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## Father Chiniquy

 W 1 OMgr. LYNCH,
Archbishop of Toronto.


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ST, ANVE, KNNKIREE CotNry, 1t.1.1 No!s, Junc 22, $188_{\text {t. }}$
To /Iis Lordship L, 1rnch, ITchbishop of Toromto:
My Lorns: The $12 \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{h}}$ inst., I promised to answer sour latter of the 1 ith, addressed to the Rev. Moderator and to the Ministers of the (emeral Asembly of the Presber terian Church. I come, to-day, to fultil my promise, with the help of God.

I had accused your church to believe and say that she hats reccised from (rod the poiver to kill is poor hereties. I said that if sou do not sliughter us, io-day, in Canadia and elsewhere, it is only becanse you are not trong enomigh to do it. I said, atso, that where the Roman Catholies feel strong enough, they do not think it a sin to beat. stone or kill its when the ean do it withont any danger to their own precions lises.

I said that sour best theologians teach that heretion do not denerve to live, and that vour great saint Thomas Aquinas. whom vour church has lately put among "the lioly Fathe"s," positively dechares that one of the most sacled rights and duties of vour chureh is to deliver the heretics into the hands of the secular powers to be exterminated.

As I expected, you have bravely denied What I said on that subject. In your reply, you complain that the puotations I made of St. Thomas, on that subject, are not correct.

Here is my answer to your dencegations. I have the works of St. Thomas just now on my table. I will copy word for word what he say- in Latin, and tramsate it into plain English, respectfully atsking your lordship to tell the ramadian people whether or not my tram don is correct:
" Quanguam haritici toierandi non sunt ipso illormm demerito, mague tamen ad secundam correptionem expectandi sunt ut ad sanam redeant Eectesiasiae ficlem. Qui vero, post secundam correptionem, in suo errore obstinati permanent, non modo excommmicationis sententia, sed etiam sa:cularibun principiban exterminandi tradendi sunt."

## TRIN:INTION.

"Though heretico mons not be tolerated becalnse they deserved it, we most bear with them till, by a seeond admonition, they may be bromght back to the faith of the Church. But thowe who, after a second admonition, remain obstinate in their errors, mast not only be excommanicated, but the mont be defivered to the secular power to be exterminated." (St. Thomas Agninas, fth v.. page go.)

At the patge gh, he sals: .. Though heretics who repent mast always beaceopted to penance aften athey hate fallen, they
amber not, in coneegrence of. that, always be permitted to enjos the benefits of this life. . . . When they fall again, they are admitted to repent.

But the .entence of death must not be relmoved." (St. Thomats, v. $\downarrow$, page gi.)

Your lordship hats the just reputation to be an expert man. You then hnow that, in such solemn guestions as are disenssed just now, the tastimony of only one witness does not sutfice $i$ will the 1 , give you another testimony to prove the mpalatable truthe which I proctaimed in the presence of the (ieneral $\Lambda$ ssembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, viz: 'That we poor hereties are condemmed to death, and are declared umworthy to lise side by side witl: our Roman Catholic neighbors. That testimony will, no dombt, be accepted as grood and sitticient by the people of Camada, if not by you, since it is the testimony of your own infallible charels, speaking throngh the Council of the Lateram, held in 1215:

We excommonicate and anathematize every hevesy that exalts itself against the holy orthodos and Catholic fath, condeming all thereties, by whatever name they may be known- for though their faces differ, they are tied together by their tails. Such as are condemmed are to be delivered over to the existing cecular powers, to reecive due punishment. If latymen, their goods must be confiscated. If priests, they shall be degraded from their respective orders and their property applied to the use of the chareh in which they otficiated. Seculat powers of all ranks and degrees are to be warned, induced, and if necessary, compelled by ecelesiantical censures, to wear that they will exert themelves to the ntmost in the defense of the fath, and extirpate all hereties denounced by the church whoshall be found in their territories. And whenever any person shall ansame government, whether it be piritual or temponal, he shatl be bound to abide by this deeree.
"If any temporal lord, after hawing been admonished and reguired by the church, shall neglect to clear his territory of heretical depravity, the Metropolitan and Bishop of the province shall tuite in excommundeating him. Should he remain conthmations a whole year, the fact shat be signifued to the Supreme Pontiff, who shall declare his vassials released from their atlegiance from that time, and will bestow his tervitory on Catholies, to be oceupied by them, on the condition of exterminating the hereties and preserving the sad territory in the fath.
"Catholics, who shall as. me the cross for the extermination of heretics, hall enjoy the same indulgences and be protected by the same privileges as are granted by those who go to the help of the Boly I amd. We decree further, that all who may have dealings with heretics. and especially such
as receive, shall be ex edigitise 10 be admitte have powe will, nor Ite shatl n person, b turainst hi decision sl caluse be b be an adv plead. Sh ments mat shall be eo I could fallible do of what I Christian, in all age short limi 'Those pro "Fifty" whicli is 1

