PROTESTANTS IN ITALY

Unique Efforts to Proselv's from the Ancient Church.

The Baters of the Italian Evidently Misunderstand - How Various Sects Maye Achteved Different Kinds of Pallure-Buildings Closed for Want of Prople

It may seem at first night inexplici-

ble that Italy should have been selected amongst all European countries se the same of the most persevering and costly efforts at prosely lism on the part of the various denominations of English Protestante. It is a fact so knowledged by all the more enlight ened Anglican olergy, that the Italinne when they abandon their own Church, as is unfortunately too often the case do not do so in order to adopt allen forms of religion, but to shake off altogether the bondage of Christian dogue, and most frequently of Christian morality. The last thing they think of in joining the ranks of anticlerication at home is shackling their freedom of thought and action by adopting the formula of any imported erced. Pions Italians, on the other hand, like good Catholics all the world over, are absolutely immovable in their own convictions, and are especially unlikely to find any counter-accrection in the cold formalism of English worship The attitude of mind required for the acceptance of a foreign Pontiff as flead off the Church is impossible to the Italtian mind which is equally incapable of adopting the doctrines of the Reformation rel acted through the many facetted prism of British dissent. Under these circumstances, we can only explain the eagerness of the Protestant denominations in undertaking so hope lights is the Cavaliere Luigi Cappellini, loss a task, as due to hostility to the Papacy, inspiring a desire to lead a rewolt against authority in the country in which it has its seat. The conversion of Italians would thus be regarded. as a special triumph, as a proof that the Church was losing ground where was no to speak, being carried into the enemy's country. If this be the porrect view of the English missions in italy, it must be said that they have egregiously failed in their object, and that the results achieved must be regarded by their supporters in this country, as affording but a poor return for the money and pains expended on them. We have before us a little book recently ou blished in Siens by Professor Melia giving statistics and details of their work under the title Asstomy of Protestantism in Italy and the painstaking and reliable analyala here given, cannot be very encouraging to those who founded hopes of spiritual reaction against the Papacy. in its own country on the success of these various attacks on its teaching." Among them all there is but one in

its monetary resources from foreign a little conventicle for their sole concountries. The Waldensian Church ventence. Their zeal, however, had one of the few pre-Reformation here than three soldiers out of seventy presles subsisting in Western Europe to sented themselves at the Methodist the present day. It can claim at least a respectable degree of antiquity, as it to have been moved by material rather has been established in the Piedmont than spiritual considerations, for havsee valleys since the 19th century, if ing asked the minister if he were aunot longer. Some, indeed, ascribe its thorized to treat them to a glass of foundation to Claudius, bishop of wine and a cigar, and received as Turin who separated from the Church answer in the negative, they appeared of Rome as early as the 9th century, ma more, and the building had to be but the commonly received account of its origin ascribes its paternity to Valdo a merchant of Lyons who carried with him across the Alps in 1180 the tenets of a sect which had already made come progress in his native place Having anticipated Luther in bis design of reforming the Church, and believing himself specially chosen by Providence as the instrument of the work, he began his mission by selling all his goods to form a common fund for his adherents, whom he invited to follow his example. Their original lemand for a return to primitive simplicity by the abandonment of all orternal pomp in the services of the Church was made in such good faith that they sent to the Pape to request! his sanction for their preaching. But as is the case with all who have same cast off obedience to constituted authority, their rejection of articles of faith followed their secession from the Church on the ground of ritual, and they progressively abandoned their belief, not only in the authority of the Pope, but in Purgatory, the invocation of Saints and other ancient dogmas while evolving new once tending to bring them into line with some of the Eastern sects advocating the existence of a good and evil principle in nature. The Waldemace, thus differing from the later reformed churches in origin, flistory, and teneta, have no claim on their sympathy, save that of their common hostility to Roma

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So strong, however, in this bond of union that their organization is principally mais fained by contributions from a broad. Traveling through England, Scotland, France, Germany, Switzerland, and America, their sauldsoms collectors sometimes seek to eahause the prestige of their own sect by inclinations damaging to that of others. Mutual recriminations are thus occasionally caused, and the agent of a rival areed, finding the field of charity gleaned by them in anticipation, expresses his irritation by stigmatizing them as "the Jesuita of Protestantism" They are accused too, of fomenting discord among their competitors, and thus creating a field for themselves founding by this other churches. They are now the most numerous of the non-Casholic religious hodies and claim to number nearly 5.000 members in 97 parishes or stations, and to add to their ranks an average of some 200 converts every year. Next in importance to the Waidensian is the Free Christian or Evangelical Church of Italy, which grewout of scattered congregations formed about 1800 for the reading of the Bible tated themselves into a church by Lottenateries, and is raise, according the world.

