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A.REFUTATION OF THE CHARGE OF RELI-GIOUS PERSECUTION URGED AGAINST THE CATHOLIC RELIGION;

Being an abridgement of his fourth letter to a Prebendary; by the Right Rev. John Milner, D.D, F. S. A [CONTINUED.]

We now proceed to general councils, on which thead a common cotation is the third canon of the fourth Lateran council, held in 1215, which excommunicated all heretics, and ordered that they should be delivered up to the secular power to undergo due punishment, and that the latter should be obliged, under pain of e-clesiastical cansures, and the loss of their lands, to extirpiate all heretics resident upon them. It is true, one of our ancient historians denies that these canons in general were the defiling the volumes of the Bible and the plate of the acts of the council itself: and that of one of the most altar, their avowed system of perjury, their condemnlearned Protestant divines asserts that the canon above ing the use of all anima' food as impure, and still more quoted, in particular, is spurious.1

Without, however, entering into those discussions, it is prof r to state, that there is an essential difference, with respect even to general councils, between defining arti cles of faith, such as those are which condemn the inipieties of the Albigonses, in the first canon of this counenl, and ordering exterior points of discipline, such as those in question, are in the third canon. The former are considered as immutable truths, and regard the whole Church. The latter are frequently limited, with respect both to time and to place, and have no force whatever apon individuals, until they are received and published sa the several parts of Christendom; by the civil power, su what regards civil matters, and by the ecclesiastical. in what appertains to the Church. Thus many exterior ordinances of discipline, which were decreed in the last A to be genuine, & to have been received in some places of the Albigenses, Turlupins, Begurds, or brethren council with regard to temporal matters, such as the of having attributed falsely impious doctrines to the bretrates and feudatory princes, particularly of the Earl of groundless. &c Their shocking violation of decency, eigns of Christendom, most of whom attended this coun-ed, that the believer could not sin, let his conduct be ever emporous of Germany and Constantinople, the kings of 264, Maclaine's translation. See, also, the Protestant cuted, because, in certain respects, they mainfained opinions England, France, Hungary, Arragon, Sicily, Jerusalem, Centuriators, and the Dictionarium of Cooper, Bishop derogatory to the rights of princes, injurious to society, and and Cyprus, with a great number of infetior potentates.

See the answer to Abstractly, by Bishop Hay; and Dor-Lossly to speak of the justice of this cunna; it is to be rel'a case stated, in answer to C. Lesley, &c.

remembered, that in the estalogue of heresies which ! have prevailed in different ages, there was one of so im pious, so perfidious. & so infumous a nature, & above all so destructive of the human species, that a pagan government would have betrayed its duty, which neglected to extirpate it by fire and sword. Such were the heretics against whom those severities, of which Protestants complain, were decreed by a concurrence of the civil and occlusiastical power, in the fourth Council of Lateran.

The system of which I have been speaking, whitever might beits origin among pagans, was introduced arrong Christians by Cordon, Marcion, and other Gnostics, in the age immediately following that of the apostles. The person, however, who reduced it into form, and was chiefly instrumental in propagating it, was the Persian heresiarch, Manes, in the third century. The leading tenet of it was the doctrine of two principles, or delties; one, the author of good spirits, of the New Testament, &c.; the other, of bad spirits, of the flesh; of the old law, and of the Old Testament. Hence by a necessary consequence, dowed the impleties and abominations above alluded to, which all contemporary writers, and the judicial acts still extant, proved to have been held by the Manichæans; their denial of Christ's incarnation, their the propagation of mankind, as concurring to the work of the evil deity, whilst they let loose the reins to every sensuality which was not productive of that important end, This heresy, like most others, branched out into a great variety of sects, and assumed different names; the current, however, of its leading doctrines is clearly traced, through the countries which it has principally infected, from the infancy of the Church down to a late period in the middle centuries.

