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THE RESURRECTION

Last Sunday in all parts of the whole known world—there is no country on the face of this globe that does not contain a Catholic Church—the worshippers at Catholic altars beheld not the crucifix. It was covered from their sight, denoting the feeling of the Church and her children. On every side it was evident that the holy, sad, and solemn passion time had arrived and was being commemorated. Throughout the week just gliding into eternity the signs of penance and we were still visible, but now the Church lay them all aside and to-morrow her holy altars are decked with the brightest, of color, illuminated by countless flaming lights, and perfumed with the sweetest flowers.

And well may we rejoice and be glad. The Resurrection to mankind, was the most important event since the fall of our first parents. Had not Christ risen gloriously from the dead all the other miracles he wrought would have been in vain. It was by his resurrection that He proved Himself God, and gave His Church a solid foundation on which to exist.

DOES THE END JUSTIFY THE MEANS?

Our esteemed Albany contemporary, the Vatican, in an editorial on the Bismarckian anniversary celebration, expresses regret that Catholic papers should dig up the past offenses of the aged ex-chancellor. It believes that "discreet silence instead of noisome jangling of discordant bells would be better if the sympathetic note is impossible." Yet in the same editorial the Vatican accuses Bismarck of having been "sanguinary," "merciless," "unscrupulous," etc. We will quote its exact words:

In 1861 Bismarck began his diplomatic and legislative career as the envoy of Prussia in the Confederation at Frankfurt. From that first hour till the consummation of his dream in 1867, he never swerved from his resolute purpose to knit the German petty states into a compact, formidable national unity. The "man of blood and iron" was never more sanguinary or merciless than in the realization of his scheme. I engaged him. Under its impulse he overhauled over, legal sanctions and religious rights, and, in his eyes, the most and most subtle phases of diplomacy, such as the deplorable Mettrich and the wily Talleyrand, were thrown away, were repeated in all their duplicity and evasion. * * *

Admit that this old hero drove a pitiless bargain with a vanquished foe, admit that he was unscrupulous in reaching his goal; admit that like Napoleon at Fontenoy he was in the presence of a superior force, and he was ambitious to sway the souls and bodies of Germans by the notorious Kulturkampf; admit that the Falk laws were unauthorized and unjustified by the decrees of the Vatican Council; admit that the allegiance of a German Catholic is, and has been an elevated and ardent sentiment of Bismarck himself. Do we not know that the German nation was willing to forget the worst, for the sake of the best—to undo the wrongs and hold to the profits—made amends for the misdeeds of her fathers and to abolish every law that served to divide the peo-

INCONSISTENCY

It has remained for a journal published in Mexico—that land to which some of our non-Catholic brethren are wont to point to as an awful example of the fate of a people given over to Catholicism—to point out its absurdities of Protestantism in a manner as we have ever seen them treated. We quote the article in full and consider it well worthy of reproduction.

And what, forsooth, do the Protestants come here to teach us? Search the Scriptures! they exclaim "Read the Bible; what the Bible tells you, God tells you; what you understand from the words of the Bible is the truth, and the truth will save you."

This is the doctrine of Protestantism and what it is teaching everywhere. Now we are all Catholics in Mexico.

In Mexico, while reading the Holy Scriptures, we find that Jesus Christ says that "he that will not hear the Church" is to be regarded "as a heathen and publican." In the Bible we find the holy sacrament of confession and the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist; in it we find God put bishops to rule over His Church in a word, by reading the Bible here in Mexico we become Catholics.

What, then, Protestant missionaries want here? If they are Protestants, they are bound to preach that we Catholics do not believe the Bible as we understand it. If we Mexicans understand the Bible as God has explained it to us, why come and preach against our beliefs?

THEY ARE IN EARNEST

We heartily coincide in the opinion expressed by a Catholic contemporary in commenting on the imitation of Catholic ceremonies by the High Church Episcopalians or "Catholics" as they call themselves. It is to the effect that so many of them are in earnest, so many of them really desire to be members of the real Catholic Church, that their practices should not be ridiculed, although a smile of amusement will come when we notice with what exactness they carry out the forms of the Catholic religion while they have not its substance.

