DESPICABLE PAPERS.

Glaring Misrepresentation of Religion by Secular Journals.

A Severe Earthquake.

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Catholics noming to Rome should be an their guard against the malleione and stupid reports about His. Helinan and the Vations, and the take and in invious versions of pociesindical affairs given in certain Reading loost papers. There is but one English namepaper which is in the bands of Catholics and which is conducted in a Catholic spirit. This is the Roman Post. Visitors to Bome are bureby warned. It is a Frave matter that the sources of news in the very centre of Christendom should be defied. A Catholic abroad, it is impossible for him to be His good faith exposes him to the peril of imperfect discernment as to the truths and falschoods so ingeniously manipulated by the enemies of the Church. In the public readingrooms and in the drawing room of papers which give misleading news, if their information deserves so revilifying articles and reports. He should beware of the axes which his enemies have to grind. Last year a long series of articles by unfrocked pricets, in which the most eminent. ecclesiastical personages were traduced, and the most inicultous motives attributed to them. All this was ner, but with the descliest spirit of ble Church authorities. It is not sufficient that a Catholic should have and 1703. implicit trust in the rectitude of those whom the Spirit hath placed to rule over the Church of God. What can he say or believe in contradiction of a studied and objective misrepresentation of facts only partially known to him? He is a stranger, and he could not for the life of him apodictically prove that Cardinal A. is a tyrant, Archbishop B a partial ludge, and Mgr. Q. ignorant or amiss in the discharge of duty. The obligation of Catholics is plain. Let them avoid bad newspapers here as they would myold them at home. Let them not contribute to the support of such papers either by subscribing to them or countenancing them Least of all in there any excuse now when provision has been made with a local Catholic organ approved of by members of the Sacred College and of the Hierarchy, and living under their sanotion and encouragement. At 4:45 on the morning of All Saints' Day the inhabitants of Home were awakened by a violent and audden shock of earthquake, accompanled by a sonorous rumbling. This first shock was followed by a series of rockings, also accompanied by loud and continuous reverberations. The objects in every room were rooked to and fro; beds were shaken like aspen leaves; noises from above and below and around announced the general severity of a perturbation which a moment's thought showed to be an earthquake. Everyone passed an instant of horror or affairs to settle, which will require uncertainty according to the philegher attention. matic or nervous variety of dispositions, and then well-nigh or probably even everyone articulated a hasly prayer for grace and pardon in what seemed to be the coming of death. Ories were heard on all sides; a unison of clamor in which men, women, children, animals, and terrible of all, even the strongest Macaire, three times as large. houses participated. It was an earthquake of the most dreadful power. Then when the continuous rockings of the walls and furniture grew less, the instinct of prayer, dominant in a profoundly Catholic population, asserted itself, and, the first hurried inquiries over, the thankfulzes, and, far more, the netitioning of the devout found went in the Litanies recited by the members of the household gathered together. The Pater de coelis sounded, and was answered by the fer vently uttered respense. Miserere noble. Apon the origon of the Church on the Feast of all her Saints broke forth for the first time upen the darkened air. In the sinner . The last is pre-based the district $\sim r_{\rm c}$

ante theme the fariling statistics of the Communition of Suinty was heralded, riaddest of messages, fryin the historic balfrice of the Saintir

praying in what might prove to be instantily upon demains to the Neward the prolude of death. To all their Mether number the compoling title, sound came lades with the gladapase when the sick and proteily saturda which is in the Obristian's with the this line they derrat a touching upon Heaven. ... Myon to these in farms abtained there interstructs and public squares, crowled conston here in Talladaphie, within mittle ball-drassed people, and the past past. whither antise families had hveried A devest printy adde-Mes. Sealts most thoroughly human, and so ing for the streat of her dree datid. the same time, experimetural one the mit accordened in date a pearsolution. As the storm in the sir by Church at the Mound Winsin. grew denser a heavy rainfall drove which nonuclid a very beautiful the people from the open places, and Medour and Babe. Kneeling hethe churches, cafes, and places of fere the inor Image, the round wife public resors were soon alled. The peaved often and ferrently for the sarly Masses were more numerously gift of a son. But, in the simple comes here in comparative ignorance attended than usual; many weak to faith of a true Catholic heart, she of things local. Coming from Confession and received Holy Com- was work to add: "O Lord much as munion. This earthquake, which I desire to be the mother of a little was justely an courant with regard to will make the Feast of All Saints in son-if Thon wilt but grant that my the news of the day, nor can be well 1895 memorable for generations, was baby may recemble this lovely image claim to be thoroughly informed of an undulatory and but alightly of the little Jeans in His , Mother's the state of the Church in Rome destructive motion, of which the arms, -I care not whether Thou centre was probably in the sea, and was only feit in the Province of Rome. Very little damage is re- favor seemed close to the granting; ported to have been done.