It was against these pests of society and human na ture, that fires were first lighted in the west, not. however, by a pope, or any other churchman, but by the religious King of France, Robert, in 1022; and it was to repress and root out these, when, confiding in their numbers and the power of their protectors, they proceeded to propagate their opinions by the sword, burning down church-Concrat Council of Trent, not having been received in es and monnsteries, and and perpetrating indiscriminate this kingdom, in France and in many other countries, | slaughter on all ages, degrees, and sexes, that the cruare not therein considered as obligatory by the strictest sade of our Simon de Montford and the inquisition were Catholics. And thus the canon in question, admitting set on foot, and the canons passed. Mosheim, speaking formerly, with respect to the particular case for which it of the free spirit, as they called themselves, in was decreed, has confessedly no force now in any part of the 18th century, says: "Gertain writers, who have acthe Church, as those can testify who have travelled in customed themselves to entertain a high idea of the sanc-Catholic countries. In the next place, we observe with tity of all those who, in the middle ages, separated themthe continuator of Fluery, that the ordinances of this selves from the Church f Rome, suspect the inquisitors corporal punishment of heretics, the deposition of magis- thren of the free spirit. But this suspicion is entirely Toulouse, who was here glanced at. were made with was a consequence of their pernicious system. They the concurrence of those who had competent authority in looked upon decency and modesty as marks of inward these matters. I speak of the different temporal sover-corruption ... Certain enthusiasts among them maintainoil in person, or by their ambassadors, particularly the so horrible or atrocious."-Eccles. Hist, vol. iii. p.

Fleury, Hist. Rec. Contin. 1. zxvii. 1:46.

of Winchester, concerning the Albigenses.

From the persecution of the Albigouses, we passon to those exercised against Wycliff and Huss, by the Council of Constance. As to the former of these it is usual among Protestant writers to extol his courage and vigour of mind, excuse his errors, and condemn the imposent vengeance of the council, in causing his bones to be burnt. A spirit of candour, however, would lead to the discovery of something like toleration in the conduct of moso, who, whilst they condemned Wycliff's errors, left his person unpunished and unmolested during the whole of his life, and an impartial view of the dreadful effects of his doctrine in this and other countries, would have disclosed, in the ordinance of the council against his mamory and remains, not an act of vengeance; but a wism and salutary instruction to mankind, 🦠 😘 I

Few inflammatorywriters have approached to the seditious excesses of Wycliff, where he teaches the people, that if they can discover any mertal sin, that is to say, any signal violation of sobriety, chastity, piety, meekness. or humility, in their rector, bishop, magistrate, or sovereign, they are at liberty to disclaim list authority; and depose him if be in their power; or have, like him instructed us, that we are not obliged to pay our taxes or our tithes, or to regard any laws or statutes, unless the justice of them can be demonstrated from Scripture; or have proclaimed the sinfulness of the clergy possessing any temporal property, and tumultuously called upon the people to assist in despoiling them of the I pass lightly over a great number of other impious and seditious tenets of Wycliff, and his chief disciples, John Ashton, Nicholas Hereford, William Swynderberry, &c. tonding to the destruction of all religion, natural aswell as revealed, and to general robbery, massacre, & anarchy; such as that God ought to obey the Devil; I that all human actions happen by inevitable necessity; || that literamy institutions, such as collegen and universities, are alabolical il that it is unlawful to pray in churches, or to keep holy the Lord's day, ** that if ecclesiastics are guilty of any sin, their temporal princes ought to cut cff their heads; and that if the prince himself be guilty of sin, it is the business of the people to punish him ††

† "Ubi leges humans non fundantur in Scriptura Sacra subditi non tenentur obedire."—Walsing. Ibid.