to our author, with autogratic authority by Mr. MacDongall, peator of the Scoten church in Florence. This com munity has generally been the refuge of the unfrocked priests and monks of Italy, who from various reasons desire to treak loose from the restrictions imposed by their rows of whom Alessantro Garazzi, the colobrated ex-liarnation friar may a typical specimen. Rome was the scene of the polemics of this impassioned though rude and often violent, orator, and here, until his leath in 1889, he held forth unceasing r. though to gradually diminishing audiences on the laiguities of the Church he had left. The overtures for union made to the Waidenses by the leaders of this sect in 1886 resulted only in embittering the antagonism between them, as the latter made such hard conditions as would have involved the practical effacement of the Evanzelichia

English Mathodiam, though obviously constited to the Italian genius was select in 1861 with the ambition of making the Peninsula a field of miasionery labor, and its central commitsee divided it into two districts, north and south with headquarters respectively at Rome and Naples with a view to the execution of this project. Begianing on a large scale, with the foundation of numerous schools and chapels as well as an organ in the oress entitled in rivalry of the famous Jesuit periodical, La Civilta Evangelica itencountered various mishaps in its undertakings Congregations most of them brought together originally by an appeal to interested motives. gradually fell away, and the transplanted offset of English Wesleyanism is now reduced to a nominal membership of about 1,500, with over 50 places. of worship. One of its most shining ex-non-commissioned officer in the miny, and founder of the so-called Milliory Church of Rome. The idea of establinging a Protestant mission exclusively for the benefit of the Italian army was the offspring of his fertile brain, and he sen claim for it at least the merit of originality. The machin-ary is well adopted to the end in view, as the most important part in it is played by meeting places or clube Where the soldiers, weary of barrack routibe, can spend their evenings, alternsting reading of the Bible with such parely secular pursuits as amoking drinking wine or coffee, and playing a game of cards or duminous These combined inducements attract a considerable number of the class for whom they are provided, but it is generally found that their conversion is but a temporary one, and that when removed to other places and restored to former influences they relapse into all the errors they had abjured. Thus, when the 36th infantry was in warrison in Rome Signor Campellini boasted of seventy converts in its ranks, and an effort was made, when it was transeny sense indiginous to the goll, and ferred to Viterbo, to: follow up this even that draws a considerable part of success by the establishment there of has a somewhat unique history, as it is evaporated on the march, and no more place of worship o Even these proved

Irish College at Rome The Irish students have again this

wear carried off the bighest honors in

closed for want of a congregation.

the Propaganda Premaziona which took place lately in Sala Maxima. The Prefect of Propagands, Cardinal Ledochowski, was assisted by the Rector and Vice-Rector of the Urban College as well as a number of distinguished prelates, among whom were Archbishope Clases, Grasselli, and Kirby. The rectors of the various mational colleges, professional staff. and a number of foreign bishops visiting Rome were also smong the distinguished guests. A full choir and orchesira, under the direction of Rev. Maestro Francesco Borghi, were located at one side of the dals and by their singing and the performance of some high class music contributed not a little to the splendid success of the celebration. The compositions were all in honor of the Jubilee of the Holy Father, and the popular singer, Moreschi, was among the solo singers. Several students, received the degree of Doctor, and a large number were minounced as Licentiates and Rachelors in both theology and philosophy. The reading of the list of prize winners was listened to with eager strention by the visitors and students who filled the hall to overcrowding, and hearty applause greeted each name. Two medals were allotted to each class in many cases; several students of equalmerit were called to the same reward, We are pleased to record that the Irish students at Lome, not only in the National College, but also in the Proraganda and Urban colleges are an honor to their nation and race. Irish mames were by far in the majority among English-speaking competitors. no fewer than 24 places being won by the Irish College students, and it was most remarkable that no Irish College acadent in the philosophy course failed to place his name at least once on the modal list, whereas in the theological classes two and sometimes three of the same college students were named consecutively. Last suckon policy churches on the ruins of Year's record, which shows it prizesexcellent, indeed, for the small anm ber of students-is besten bevord expostations by this year's rewards. At the conclusion of the celebration the beautiful new monument to Leo XIII. which has been erected in the grand

