

Sacred Heart Review. THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

BY A PROTESTANT THEOLOGIAN. CCLXIX.

In looking again over Professor Foster's work, I notice, on page 155, a point which I had neglected. Dr. Foster expresses his concurrence...

Foster is speaking approvingly of the Catholic Doctor Heinrich, who treats of this matter. "But," says he, "he departs from all agreement with, and will lose all sympathy from, any portion of the Protestant world when he extends the same inspiration to the apocryphal books of the Old Testament."

Now I have very little learning, either speculative or historical, concerning these questions of canonization. However, I see great reason to suppose that Dr. Foster knows much more about them than I. He seems merely to take up the ordinary traditional position of Protestant orthodoxy.

And first, the question may rise, What right have Protestants to call the books between Malachi and Matthew apocryphal? The Apocrypha, "the hidden things," were such documents—for instance, the spurious gospels—as the Church put aside, accounting them unworthy of public use.

This has been the position of the greater part of the Protestant world, of Lutheranism and Anglicanism. A Bible that does not contain these books is not an authentic Lutheran or Anglican Bible.

These books are, at all events, of great importance, in that they are inspired, although not infallibly inspired, and are canonical, although of inferior dignity to the other canonical books.

The Independent has frequent notices of Biblical research, marked by very high scholarship, and very great carefulness of report. Therefore I may confidently use these notices at second hand, to supply my own defects of scholarship.

Paritians is still a great force in the Christian world, but it is there not danger of its arrogating to itself the place of the Universal Church? It accuses Rome of this usurpation, but perhaps there is some occasion for it to heed the admonition: "Physician heal thyself."

It is a comfort to correct the vulgar abusiveness of ignorant maligners like Lansing by the careful statements of real scholars like Foster. Foster's learning, like all men's, might be deeper, but he has the true scholarly temper. Lansing decries the Vulgate as a "corrupt" version of the Scripture. We may speak of a corrupt reading, such as are found in all manuscripts, but a corrupt version means a version which does not supply those who use it with the real Bible, except off and on. To say that the Vulgate is

a corrupt version is to say the Roman Catholics do not possess the Bible, but only chance fragments of it. Imagine the unspicable impudence of accusing such a scholar as Jerome, equipped with all the appliances of learning and eminently critical in the use of them, of having supplied the Church with a corrupt version of the Bible!

To Lansing's low vulgarity and ignorance oppose Foster's temperate, dignified and appreciative estimate. "Heinrich gives the decrees of Trent the most mild and favorable interpretation possible when he says that the Vulgate 'correctly gives the sense of the sacred original text in all things, pertaining to the system of doctrines and duties and to edification in the Christian religion.'"

Of course if the Vulgate were a corrupt version, much more would the Douai be, for this is a translation of the Douai, and which we know how highly the greatest Biblical scholar of our age, and language, Bishop Westcott of Durham, extols the Rheims version, pointing out how serviceable it has been to the Version of 1611, and with what noble faithfulness is often reproduced, even through the Latin, the Hebrew idioms of the Old Testament.

Andover, Mass. CHARLES C. STARBUCK. CAN HE BECOME A CATHOLIC? This question, from a resident of Ohio, is an interesting subject.

Dear Sir—Can a person who has never been baptized and has never joined any religion become a Catholic, and who has been divorced some twenty years? A READER.

Yes, he can become a Catholic. His divorce would prove no obstacle, because the Church sometimes permits the separations from bed and board even of validly married Christian couples and also occasionally, for proper reasons, allows them to get a divorce in the civil courts; always, however, with the understanding that that divorce has absolutely no power to break the sacramental marriage bond.

But if he had been baptized and if his wife had been baptized, then their divorce would have been a Christian marriage. Such a marriage cannot be dissolved by any power, civil or ecclesiastical. Not even the Pope of Rome could invalidate it. So, if he had, in that case, got married again, he would have had to leave his second "wife" before the Church would receive him.