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H"Quod si persona ecclesiastica deliquerit, et se non amendavent, licitum and dominus accularibus, hujusmodi radere perseapulae. Si cyminus temporalis deliquerif, licitum est pe pularabis ipsuin corrigere."—Kynght. col. 2557. A learne Protestant doctor, speaking of the laws against these innova. tors, says, i'it was not for their speculating opinions, considered purely as such, that the followers of 'Vycliff, were proseagainst them were necessity, on account of the tumults they

Dr. Fieder's Life of Gard. Wolsey, up, 33, 39,

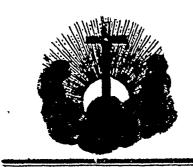
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t "Est contra Scripturam Sacram quod viri ecclesiastici be-beant temporales possessiones,"—Knyght, col. 2648, "Nunquam erit bona pax in regne isto, quosque temporalia ista auferantura viris eclesiasticis, et iceo roganat populum, mani bus extensis, ut unusquisque adjuvaret in ista materia."-Walsingham. p. 284.

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THE CATHOLIC.

Hamilton, G.D.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13, 1843.

The encouragement we have received from our Rev. and dear brethren, and others in Canada, induces us to venture again for another year upon the publication of the Catholic. It is not possible, we would say, that the Catholics, so numerous in this Province alone, are not capable and willing to support this one English paper, published in defence of their holy religion, when there is scarely a township in Canada, east and west, which does not maintain and keep affort several journals-all of which, with few exceptions, are inimical to Catholic principles.

We rely on our Rev. and other agents. for their zeal in disseminating the Catholic among their Friends and Parishioners; as its continuance depends entirely upontheir successful exertions.

In concluding the present volume, we have to assure our paying Subscribers who have proved their zeul and attachment to their holy religion, and whose names we have and shall have before us, that we shall not neglect, in the discharge of · ur sacred functions, to pray for their happiness and prosperity, temporal and eternid.

As for those who have subscribed and not paid, leaving us in the lurch, and in debt; and as much as in them lay destroying our medium of necessary instruction to our people and BRETHREN IN 16NO. RANCE; those at least who could and would not discharge so paramount a duty, we pray God's pardon of their sin and reconmend them to His merciful forgiveness.

We are happy to learn the elegant and affectionate recoption which the Right Rev. Dr. P. PHELAN received from his people at Bytown, on his first visit to them, after his Consecration.

The Right Rev. Bishop Gaulin, owing to indisposition, his made over to him the whole charge of the diocese of Kingston, whither the new Bishop intends to proceed without delay.

"We learn from Dundes that our Subscribers there have not received their pas pers of Wednestay Aug. 6. Wu assure rom this office.

LATEST NEWS FROM ENGLAND. ting this as the greatest of all the "nion-

the Tariff, and the Foreign Policy of Gront the crowning gathering of the Ropeat Britain.

The British Parliament was to be prorogued by the Queen in person, on Thursday, the 24th ult.

Father Mathew, the "apostle of Temperance," after visiting Manchester and Liverpool, had proceeded to London, where he was holding vast meetings in the euburbs, and administering the pledge to thousands daily.

Harvest prospects looked brighter. The weather during the last ten days, has been every thing that could be desired.

The Protestant Association, at a meeting, adopted a memorial, which has been signed by the President, Vice Presidents, and other persons connected with the so ciety, addressed to the archbishops and bishops of the United Church of England and Ireland, directing their attention to the fearfully rapid spread of tractarianism, and praying their lordships to exert their influence in suppressing its extension. Memorials are reaching the right reverends daily, some from bodies, as in the case of the Protestant Association, and others from particular parishes throughout the country.

Near Manchester there had been another turn out of the factory operatives. Wales was in the same unsettled condition. In Iroland also things were also in the same condition of agitation, but without

any progress.

In Wales, where during the last three months, matters have been very unsettled Rebecca still continues active, knocking down toll-bars and toll-houses with undiminished vigor, sometimes almost under the noses of the military. A great number of the obnexious tell-bars have been abolished by order of the magistrates, and arrangements are in progress for still further reducing the number; but this concescession to the grievances of the people has only emboldened them to raise their demands.

