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## BLESSES A METHODIST

Mgr. Satolli's Papal Benediction for the Rev. H. G. Leonard.

Pastor of the Hyde Park Methodist Episcopal Church Visits the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Where He Is Blessed.

Miss Isabella Garrison, a member of the Hyde Park Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, called at the editorial rooms of the *Chicago Tribune* last evening and asked:

"Do you want something about Satolli?"

"What is it?" she was asked.

"Mgr. Satolli bestowed the papal benediction this afternoon," she said, "on the Rev. Mr. Leonard, pastor of the Hyde Park Methodist Episcopal Church. I haven't time to write the story, but I can tell you about it."

She was asked to tell the story and said:

"The benediction was bestowed on Mr. Leonard at a private reception at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, to which, by the way, I was invited. It is an unusual thing for a Methodist preacher to receive the papal benediction, and I thought I would tell you about it."

This was all Miss Garrison had to say. Her "tip" was delivered and accepted.

A reporter for the *Tribune* arrived at the Rev. Herbert G. Leonard's house, 5344 Madison avenue, just as that man reached home after the evening service.

"Did you meet Archbishop Satolli this afternoon, Mr. Leonard?"

"Yes; I was introduced to him by Miss Garrison. No; I would rather withdraw that name. I was introduced to him by Father O'Gorman."

"Did you receive the papal benediction this afternoon?"

"Yes; I did."

"Do you contemplate joining the Roman Catholic Church, Mr. Leonard?"

"Not just at present," was the reply, with a marked inflection on the word "just." "I think very highly of the Catholic church. It is a wonderful institution."

"How do you account for your receiving the papal benediction?"

"I suppose it was sent from Rome to me."

"How came you to meet Mgr. Satolli?"

"I would rather not name the mutual friend who requested me to call on the archbishop. The papal benediction was a surprise to me."

"Did you announce this evening to your congregation the signal honor conferred on you this afternoon by the ambassador of the Bishop of Rome?"

"No, sir; I made no announcement."

"Do you contemplate entering the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church?"

"I cannot say whether I contemplate entering the priesthood. I am a married man with a family, and must consider that question."

"Do you contemplate joining the church as a lay member?"

"I would rather not say whether I contemplate becoming a member or not."

"Is not the reception of the papal benediction by a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church a rather unusual proceeding?"

"I do not recall any other instance. It is rather an unusual proceeding. It was pure benevolence on the part of the archbishop and Father O'Gorman. I was surprised. It was a great pleasure to me."

Then the reporter for the *Tribune* went to the Hyde Park Hotel, where Trustees Paul Cornell and Anderson Fowler reside. Mr. Cornell said:

"This is most extraordinary. It is the first I've heard of. I am thunderstruck. It is the strangest thing I've heard in my seventy-three years of life. Another of our trustees, Mr. Fowler, has retired. This is too important to keep till morning. Let us go to his room."

They did so. As soon as Mr. Fowler heard the news he started to dress himself.

"Let's go and see the parson at once," he said. "The rankest idolatry I ever heard of."

But before the irate trustees saw the Rev. Mr. Leonard they decided to call a third church trustee, N. W. Harris, into conference. After a conversation over the telephone Mr. Cornell ordered a carriage and drove Mr. Fowler and the reporter to Mr. Harris' residence on Drexel boulevard.

Here the whole interview was read over to the three trustees again, and reinforced by Trustee Harris, the party



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started for the Rev. Mr. Leonard's residence.

Into the flat they went. They held a brief interview with their pastor, and then requested the reporter to join the conference. He did so, and again read over the notes of the interview. These the Rev. Mr. Leonard admitted were substantially correct. Then Trustee Fowler thundered at the parson:

"What does this mean, sir?"

Mr. Leonard's explanation was ingenious. He said:

"When the reporter came in on me I thought it was a joke, and certainly did say substantially as his notes read."

The reporter took the pastor, sentence by sentence, through the interview. With a few verbal and immaterial alterations the clergyman accepted each section of the notes as correct, and at the end reiterated his explanation of a joke.

"Did I interview you as a joke, sir?"

"No, sir, and I regret that I deceived you. It's the first time I have been interviewed."

