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Catholic Faith began some twenty years ago, when, at the age of twelve, Almighty God became an actuality to me, and vague, unutterable yearnings filled my soul. But it was not until July of last year that, having at one swift stroke cut myself loose from the associations of my whole previous life, I addressed myself to the practical question of seeking admission to the Church of God. Surely it will be surmised, the barriers to belief must in my case have been well nigh insurmountable; there must have been some very obdurate form of prejudice, or circumstances, of peculiarly im-penetrable Protestantism. Not at all. What are the facts?

My mother—may her soul rest in Christ!—was a Catholic. My baptism was in the venerable Catholic cathedral of Santiago de Cuba. My earliest associations, while almost at once becoming Protestant (through unavoidable circumstances), were never such as to create or foster any prejudice in my child mind against my mother's On the contrary, I have distinct recollection of rosaries, medals, and holy pictures in our home—especially of the many splendid Madonnas which hung in the room adjoining my mother's, which was where whatever child was ailing always slept. In addition to these purely external facts was the, of course, infinitely more important one of my own natural tendency to dwell (sometimes abnormally) upon the supernatural, the sacramental, the mystical, the old.

At twelve or thirteen years of age I would have certainly become a Catholic - perhaps eventually a priesthad not the influence of those who lovingly were caring for me tended so strongly in the opposite direction. My parents had both died. I was at school in Baltimore. It was that criti-cal and most pathetic hour with me when a boy wakes to find himself a mystery set in the midst of mystery. At that hour, then, God rose like a morning into my conscious life. How well I remember the instinctive way in which immediately I turned to the as yet indefinite, but none the less unto promise me!

I used to steal into the great dim home, my refuge. The old cathedral; the quaint old palace of the Archbishop; the high-walled gardens of the Sulpician Seminary, into whose quiet shades I used to peer so furtively through a little postern gate-all this comes back to me to day, and I am sure that, like the child in Wordsworth's greatest sonnnt, I lay

"... in Abraham's bosom all the year, God being with me, tho' we knew it not."

And yet twenty long years were destined to intervene between that boy's first surreptitious, longing looks through the little gate and his final admission into the peace within, by one of the good Fathers in the great throws the burden of proof upon the Oratory at Brompton far away. Obs shoulders of the Catholic missionary stacles there are, God knows-innumerable, subtle, unclassifiable, peculiar to each soul—which must be dealt with de novo, specially. But at the same time it is entirely possible to study, possibly to formulate, the general the enemy-our friends. Who, inde question of the reception and rejection

How to present this truth to those the Church's vital problem. A Father of the community of St. Paul the Apostle has very recently begun the ignorant indifference to receptivity, simplest sort of work in this direction, by nothing more nor less than doing what any one must do who would dispose of anything worth havingnamely, by simply going about from place to place where men and women live, and telling them about it. And then, there is on every hand a widespread interest springing up, quite frequently absurd enough and nothing more than the result of mere newspaper "scarce;" but howsoever brought about, so it be interest, it must result in the discussion of the Church's aims, and end in the diffusion of some knowledge. In view of these conditions, it is entirely natural to find the writers from the Church's view-point studying the underlying question of the existing obstacles (not the theoretical ones which "should exist") to the acceptance by our fifty million fellow-

citizens of the old truth. As a humble contribution to this study I gladly accede to the request of the reverend the editor of the Catholic World, that I write what I deem to be a few of the true obstacles which have barred the way to light in my own case and which I know to be effectual Catholic religion makes upon faith regarded as an elemental function or actor of the soul. On the contrary, I it is behind the times, un-American, that it was their thing said again actor of the soul. On the contrary, I it is behind the times, un-American, the that it was their thing said again.

quite sufficient explanation for the whole emotional and intellectual and intellectual phenomena of the human soul.