Henry Sotheran & Company, the book dealers of London, have sold to the These bodies some years later counti- General Theological seminary of New York a collection of 543 Latin bibles, the propconvoking a general assembly, and erty of Dr. Copinger, professor of law in formulated in 1870 their common pro- the Victoria university. It is the largest, feeting of fatts. It now much bere over but not the most valuable, collection in

corridor, was unveiled amidst enthusi

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American Institutions Indebded to the Early Work and Martyrdon of Pricete.

to the New York Herald defending was telt for a time. When his appealor Mgr. Satelli and the Jenuite from hod expired they applied fire to this receil attacks of Bishop Come of the covering As the flames carried Protestant Epicoopal discuss of Westsnough, that is, if Lee XII. that sloft and imvoked the mercy of heaven grand statesman, doom't call him Granified by thin expression of pain to the Eternal City to promote him, his harmamters remoired to prolong his you will certainly find May Satelli a wany, and through the long night

he is a prominent man becomes 'no in- the young priest. He, ten, saw his considerable number of its (the city of flesh descured before his even or Buffalo) citizene look up to me, their slashed off is wom ton cruelty. Every trustive teachings to be placed before was charmed and burned; his very eyes my people wishout a courteeus but were put out by hot souls forced into firm rejoinder." Certainly it is any them. At last when the our had thing but courteous to erisions such arises on March 17, 1660, they should noble and truly American thoughts his long mertydom by tomakswiring as the delegate has expounded since him, and leaft his body a charred many his arrival in America.

You cannot in justice to truth claim to 'profess the Catholic religion," because the word Catholic implies universality: before the "American or Outholies who does the work of Church" ever a lood on this land the arangelising the savage by carrying man, at which many times your fore- the thidings of front joy to those sitting fathers assisted was calebrated pricate penetrated the furthermost 922 tremes of this country; the names they creed they present gave to the rivers lakes, etc., bear tortimony to this

The Nicene creed neverdefined what you call "our raligion," for the religion of your Church was not in existence

Infamous men never with to be surrounded by champions of truth, justice and freedom, when they want to oppress the oppressed, and no one of here men carried lying repote to the sticen about that most illustrious order of our boly Church, the Jesuita Kingly powers acted as a unit against them, and through fraud, the Pope then reigning was influenced to dis-band them. He did so, but the truth conquered, and his successor declared

that decree voki-20 You make either an ignorant or projudiced statement when you say that Jusuits are a 'porrupt society, and that "thousand of professed Roman Catholics," are their autagonists. and also that "It is the duty of all free people to limit and control if not to banish the Jesuita from their coast"

Just Imagine banishing from our shores the sons of Ignatius, whose labors are known wherever the aun shines; who have labored so sealously in the early days of this Republic for the salvation of souls, particularly that of the red man.

Let us review a somewhat imperfect history of a few of those great men whose glorious deeds have built them a monument more lasting than brace, and say if it would be charitable, to kay the least "to banish the Jesuite from their cosata"

The first Josuit who entered the United States was Pather Poter Marti- lables of in-linter. Never one nez. He was sent to Florida by St. Francis Borgin and had scarcely reached the scoper of his labor when he was put to death in 1566. After him Father John Rogers, a compenion of the above, labored zealously for the Indian children, and satublished C school. He died in 1881 After the death of these two illustrious Jesuits. Father John Baptist, with ten companions, started a mission on the shores of the Chesapenks bay, accompanied by the converted chief Don Luis. The Indian chief, however, proved false, and after having traveled very much, the whole party was massacred in 1590.

Now we come to Fathers Marquette. Breboeuf and Jogues, whose missionary works are so well known. Parkman, the best antifority on Jesuit missions, cals Breboeul "The Ajax of the mission," who converted the whole Huron tribe, and at his death they numbered 5,000 souls, having 18 mis-

Now let us review the labora of Father Jogues After his return from Michigan he was taken captive by a band of roving Mohawks and was carried to New York. With him were captured also forty Christian Hurons. Father Jogues was subject to all the horrors of Indian Ernelty; he was wounded, bruised and turned, his nails were torn out, his hands and feet dislocated and his left thumb sut off, but as if by miracle, his life was spared. During his long captivity of fifteen months he baptized many, sometimes amid the flames which surrounded them. Alluding to the captivity of Father Jogues, Bancroft says:

"Rosming through the stately forests he wrote the name of Jesus on the barks of the trees, grayed the cross and entered into the possession of the these countries in the name of God. often lifting up his voice in a solitary chaut. Thus did France bring its kanners and the faith to the confines of A bany.

To end up it will not be malapropos to say something about Fathers Breboeuf and Lalemant.

