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Roman Catholic Ecclesiastical Buildings Contain Prisons.

Even Today Episcopal Residences, Convents, Abbeys, all Have Their Dungeons and Torture Chambers.

tion palace.

In another part was a spacious massive

or of a hollow spire (as at Oakham

smoke, and shricks of the burning vic-

and exult in his satanic triumph.

again obtained her ancient power, she the usual circular opening. Some dun- ing system .- Protestant Observer. would again exercise her ancient per- geons have such an opening in the floor, secutions, it becomes a matter of no and, being dark, the prisoner was left little interest and importance, in view to fall accidentally into the oubliettes of the increasing political (as well as below, there to he forgotten for ever. social, literary, and religious) power of I noticed, however, a steep narrow stair that church in England, to know for passing through the massive thickness certain whether the Protestant or the of the wall penetrating to the foundapopish view of this question is the true tion even of the deep-dug oubliettes. one.

There is one argument, which rests stone-groined torture hall, where huge on facts, which cannot be gainsaid, massive rings, bolts, staples, etc., rewhich tends to prove that the Protestant view is the correct and true one. I allude to the fact that prisons, dun- pope and his cardinals glutted their geons, oubliettes, torture chambers, diabolical passions. Almost still more slaughter halls, did and do exist in terrific was the burning chamber. This Romish ecclesiastical buildings, such as cathedrals, churches, episcopal resi- but larger and more massive in condences, archbishops' palaces, papal struction. Circular in shape, of great palaces, as well as in convents, nun- circumference, and extremely lofty; the neries, abbeys, priories, and inquisi- roof is in the shape of an extinguisher, torial buildings.

Now there is not the slightest ques- church). The top consists of a round tion that all these were expressly built opening, through which the flames, and designed solely for the use and convenience of Romish ecclesiastics, and tims were carried high up into the air, not in any sense for or by the civil and away from the palace. The unforpower. If, therefore, the Romish tunate victims of papal cruelty were church has been and is merely the fastened to huge iron rings ranged at mild innocuous moral and spiritual teacher and guide of her members, that there burnt alive. we are told she is in England, how is it that her popes and bishops are found to commodious stone gallery, communicathave in their very palaces, under their ing with the pope's private apartments. own personal supervision, such dens of This was to accommodate the pope and crucity and murder, as have been his friends, whenever he wished to attherein found? On the Romish hypo- tend this troubled feast of death, and, thesis its a question hard to answer. Upon the Protestant, an answer simple with the dying agonies of his victims, and consistent is easily obtained.

The following instances of Romish testant view, and proves the correct- cruelty," which the Avignon popes ness of the above statement. Some of thought necessary for their magnificent them have come under my own per- palace in that city. sonal notice, and as these are still in existence it is impossible to deny the the authority of the Avignon schism, actual facts, or to overthrow the in- and so might pretend to disregard evitable argument which logically their doings. The Romish popes, howsprings out of them.

