

terror at the tidings of his approach. Max'mus prepared to fly from Rome, but before he could accomplish his purpose, was murdered by his attendants and his body thrown into the Tiber. St. Leo the Great was again the only man whose courage did not forsake him in this dreadful emergency. He confronted Genseric as he had formerly confronted Attila and though this time, the barbarians could not be induced to relinquish their determination of taking the city, he obtained of them a promise to save the lives and honour of the Romans and to protect the public monuments.

To follow up the whole career of this great Pontiff, and to enumerate all his splendid achievements, would take a wider space than the limits of this paper allow. It will suffice, for our present purpose to have shown that he was undoubtedly a worthy and glorious representative of Christ on earth ; that by his wise and peaceful policy, he was successful alike in combating the invader of his country and the heretic in his fold ; and that his labours as a holy priest, an eloquent apostle, and the spiritual and temporal sovereign of the Christian world, had in them all a germ of immortality.

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