

The Catholic Record.

"Christianus mihi nomen est, Catholicus vero Cognomen."—(Christian is my Name, but Catholic my Surname).—St. Pacian, 4th Century.

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CHRIST, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.

Sermon by the Rev. Thomas J. Conaty, D. D., at the Catholic Summer School at Plattsburg, N. Y., Sunday Evening, July 1.

Jesus said to Simon Peter: "But whom do you say that I am?" Simon Peter, answering, said: "Thou art Christ, the Son of the Living God." And Jesus, answering, said to him: "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona; because flesh and blood hath not revealed it to thee, but My Father who is in heaven." (St. Matt. xvi, 15, 16.)

Dearly Beloved Brethren:—This incident in the life of our Blessed Lord, which drew forth from Peter the strong word of belief on the dogma of Christ's divinity, comes to the world with its strength and consolation to clear away many of the mists of doubt and uncertainty in religious belief to give them the very foundation of true religion. We are in an age when it is considered by many fashionable to doubt in religious thought. It is an age when men assert their independence, even of the God who created them, independence of mind in matters of revealed truth, and independence of life in matters of moral law.

His hand touched the sick, and sickness left them: His word came to the ignorant, and possessed their hearts with love and their minds with knowledge: He went about everywhere doing good. He selected from among men His apostles, and took them into His councils, and told them His mission and preached to them His doctrine, in all their beauty and in all their strength: they were poor men; they were ignorant men, in great part, yet we know that they were fired with a courage which no man ever had before. And why? Because they believed that Christ who walked through Judea was the Divine Son of God, who came on earth to fulfil the promise of old, who came to die for the salvation of men.

How beautiful the scene pictured by the gospel of that day when Peter, the leader of the Apostolic file, was tested as to his faith!

CHRIST PROCLAIMS HIS OWN DIVINITY.

Christ heard the murmuring of the Jews, and the Pharisees, knowing that men had thoughts of Him which were not thoughts of God. He said to them: "Whom do men say that I am?" And the Apostles, answering, with answers according to their faith, Christ said to Peter: "Whom do you say that I am?" And Peter said: "Thou art Christ, the Son of the Living God." And Christ, answering him, said: "Thou hast answered well. Flesh and blood hath not revealed this to thee, but My Father, who is in heaven, and I say to thee that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church, and I will give to thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Think you that Cross was a mere symbol? Think you it was something passing? No, no! That Cross was the fulfillment of the promise made under the shadow of the rainbow of old, against the anger of God, to sinning man. That Cross is the path leading to eternal light. That Cross is the light to illumine men, to illumine every man that cometh into the world. That Cross was man's salvation; and hence it is, that, leading from that Cross, Christ built His Church, and Christ is the Church, that preaching the Cross, teaching the world might have Judea. Christ's teachings were never to cease: His Word was to endure forever: His Word was to go on to the end of time, preaching the Cross, teaching the world might have Judea.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Christ in order that it might be done, built His Church, organized His Apostles, and commissioned them to go out into the world and preach the Cross.

Oh, brethren, that fact impressed itself on the history of the world, when those Apostles stood in martyr's places, and preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Have you ever thought of the change that came over them within a short space of time? You remember the night before the crucifixion, when one of them, those men who had sat at the feet of Jesus, looked into His sweet face and felt the beatings of His loving heart; who had taught them as no other man had ever taught before: yet, when darkness came, when the clouds drew heavy and when the Cross appeared through the clouds, courage failed them, and they fled! Where, then, was he who said: "I believe that thou art Christ, the Son of the Living God?" Where was he? The cowardly heart had abandoned His Master, and he had turned back upon his heels, and he had fled from the man at all.

Cross of Calvary nineteen hundred years ago is the Cross of Calvary to-day, and the Christ that hung on Calvary nineteen hundred years ago is the Christ of to-day, because He is the Son of the Living God, and there is no change in Him. And the truth He came to preach is the same as when Jew and Gentile listened to Him, and it is the truth for you and me and for all, until the end of time.

THE CHURCH UNCHANGEABLE.

We believe that Jesus Christ established that Church for all ages and that it is as unchangeable and unchanged as Jesus Christ Himself. We believe that if a man wants to know what to believe he must go to the Cross of Calvary and listen to the Saviour speaking to him; to-day, what to do, he wants to know, to-day, what to do, he must go to the same Saviour and ask him: "Lord, what must I do to enter eternal life?" And we hear from the gentle Saviour's lips the same lesson that the lawyer of old heard. We believe that the Catholic Church is the Church of Christ, we believe that the Catholic Church teaches Christ. Christ has never left the world, but has remained in His Church and when His Church teaches us doctrine to-day, we believe it is Christ still preaching to us, just as He did on the Sea of Galilee, or in Samaria, and Jerusalem; the same Saviour, the same Gospel, the same truth.

believe in this?" "Do you believe in that?" We say to him: "Yes, we believe in it." "Do you understand it?" "It is not necessary to understand it; it is sufficient for me to know that God has proposed it to my belief, and I will use my intelligence to see its beauty. But, as the Catholic Church, I believe it. Christ teaches it: His Church teaches it: and His Church cannot err any more than Christ can."

In Jesus Christ, my Saviour, my intellect is developed in its highest form, and my heart is developed in its purest love, and my whole life is trained in the way of Him who is the way of truth and life, who died for me on the Cross that I might have religion, and that I might have it abundantly.