1. Lambeth palace was built for the and were not a whit behind their Avig-Romish archbishops of Canterbury. In non rival popes. On one side of St. it stands the well-known Lollard's Peter's, at Rome, is the vatican. This tower, an old square building of rough is joined to the castle of St. Angelo by away with Bibles and up with beads, hewn stone. In the top story is a room a covered way, forming a connecting away with the Light of the Gospel and evidently designed for a prison, having link between the two, and a private up with wax tapers, down with Christ's two very strong doors of oak and iron, gallery by which the popes could at any cross and up with purgatory, down with while the interior is panelled with solid time pass from their luxurious palace God and His most Holy Word, up with beams of oak, instead of wainscoating, to their dismal prison. St. Angelo, up to 1870, was the prison pope in which are various massive rings and staples. On the side facing the river fortress of the popes. Deep in the is a wide hearth, over which is a large enormous massiveness of its vast walls stone hood, the projection of which are numerous prisons, dark, confined, by Kreutzer Bros., of Baltimore, and contrivance may be seen from the road and horrible. Far down amidst its outside. When examining this seem- mighty foundations are dungeons and ing fireplace (so strange an adjunct in a oubliettes, of every degree of hopeless Explanation of Christian Doctrines prison) I noticed that there was no horror and unmitigated anguish. exit for the smoke. The explanation The castle had also its massive torwas that it was not a fireplace to benefit ture-halls, where innumerable victims the unfortunate victims of archiepisco have by papal cruelty suffered a thoupal crueity, but a contrivance for their sand deaths before they were released torture and death by smoke and suffoca- from their pope-inflicted sufferings. tion, by means of a wood fire. We have The place has been for ages a very pan- Jesus Christ, can any one who dies outhere an instance of deliberate arrange- demonium of suffering, and a charnel side the church be saved? ments for imprisonment, torture, and house of slaughter; as history amply death, in the royal palace of the high- testifies. Such was the adjunct of the est ecclesiastic in Eogland in Romish pope's palace at Rome, of him who church say about the salvation of those times. 2. When residing at Pau, in the the Vicar of Christ. south of France, I visited the old town 5. On the other side of St. Peter's, of Lescar, about four miles away. In lying behind it somewhat, and seldom fallibly lost forever." it are the remains of the gothic castle noticed by travellers, is the enormous palace of the former Romish bishops of mass of buildings formerly belonging that place. A tower which remains to the infamous inquisition, and by show that heretics or Protestants who contains, on the fir t storey, what must whom it was built. The first court was die out of the Roman Catholic church have been a pleasant room, having a spaclous and sumptuous, being the are not saved? large window overlooking the beautiful abode of the unholy inquisitors. A diversified country below. Underneath small passageway through the end side, make a liar out of Jesus Christ, the this room is a dungeon, lighted with at the corner, led into the next court. Holy Ghost and the apostles. 2 They two small narrow slits, rough, dark, This was surrounded by prisons, three have no taith in Christ. 3. They fell and damp. In the center of the floor is storeys above the ground, three storeys away from the true church of Christ. a circular opening. This opens into an of subterranean dungeons beneath 4. They are too proud to submit to the oubliette, which has no other entry for them. The third court was similar. pope, the vicar of Jesus Christ. 5. air and light; and when the stone cover Besides the prisons and dungeons, there They do not recieve the body and blood was placed on the opening there was were examination halls, torture cham- of Christ. 6. They die in their sins. very little of the former and none of the bers, oubliettes, ovens for baking alive, latter; the dungeon itself, when the kilns where numbers could be burnt at Christ? door was shut, was almost without once, and various other refinements of light. In this foetid oubliette, dug out satanic inspiration and demoniacal of the rock on which the bishops' palace cruelty. stood, his victims were lowered, to suffer all the horrors of such a place, to between St. Angelo and the Inquisition, end perhaps in madness, certainly in for Rome's strength and success has believe in? starvation, truly forgotten of all. A been by persecution and bloodshed. resident who was there said that under This Inquisition was under the im- make a liar. the oubliettes were two more, one be- mediate control and supervision of the neath the other, entered in a similar popes. It was not in any sense a civil on the day of judgment? manner. Such were the "tender mer- but an ecclesiastical establishment. cles" of the Romish bishops in England | The inquisition buildings in Spain were | never knew me. and France. supplied with the same arrangements 3. As Romish bishops indulge in for imprisoning, torturing, and mur- fess their sins to a Catholic bishop or prisons and oubliettes, it is natural and dering without any reference to the priest, who alone has the power from consistent to find the pope doing the civil power whatever. (See Cobbin's Christ to forgive sins, whose sins you same, only on a much larger scale. edition of Foxe's "Book of Martyrs.") When at Avignon, in the south of 6. One of the curiosities of Dublin is France, I took occasion to visit the the ancient cathedral of Christ church, aversion to confession and therefore pope's palace. This is a huge struc- lately restored at vast expense. It con- their sins will not be forgiven through ture, being one of the finest mediaval tains a remarkably fine crypt under-