A TRAGIC INCIDENT. A short while ago I heard from the pastor of a place, in which I gave a mission to non-Catholics two years ago, that a certain Protestant man was received into the Church under tragic circumstances, which the mercy of God turned to his soul's advantage.

Unless a Catholic does something to spread the faith, seeing that there are hundreds of millions of souls perishing for the want of it, how can he expect God to preserve him in it?—Catholic Columbian.

FIVE-MINUTE SERMON. Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost.

PERSEVERANCE. "Who shall also confirm you unto the end" (I Cor. 13)

There is no greater comfort than the promise conveyed in these words of the Apostle: that our Lord will grant us the grace of perseverance. Yet poor, distrustful human nature finds it hard to believe in perseverance. Heaven is so great a boon, and we are so unworthy, that it looks like the best wisdom to be always trembling about the future.

In answer to that we must say that perseverance cannot be, properly speaking, merited at all. Or you may understand me better if I put it in this way: It is not possible to know with absolute certainty that we shall persevere to the end. Nevertheless, we know as a matter of fact that a good life is crowned by a happy death.

IMITATION OF CHRIST. OF ASKING THEE DIVINE ASSISTANCE, AND OF CONFIDENCE OF RECOVERING GRACE. Believe in me and trust in my mercy. When thou thinkest that I am far from thee, I am often nearest to thee.

WELL AND STRONG. After Eleven Years of Great Suffering. A WONDERFUL TRIBUTE TO THE POWER OF DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS TO CURE STUBBORN DISEASES.

Proof upon proof has accumulated that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will cure when doctors, hospital treatment and all other medicines fail. Paralyzed limbs have restored to strength, rheumatic sufferers made well, weak, anaemic girls and women made bright, active and strong.

The Church in New York. A writer in the Sun figures out the denominational percentage of the population of New York City as follows:

Of Importance to the World. The history of the last twenty-five years was more affected by the action of the Conclave, of Cardinals which met in 1878 and chose the Pope who has just departed than by any other elective and representative body which has acted since.

Tobacco and Liquor Habits. Dr. McTaggart's tobacco remedy removes all desire for the weed in a few weeks. A vegetable medicine, and only requires touching the tongue with it occasionally.



Nestlé's Food has been the standard infant's diet for forty years. It nourishes the child so that the increase in weight is immediately noted. It contains the right elements of nutrition, so combined that it closely approximates mother's milk.

THE PHOTO ART CO. Dept. 513 TORONTO. Dressed Doll FREE. Girls, send your name and address on a Post Card and we will mail you postpaid 10 large beautiful colored pictures of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII.

WHAT WE HAVE WE HOLD! The Mutual Life of Canada Head Office Waterloo Ont. That this Company's Investments have always been "wisely and profitably" made is proved by the fact that the UNPRECEDENTEDLY SMALL LOSSES sustained, since the organization of the Company in 1870 up to the present time, would not, all told, amount to One Tenth of One Per Cent of its present assets!

Pope Pius X. AGENTS: Any Boy or Girl or Adult can make from \$2 to \$5 per day selling our magnificent picture of the new Pope at 25 cents. Size 16 x 20, in many rich and beautiful colors.

FOR THE CLERGY THE EPISTLES AND GOSPELS FOR PULPIT USE Second Revised and Enlarged Edition Very Large Print Bound in Leather Price, post paid, 75c

Life of Our Lord WRITTEN FOR LITTLE ONES. BY MOTHER MARY SALOME, of Bar Convent, York. With frontispiece. Price \$1.25 post free

Advertisement for North American Life Assurance Company, featuring a map of North America and text describing the company's services and financial strength.

Advertisement for Dressed Doll FREE, featuring an illustration of a doll and text describing the offer and how to obtain it.

Advertisement for The Photo Art Co., featuring an illustration of a woman and text describing their photographic services.