Prayer on their behalf that God may grant them the light to see the inconsistency of their position and guide them into his Own True Fold is called for, and it is the duty of Catholics to offer such prayers rather than to poke fun at Ritualistic pretensions to membership in the Catholic Church. To show the interest taken in matters pertaining to our holy religion by these High Church Episcopalians we will quote a few extracts from a sermon recently preached by Rev. C. H. Guile, a Presbyterian minister at Potsdam, N. Y. The paper containing this sermon was marked and handed to a Catholic gentleman by one of the prominent supporters of the Church of the Good Shepherd, which Bishop Coxe, recently closed because its rector was imitating Catholic forms of worship too closely:

Our form of worship in Protestant churches is too barren of form and sentiment. * * * Outward manner, as well as inward grace, has much to do with Christian character. Even during prayer in many Protestant congregations reverence is no part of their worship. At this point we may learn with profit from our Catholic friends. * * * The sacrifice they make for the church would estrange Protestants from their church in many cases. Protestants know nothing of giving, as Catholics have learned to esteem it. * * * Our Catholic friends are always planning for the future. One generation buys the land and the next builds the church. She indicates great wisdom in selecting a location, for she knows how supremely important a good location is. They build for the future; they believe they are to have a great future. We Protestants are too much influenced with the idea of having a good time now, and let those in the future take care of the future.

When an Episcopal gentleman marks paragraphs of this character it proves that his mind turns toward the Catholic Church. It is an evidence of the interest he takes in what is said of her, and the admiration he has for her good qualities. May God grant him the grace to accept her authority.

ORANGE LOYALTY.

It is said that the Orangemen of Canada are to have one of the greatest celebrations in their history on the 13th of July. Large numbers of Orangemen from the United States will visit their Canadian brethren on the date given. The reason for this extraordinary demonstration is to show the feeling of the Orangemen in the Manitoba school matter. It is also asserted that Orangemen from Massachusetts have expressed their intention of assisting their brothers in Manitoba to assist the order of the Dominion government to restore the Catholic separate schools. Here we have a fine example of Orange and American Protective loyalty. In one county they propose to rebel against their own government; in another they propose to foment rebellion in a nation at peace with the United States.

PRESBYTERIANS, TOO.

Shades of John Knox and Calvin! Is there to be a High Church party in the Presbyterian Church, too?

This week at the Central Church there is to be a three hours' service on Good Friday afternoon, conducted by the Evangelist, Dr. Chapman, the subject of which is to be a "Meditation on the Last Hours of our Lord's Passion." The Third Presbyterian Church is to observe the Passion week by special Congregational Choral Services Wednesday, Thursday Good Friday and Saturday evenings.

One by one the old Catholic customs are coming into favor with our non-Catholic brethren. They are coming home, at least, one large element among them. Also, that others are going in the opposite direction—turning their backs on religion altogether, and embracing infidelity.

HOME OF INDUSTRY.

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Weekly Church Calendar.

Sun. 14—Easter Sunday. Episc. & Co. 7-8, Corp. Mark ev. 1-7.

Mon. 15—Easter Monday.

Tues. 16—Easter Tuesday.

Wed. 17—Of the Octave. St. Anicetus, Pope and Martyr.

Thurs. 18—Of the Octave.

Fri. 16—Of the Octave.

Sat. 20—Of the Octave.

THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL: St. Mark vi. 17.—At that time: "Mary Magdalen, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought sweet spices, that coming they might anoint Jesus. And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came to the sepulchre, the sun being now risen. And they said one to another: Who shall roll us back the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And looking, they saw the stone rolled back. For it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe; and they were astonished. Who saith to them: Be not affrighted: You seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He is risen, He is not here: behold the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He goeth before you into Galilee: there you shall see Him, as He told you."