prison revolted as did those at that loving homehold grew anxions at the his pension or hotel, he will and of the Buon Pastore. Some houses, delay. Prayers were offered-many convents, and churches were incon- fears oppresed the heart of the which report backstairs gossip, even alderably damaged, but no lives were expectant Stells, and of those who lost. The Holy Father at 6008 shared with her the weary days and spectable a designation, and which, made the most anxious enquiries nights of waiting. Her good mother in some cases, publish positively about the welfare of his people, but -Mrs. X ----, pould endure the was speedily given reassuring intelli- severa strain no longer. Quitting gance. Almost all the inhabitants the house, she hastened to St. Angof the Vatican palace assembled in ustine's Ohurch, and there requested one of these Roman sheets published the courtyard of Saint Damascus a Novens to Our Lady of Good Coussooking safety in on open place sel arranging that tapers should be The severity of the shock is not to be burned at Her Shrine during the considered as alight because of the nine days of supplication for her smallness of the damage done. The child's relist and happy delivery. regularity of its movements preven- Had she wandwred a little farther done with a mock evangelical man- ted damage but the fact that every down the misle, she would come mos building in the city was sensibly the Shrine of Madonas del Parto rebellion and haved against the and visibly swayed justities its being (or Lady of Childbirth), where her lawful and, for the rest, most equitar compared to the bistoric earthquaker maternal prayer could have been which Rome suffered in 1892, 1812, more appropriately offered up to Her

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PEACE OR WAR

PETEANSIDEL.

In the chamber of an invelle City. Their music, varied a sweet, I friend who has been bad ridden for nees and solomality, rang forth 11. forty pears, we poled apen the well raphi un teon, relieving the excitate a awast, plotmers of Que Laty of

sendest me a boy or a girl!"

The months sped on-the desired but when in due time, the little one The prisoners at the Regins Coell failed to make its appearance, all the who knew all the love and sorrows of matherbood. But no! The faith and trust of good Mrs. X ----- were centred in the Virgin Mother of Good Coun-L And not in wal His gracious Mother to even the smallest petition of a belleving. trusting beartl The little babe. born under such prayerful auspices. began to grow picely and reveal more defaitely its tiny features and expression. A visitor calling when it was a few months old, said: "I don't know whom the baby recombles. the is not like you" (to the proud mother); "and again she is not like her nana!" Gazing searchingly down at the fair little features, she ezclaimed at last: "Now, I know! It has been puzzling me all along. Do you remember the lovely group of the Masonna and Babe is our Lady's church near here? Stellal your baby is the image of that Holy Infant in the Biened Virgin's arms!" And the device young mothe knew the reason why, as she, smiling, clasped her favored little daughter to her breash --- Exchange. it is true that America now holds eachting cup which she has not carned and in that degree the prize is made valueless and barren of giory. The discredit lies in this fact, however, and uot in any intentional unfairness on the part of the American yachtimen. The latter may not have acted diplomatically, but they have certainly violated none of the rigid rules of the sport. It could have been wished that they had sacrificed teche callties to the effort to get a fair and adequate test of the yachts, but tried by the rules of gaditing they count out quits as well as their Britigh opposition, who threw me the third race without a trial, thus compeliing his rival to accept the cup is a scornitally presented sift. The whole affair is unfortumate, but if the Britink observers of the spinode are going to take the ground that Dunraven was deliberately cosened out of the prime it is necessary to remind them, first, that his lordship was bonesdy and decisively beaten in the first same mesot that his opposes is were sove than willing to give him another trial in the see ond contest; and, third, that is the last race he declined, in something like a petulant mood, to contest white the American boat, although both and eve chances. America cannot De Droed of a cup won in any way than through fair contest. But the orrtainly did not week or want to retain it in any other way.



"Forced to an issue" save the Madagascar News, "Great Britain after the close of the Novena, the votes \$200,000,000 for the Navy and happy Stella was safely delivered of \$100,000 for the Army." Three a beautiful little daughter who, in hundred million dollars for war is proper time, was beptized and given no indication of peace. This extra- that aweetent of feminice nameordinary preparation on the part of Mary. Rut, attend now to the England is owing to the defiant prej. blessed sequel; and admire the tention of France in Africa, together der condescension of our Lord and with serious loss to England in her Mercantile Marine. The two powers have been watching each other for years. France bas been itching for an opportunity to humiliate England, and would have made the attempt long ago-many times since her humiliation at Waterloo-but she is not quite sure that she would come off first best in a tug-of-war with her old and bitterly hated enenny. But she is plucking feath ers from wings of John Bull's favorits rooster on every opportunity, She is gradually working her way to the Nile with the intention of remaining there. England knows this well and will hang on to what she has got in Egypt, until she is driven out by France or France is driven out by England. That country is not large enough for two great powers like France and England to occupy it permanently, especially as both are siming to secure the same prize-the permanent control of the Nile and Suez Canal. Besides England has numerous other little

Monsignor Macaire., the new bishop of the Catholic Copts, estimates their number at 12,000, by far the greater part residing in upper Egypt. The number of schismatic Copia which has hitherto been placed at 500. 000. is, scoording to Monsigner

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