In Ireland matters continue stationery One or two exciting debates have taken place in Parliament on the subject of the present anomalous state of that country, which have exhibited some of the members of the Conservative party attacking, with great bitterness, the do-nothing policy of the Government. Neither the rent nor the exertions of O'Coonell suffer any diminution. Foremest in the Parliamentary fight has been Lord Brougham, to whom the present condition of Ireland is a source of great uncasiness, and who, for the purpose of putting an end to it, has been thrusting his services on the Government; but they have repulsed him.

A great-porhaps the greatest demonstration yet made in favour of repeal, took place at TarafHall-a memorable spot in the early history of Ireland and its Kings, and celebrated even in late years by the resistance which was made there to the King's force by the "Croppies" them that their papers were duly mailed in the Rebellion of 1795-on Tuesday in the Rebellion of 1793—on Treaday lended at the chapel Royal on the solemn last. All the accounts concur in presentestival of Pentecost."—Tablet.

Parliament had been occupied with the ster meetings." The various papers, Irish Poor Laws, Immigration to Canada, Whig, Tory and Radica' alike, agree the Treaty of Washington, Revision of with O'Connell's description of this being agitation. The day selected was a strict holyday in the Roman Catholic Churchthe festival of the Assumption-all the coremonies of religion were brought to bear upon the enthusiasm of the meeting. Mass was celebrated three or four times before the commencement of the proceedings, and prayers were offered up for the repose of the souls of those whose bones were mouldering beneath. O'Connell's speech was in the best style-more ear nest and impassioned, and loss flippant than usual. "I feel," exclaimed he, "the awful responsibility to my country and my Creator which the part I have taken in this great movement imposes upon me." This meeting has excited more alarm on this side of the water, as connected with the repeal movement, than any former one-or indeed all put together. The Times has the most desponding article which has yet appeared in its columns on this now alarming subject of repeal. A crisis, it is admitted on all hands, is not distant.

> Lisbon.-We are indebted to a corres pondent for the following paragraph:-In the course of a short time the Portugueso Church will again appear before Christendom with renewed lustre, for the legal rights, and the property of innumerhonest materials are here in extensive able families. It involves also the position abundance. The new establishment for the propagation of the faith and missions is hourly progressing. The enthusiasm of the people is tively and universal. Church persecution appears to have come to a full halt, and the good old-fashioned Christians are beginning to respire more freely and confidently, with all in good humor, and all symptomatic of a favorable future. Protestantism, with all her busy offspring, may bid a long farewell to their inroads on the Catholicity of the Portuguese people, who never at any period felt a great relish for religious, or even other noveltiess They are just to-day the same people I first found them twenty-five years ago, with the exception of a few Anglicanly-educated petits-maitres and sensual philosophers. Few nations, or better perhaps, none, can excel the Portuguese in the rectitude and urbanity which they had long the happiness to imbibe from the dogmas & doctrines of true religion, rendered solid by the good exam-plo of parental tradition. This proves your position, that no people appear properly cultivated, or of honourable and dignified principles, without Catholicity. Mr. Joyce, the rector of St. Patrick's Col lege, is at present on a visit to his friends Ireland. Previous to his departure arrangements were made to open the halls of that old college for thegeneral education of youth, in order to enable the reverend occupiers to keep this ancient establishment, hitherto devoted to elerical edu cation, from falling into utter dilapidation The late change of government under Don Pedro deprived this college, as well as others, of several sources of revenue, leaving it scarcely sufficient to give food to three old priests. The King's father and brother have arrived here from Brest Theyhave already commenced dispensing many municipal donations to various publie charitable establishments.

