

ANALYSIS OF THE ENCYCLICAL "IMMORTALE DEI."

The 'Unita Cattolica' gives the following analysis of the last Encyclical Letter of Leo XIII, on the Christian Constitution of States.

PART I.—THE PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN SOCIETY.

All Sovereignty comes from God. Under whatsoever Government God in reality is the Supreme Ruler.

Princes are but God's representatives; they must govern paternally.

Religion is an obligation as well on society itself as on particular individuals, atheism is a crime, as much for Government as for private persons.

Governments must embrace the true religion, viz. that one which is shown true by prophecies, miracles, the heroism of its martyrs and its marvellous propagation. True religion is found only in the Catholic Church.

The Church is a complete, self-sufficient society, entitled to perfect liberty. The two powers (spiritual and temporal) are both ordained by God; they must, they can, work in concert. Their rights emanate respectively from their diverse scopes, spiritual in one case, temporal in the other, for which they have been devised.

Christian society, in its admirable organization, honors the princes, sanctifies the domestic hearth, defends the political body, unites men together in the sweet bonds of charity. People can be happy, as far as happiness is possible here below, only in Christian society. Christian Europe has been crowned with glory.

PART II. PRINCIPLES OF REVOLUTION.

The so-called Reformation of the sixteenth century rose against Christian society; crept into philosophy, thence infected politics, and turned the world up side down with what is called the new jurisprudence. It has proclaimed equality, insubordination, free thought, the people sovereign, the tyranny of majorities, the official atheism and the unbounded license of the press.

Position of the Church in such a State: The Church is then considered merely as an ordinary association. Her special laws are ignored. She is ousted out of the education of youth and despoiled of her goods. The violation of concordats, and the separation between Church and State are followed by open persecution, spoliation of the Pontiff and threats of destruction against the Church.

PART III.—ABSURDITY OF THOSE PRINCIPLES.

Absurdity of the sovereignty of the people, of official atheism, of religious indifference, of the liberty of the press and of all kinds of opinions; dangers arising from the separation between Church and State consequences of the Church's being enthralled; condemnation of the separation between Church and State pronounced by Gregory XVI in his bull Mirari vos, and by Pius IX. in his Encyclical Quanta cura and in his Syllabus.

PART IV.—WHAT SHOULD BE THE CONDUCT OF CATHOLICS.

No particular form of Government is repugnant to Catholicism; it can thrive under any government.

The Church does not condemn liberty when it is necessary, she tolerates other forms of religion,

She forces no one to believe against his will. She welcomes every little progress.

It consequence these are the rules Catholic must go by.

In opinions: To allow themselves to be led by the judgment of the Apostolic See with regard to the so-called modern liberties; under a bad government, to bear patiently, but to detect its principles.

In actions, first as to private life: To live as good Catholics, to love the Church defend her and make her known. As to public life, to take a part in administrative election and the formation of municipalities. To share in political election, except in some particular places, is even good and useful. One may co-operate with government in order to ameliorate it, and in any case one must glory in being a Catholic.

It is necessary to be of one mind, to obey the pope and Bishop, to stand firm in Catholic principles and to be moderate in debates about debatable points. Naturalism and Rationalism are no tenets for Catholic. One cannot be of one kind in private life and of another kind in public.

Finally, after reminding all the faithful and particularly those who are to engage daily in the turmoil of public life of the necessity of submission to the teaching of the church, Leo XIII. winds up his beautiful Encyclical by earnestly exhorting the devoted servant of the Church to keep union among themselves in seeking the same ends and fighting for the same cause, even though

they should disagree on points of application or policy where their liberty is unrestrained, and thus the Bull Immortale Dei may be summed up in the beautiful words of St. Augustine: in thing essential, unity; in things doubtful, liberty; in all things, charity.

MONTREAL'S GRAND CATHEDRAL

St. Peter's church, the future cathedral of the diocese of Montreal will be completed at an early day. This church was commenced by the late venerable Bishop Bourget, and for many years the work went on rapidly. Owing to financial reasons it was after a while abandoned, and fears were entertained that the walls, which had been raised to their full height, would be allowed to crumble again into dust. Early last Spring the work was resumed, and the progress made was truly admirable. The main building was completely covered and floored, and several feet were added to the height of the dome. This church is a fac simile of St. Peter's in Rome, on a scale of two fifths. It is 330 ft. in length 220 in breadth. The portico will be 110x30. The height of the cupola will be over 200 ft. and each of the four towers, surmounting it 110 ft. With the Episcopal residence, it occupies a whole block fronting on Dominion Square, one of the finest sites in Montreal. It will plainly visible from all parts of the city. Monseigneur Bourget, in choosing his position, seemed determined to give even to the material structure of the first church in his diocese an ascendancy over all others. Numerous dissenting temples have of late generated in its locality, but compared with the great St. Peter's their length and breadth will serve merely to illustrate the feebleness of their faith as their number show forth the variety. When completed, this church will be the most interesting piece of architecture in Montreal and the grandest cathedral in Canada. A mammoth bazaar is being organized in order to procure funds for the furtherance of this work.

HOW A WISE MAN BUILT HIS HOUSE.

Many of our readers will find their own experience reflected in the following paragraph taken from the last number of the "Central Law Journal" where it is used to illustrate another subject. A gentleman wished to build for himself a nice mansion, and, of course, was exceedingly anxious to have the approbation of his friends and neighbours. So he asked the advice of all. The first said, "Here is a nice site, and I should build such a style of a house." The second said, "I don't like that site nor the style of the house." The third came along and was utterly amazed at the selection of the site made by the others and of their total want of taste in architecture. He said, "Leave off all that; here is the most charming spot for a house, and here is the most exquisite plan for a house." And so it went on until the gentleman became disgusted with his advisers, and went and selected his own site and adopted his own style of architecture, and builded a house to suit himself. By a multitude of counsellors there is wisdom, but the house builder's experience in seeking the advice of his neighbors found it different and was probably wise in rejecting all their suggestions, and following the plans his own judgement dictated. The moral here conveyed does not end with locating of a house site or the erection of a building. It will be generally found best to follow one's own impressions and taste rather than to defer to others.

BISMARCK AND OUR RELIGION.

Prince Bismarck, whatever may be his real sentiments with regard to the Catholic religion, is at the present manifesting a remarkable spirit of conciliation and respect towards Catholic dignitaries. The chancellor gave lately one of his Parliament dinners to several members of the Prussian Upper Chamber, to which has been presented the new May Law Amendment Act: His guests included Bishop Kopp, who appeared in his robes of office, while the Prince himself wore the star of the papal Order of Christ. Of the donor of this distinction the Chancellor spoke in the most appreciative and flattering terms. Leo XIII he remarked, was one of the most acute and enlightened statesmen of our time who had been quick to perceive the advantages accruing to Europe from the existence in its centre, in the present condition of the world, of a conservative and well ordered state like Germany. There are no doubt Catholics who may be inclined to suspect the Chancellor of ulterior motives in using this language, but, whatever may be the thought of his words, it must be admitted that he has never laid himself open to the imputation of being a flatterer.

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