Brethren, let us thank God for making us Christians, and putting in our hearts the seed of true love, and in our minds the developed true knowledge. If years have developed these seeds so that our minds know truth better, for us, thank God, the good God, who has taught us better than we deserve. Our Church stands as our guardian; its morals are the morals of the Cross. And society can find in the Cross only salvation; upon it, and it alone, must society depend to save it from erring men, to save it from the hands of men who would destroy it in every fibre of its existence.

unite their prayers, with the faithful of every portion of the new separated body, for the peace of Jerusalem."

We are tempted to remark further that many "pious ones"—men and women of beautiful lives—have come to us out of the exile of Anglicanism, and it is our conviction that many more languish "far from home." Entering into the Church is coming near to God, and leaving it is going away and walking no more with Him—Ave Maria.

In Mexico.

The American traveller in Mexico has so often set our olive-skinned neighbors in unfavorable contrast with their more active brethren of the North, that a tourist who understands the Mexicans and writes sympathetically of them has come to be regarded as a "rare bird." Many persons, who seem to be possessed by the thought that the Church has a mission to commerce and art and science, frequently blame our holy religion because it merely teaches men to keep themselves unspotted from the world, instead of making them lovers and hoarders of the Almighty Dollar. We have great pleasure, therefore, in quoting the testimony of Mr. F. R. Guernsey, who writes thus from Mexico to the Boston Herald:

"What is the effect of the religion of these people on their lives and conduct is a question frequently asked me by my compatriots. Regarding its work in the formation of the character of women, in rendering them both happy and useful, the Catholic faith needs no tribute. Nowhere in the wide world can women of more lovely lives, of sweeter character, be found than in this pleasant land of Mexico. True, in all relations of life—good wives, excellent mothers, and faithful guardians of their households,—they are unequalled. A calm content rests upon them; they are not distracted by ambitions, the feverishness of the lives of emancipated women troubles them not. In sickness they are true friends and the best of neighbors; in death their faithful belief of whoever may be in distress. One must needs be a very religious person to deny these palpable facts. And I, who am not a Catholic, but merely record what I see all about me, am glad to pay this merited tribute to the choicest example of what the faith of the Catholics does for that portion of our race which bears the heaviest burden of life."

DIOCESE OF LONDON.

BLESSING OF CORNER STONE.

The corner stone of the new church in Norwich was solemnly blessed yesterday, the 15th inst., by Rev. Father Brady. A very large congregation attended Mass in the old church, at the end of Beattie Street. Dr. Flannery, of St. Thomas, delivered an appropriate discourse from the text: "How terrible is this place—this is the house of God and the gate of heaven." (Gen. 28:10-17) Rev. Father Corcoran, of La Salette, was present in the sanctuary. Rev. Father Brady explained the reason for the Archbishop's absence, which was occasioned, and told how he was delegated to fill the Bishop's place. After a procession around the church foundations and the cutting of appropriate vestments, the ceremony was solemnly laid and blessed.

The church is of Gothic design, and will accommodate five hundred worshippers. The architect is Mr. Fred Henry, the talented young artist of London, Ont., who last year completed his architectural studies in Europe. The contractors are the firm of Beattie, Brox & Co., Norwich, who have agreed to finish the work by the 1st of November. Rev. Father Brady's efforts and zealous enterprise were most ably aided by the assistance of the instrumentality of which so many wonderful cures are daily reported. At the close of an eloquent sermon on the wondrous workings of grace through the intercession of the saints and the veneration of the shrine of St. Anne, the Father exposed on a temporary altar the sacred relic, encased in a rich golden reliquary, for the veneration of the congregation. All eagerly pressed forward to the altar-railing to pay their homage to the Mother of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Queen of heaven and earth.

A PRECIOUS RELIC.

Editorial Note:—On Sunday last, after Mass in St. Mary's church, a most imposing ceremony took place. During the celebration of Mass, the Holy Right of Rev. Mgr. Marois a precious relic, a part of the robe of St. Anne de Beauce, through the instrumentality of which so many wonderful cures are daily reported. At the close of an eloquent sermon on the wondrous workings of grace through the intercession of the saints and the veneration of the shrine of St. Anne, the Father exposed on a temporary altar the sacred relic, encased in a rich golden reliquary, for the veneration of the congregation. All eagerly pressed forward to the altar-railing to pay their homage to the Mother of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Queen of heaven and earth.

It was a most impressive sight, never to be forgotten. The Rev. Father and the congregation of St. Mary's are to be congratulated on the possession of such a treasure. Some people pride themselves on being the possessors of some trifling trinket or the property of a great general or statesman. Catholics, to whom the words of the Apostles' Creed, "I believe in the Communion of Saints," have not lost their meaning, prize infinitely more relics of great servants of God whose bodies during their mortal career were the living temples of the Holy Ghost.

I understand the relic will be exposed during certain feasts of the year for the veneration of the congregation.

A Good Place to Live in.

In County Tyrone, Ireland, there is a district of sixty-one square miles, inhabited by nearly ten thousand people, in which there are no saloons. The result has been that there is not a policeman in the district, the poor rates are one-half what they were before, and the police magistrates testify to the great absence of crime and disorder.

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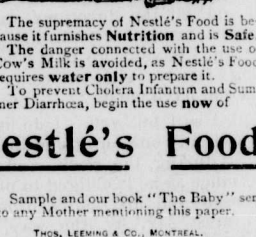
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