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### "HOW CALVIN REFORMED GENEVA."

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It is a matter of implicit belief amongst many Protestants, writes a contemporary, that persecution for contemporary, that persecutive practice the Catholic Church before the rise of Protestantism. They must admit that at the present day they can find absolutely nothing to warrant this be-lief, but they hold it all the same. A carefully written article on "Calvin as a Ruler" in the last Overland Monthly, not a Catholic publication by any means, throws a strange light on this idea. The writer has drawn his materials from the memories of the Institute of Geneva, a bitterly anti-Catholic body, and accordingly they may be received with credit when they speak of the Protestant reformer. The writer says:

Calvin first came to Geneva in 1536. Two years afterwards (in 1538) he was sent out of the city by the magistrates, sent out of the city by the magistrates, practically for having, as was charged, tried to change the ancient laws and constitution of the city. He was, how-ever, brought back by his friends in triumph in 1541, and from that time until his death, in 1564—for twenty-these reacts ho was absolute ruler of three years-he was absolute ruler of Geneva in all matters whatever, eccles-iastical and civil. His official appointment was as preacher and profes-sor of theology. His actual position, however, was that of dictator of both in things spiritual and Geneva, things temporal; and also of chief of a great Protestant sect, more or less numerous in Switzerland, Germany, Holland, France, England, and Scot land. His personal position and emoluments were on a scale corre-sponding to his power. It has sometimes been represented that he was a poor man, having scarcely enough to live on. This is not so. He was as plendidly maintained as a ruler hould be, and his revenues were several times greater than those of any other city official. In all, his income was, at the very least, equivalent to days represented several times as h value as it does now.

It is a general opinion that if Calvin erred in causing Michael Servetus to be burned alive over a slow fire in 1553, for being a Unitarian, yet that this was his only serious fault (if it was a fault) and that with this exception he was a wise, kind, good and just man, a true and sincere Christian, and a good and useful ruler over and above his significance as a theologian and religious The case of Servetus was not teacher. an exception ; it was in every particular an example of Calvin's own constant character and practice, as man and as ruler. Burning alive was a punishment very frequently inflicted by Calvin in other than heresy cases. burned alive scores, if not hundreds, of persons, mostly on charges of witchcraft and of spreading the plague, two wholly imaginary offenses; and many of these sentences were on sus-picion only, or for alleged intentions. Torture was a regular part of the proceedings, and many of the convictions were upon confessions or evidence received by torture. Even the careful slowness with which Servetus was kept in torment as long as possible was no exceptional instance.

Calvin introduced what we must sup pose he considered improvements into civil and criminal practice of the Geneven courts. By the old laws Geneva, even a criminal condemned to death could dispose of his property Calvin introduced the practice of con-fiscation in such cases. The old practice was to allow prisoners fair m ean of defence. Under Calvin such help was, to a great extent, refused. few cases, persons convicted of witchcraft, etc., had been burned under the Roman Catholic prince-bishops of Geneva, but such persons had always been strangled first. Calvin intro-duced the practice of burning these wretches alive, and the number of such executions was at least twelve times as great under him as under his prelatical predecessors. In the old Genevan jurisprudence torture was allowed only upon accused persons (which was bad enough) and then only in pursuance of a special interlocutory decree of the court in each case, as circumspect and solemn as final judgment. Calvin introduced the practice of indiscriminate torturing, at the will of the court, as part of the preliminary proceedings to enforce confession, to begin with; and also the practice of torturing witnesses until they should give such evidence as was required of them. Other Calvinistic refinement of penalty were added ; until a complete sentence (for instance) upon a person convicted of sorcery or spreading the plague (besides the previous torture and imprisonment) was this: to be drawn through the city on a hurdle ; to have his (or very frequently her) flesh torn with red-hot pincers at a specified number of places on the road ; at one of these places to have the right hand cut off ; then to be dragged onward to the Plainpalais (the place of execution), and to be burned alive. The culmination and very ecstacy of Calvinistic retribution - it does seem the most horrible thing that ever happened in this world — took place on March 9, 1545, when Jean Graniat, the city executioner, was made to take his own old mother, convicted of having spread the plague (seme la peste), to drag her through the city on a hurdle, to cut off her right hand and to burn her alive. The record of this sentence names her at full length, "Clauda, veuve de Francois Granjat, executeur des malfaitours ;" and this Francois is known to priests and people. The men who tried

have been the father of Jean Granjat. foolishly to exterminate Catholicity up As to the number of persons exe-uted, an actual count of the sentences in the records of Geneva was made by Professor Galiffe for three months 1545, and for the five years 1542-6. During the three months alone, the craze about witchcraft and spreading the plague (which latter superstition originated under Calvin's influence, while both were greatly stimulated by him), there were thirty-four executions. The five years taken together were a comparatively quiet period for criminal prosecutions, because at this time Calvin's power was not yet quite fully established. There were, however, in established. this period 58 capital executions, 76 banishments, and from 800 to 900 imprisonments, not including a great number of imprisonments and so forth of vagrants. Of these 58 executions, 30 were of men, 28 of women and girls. Of these 58, 13 were hanged, 10 beheaded, of whom several were also quartered and so forth, and 35 were ourned alive after having their right hands cut off, a number of them having also been torn with red hot pincers ; 20 out of the whole number were punished

for ordinary crimes, such as murder, robberies, counterfeiting, political robberies, offenses.