one after another the sublime explana tions and profound solaces afforded by the revealed truth, men go on loving and suffering, and hoping, and sin ning, and striving, and will stretch eager hands as of old for the faith, so it be preached as of old. Not many are kept out of the Church by reason of the number of the nature of the things which they would be required to believe. Again, one who has had to deal with the spiritual problems of earnest men and women cannot fully agree with some Catholic writers who hold that the detains! hold that the doctrinal systems of our friends in the various denominations operate against the acceptance of the Church's dogmas. Quite the reverse. In the first place, not one layman in a thousand among them knows or cares about those original departures from Catholic theology which crystallized into the several Protestant systems, and for which their stout old forefathers fought tooth and nail in the good old times when your very costermonger was ready to prove

By apostolic blows and knocks !"

In these days the average man carries not enough doctrine of any sort about him to make much difference one way or the other. Indeed, where there is a specific doctrinal disturbance among the denominations it now generally transpires that the "movement," of whatever kind, has resulted in some distinct advance—or is it re treat?—in a Catholic direction!

Nor is reference intended here to the "Oxford movement" among the Episcopalians, which, of course, is essentially and explicitly Catholic. I mean here to point out such evidences of a retrograde tendency which the very "rationalizing" movements in the Presbyterian and other churches afford. The movements resemble riots, it is true; but when the smoke and dust clear away it takes no very keen eye to discover that the very heretic " of the moment has unearthed before his bewildered co religionists some jewel of the old and buried faith. Not to dwell too long at this point, as yet indentities, as a speakably alluring, explanation of Not to dwell too long at this point, life which the Catholic Church seemed look merely at the Catholic doctrines of "prayers for the dead," and of a purgatorial preparation of the soul churches clandestinely. The taber-nacle with its Awful Presence was my widely known and generally accepted widely known and generally accepted since the recent turmoil caused by the new-fangled " teachings of a wellknown Presbyterian divine.

It would seem, therefore, that Cathic truth is not now confronted, in the minds of average American laymen, by any inimical formulation of con trary doctrines. The grist of the mat-ter may be put into the brief question which is implied in the common attitude of men around us, namely: "Why

the question over from a negative philosophy (as was Protestantism originally) to a where it was in the beginning and is likely to remain while he continues to be a missionary. A moment's reflec-tion will show the immense meaning of this change of front on the part of can measure all that is implied in the fact that, for the first time in historyand this, too, in a field like Americawho hold it not is rapidly becoming the Church finds herself more the ob ject of indifference than of organized and bitter opposition? The steps from and from receptivity to inquiry, and from inquiry to acceptance, are indeed long ones and perhaps still in the distant future; but who will deny that the longest step, namely, that from prejudice, has been taken?

Outside of discredited organizations like the hysterical A. P. A., it is now not easy to find people who indulge in the old "Know-nothing" phrases. No; beyond the implied question, "Why beyond the implied question, should I?" your average American of to day would have no very radical objection to entering the Church him-self. To the Catholic, of course, such a flippant and naive question seems to verge upon blasphemy; it grates as did the question of the Jews: "Is not this the carpenter?" the rulers believed on him?" us hear; what does this fellow say?" But it was upon the answer which the Apostles had to give to just such questions that, let us remember, their

success rested, humanly considered. Here, in the midst of our American life, so commercial, so animal, sensible, so strong, and so lovable withal, is a society-one of a dozen or more-cailing itself the Church. It is for evil in the lives of others. First of apparently largely made up of foreignall, then, I venture to deny that to ers. It is called bad names by the

means when he asks, "Why should I like a child coming home, they slip in-be a Catholic?"—then it would seem the part of wisdom, no less than that of that divine prudence which should characterize our effort, to face the facts without any the least touch of "touch-iness"—provided always that what we that is not only not "invincible" but But, while the critics are exploding iness "-provided always that what we that is not only not "invincible," but really are after is to overcome the real that is not even sufficiently interested

beard of until told of them by my zealons Catholic friends! One little treatise sent me is a complete catena of objections raised against the truth by the kennest of all the complete catena. by the keenest of all the non-Catholic writers. The treatise, of course, demolishes everyone of them, but indemolishes everyone of them, but in demolishes everyone of them, but in cidentally it supplies the would be convert with such a string of sophistical objections as must delay, if not lical objections as must delay, if not lowing:

