

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

BY A PROTESTANT THEOLOGIAN. CCLXXXVII.

The Baptist editors of the Diary, in reply to the complaint of their Catholic contemporary of the same title...

It is hard to see what pertinency such an answer has to such a complaint. Have I a right to exhibit bitterness towards my neighbor...

By such a showing I should have a right to demean myself as an Ishmael against all mankind, my hand against every man, and every man's hand against me.

We can imagine some such dialogue as this between the editor of the Hellograph and the editors of the Diary.

Hellograph: You tell your readers that almost all the Filipinos are heathens or Mohammedans, when you know that about seven tenths of them are Catholics.

Diary: True. We remember Father Luther's advice, to make free use of "edifying and salutary lies," in the cause of the Blessed Reformation.

Hellograph: But you attack even private character. When a Catholic clergyman lately died, leaving a considerable estate, you screamed out that here was wealth run up by extortion from his people, without pretending the slightest evidence of your charge.

Diary: True. As Luther says again: "A man that will shrink from a good plump lie for the sake of the true religion is a poor stick."

Hellograph: Perhaps you have special principles in dealing with the Pope.

Diary: Certainly. In other cases we manufacture the facts, and then apply the epithets. In the case of the Pope we apply the epithets without regard to the facts.

Hellograph: But you have signified lately that all Protestants but Baptists are really "Romanists." Then why don't you treat them as you do us?

Diary: Don't you? For certain reasons we must pretend to make a distinction, but how much difference there is in our underlying spirit?

Hellograph: If you are afraid that some day you may persecute us again why may not we be afraid that some day you will persecute us? At the Reformation you swept the Catholic Church and worship by violence out of Scandinavia, Northern Germany, Western Switzerland, and Scotland and England.

away from our churches and globes, and drove us out into clay cabins or upon the open hillsides. And when, for five years, we had a Catholic Queen to support us, we simply took back a part of our churches, without disturbing you in your persons, or in your worship.

And in Germany how is it that nobody is disquieted when a Catholic is first minister of the Empire, and that in Saxony the rights and possessions of the Lutheran church have been jealously guarded for two hundred years by a line of Catholic monarchs?

And in France again, after correcting the wildness of popular exaggerations by authentic Huguenot statistics, how is it that the Calvinists, relatively to their numbers, are found to have been nearly or quite as bloodthirsty as the Catholics, or even more so, being at the same time infinitely more diabolically cruel in the slow tortures of their butcheries?

How is it again that in Austria, when the Catholic Church was at the very height of her power, from 1855 to 1870, the Government, without one dissent from the priest-hood, took the opportunity to remove the last traces of religious inequality from the laws concerning the Protestants?

Diary: My good friend, do you think you are going to get these things into the heads of our Protestant people in a hurry? Not while we keep them so well primed with Merle d'Aubigne's history.

Hellograph: He wisely leaves out all these inconvenient facts, and gives us the early Protestants, not as they were, but as we wish our people to imagine them, as holy eminent for the saintliness of their lives and the stainlessness of their morals.

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FIVE-MINUTES SERMON.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany. RESISTING THE DEVIL.

"An enemy hath done this" (Matt. xlii. 25). To-day's Gospel is explained by our Lord Himself a little further on in answer to a question of His disciples.

There are some who trouble themselves about the question why God should ever have permitted evil to exist at all; perhaps they will even go so far on that account as to impugn the wisdom of God.

Now, while to-day's Gospel suggests this problem—a problem that has troubled man's mind for ages—the same Gospel suggests also the solution; not, indeed, that it gives a complete answer to every question we may ask, but the solution of the problem so far as its practical bearing on the difficulties of our own daily life and work is concerned.

Whether the reasons we can give for this fact are satisfactory to us or not, the fact itself remains as it is. The enemy has sown his bad seed, and the religious inequality from the laws concerning the Protestants? See Dr. Schulte. Surely then we have as much reason to fear the future from you as from us.

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