MORE CHURCH, TROCHES. - Sir Robert Peol may woll cry-

" The Church I the Church I for ever

breaks my peace."; The Church was his great ally in opposition, and is his great trouble in power. In England, the Church has urged him on to the Education Bill of Sir James Graham, and subjected him to an ignominious defeat. In Scotland the Church has been split under his guardian care; and having taken the right course, as to the ecotch Church, up to this time, he now, trembling. at the consequence of doing right, is allowing Lord Aberdeen to float the judges. to carry through a parliament a lie. and to give up what the Scotch Church most improperly required. In Ireland, the Church is the great grievance, and the difficulty of dealing with it is that which keeps him in his present disgraceful state of imbecility. Hitherto, the reliance of the Tories has been upon the Prosbyterians of the North of Iroland, but now they are in fire. For 200 years it has been their practice to colebrate marriages But latterly, the Church clergy grasping everywhere, have procured a decision that the marriages of Presbyterians with those of any other sect, by Presbyterian ministers, are not legal. These marriages have been numerous, and the question therefore involves the tranquility, the of the Presbyterian ministers, whom this decision reduces to the position of laymen in the eye of the law. For several years this great question has been in litigation, passed on by the Episcopalian clergy. and the law expenses being paid by the Lord Primate. It has now come before the House of Lords, who have required the opinion of the judges, which was given last week, confirming the invalidity of the marriages, and declaring that the common law only recognises marriages as validwhen colebrated by clergymen in priest's orders. Of course this has thrown the Presbyterian clergy and people into great alarm and indignation. The annual assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland was sitting at Belfast when the news of the decision of the judges arrived, and instantly took up the question vehemently. No doubt an act will be passed legalising such marriages; but the Presbyterians, like the Wesleyans here, will not soon forget the annoyance which the Church inflicted upon them, and the injury which she designed. Several of the Presbyterian ministers declared that they considered this measure but as the foreshadowing of coming events, and of a series of persecutions by the Episoopalians, similar to those endured by their nncestors in the time of Charles 11. The Assembly had previously been engaged in deliberations as to the best mode of securing the return of members of Parlinment to represent their views; and unseemly as it is for an assembly of minietors to become an electroneering club. there can be doubt that their political gadencies will be greatly strengthened by this event .- Ecaminer.

THE CIRCUS AGAIN.

Rockwoll and Stone's managerie el horses and two foot buffoons, at the last accounts, was down at Montreal. We ase somewhat surprised to find the "Trans cript of that city defending this egregic cus humbug, on the ground that the company disburso as much as they receive, the expenses which they have to meet being so great. This we take to be no argument at all for a thing, the obvious tendener of which is to induce idleness and vice in any community on which it obtrudes itself. Admitting that they do spend the money in the place where they receive it, is there nothing wrong in transferring the wages of useful industry to the hands of profligate idleness? The robber and the pickpocket may also expend the proceeds of their calling in the neighbourhood of their depredations; but will any body sot on this as a defence of the robber and the picknacket? The good arising from the mere circulation of money is much more than counterbalanced by the evil arising from the countenance given to these mountebanks by [Protestant] clergymen and others of influence in society, who make it a cardinal sin to give encouragement to any institution, religious or other, which is not based on their own exclusive partizanship. At the same time that a minister tells his flock on Sunday that it is a beirous crime on their part to co-operate with any other than the members of the particular church of which they profess to be members, in the promotion of a cause, or causes, which all good mombers of society, of what every creed, acknowledge to be good, how often do we find him on Monday, paying as liberally as others for a ticket of admission to some trumpery circus, and applauding as loudly as the lowest groundling who knows no better, the coarse thread-bare jests, the untranslatable but vory intelligible inuendoes, and the disgusting grimacas of a marked or painted harlequin? He can spare a dollar or two in support of a chool of open profligacy and profanity, while he teaches both by example and precept, that it is a sin to give a farthing to promote the objects of religion and virtue, in common with others who differ from him in matters of unessential and sometimes meaningless, though it may be, harmless form .- Just so it is with the "Loyal"politician who lives, and breathes. and has his being, in denouncing Yankee political institutions, at the same time that to unscrupulously pays away his money for the support of a set of wandering pedlars of abominations dug out of the lowest sinks of that debasing republicanism, of the contaminating touch of which he affects so much abhorrence. It is only because we see it, with surprise and regret, bolstered up by a respectable portion of the Press, that we have again alluded to the progress of this most execuable mosal pestilence. Woodstock Herald.