# SCOTTISH NEWS.

Struggles and Triumphs of the Cath-olic Church in Scotland.

The Church of St. Aloysius, Glasgow, was crowded on Sunday evening on the occasion of the Rev. Father Campbell, S. J., delivering the second of a special course of sermons relating to the Catholic Church in Ireland and Scotland. His subject was Struggles and Triumphs of the Catho-lic Church in Scotland." Most countries, he said, rejoiced in one or other, or both, of two characteristic signsviz., picturesque scenery or chivalric instinct. No one could deny Scotland the truth of both these assertions in her regard. Beautiful as she was undoubtedly by nature, she was once more beautiful in religion. Witness the many ruined churches, the many Lady-chapels which were to be found throughout the land. The beauty of Jesus and Mary were of Scotland then. Here reigned peace, charity, heroism in those days because of Scotland's Catholicity. She was, then, the atholicity. She was, then, the 'special daughter of the Holy See ;" then, too, was she truly prosperous An examination of ancient records re-vealed Scotland's glory. The univer-sities and seats of learning owed their origin to Catholicity. Oh, glorious in their isolation stood Scotland's proud ruins, her stately abbeys, and grand and venerable piles! What charity they read of in those days! There they read of in those days! There were no poor and no harsh laws to grind them down. The poor were the treasure of the Church, and the Church their guardian. They were told that Scotland was burned in darkness, was priest-idian and its people sumk in ignorridden, and its people sunk in ignorance. Let them examine the charge and prove its utter falsity. The Edin-burgh University was founded by a

Catholic Bishop, and not only were churches and universities, grammar and public schools founded, but they endowed by Catholics- Rich and were poor benefited by such endowments. Bishops, unhampered by wives, devoted their incomes to education, which was entirely in the hands of ecclesiastics; there was no State interference. Each cathedral had its schools, and in the monasteries many lads graduated till they rose to high ecclesiastical dignity. Such were the so-called Dark Ages. It was no figment of the imagination but history that there had been nothing since the Reformation to equal the heroism of the Scottish people. Let them remember that England had at all times been most ambitious to subdue Scotland and quench the flame of Catholicity that burned so brightly. The Scots used to kneel in prayer in the face of the enemy before they engaged in battle. Religion steeled the heart and nerved the brave man to go forth in defence of God and coun try. Then darkness emerged from the depths of hell and spread itself like a Then darkness emerged from the mist over the people. It arose on the banks of the Rhine, travelled to Scanlinavia, to Norway and Sweden, and finally crossed the Channel and reached this country. Henry VIII., finding his impious designs checked by the Pope, rebelled against the Church, and appropriated the monastic revenues. Scotland was tried and James was sought to be cajoled by many artifices, but to no purpose. When James died his child was protected by Cardinal Beaton. He did not deny that there were abuses in the Church, but these were magnified and distorted by Knox and his scoundrelly following. Graduand his scoundrelly following. ally the Scots wavered and fell away from the faith ; but even at the Refor mation there were many eminent prelates and brilliant scholars, but English gold proved all-powerful. During the last three hundred years Christ's promise to His Church had been literally fulfilled-"The gates of hell shall not prevail against it. The preacher then proceeded to quote at length the penal laws then in force to stifle Catholicity. No Catholic could live in the land ;

held the Bible, yet the Bible says: "Upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The Catholic Church had triumphantly emerged from the brunt of the battle, and it was strange that practical men could not perceive with the eyes of their souls the futility of persecuting it. Father Campbell then proved the absurdity of the Calvinistic tenets concerning predestination, and the foolishness of private interpretation. FOR THREE HUNDRED YEARS SCOTLAND

## HAD SUFFERED UNTOLD PER-

SECUTION, but its foundations were too deep down not to last, and to day they witnessed the mighty strides it had made. Even now they could penetrate places where the Protestant religion had never been known, where the Catholics had their own School Boards, and religion flourished. In that city Catholicity counted a larger number of adherents than any other sect, so that they had reason to glory in the struggles and triumphs of the Catholic Church in Scotland.