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as receive, defend, and encourage them, shall be excommunieated. He shall not be eligitite to any public othice. He shatl not he admitted as a witness. He shall neither have power to bequeath his property be will, nor to succeed to any inheritance. He shall not hring any action against any person, but any one call bring ection against him. Should he be a judge, his decision shall have no force, nor thall any callse be brought before him. Should he be an advocate, lee shall not be allowed in plead. Should he be a lawyer, no instruments made by him shall be held valid, but shall be condemned with their antho"."
$I$ could give you thonsands of other infallible documents to show the exactness of what $[$ said of the satvage, anti-social, antiChristian, and bloody laws of your Chureh, in all ages, against the bereties, but the short limits of a letter make it impossible. Those proofs are fully given in my book, " Fifty" Years in the Church of Rome," which is now published.

1 suppose you will answer me, "llase not hereties also passed such bloody laws?" Yes, they hase passed such crued laws; but they have borrowed them from you.

When those nations came ont from the dark dangeons of Popery, they erould not see the light, at tirst, in its fulness and in all its beanty. It took some time before they could cure themselves from the putrid leprosy which centuries of life inside the walls of the modern Babylon had engendered everywhere. But you know as welt as I do that these remmants of Popery have been repadiated more than a century ago by all the Christian churches. Every year since it has heen $m$ privilege to be a Presbeterian, I have heard a constant and binamoms protest against those laws of blood and persecutions. Ther are kept in our records only as a memorandim of the bottomless abyss into which the people were living when sulmitted to the Pope. But you know well, my lord, that all those laws of blood and death have been sametioned in your last Council of the Vatican in your Church. It was dectared, then, that you are forever dammed if you have any doubt about the rights and the duty of vour Church to punish the hereties by bodily punishment.

But, my lord, let us forget, for a moment, the numberless and undeniable proofs which I might bring to the remembrance of your lordship, to make you blush for having denied what i had said about the ummanly un-Christian principles which regulate the Roman Catholic Chureh toward the Protestants, when you have your opportunity. The providence of God has just put me in possession of a fact too publie to be ignored or denied even by you.

You know how the Roman Citholics of Quebec have given the lie, with a vengeance to your deniak. You hnow how more than $2,\left(x x^{*}\right)$ good Romata: Catholic: canne with sticks and stones to kill me, the

17th of this month, becanse 1 had preathed in a Presbyterian Church on the text, "What must Ido to have eternal life:" More than one hondred stones struck me, and if I had not providentialls: had two heary eloth overcoats, one to jiment my shoulders and the other put around the head to weaken the force and the weight of those stones, I would surely have been killed on the spot. But thongh I was protected by those overcoats, iny head and shoulders are still as a jelly and canse me great nuffering. A kind friend, Mr. Zotique Lefebr re, 13. C. L., who heroically put himself between my would-be murderers and me, to protect iny life at the risk of his, own, came out from the broken carriage with six bleeding womads on his face,

The eity of Qubbee is known to be the most Roman Catholic city in America, and perhaps in the whole world, without excepting Rome itself. Its population has the well-earned reputation to be monat, peaceful, reppectable, and religious, as they anderstand those words among the Roman Catholies. The people who stoned me were not a gathering of a low-bred mod: it was compored of well-dressed men, many with gold spectacles; it was mot composed of drunkards; there was not a single drunkell man seen by me there; thes were not, of comrse, what is called "liberal Catholies," for those "liberal Catholies," though born in the Church of Rome, have a se preme contempt for the dogmas, practices, and teachings of the priests. Those vliberal Catholics" who, thanks be to God, are fast increasing, are only nominally Catholies they remain there becanse their fathers and mothers were so: because, also, they want to attract the people to their stores, sell their pills, or desire to he e'seted to such and such offices by the influence of the priests. They laugh it your mitre, for they know it is nothing but the old honnets of the priests of Bacchus, representing the head of a fish. Those liberal Catholics are disgusted with the bloody laws and practices of the Chureh of Rome; the would not, for anything, molest, insult, or maltreat a heretic. 'Those liberal Catholice are in favor of liherty and conscience. But the clergy hate and fear them. Ihad this class of liberal Catholies been numerous in Quebec, I would not have had any tronble. But Quebee is, with a very few exceptions. composed of true, real, sincere, devoted Catholics. They believe sincerely, with vour grand St. Thomats, and with your Roman Catholic Chureh, that heretics like Chiniquy have no right to live: that it is a good work to kill them.
This riot of Quebee, seen with, the light of the teachings of St. Thomes, the Commcils of Lateran, Constance and the Vatican, show that your letter to the General Assembly of our Presbyterian Church is one of the greatest hhonders that your lordship has ever made. The dust you wanted to throw into the eres of my Preshyterian brethren i all on your face, to-day, as dark,
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För, my ford, there in a wise ith the stones thrown at me: there in al oire that the