Advertisement for Pope Pius X. Agents, featuring an illustration of the Pope and text describing the product and how to purchase it.

Advertisement for The Mass-Book, featuring an illustration of the book cover and text describing its contents and availability.

Advertisement for Life of Our Lord, featuring an illustration of the book cover and text describing its suitability for children.

CHATS WITH... There never was a man bound to rise and climb, provided the water would be in his soul.

What would be a man who, because a large sum was stored in his bank, could afford to be a dam? Would not he be in the midst of the water would be eroded mill forced to lie in the miller and in the neighborhood?

Many busy wasters, because they do once are possible book when they one. They squander companions were visible. They waste things, in both doing, in doing, because they waste time.

A great waste of vitality is indulged in by many American men, who do not realize that there are no vitality that can be lost.

One is wiser in the talks of troubles and mistakes. If he turns his back to the bridge, he knows it or not. Every act or not usually desired success-appeal.

Every thing or brings in vitality-waste into the power. Fric is the delicate without doing any valuation, to stop all the first duty to all the enemies permitted to cross capital, getting on a practical.

Every good citizen is a good Catholic. Thus wrote the letter to Catholics and duties and responsibilities. He is regarded as a model white one who shows in a manner greater than any other faith position to He is regarded as a model white one who shows in a manner greater than any other faith position to

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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

There never was a man yet but what was bound to rise and progress...

Nature has stored in every normal youth a reservoir of physical and mental energy which means much in the way of character, success and happiness.

These little leaks, these wastes that drain the success capital, bankrupt many American youths...

religious freedom and tolerance should be always alert to encourage this condition by their nobleness of purpose and action.

But Aunt Trinidad was growing old, and after her there was no other aunt, nor any relation to look after Pura; and though she would not say it aloud to any Pura...

before Pura had time to recover from her surprise. When the stranger called next day, and saw this extraordinary proof of industry and skill...

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

WHAT ANNA SAW IN THE SUN-BEAM.

"When I look through the sunbeams," said Anna, "I see all the little sprites getting ready to paint the clouds, and others that the insects...

"Do you know, Lolita," pursued Anna, "When a little baby is put into the cradle for the first time...

"A very little while after, Lolita, that little baby's father died, and you might have said the sprites had forgotten her; but it was not so.

"Too overjoyed to answer, Aunt Trinidad set off on the instant at full speed, and ran so fast you could not have told what her gown was made of as she passed.

"You don't? Put yourself in the priest's place. Public opinion does not keep people Catholics or Christians, does it?"

"In our cities, where the majority of Catholics go to the early Masses and hear no sermon, we see no other way in which their Catholic convictions are to be appealed to, except by the Catholic press."

A CLEAR HEALTHY SKIN.—Eruptions of the skin and the blotches which blemish the face are the result of impure blood caused by unhealthy action of the liver and kidneys.

SURPRISE SOAP is SOAP Pure Hard Soap. Includes images of soap boxes and promotional text.

NOEL SAYS: PERSONAL TO SUBSCRIBERS! Includes a portrait of Theo. Noel and text about Vite-Ore.

CARLING'S PORTER is unequalled as a pure, wholesome tonic. Includes the Carling logo and text.

Jesus the All-Beautiful. A Devotional Treatise on the Character and Actions of Our Lord.

PROFESSIONAL. HELLMATH & IVKY, IVKY & DROMGOLD Barristers. Includes various professional advertisements.

O'KEEFE'S Liquid Extract of Malt. Is not a patent medicine, nor is it beer, as some imagine.

Canadian Life Insurance advertisement with text about investments and life insurance.

LIFE insurance advertisement featuring a portrait of a man and text about life insurance.

PHOTO ART CO. advertisement with text about photography and contact information.

Heart of Nazareth advertisement with text about religious devotion.

Mass-Book advertisement with text about religious texts and prayers.

Our Lord advertisement with text about religious devotion and prayers.