The renowned Father Bre boom! and. he gentle Lalemant in the spring of 1642 received the shown of martyrdom at the hands of that fleres trive, the Iroquola Their antierings are thus described by a celeurated historian Shen

"The hands of Braboasi were cut off while Lalemant's flesh quivered with the awls and pointed from thrust into every part of his body. Amid the din rose the voice of the old Huron missionary consuling his converts. until his executioners crushed his mouth with a stone, cut off his nose and tips and thrust a brand into his month, so that his throat and tongue. burnt and swollen refused their office.

They tore off his senin and thrice. water over his head amid the shout of the anbelievers. The eye of the marter was now dim, and the torturers, unable from first to last to wring from his lips one sigh of pain, were eager to close the scene. Hacking off his feet, they clove open his chest, took out his

nobie heart and descured it.

loss woundle but was fore away, and James J. Lawrence writes a letter after being wrepaged in pieces of bart. ern New York: Mr. Lawrence sere: delients from unused to toll could If Mgr. Satolli is best here long not recit the penin, raised his hand titizen of three gioriese Valled States, sided tecture to terture to see Then the Blokop goes on to tell that writhing frame—the quivering fee h of These are a few of the many hereis markyrs whose giorious deeds have won for their order untypensi profes Any man whether he be Protestant

> What men leve done more work is lifting the red man from the state of bruie, showing him that he has an immortal soul, that there is a fuprame Being, these the Josepha? If any one wishes to mee what has been done in this line let him read the 'Jeasit Missions of North America, "by Parkmann, who is not a member of our

> Church Was not this attack on the representative of the Holy Father uncelled for Was it not also igracemende prejudice to may in the enlig hied age of this giorious minete-enth sentury that "it is 'the duty of akl free people to limit and soutered if not hamish, the Jesuits from their souther" Was it not bad teste for this revers usi rem tleman to mesers that "homsude of professed Roman Catho liet" are am taronistic to that "torrapt socie Lyf"

> Lot him send the Herald for the bone fit of the public the names of one dosses "professed Roman Catholies" who are see disposed to vindicate his position our remain as one professing belief in the doctrine of Christ but opposed to "You shall know the truth and the trusts shall make you free."

In sonolussion, reverend Bishop, was there ever may "corrupt society." that has ever perceived a Braboant a Lusie mant or a Marquette? Not there was

You stained in a position that is not preditable to your office-mamely, so continue the Cuttodia Church of her bering a corrupt society which I think I have proving is physically and moto-physically, imposed bia

Youth is who time to teach your childre Loss or slotte in the young. A lasty bear or giri abould have tween landsome drawmanni out of them. even if you should exercise yourself, mittily and judiciously, as biolemon directe. When the lany youngeter comme to manturity to will have tent in hope terlicant of hering tired, which will make all He days a responsia, and of which you, the found parents, will be largely to idame. If pois inonleases habets of industry in the children do not be atraid they will think you cried. The day will some wes your selies will be bird by them for dong you

Nature im true and not a He. No lie you can speck or, not but it will come luck to your, after longer or shorter electlations, like a bill drawn on nature's rantes and presented there for payment, with the amawer, "No offects." Lies, and the burden of evil they bring, are perced on, shifted from back to book, and from from rank to rank, and so land altimately on the dramh lowest rank, who, with specie and muttook, with some heart and empty walket, dally come in contact with reality, and our peans the cheet no further.

We brought nothing into this world and it is cortain we can carry nothing out of it. If you could take a five pound note with you seroes the grave into youder inviable world no body would know what it was You would have to explain its and nobody would believe you. You might hold its up and show the water mark, and legiture upom it and turn it round and resented and nobody would change it Yet there are mome men who practically, not theoretically, have made this money their fied, and have said they will ren anto the money ac into strong tower in the time of storm and food and temport and great trial.

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The Catholic Church has purified society in its very founties, which is the smarrie are boned. She has favorie bly Transports 576. procisined the unity and esceptity and indianolubility of the marriage tie by saying with her founder What Got maying with her founder has all the base of the foundation of the of his carries. Ilke the wives of Little countries that the poors and partment of vour humbindes, if you are melon ger tenamen at will like the wives of rague Greens and Romes, but the militranes of your own household: if you are as longer ore free ted by upstaking strain, like Makemenistics on Mercent into a but the queries of the dominants which dominants less boon too ine apriess Liberes and partierist = 10 the Return Pressit who infective uphoid the marriage in derision of baptism, poured the of the nuprical bond against the actions power of nancy live into of mobile and the lax and pernations legislation of civil governments.

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