'s agency the general care of-As soon as we could, after reaching Rome, we went, of course, to St. Pater's, to which we returned again and again. church it has raised up heroes to live Atter one of these visits there was a for God and die for man. And think slight shower which kept us waiting in you it is dead to day? Yesterday in the portico. I intended next to proceed to a place not far from St. Peter's, as I understand, where I meant to make a small purchase. Standing be side me, among those who were waitwretched of every description ; from ing till the shower passed, was a beaut fil, thoughtful-looking lady. I asked her if the could direct me to-With a pleasant smile she gave me all directions, but - woman · like - we branched off into talk about something else so that when the shower was over I had quite forgotten the directions, and, apologizing, asked her to be good enough to repeat them. 'I am afraid that after all you would go astray,' she said, speaking English easily, but with just an accent: there are many little turnings which are perplexing to If you permit me, I shall a stranger. be very glad to take you there '

"Of course I thanked her most grate fully, and we strolled forth together. As we went along she asked me what I had seen in Rome, giving many a useful hint of what was worth seeing. 'Have you seen His Holiness?" she inquired at length. I had not. Would l like to see him? It would, of course, be an unbounded delight to us, but not a thing to be expected. 'Do not say that,' she said, with a winsome smile if you really wish it I think I might manage it.' On expressing again what a pleasure it would be to us, she quietly said : ' Well, meet me again at the same spot in the portico of St. Peter's to-morrow morning at 11, and we shall see what can be done.' We thankfully promised, and, having reached the place I wanted, we parted

from our obliging friend. ' Next morning we were promptly at our place in the portico, and there was the lady. After the usual greetings, she took us along to the entrance of the Vatican, and led us past the romantically uniformed Papal Guard. The Guard saluted the lady; wherever we went she was sainted by soldiers and liveried servants, priests making a low and reverent obeisance. was evidently of high degree and well known.

"So we were led through corridors on corridors (there are said to be 1000 rooms in the Vatican, you knowwhich is not exactly correct, but nearly so), till, through a line of bowing try men occupied with social prob-lems and seeking the good and the alleviation of the poor with a zeal words from h r in Italian and we were admitted to the presence of a Cardinal

"We thanked her most gratefully,

stranger in the strange land. So she

a smile, she merely said that it did not

matter, and bade us good bye. "We were before her at the portico

several other people were waiting After a short delay some ushers en tered, then a frail man, with clear waxy complexion, and beautiful calm eyes ; behind him came several Cardi nals, as I took them to be. His Holiness walked to the centre of the hall. everyone bowing low or kneeling with uplified hand he uttered a few words of blessing in Latin. The Cardinal we had speken with before then introduced each visitor by name, with an explanatory suggestions or two, just enough to give His Holiness the connecting link, as it were, for he seemed to have mastered all details be forehaud. When he came bowed low, but did not kneel. When he came to us we Giving us his hand, with a gentle, charming smile he asked if we had any children. abswered that we had several

They all are walking, I trust, asked His Holtness, 'in the right way?' I said I believed they way? I said I believed they were, whereupon with a courteous inclination of the neck, he passed on to the next group. When the circle had been thus completed, he again went into the middle of the hall, and, in French, offered up a simple, earnest prayer, and slowly withdrew I could not but admire his wisdom and good taste in putting the question to me as he did about the children ; it left me to my own interpretation as to what was 'the right way,' which, be ing a Protestant, might have been something different from his idea. There was diplomacy in the manner no doubt, but there was large charity

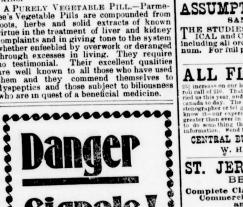
also in the matter. "So, what a few days earlier we would have declared to be a thing impossible, was accomplished. That evening a quietly-appointed carriage drew up at our hotel, and we were inquired for. It was our mysterious lady friend. She asked how the reception had gone, how we liked it, what we thought of His Holiness, and so forth. Could she be of any further use to us in Rome? We thanked her, but said we were departing in a couple

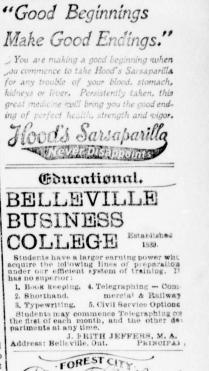
of days. It was impossible for us to tell how highly we valued the great favors she had done us, and we trusted she would yield to our pressing wish to know her name. But she only gave the quietly merry, little smile again, and said, 'll n'importe !' and drove off "The proprietor of the hotel, who had got a glimpse of her, said she was the Pope's sister ! Whether so or not, I cannot tell."

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ternity into the world. Ah ! brethren, for they know not what they do. Practice is the conclusion of doctrine, and to make their lives complete they should accept the one as well as the

#### THE DIVORCE EVIL.

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pressed his deep regret that his Holl-ness was too indisposed to see anyone that day, but he hoped to have a re-ception on Friday—a few days later— when he trusted he would have the Since the first of the year Judge Prather of the Superior Court has granted dec ees in seventy five cases pleasure of receiving us. Oar lady guide condoled with us. The health of the Holy Father had not been good of late ; it was a disappointment, but only for a few days. If we would again, is to be deplored. I am convinced on Friday, at such an hour, meet her that the real reason or the causes for in the portico as before, she would have the culmination of the relations bepleasure in introducing us to His Holitween the parties in divorce is the want of proper consideration in marrying. Young people marry without you may be sure; hers was kindness such as rarely falls to the lot of the knowing whom they are marrying, or, if they do know, without proper care for the results. I think the parents are also greatly to blame for the many led us out, again saluted, and bowed to all. Before parting I naturally asked divorcs by leaving their children to her from whom we had the honor of receiving so much kindness, but, with indicompanions without proper super-vision or care. The family is the foundation of our society and too much care cannot be taken in selecting a life companion.

on Friday morning, but she came prompt-to the moment. Owing to the state of His Holiness' health the purposed reception had to be postponed to the following Tuesday. But, the Car-dinal said, if he had the name and ad-THINK about your health. Do not allow scrofula taints to develop in your blood. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla now and keep yourself WELL.

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