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Please look at thatt stome, look at that blood ahos they will teach iot al leswon which it is quite time for volt and all the prieste to leam. They will tell you thal *our Chureh of Romic is the sable to-day ats she was when she baughtered the haindrech of thousands of P'iedmontese with the sword of france; that stone alld that blood will tell vou what every one hnows, :uphong the diseiples of the Gospel, that your churc! of to-day is the very same chur(j) which phanned the massatres of St. Bartholomew, the gunpowder plot, the revocation of the Ediet of Nimters, and the deathis of more than half a million, of French Hughenots on their wat to exile. That stone and that blood will tell you that vour church to-day, is the same as she was. when she lighted the five thousand autodatefe, where ten millions of matrym lost their lives in all the great cities of Europe before God raised the German giant who gave it the deadly blow you know.

Please, my lorf, put that stone and that blood in oine of the most conspicuous place of vour palace, that rou maty look at them when the devil will come again to throw you into some ignominious and inextricable slough, as the one into which you fell in your courageous but vain attempt to refate me.

When that father of lies will try again to make use of your pen to deny the bloody laws and bloody deeds of your chureh, wou will tell him, "Get thee hence, Satim, for it is written in our most approved book of theology, St. Thomas, that we must extorminate all the hereties., (iet thee hence, satan; for you will not any more induce me to call old Chiniquy insame, for saviag that our church isas bloody as ever; for it is written in the Council of Laterm that those who arm themedves for the extermination of hereties are an blened by God as those who went formally to the rescue of the lloly Land."

Yes, my lord; keep that stone amd that bood before vour eves, and when I or

- omeborly else will aterin warn the disciples of the (inopel agathot the dangers aheat from kome, you will not compromise vouralf ant nore b! writing thinge which ane not onli adathet all the recordor of his. (or: , but againt the public teatobing of all
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My dear biahop lineli, before tahing leane of you this dan, allon me to ank it fivor froin vour lori-hip. If vol grant it, 1 will retract what I bave satid of the amtisoctal and anti- C'hristian hans and practices of four chareh.
i.e.t your lordohip sat amathemats to the Commets of Constame and bateran for the kecrees of banishment and death, they pased over all thone who differed in religion from them. Tell us, in phain and grod English, that vou condem those Conneils for the burning of John Husse and the bood they camed to be shed all over Eitrope, under the pretevt of religion; tell us that those Commeils were the greatest enemies of the Gospel that instead of being guided by the spirit of God, they were guided be the rpirit of Satam, when they callused so ma y millions of men, women, and chiddren to be shaghtered for refusing to oley the e'oper.

And when you will hane condemed the action of the depraved men who composed those Councils, you will honestly and bravely dectare that your Thomas $\AA$ quinas, instead of being a saint, was a bloody monster, when he wrote that the Chureh of Christ is to deliver the heretics to the secular power to le exterminated:

Tell us also, that the present Pope Leo XIII. ought to be the object of the execration of the whole world for having lately ordered that that bloody monster's theolog.y should be taught in all the colleges, acadomies, seminaries, and universities of the Church of Rome, all over the world, as the best, truest, and most reliable exponent of the doetrines of the Chureh of Christ.

If you grant me the favor I ask, we will believe that your lordship was honest when you denied what $I$ said of the savage, cruel and diabolical laws and pratetices of the Chureh of Rome toward the heretics. But if sou refuse to grant my request, we will believe that you are still, in heart and will, submitted to those laws and practices, and that vou tried to deceive us, after hating deceived rourself, when you presented roum bloodthims church with the rose colors we find in your ketter to our General Asembly.

In my next, $f$ will give volu the proofs of what I said about the idobatry of sour churbh, and, with the help of God, I' will refute what you said to defend her practices. Trul! vours.
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