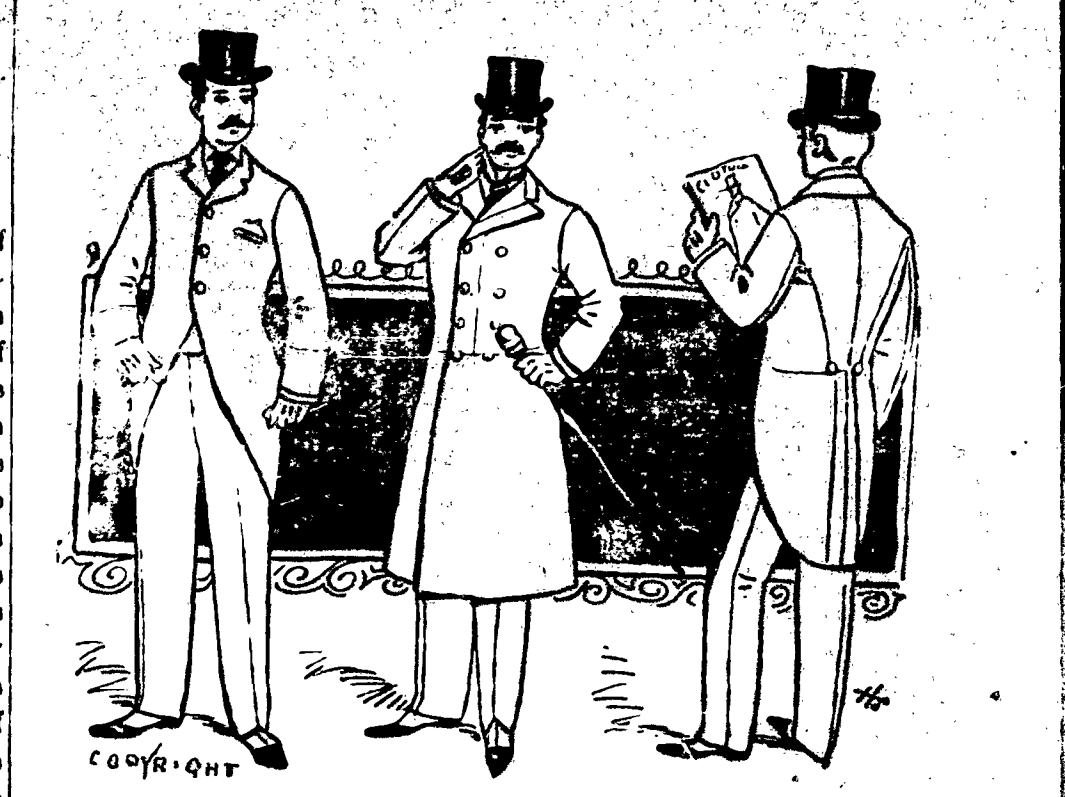
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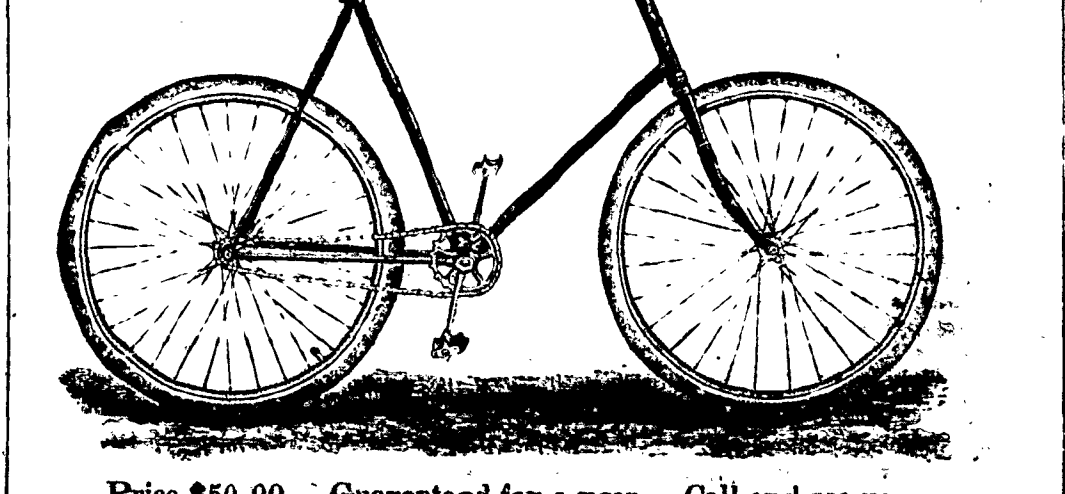
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