Our esteemed contemporary the Living Church, in a late issue, has the following:

"It is well known that in the early "It is well known that it is the early "It is well known that it is the early "It is well known that it is the early "It is well known that it is the early "It is well known that it is the early "It is well known that it is the early "It is well known that it is the early "It is well known that it is the early "It is well known that it is the early "It is well known that it is the early "It is well known that it is the early "It is well known that "It is well kn prevent, his conversion! Between ourselves, the human heart is tired and adrift and faithless. The simplest telling of the fact that Jesus Christ is tabernacled among us will suffice. He, being lifted up, will draw men to Himself. My experience as an Episcopalian Ritualistic "priest" leads me to the positive conviction that souls may remain in a condition of unrest (and this, moreover, with of unrest (and this, moreover, with

The "Greek Church," of which Angli-bury at the present time. cans talk so much and know so little, notwithstanding its distance from us, its orientalism, and its unadaptability, does sometimes flit across the mind as a possible refuge (in theory) from the Episcopal Babel; but to the glorious Western Church of Rome, with all her superb healthiness of growth, and her American success and practicality, thousands of minds never turn. They are absolutely in ignorance of the are absolutely in ignorance of the are absolutely in reference in the diocese of Wellington, in New Zealand, which has delegated the selection of its Bishop to the Archbishop of York, and it further remarks:

"No one dreams that such a method of filling a vacancy in an outlying Church involves anything more than an attitude of fillal trust towards the authorities of the 2Church at home. But it is not impossible that in the gourse of centuries such precedents are absolutely in ignorance of the Church-an ignorance which the good Church—an ignorance which the good parish priest who has no time to do more than look after his people, and who never did any seeking-out, has no right to call "invincible."

may be cited for a purpose axis which makes the case of Archbishop Theodore useful to the Roman writers of the present day."

The inference intended to be drawn The inference intended to be drawn.

taken up with looking after the Catholics who come pouring into our ports, shall go out into "the market place (which in plain "American" means Cooper Union, or any kind of place that is not a church) and preach. within the number of our friends, the Episcopalians, there is a very small number of intelligent students of ecclesiastical history well versed in Catholic dogma, and withal devout and earnest souls who do what is far better than merely imitate Catholic ritual, and that is, lead lives of self-sacrifice in the maintenance and propagation It will be observed that this carries of the principles of Catholic living. It must remain among my own in-

> ence, the Erastinism, the coldness of Protestant Episcopalianism, restoring Catholic practices, Catholic zeal, Catholic self-denial - not infrequently in the face of every dictate of selfish prudence, and at the risk of earthly loss To these men "Rome" and contumely. s neither the terra incognita nor the vulgar and ignorant Protestant. secretly, and sometimes openly, Romo is a source of comfort and of reassurance to these good men at moments of suppressing a zealous priest. The changeless faith — the imperishable security of Rome, are comforting thoughts at such times. Here and there some dried up doctrinaire, some XXXIX. Articles are not anti-Roman null and void. them-east such a shadow of anxious distinction ou account of the

questioning and heart-sinking!

One hears the Ritualists are the last and more modern times.

MY STRUGGLE TOWARD THE LIGHT.

An Ex-Episconal Rector of Buffalo Tells of His Conversion to the True Faith.

By Henry Austin Adams.

August Catholic World.