STILL IN EXISTENCE. Inxurious wantontess and profligate 7. When restoring Chichester wickedness which we know from Pet- cathedral some years ago, an ancient rarch was the great feature of the blocked-up doorway was re-discovered four million communicants through its Avignon popes. But there is also every in the wall of the south aisle. It opened agency. 2. She can't control the poarrangement for crueity as well as on to a narrow stair in the thickness of litical vote of her people if educated in profligacy. Adjoining and beneath the the wall, which led up to a small dark them. 3. She can't compete with halls of pleasure are the abodes of chamber formed in the massive wall. American education in public schools misery, agony, horror, and death. Such Archaeologists, on examing it, decided without a division of the funds, and

a complete system of prisons, dungeons, that it was a penitentiary prison. oubliettes, torture-chambers, and S. In restoring an ancient country slaughter-halls it would be difficult to church, some time since, a similarly for her own people as she knows she find, except, of course, in the inquisi- blocked-up doorway in the south chancel wall was found to open upon narrow

As you no doubt are aware, when The dungeons are small, dark, and stairs running through the wall and persecution is charged upon the Romish damp, situated deep among the founda- leading to a subterranean prison under church, it is answered by Romanists in tions of the mighty building. The the chancel. These instances of actual England that it was the work of the oubliettes are still deeper, dug out of facts amply prove that the Romish civil power, not of their church. As the rocky foundation. Into these the church (apart from any civil power) is there is no doubt at all that if Rome pope's victims were dropped through essentially a persecuting and murder-

ITS DOCTRINES ARE FALSE.

So Says an ex-Member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou serve. God has never given a hint in His Word that He has appointed any man to be at the head of the church.

The doctrine of the pope's supremacy is directly opposed to the teachings of mained to testify where stood the "inthe Scriptures.

struments of cruelty" with which the Many suppose that the Roman Catholic religion is unattractive, and that its not far distant, when they will absoworship is a dull, stupid round of cere- j lutely rule in many portions of the mony. is in the shape of a Kent coast-house,

The religious service of the Romish church is a most impressive ceremonial. The eye is charmed, magnificent churches, imposing processions, golden formidable stand, and are concentrating altars, choice paintings, and sweet all of their forces. music. But the religion of Christ does not need such attractions to recommend it.

The ceremony of the Roman Catholic church has a bewitching power by which many are deceived, and they come to look upon the Roman church as the very gate of heaven.

equal intervals around the walls and The Romanist feels at liberty to sin, because the church claims the right to High up in the wall is a massive and pardon.

To him who loves self-indulgence it is more pleasing to confess to a fellow mortal than to open the soul to God. Where do we find in the Bible that Christ wants a man to come between luxuriating at his ease, glut his soul Him and the sinner? "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Take the Such are some of the "secret places mass and the confessional away from

ecclesiastical prisons illustrate the Pro- of the earth, full of the habitations of the church of Rome, and they would soon have to close their doors. Some of your readers perhaps would

like to know what mass is. I will tell 4. The strict papist, however, denies you in a few short words. Mass is a display of the sufferings and death of Christ, embracing thirty-five scenes from the garden to the cross, presented ever, set the example of these iniquities, in a theatrical manner by the priests as the actors.

When the devil is resident there, away with books and up with candles,

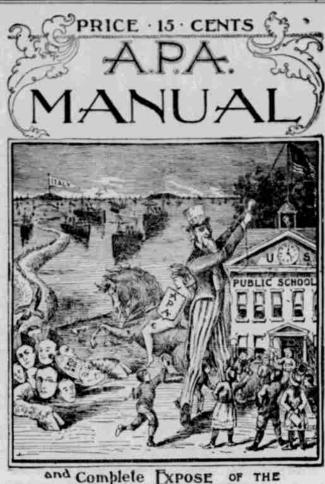
Why Rome is opposed to our public school system: 1. She has already lost not even then, but this is her last resort. 4. She wants separate education can't stand the light of the public school system. Catholicism seeks to rule America.