Then Mr. Leonard dictated the following revised version in the hearing of the three trustees:

"At the request of Miss Garrison, a member of the Hyde Park Methodist Episcopal Church (formerly a member of the Roman Catholic Church), I went with her this afternoon to the Convent of the Sacred Heart, where Archbishop Satolli officiated and bestowed the papal benediction on the whole congregation, of which I was a member. Afterward I had the pleasure of meeting Father O'Gorman and Mgr. Satolli."

"Why did you go there, sir?" demanded Mr. Fowler.

"I went at the request of Miss Garrison, who said she was a reporter. I went out of pure curiosity to see a celebrated man. He talked in Italian, which I do not understand. Miss Garrison joined the Hyde Park Methodist Episcopal Church during my ministry. I'll be perfectly frank. The whole matter struck me as supremely ridiculous, and I regret that I joked about it. I went to the convent because the lady urged me to go."

Then the three trustees took leave of their pastor and went away to confer on the situation.

One of them was asked what effect, if any, the occurrences of the day would have on the Rev. Mr. Leonard's pastorate.

"Well, I don't know," he said; "people are peculiar."

Inquiry was made at the parish residence of the Cathedral of the Holy Name last evening as to whether the Rev. Mr. Leonard had received the papal blessing from Mgr. Satolli. Dr. O'Gorman could not be seen, but through Chancellor Muldoon he said that while at the Convent of the Sacred Heart Mgr. Satolli and himself were introduced to a non-Catholic clergyman. They merely exchanged courtesies. The clergyman made no request to have Mgr. Satolli give him the papal blessing.

The giving of the papal blessing to a non-Catholic is not an unusual occurrence, Father Muldoon says. It has often been given by the pope himself to non-Catholics, and instances are known of non-Catholic clergymen asking and receiving it from the pope. In the case of mixed marriages, Father Muldoon says, the non-Catholic usually asks for and receives the blessing. There is nothing in the rules of the Catholic church to prevent the giving and receiving of the blessing to other than Catholics if the favor is asked.

The Rev. Herbert G. Leonard is a graduate of Northwestern University, and was ordained in the Methodist Episcopal Church five years ago. His first pastoral charge was Wilmette, a Chicago suburb, and thence, after four years' pastorate, he came to the Hyde Park church a year ago. His church has a membership of 350, and its trustees are Paul Cornell, N. W. Harris, Anderson Fowler, A. R. Porter and Mr. Mahagen.—*Chicago Tribune*, Sept. 9.

### To Leo XIII, Pope of Rome.

Sir, I cannot address you as "His Holiness" Leo XIII. The law of God and truth forbids me to bestow such a title on any created being. It would be idolatrous honor. What a poor sinner, a fallen son of Adam, assuming a title that belongs only to the "Holy One of Israel"! Nor can I address you as the Vicar of Jesus Christ, for he has no Vicar. "He is head over all things to the church." She has no head. "Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world." Christ is present in his church, to govern by his word, which is supreme, and higher than popes and kings; he is in the midst of her, to bless her children and defend her against all enemies. Nor can I address you as "supreme pontiff," the head of all churches. That claim is usurpation and forbidden to any humble follower of

Christ, and Christ has warned his people against your blasphemous claims. You are a man and not a God. You are distinctly marked in the Scriptures as a usurper, claiming supremacy over the church, "who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." II Thess. ii. 4. This is a prophetic description of "the man of sin," who heads the apostasy. This scripture describes the character and claims of the popes. Your claim as pope to exercise absolute dominion and tyranny over all Christendom, over the souls and bodies of men, marks you as "the man of sin," and the Christian world has so believed for a thousand years. None but your deluded, ignorant victims believe that you are the infallible successor of the apostle Peter. Intelligent Christians know that neither Peter nor other apostles ever had any successors. To be an apostle, one had to receive his call directly from Christ. Paul was no exception. All the synods and councils of the world could not make an apostle, because they could not bestow the endowments that constitute an apostle. They have not the authority nor power to clothe with inspiration, with the power of working miracles, or other signs of an apostle. They cannot give to another what they do not themselves possess. So, from the nature of the case, the apostles did not and could not have any successors. Where is apostolic succession! What is prelaty? It belongs to the "mystery of iniquity," which Paul said began to work in his day, and was fully developed in the papacy. No, Leo XIII, we don't want any apostles, we don't need such great fellows, with large salaries. The diocesan bishop is a usurper, and all these inflated prelates with high sounding titles are frauds.

