

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

By a Protestant Theologian. CCLXVIII. I have already advanced one great grievance of ours against the Catholics...

I wonder if the Catholics can not be made to see that all this array of their martyred worthies very inconveniently encumbers the ground which we had staked out as exclusively our own.

However, I suppose their is no possibility of persuading the Holy See to reverse the beatifications and approaching canonizations of the saintly men and women who suffered under Henry and Edward and Elizabeth.

So much for our first great grievance. Now for the second, which belongs about a hundred and fifty years later.

It looks sometimes as if the Catholics were not fully aware that, in the field of controversy, the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries ought to belong pre-eminently to us.

How long it had lain concealed there was a point upon which the reformers were not agreed.

The question also which brought it to Saxony to hide it, until it should be found again by the Wittenberg friar so eminent for his apostolic mildness and purity, and balance of belief, and love of the ignorant and the weak, as is proved by his affectionate salutations of them as hogs and asses, only worthy to be beaten and starved, or else broken on the wheel.

A much more important question still remained to be pondered. Through all the ages missionaries and martyrs had been giving up their lives that the name and honor and message of Christ might be made known among the nations.

Now what was this regenerating influence, which, though leaving the flesh still growing everywhere with the wheat, as we are admonished shall be true to the end, had so profoundly changed the face of the world?

TRANSCENDANTIALISM ARE LIGHT AND AIRY COMPARED WITH THE NECESSITY WHICH LAY UPON THE REFORMERS OF PROVING THAT THE SAME THING IS AND IS NOT, HAS BEEN AND HAS NOT BEEN, FOR NINE, OR TWELVE, OR FOURTEEN HUNDRED YEARS.

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The one unapproachable controversial work on either side is Bossuet's Variations des Eglises Protestantes. It is worth more particular consideration in our next.

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THE FOUR LAST THINGS.

Frequently during the course of these brief reviews the supreme business of man upon earth—the salvation of his immortal soul—has been kept prominently in view.

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Finally, judgment—eternal reward or punishment—which means heaven or hell, necessarily implies death. In other words, before it can begin to serve God's eternal decree the soul must be separated from the body.

The Cant Against Churches. Over in New York the editor of the Socialist weekly, The Worker, says that churches ought to be taxed and that future platforms of his party ought to carry a plank so declaring.

Let us see. The money invested in New York Catholic churches alone runs far up into the millions. Every cent of this cash was paid out to workmen of one sort or another.

If church building stopped, labor would be in a pitiful condition, indeed. It is safe to assert that if all churches were destroyed it would take one hundred thousand men working night and day twenty long years to rebuild them.

From a practical point of view the Church is the workman's best friend, and it pays no profits. Why should it be taxed?—New World.

IMITATION OF CHRIST. THAT A MAN SHOULD NOT BE TOO MUCH DEFLECTED WHEN HE FALLETH INTO SOME DEFECTS.

FIVE-MINUTE SERMON. Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost. SHAMEFULNESS IN SINNING.

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Do I exaggerate? Am I not, on the contrary, forced for decency's sake to pass over other what does it harm and all but the blind and deaf know of among us?

But we must remember that they are all this time really sinners, and worse than ordinary sinners, because without shame. Here, then, is our first duty: not to permit human respect, worldly position, or a bullying tongue to silence our love of God's honor.

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THE CHARITY OF CHRIST COMPELS.

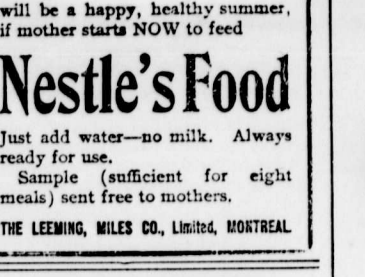
Who can live among men and remain unmoved at the prevalence of vice and error, unless he has no heart for God's rights, no pity for man's ruin.

Look at the very frenzy of immorality that reigns in the lives of vast multitudes, a perfect rage of lust destroying both soul and body.

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At least, bear it patiently, if thou canst not receive it with joy. And though thou be not willing to bear it, and perceive an indignation arising within thyself; yet repress thyself, and suffer no inordinate word to come out of thy mouth which may scandalize the weak.

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Everything about us speaks to us and tells us of the great and good Creator—great because His works are mighty, grand and beautiful: good because He has made man and endowed him with the gifts of intellect, of affection and of will and has made all other created things for his use and benefit.

But there are also among the uncivilized pagan nations, just as among the civilized Christian nations, many who have had hearts and who refuse to give homage of any kind which their natural lights and feelings suggest.

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that we should be moved by these principles and not when we come to die and must leave the world, as, alas! is the case with so many."

As all nature glorifies God man must glorify Him, too. Yes in the intelligent, active homage of man God receives, as it were, the homage even of things inanimate and those which, though animate, are without reason.

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Women in Universities.

Because women have won honors in several of our American universities this year, the Herald notes it as a remarkable evidence of the way women are coming to the front.

Remarks the Pilot, "In the old Catholic University of Bologna early in the fourteenth century—and equally without fuss or feathers—Novella Calderini received the 'Doctor's laureate,' and often replaced her father, the famous jurconsult, Giovanni d'Andrea, in his professional chair; and in the same University, two centuries ago, Anna Morandi-Mazzolini was professor of anatomy."

A Vicious Fallacy Exploded. The fallacy that children imitate the religion and morality with the air they breathe at home and on the streets is thus effectively exploded by the School Guardian, a Protestant publication:

"It is a serious mistake to assume that children, by innate moral intuition, know their duty. Their conscience needs to be enlightened and their judgment formed by the standard of divine truth. Their obligation to God, themselves, their parents and family, their neighbors and their country, should be explicitly taught them that they may grow up as devout Christians and useful citizens."—Holy Family Church Calendar.

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CHATTS WITH YOU

Everyone should lay for a rainy day. Old age should not be made wretched. No matter what the day, it is important to have a rainy day fund.

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