My own conversion toward the Catholic Faith began some twenty

believe that to-day the mightiest influence of the Church is just her sublime uplift into the supernatural; precisely as the manifest weakness which threatens the Protestant doctrinal systems with disintegration is that spirit of "rationalism" (?) which would reduce revelation to a deduction from material data, and find in chemistry a duce revelation to the converts from Episcopalianism opposed to science and freedom, thut it forbids the reading of Holy Scripture; encourages false, sneaking, undershand ways; has funny, mysterious services, which nobody understands; and glories generally in mummery, mediae the full of the converts from Episcopalianism one courages false, sneaking, undershand ways; has funny, mysterious services, as full disintegration is that spirit of the converts from Episcopalianism one courages false, sneaking, undershand ways; has funny, mysterious services, and—dirt! If that is the converts from Episcopalianism one courages false, sneaking, undershand ways; has funny, mysterious services, and—dirt! If that is the convertion of their quibble of "Catholic," shrivels up under the burning rays of divine truth; and like, a child coming home, they slip into the supernatural; precisely as the manifest weakness which nobody understands; and glories generally in mummery, mediae valism, and—dirt! If that is the conversion to the converts from Episcopalianism on the converts from Episcopalianism on the converts from Episcopalianism on the converts from Episcopalianism of the converts from Episcopalianism on the converts from Episc

really are after is to overcome the real specific obstacles which lie before this actual man, here and now.

I am emphatic. I have reason to be. More than one very serious effort was made to remove from my own mind objections that were not there—objections, in fact, which I had never beard of until told of them by my

THE LIVING CHURCH ON THE ing our Lord conferred upon him a PAPAL SUPREMACY.

The "Greek Church," of which Angli-cans talk so much and know so little, the diocese of Wellington, in New Zea-

course of centuries such precedents may be cited for a purpose akin to that

To a layman it does seem that the times are ripe for the ministrations of "preaching friars," who, not being absorbed by the business of building churches and schools, and not being taken up with looking after the Cath. than a "filial trust toward the authorities of the Church at home. Second, that in the progress of centuries these precedents furnished grounds for the Roman claims for the Papacy in modern times. modern times.

Now, that any one thoroughly ac quainted with ecclesiastical history could in good faith make such a declaration really surpasses belief.
The fact is that the authority of the Bishop of Rome, as the successor of Saint Peter, was organized from the earliest period and the only reason-able account we can give of modern writers, apparently in good faith, representing the contrary is that in-stead of appealing to original sources estimable privileges that for so many years I was thrown among men, lay and cleric, who, for the faith that was the lead of those prejudiced writers in them, manfully opposed the irreverwho in times of great bitterness and hostility to the Church misrepresented the facts of history in order to justify their schism, and thus created a tra

ditional "conspiracy against truth." Nothing, perhaps, more conclusively demonstrates the supreme authority of the Holy See from a very early Scarlet Woman" which she is to the period than the appeals which were made to it from distant portions of he Church. The writings of the early Fathers are full of accounts of the frequent applications to the authority the Holy See to settle dispute unusual uneasiness, as when some of the Holy See to settle disputes, and there are numerous cases related blata at heretic is made a Bishop, where through the exercise of that or when some wealthy senior where through the exercise of that authority unworthy and schismatical authority unworthy and schismatical bishops were deposed and others suppressing a zealous priest. The bishops were deposed and others appointed in their place; orthodox bishops, unjustly deprived of their Sees, were re-instated; heretics were xcommunicated and those who had abjured their errors were restored to little clique of "Miss Nancy" theoriz-ers, gets up-new anti-Catholic grounds —like the little "school" of divines —like the little "school" of divines that recently discovered that the demned and their proceedings rendered