Oh, yes, Rome says she can work miracles! Cardinal Wiseman said: "Our church is hung with miracles." Yes, "lying wonders," as the scripture calls them. Rome claims miraculous power, but her miracles deceive. A miracle is to prove a doctrine or confirm a divine mission, and a true miracle proves it. But the day of miracles is past, and a claim now to miraculous power is a sign of Antichrist. Modern miracles are only jugglers' tricks, designed to deceive. Rev. xix., 20: "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought

miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast and them that worshiped his image." I was reading the notes in the Douay Bible on Daniel, vii. 8, about "the little horn." The note says: "This is commonly understood of Antichrist." The note on II Thess., ii. 3, says of the "man of sin": "It agrees to the wicked and great Antichrist, who will come before the end of the world." Here is Romish authority that the "little horn" and "the man of sin" refer to the same party, and are the "great Antichrist." The Protestant world for ages, have so understood it, and it is so plain that a papist can see that the "little horn" is a symbol of the antichristian power and is the same as the "man of sin" that heads the apostasy. The man of sin is the succession of popes, but the papal commentator does not tell us that. But where in all the world or in all history, can you find anything that answers to the prophetic descriptions, but the papacy? Rome has fulfilled these prophecies to the letter, and no other on earth answers to them, whether you see it or not. Read carefully II Thess., ii. 1 Tim. iv, Dan. vii and Revelation from twelfth to eighteenth chapters. These scriptures mark every feature of Romanism. It is in fact the history of Rome before the events. Here you can see your church in all her colors, the "scarlet woman" riding on the beast with seven heads and ten horns, the civil power.

Now, sir, as Leo XIII, holding the high place you claim, supreme in authority and infallible in knowledge and judgment, we cannot imagine how you can read the scriptures referred to without seeing that they are a complete description of your church and yourself and predecessors as the head of the great apostasy. At last, you would feel that there is something wrong. Hence papal commentators are confounded in trying to explain these texts, there being no organization on earth that they describe but papal Rome. The martyrs, the "witnesses clothed in sackcloth," protest—Protestants, do not answer to the woman "drunken with the blood of the saints." They were always the persecuted party. They could not say: "I sit a queen and am no widow and shall see no sorrow." For many centuries, all through the dark ages of papal ascendancy, the witnesses were persecuted and slaughtered by millions.

Who slew them? History answers, the Inquisition answers. It was Rome papal. Her canon law justifies it. Her doctrine is that heretics ought to be put to death, and to that end Rome has invented instruments of torture and death. Now be candid: Do you believe that Jesus Christ, the compassionate Saviour, commands and approves such cruel, bloody work? Would he have said amen to the burning of John Huss? Why were the martyrs of Jesus slain? Were they wicked men? No! It was because they protested against the idolatry and abominations of "Babylon the great," "the mother of harlots." If Christ should come to Rome and call on you, his pretended Vicar, what do you think he would say about the popes, their deeds, bulls, their claim to infallibility, the inquisition, the worship of dead saints, the miraculous power of relics, the dedication of the Virgin Mary, and the "holy coat" of Treves? Do you think he would recognize the coat? We have not room to enlarge on these things and show the folly, fraud and wickedness involved, but we just refer to them, that you may steal a glance at them from a Protestant standpoint.

Protestants, without a doubt, believe that the Roman Catholic Church is the great apostasy, that falling away from the faith, that was to take place, as described by Daniel, Paul and John, and which was to continue 1260 years, as the persecutor of the saints and opponent of true religion. Hence of all the antichrists, Rome papal is the greatest. Rome has been a great and terrible power, as Daniel says, "exceeding dreadful." But popery is in her dotage and her end is not far off. It may make one more death-struggle for the ascendancy, but will perish in the attempt. Its character and deeds are arming the world against it. But it cannot bear the advancing light of Christendom. Popery can live and flourish only in the fraud and deception of the priesthood and the depravity and ignorance of the people. Let the light in on the people, and popery will perish. II Thess., ii. 8: "Whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming." I admit this is not a complimentary letter, but it is honest, sincere and true. The writer wishes you well and that you may see your error and repent, and flee to Christ, our only hope.

"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Finally, we know your purpose toward the United States. You mean the conquest of this country and the overthrow of our free institutions. Should you succeed, there will be a dark day for the inhabitants of this land. But if the "little red school-house" lives, you will meet with disastrous defeat. When the world learns just what popery is, you will lose your hold on all nations and the doom of Romanism is sealed.

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