## "Black Thorns and Priests."

subscribers : FROM REPORT OF LORD SALISBURY'S SPEECH AT BIRMINGHAM, ON NOVEMBER 24, 1891. Fine speech, my Lord, well fits the Cecil name : Mong Tories all, 'twill greatly spread your scriptions. Brave Donnybrook your wisdom has brought

back, Neath your sapient rule of black Thorns no lack Your myrmidons have raised the fatal stick, And eracked heads at each blow come fast and thick. Conquering Ireland, seven centuries you've

Conquering Ireland, seven centuries you've spent. And Ireland's still to conquer; armies sent, But sent in valu; to crush a Nation's pride; Impossible. Cause coll the whelming tide Of devastating w.r. to what avail Its thunders? Evils countless shall prevail; And when your boasted purse-power's sorely tried. Your conquering armies proudly still demand. Of Priests and black Thorns you'll camplain And cynic Bards will cry: "Come try again Brave Tories;" now you've got a sapleat Chief, Whose well known prowess passeth all belief Whose tactles brave great Wellington would shame;

Whose tactics brave great i charged ange shame; shame; Knew always well whence threatening dange came, And ever kept a keen detective eye. That crafty Priests and black-thorns he might

spy ; These foes against discharging not in valn, The awful terrors of the Tory reign.

Seven centuries-and yet, no conquest won ! It's surely time such conquering wars w

It's surely time such conducting wars we done. Not so think. Tories : scripture their relief, A tale it tells e'er holds their firm belief : How seven sterile years came duly round And followed were by seven of fruitful groun As centuries are made of years, like years They sterile may be found, as it appears Full seven times ; and then glorious seven, Rich in all fruit and every gift of Heaven, So they'll inaugurate an epoch new, Their warlike efforts bold and fierce renew, And hope, e'er seven cent. ries are gone, To see the great and final victory won.

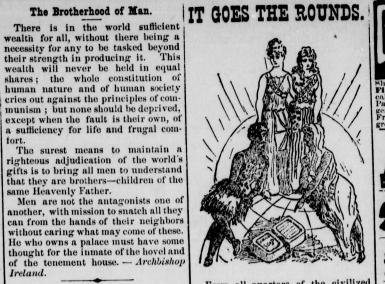
To see the great and must victory won. The centuries, so sterile to our soul, Left no reward to Ireland's constant toll. Each scheme that would improve her fertile land, Or sweetest fruits of honest trade command, We strove to mar; was walling on her shore, The cry of want uprising evermore. Impoverished thus, how ever can avail Her crack head black thorns, or her Priests prevail? We've ships and soldiers, powder-vast supply; And ceaseless care we'll have 'to keep it dry." All else, a war of conquest may demand, Our willing purse will furnish on command.

Our whithing purses with turnish on command. Let none suppose that war's the only way By which we hope to plant our gentlesway. Some State officials to the land we'll send, Arrayed in lawn white as the driven show; Like Cataphas of old they II likewise show Broad phylacterise decked with solemn sign, Will clearly prove them Heavenly and benign. Most holy men, with bleasure we relate. Well versed in all affairs of Church and State. The homes people as they pass each way. Reverent will look. Behold a church! they say: Reverent will look. Behold a church! they say: Thanks for the costly gift, so generous given: But, church we have sent us by gracious Heaven. So much has failed, what else can now be done? It's plain the long sought conquest must be

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places without informing the publisher, and the papers are sent to the former address, they are held responsible. 5. The courts have decided that re-fusing to take periodicals from the office, or removing and leaving them

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Go where you please, do w He calmly told the other;
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Ah, who could doubt the fut Of one who thus had spok Through manhood's struggl Could faith like this be br

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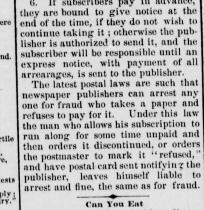
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and incurred the penalty of death. Those who received them suffered imprisonment and the loss of all their possessions. All who refused to attend the Kirk suffered imprisonment and the loss of their possessions. Any Pro-testant could claim the custody of Catholic children to rear them in the Protestant religion, etc. Various substantial rewards were held out as inducements to hunt down Catholic faith in.

Nought could more their dirivorial visuo Than giving Donnybrook the fatal blow. Than giving Donnybrook the fatal blow. I det us, as well, crack skull black thorns assail; 'Gainst British power they never can prevail. But half the battle this; the Priesis remain. Attack them, ostracise them—all in vain. Would rise the ery of persecution dark And British rule with crueity would mark. Look we to fature ages for relief; In time it will come, our steadfust firm bellef.

Some centuries may pass ere black thorns fail, And crafty Priests no longer shall prevail. But, sure in time, the wiser Tory way, In Ireland all is destined to bear sway. -Very Rev. Æ. M'D. Dawson, L.L.D., V.G.

#### The Irish Funds Suit.

The McCarthyite section of the Irish Parliamentary party have decided to take decisive steps to secure the Irish funds at present in the hands of Mı Munroe, the Paris banker. Mr. Parnell was one of the trustees of these funds, and upon his death, acting upor instructions from Mrs. Parnell, Mr Munroe refused to let any one draw the money. Justin McCarthy and Timothy Healy have now commenced an action against Mr. Munroe to decide the ownership of the fund and compel him to restore the money to those who are entitled to the possession of it.

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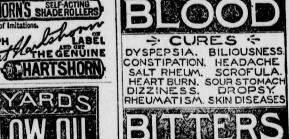
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