at all, and that therefore the twinges of conscience experienced by Ritualists because of them were wholly unnecessary. This is a count of the country of th This is delicious to one who, learn, without the slightest possibility "Have any of like the writer, can remember his own of doubt, that even before the seventh seminary days upon which those same century the position of the Pope of blessed articles-"the forty stripes Rome was not merely that of an Arch save one," as we irreverently styled bishop with, perhaps some exceptional uestioning and heart sinking!
But the great body of "Anglo Cathocity of Rome, but because he was the ics" are at the bottom so disgusted by successor of Saint Peter who was made he state of affairs outside of Rome that by our Lord the Rock of the Church, they are generally anxious not to be- the keeper of the Kevs, the centre of lieve what they hear are the sins and Unity and the supreme teacher and failings of "Rome." Given a "rotten governor of the Church. The letters Rome," and where is their on earth a and decrees of those days are full of Church keeping the faith, they ask allusions and quotations of Scripture themselves. In one parish where I was bearing on this point, all going to any very numerous class of minds a chief, or even an appreciable barrier lies in the large demand which the called the "standard" prove this called the "standard" prove the called the "standard" prove this called the "standard" prove the called the "standa thing said against Rome in their pulpit. the Church was essentially the same as that which is held by Catholics in later

an ordinary article to give even a brief account of the various cases in point which occurred even before the seventh century the date at which the Living Church states that controver sialists claim supremacy for the Pope Indeed, we are surprised that our esteemed contemporary should have fixed so late a date since even Hallam, who cannot be suspected of partiality to the Church, in his "Middle Ages, says: "The opinion of the Roman See's supremacy seems to have pre-vailed very much in the fourth cen-tury," and he adds, "Fleury brings remarkable proofs of this for the writ-

"womanish privilege." "Saint Cyprian," he says, "had a reason somewhat more subtle and mystical, suppospreference to his brethren that he might intimate and recommend unity to us;" and he adds "the other African doctors, Optatus and Saint Anselm do commonly harp upon the same notion;"

thought of the Catholic Cnurch as a possible refuge.

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to observe that the same practice is not unusual in the relations between the colonial Churches and See of Canterbury at the present time."

to observe that the same practice is not unusual in the relations between the colonial Churches and See of Canterbury at the present time." the whole question. That famous essay of his on the "Unity of the Church " is particularly applicable be-cause it was written against Novation, the first anti-Pope, who sought to usurp the place of Saint Cornelius, the usurp the place of Saint Cornellus, the lawful Pope. In that essay Saint Cyprian quotes the ordinary Scriptural texts in support of the supremacy of Peter, admits that the other Apostles after the Resurrection were endowed with the same power of bindings of the saint sa ing and loosing, and then adds: "Yet that He might manifest unity,

He established one chair, and He dis posed by His authority the origin of the same unity which begins from one . . . Does he who does not hold this unity of the Church believe that he holds the faith? Does he who strives against and resists the Church, who deserts the Chair of Peter on which the Church is founded, trust that he is

What is the plain issue put before

How could there be a plainer or Peter in order to be in the communion of the Church? Yet this is only one of a hundred or more passages from the five hundred titled individuals, Fathers, some before Cyprian, a multi-tude often, embracing all the leading and most distinguished of the Fathers and Doctors, all, without exception, bearing the strongest testimony, all speaking the same language-repeatand as occasion requires.

Everywhere, always and by all, the unity, the tribunal of final resort in uestions not only of faith and morals ut also of discipline.

The whole history of the Church illus rated the divine wisdom of the instituion of the Papacy, and the experience f the last three hundred years proves onclusively that without that divine tridunal there can be no unity or har-mony, either in doctrine or discipline but endless controversy, division and disintregation .- Catholic Review.

An American Minister Converted

The appeal made in the letter to Protestants has been listened and folowed up in one case, at least, in Rome. It was announced last night that the pastor Fisher, of the American Methodist Church at Rome, has recently made his solemn abjuration, and has received baptism and the other sacraments of the Church. This pastor has are, or that there is any law other than entered into the fold of the Church in that of courtesy in reference to the matconsequence of the recent appeal made ter. If such a law exists, it should not to Protestants by His Holiness Leo discriminate. If the A. P. A. insist on Rome for the purpose of converting the the necessity of holding their noses.—Catholics of that city to Methodism, has Catholic Times. the grace given him to become a Catholic, there is certainly no reason to despair of the conversion of any class or number of Protestants.—Roman Letter of Boston Pilot, July 14.