It is working hard to gain control both of business and politics. The railroad systems of this country are already under its hand. You will find upon investigation that the majority of railroad managers, superintendents and employees belong to that church. Protestants are being weeded out with great rapidity and their places filled by Roman Catholics. In every case where a Roman Catholic gains control in a factory or shop he supplants the Protestant employees with men of his own faith The thing has become such a crying evil that no "heretic" is safe in his situation. Then look at the political situation. The Roman Catholics have almost gained the supremacy of our elections. I look to see the day, country. Europe is expelling the priests. Italy has grown too hot to hold them. In the United States they propose to make their last and most ERNEST Awake, you Americans.

Satolli at the Head.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6 .- Dr. Burtsell, who returned on the Aurania yesterday, was given a royal welcome by his hosts of friends here. He seemed to be more than pleased to get back to America, and could not refrain from a smile of triumph when he thought of his trip and its results. He said:

"My mission to Rome was a success. My suggestions in relations to the welfare of the church in this country were listened to with more attention than I had ever hoped for, and were ultimately given more consideration than I myself had given them. The principal thing, of course, is the permanent establishment of the apostolic delegation. I worked harder for that than I did for anything else. It is permanently es tablished now beyond power of interference or recall. It is so thoroughly organized that every Catholic will recognize that by its establishment America has secured what we have all looked for and longed for for a long time. It will prove an actual and real method of home rule; a government of the church by the church, without the necessity of continual recourse and ap peal to the distant authority in Rome. which has been so long necessary to priests who, for one reason or another



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castles standing. It contains a mag- ground. In this are contained old ecnificent series of halls, galleries, and clesiastical prisons, situated on the private apartments, suitable for the south side. (The Builder, No. 2874). and are damned.

traditions, human councils and a blinded

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Page one reads as follows:

"Question. Since the Roman Catholic church alone is the true church of "Answer. He can not.

"Q. What do the fathers of the blasphemously dares to style himself who die out of the Roman Catholic church?

"A. They all pronounce them in-

A little further we find:

"Q. Are there any other reasons to

"A. There are several. I. They "Q. Have Protestants any faith in

- "A. They never had.
- "Q. Why not?

"A Because there never lived such St. Peter's is thus rightly situated a Christ as they imagine and believe in. "Q. What kind of a Christ do they

"A. In such a one of whom they can

"Q. What will Christ say to them

"A. I know you not, because you

"Q. Are Protestants willing to conshall forgive they are forgiven them? "A. No, they generally have utter out all eternity.

"Q. What follows from this? "A. That they will dle in their sins

their authority with not a small number of the bishops of this country " "But are you to be reinstated in

ave come in conflict in the exercise o

Epiphany parish?" asked the reporter. "I did not go to Rome for the purpose of pleading my own case or discussing my views on the land question. That was a minor consideration with me. I made a request that the matter be left entirely with the apostolic delegation, and I have no doubt that my request will be acceded to."

"How will this 'reconstruction' of the apostolic delegation affect the position of Monsignore Satolli?"

"It will strengthen him immensely." "Can you mention any change likely to be made in the personality of the apostolic delegation?"

"No; I do not care to discuss personalties. Monsignore Satolli will doubtless make public all that he sees fit to in good time."

Leo XIII, in his encyclical of Janu ary 10th, 1890, says: "It is impetuou indeed to break the laws of Jesus Christ for the purpose of obeying the magistrate, or to transgress the laws of the church under the pretext of obeying the civil law;" and "If the laws are hostile to the duties imposed by religion, or violate in the person of the sovereign pontiff the authority of Jesus Christ, then indeed it is a duty to resist them and a crime to obey them."

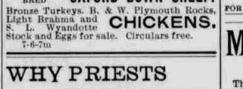


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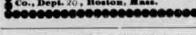


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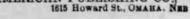
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