From the Catholic Telegraph.

The immense and rapid advancement which Divine Truth is making at preent throughout the world, excites the animosity of those who from ignorance Bible which has been inspired by the Holy or interested motives resist its progress Chost, is not to be expounded according to

amongst then. Poople of addication and the caprice of its readers. In the second discomment are at length beginning to open their eyes to the monstrous absutdity of allowing every person to interpret for himself the revolutions of God, bringing down the divinity to a level with their own passions and prejudices. It is this blasphomóus assumption which has made Protestant Christianity what it is now no toriously, a disjointed, confused medley of innumerable contradictions, embracing every whim which every theological mountebank has started either for his own sordid purposes or the gratification of a most foolish pride. Infidility since the time of the reformation has become rampant in the world; from assuming to interpret the Scriptures as they pleased, men have passed to the extreme of ridiculing the divine volume and; the latter is as naturally the result of private judgment as the former. Of this every anti-Catholic paper, furnishes too many proofs. Take the following from one which has taken for its motto-"I am set for the defence of the Gospel." The editor replying to a correspondent uses the following language. . He never heard me speak lightly of Moses or of George Washington-much less of Jesus. I believe that Moses and Washing on were very great Generals. There is no need of undertaking to ascertain which of them was the worthier man, all things considered. In the days of Moses aggressive war was justified amongst men in their great ignorance and barbarism. Washington enjoyed great light Jesus was a great philanthropist according to the better parts of this history of him. The love principle, said to have been preached by him, lies, as I view it, at the foundation of a human felicity Now it matters nothing to me who was the first, the second or the last to preach this doctrine-whether it were Socrates, Jesus, Confucius or some other."

This is a specimen of the result produced by private interpretation of Scripture. First they extract one creed from the Bible, then they find another, next they slide into a third system, after this some others follow and finally the word of 'God is thrown to the dogs, and Socrates and Confucius are brought into comparison with Jesus Christ! By this pernicious principle Society has been sadly afflicted; its charities have been extinguished, and the love which ought to prevail amongst neighbors has been sacrificed to the Idol of Sectarianism. Against this doctrine Catholicity will ever contend; it is a doctrine condemned by the Scriptures. St. Peter says in the first chapter of his second Epistle, v. 19 "And we have the word of prophecy to which you do well to attend, as to a light shining in a dark place until the day dawn, and the morning star, rise in your hearts:"v. 20 "Understanding this first, that no prophecy of the Scriptures is made by private interpretation." v. 21 "For prophecy came not by the will of man at any time; but the hely men of God spoke inspired by the holy Ghost." & &

This is plain language; it goes to the very root of the evil and shows that the

chapter the same apostle details the consequeuce of any violation of this doctrine which he teaches. In the first verse he hus sponks : "But there were also faise prophets among the people; even as there shall be lying teachers among you, who shall bring in sects of perdition, and deny the Lord who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

2. And many shall follow their luxuries, by which the way of truth shall be blasphemed.

In the third chapter of the same Epistle, speaking of Paul's Epistle, he uses the following decisive language-"in which are some thirgs hard to be understood, which the learned and unstable wrest, as also the other scriptures, to their own per-

17. You therefore, Brethren, knowing these things beware lest being led away by selves of his services. the error of the unwise you fall from your own stedfastness."

They who in defiance of such warning, insist on exposing the word of God to the disgrace of private interpretation, can either have little respect for the scripture, or else they do not believe in future accountibility for perverting the word of the Almighty.

No wonder that so many after being oppressed by sectarianism, should now urn their eyes to the Church of their Fathers-whose mighty heart beating at Rome with love for the human race, sends forth healty torrent of Truth to every part of the Globe. In her fold is peace and all without is confusion; her brethren dwell together in love but her enemies are" tossed to and fro by every mind of doctrine

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