It would be impossible, in the compass | THE DEADLY ENEMY OF BRITISH AND IRISH DE-MOCRACY.

Michael Davitt's Severe Arraignment of the House of Lords.

Michael Davitt, in the course of a speech recently delivered in Leeds, Eng., made this severe arraignment of

the House of Lords :-The boldest recital of the crimes committed against the Irish people by this assembly of plutocrats, Bishops and bigots, would take up more time than I am allowed to occupy in my speech. Suffice it to say, there is not a right or a privilege, religious, national, educational, municipal, which we enjoy in Ireland to day, that has not had to be won in the teeth and the bigoted opposition of the House of Lords. There is not a troubled chapter in the checkered history of our coun try, and not a stain of blood upon its page, but can be laid at the doors of the House of Lords, through the malign influence it has exercised upon legislation from the days of Charles James Fox to those of William Ewart Glad-

But let me be just even to so hoary-All the members of that assembly are The evil that has been done by the House of Lords must be shared by the Irish as well as the English and Scotch Peers. Ireland con-tributes her share to that assembly not by the method of election, but through the action of the Peers themselves. One thing you must place to our credit. We send no Bishops there. No episcopal disciples go there from Ireland to show how narrow, how unjust, and how uncharitable they can be when they exercise their privilege of making laws for their fellow-Chris-

Lecky tells you that in the eighteenth century the majority of Irish titles are historically connected with nemories, not of honor, but of shame. The descendants of men who sold their country, or sold their principles, or did something equally disgrace ful, are privileged to join Lord Salisbury in measuring out to you, British citizens, British Lord workingmen, how many rights you shall enjoy, and how much protection you shall have under a Legislature supposed to be popular and democratic. Gentlemen, this Westminster wing of the Carlton Club, this House of Irish and British landlords, is the deadly enemy alike of British and Irish democracy, and the time has come when you and we must throw downwe have to day thrown down — the gage of battle, and we must pursue it

the country by the Conference of to-day? It resolves itself into this more emphatic declaration of the question: whether the House of Com-necessity of union with the Chair of mons or the House of Lords shall rule nons or the House of Lords shall rule the political destinies of forty millions British and Irish subjects. At present senting no interest but their own, elected by no constituency, arrogate to themselves the right to say what shall be passed in your interest, and what shall not. Gentlemen, there is no country in the civilized world toing each other as it were—but increasing in clearness of view and distinctness of utterance as time goes on distry legislation is allowed. Your colonies where your countrymen and great truth is recognized and insisted drafted constitutions have allowed no upon that the Chair of Peter inherited place in such constitutions for here all the special prerogatives which our Lord conferred upon Peter in the beginning; that the Chair was the Rock of the Church, the centre of the splendid example set to us by our unity, the tribunal of features and the splendid example set to us by our countrymen throughout your Empire. Ladies and gentlemen, this is the

situation to-day, which you and I have got to assail and storm, and I predict hat before this great movement comes to an end, this power, now wielded by this insolent representative of the hereditary Chamber, will be swept away for ever.

A Smelling Committee.

The following plank is found in the platform of the A. P. A. of William-

We are in favor of a law requiring all parochial schools, houses of the Good Shepherds, nunneries, convents and monasteries, to be open for public inspection, the same as Protestant institu-

We are not aware that Protestant institutions are any more open to public inspection than Catholic institutions XIII., in the late Encyclical beginning a law of the kind indicated we would with the word Præclara. This conversion, says a Catholic journal of Rome, is an encouragement for Cathoshould continue their public inspection the same as Catholic prayers for the conversion of all who and Protestant institutions and that are separated from the Church. It is they be required to reveal their secret vident that the cause of such separa oaths, sign, and passwords. If a law tion is want of thought and examina- must be enacted authorizing a smelling tion of the Church's claims; when an committee, we insist that it be required American Methodist, who has come to to go where its members will be under