

their liturgy." I have purposely put the question "Are you a Catholic?" to people, to see how they would treat it. I asked a man who kept a bookstall at the station in Cairo, "Are you a Moslem?" "No, an Armenian." "Catholic?" "No, a Gregorian." He was wrong historically, for Gregory the Illuminator was a Catholic and gave obedience to the Holy See. But he was right in so far as he wished to answer the question, which he understood in the only sense it could have from common usage. He meant to say, "No, although a Christian, I do not acknowledge the Pope as Head of the Church." No wonder that Anglicans are a mystery to these people, as they would have been to the Donatists or to any Christians in the fourth century.

The Anglican Chaplain and the Photographer.

There is an Anglican chapel at Heluan, and when I lived there the chaplain was very High Church. He went to the photographer to have some pictures of the chapel put on post cards. The unsophisticated photographer printed under the picture: "The Protestant Church, Heluan." The chaplain was furious. "I won't take your cards. It is not a Protestant church. It is a Catholic church." "*Mais, que voulez-vous, Monsieur?* Everybody here calls it the Protestant church. I never heard it called by any other name." "It is the English church. It is the English Catholic church. I am an English Catholic. This other is a Roman Catholic church." "*Mon Dieu! Quel perspective!* My neighbor here next door is an English Catholic, and he goes to the other church. He too calls your church the Protestant church."

Always and Everywhere.

The meaning of the name "Catholic" is, therefore, so evident throughout the centuries, and so well known by common universal usage throughout the world to-day, that no one needs to be a theologian or an etymologist to know it. This usage has not come from theological reasoning. According to the common teaching of Catholic writers since the days of Augustine, it is due to a special providence of God in governing His Church. Anglicans make the baseless and ignorant assumption that the name is generic and that the Eastern Schismatics are called, or call themselves, Catholic. And English Catholic writers who are now claiming that "Roman Catholic" is a title to be adopted in preference are arguing outside the real question. All Catholics in the past and present admitted that the Holy See is the centre and conserving cause of Catholic unity, that the Pope is the visible and infallible Head of the Church; but they were and are satisfied with the name that has been sanctified by the common usage of centuries.

If this use and meaning of the name Catholic without further epithet are universally accepted in the vernacular of all other countries, the question for those English Catholics who advocate a change seems to an outsider to be this: Has this usage become so modified in England as to necessitate a change there in order to avoid confusion? If they answer in the affirmative, they will make themselves only one degree less incomprehensible than the "Anglo-Catholics" themselves. One writer dreads the effects that will follow from this new sect and from the threatened "new combined Church" of Pan-Protestantism. I think English Catholics may possess their souls in peace on that score. If English Protestantism continues on the down grade at its present pace—and all the signs say that it will—before the end, or even before the middle, of the century there will be few of its adherents left who will care to claim the name of Catholic. "*Non provalent.*"

The title "Roman Catholic" is entirely due to a Protestant influence, and for that reason alone should be discountenanced. It was unknown in common usage in England before the Reformation. In common usage it is still unknown outside England. If the old name was sufficient for all Englishmen who gave obedience to the Holy See before Protestantism came in, I would prefer to see it retained by Englishmen who still give obedience to the Holy See until Protestantism has gone to the Devil, from whom it came, and England is again Catholic.

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An Unauthorised Inspection of a Convent

WHAT "BIGOTS AND NOBODIES" DISCOVERED.

We extract the following from an American exchange, and pass it on, without comment, for the benefit of the same brand of bigots who infest our own country:—

Cleveland, February 23.—An inspection of the Convent of the Good Shepherd in this city has convinced State Representative Richard R. Hawkins that at least one Catholic institution does not need "inspection."

Mr. Hawkins was the author of the Bill recently introduced in the State Legislature calling for the inspection of the reformatories, or other institutions that might come within the provisions of the rather broad scope of the measure. The Bill was killed in committee.

Mr. Hawkins' change of opinion came as a result of his recent visit to the above-named institution in company with members of an organisation whose desires run along the line of the provisions of the measure that was eliminated.

The committee was received with every courtesy by the Sisters in charge of the convent and after permission from Bishop Schrembs were shown from cellar to attic. As a result of this visit Mr. Hawkins has issued the following statement:—

Representative Hawkins' Statement.

"With four other representative citizens of Cleveland, I made a visit, unannounced, to the House of the Good Shepherd, E. 30th and Carnegie Avenue, and presented my business card to the lady in charge, requesting permission for myself and friends to see the inmates and to note the sanitary condition of the institution and the treatment of the girls housed within the walls. The Mother Superior admitted us to one of the offices and informed us she could not admit an unauthorised and self-appointed committee as we were unless given permission by the Bishop of the diocese to do so. She telephoned to Bishop Schrembs and Rev. Joseph Smith, of St. Philomena's Church, East Cleveland, Vicar General, who was the first to arrive, and to whom we again made our requests to be conducted through the home. After some discussion as to our purpose he agreed to do so, only requesting that the inspection be thorough and that a truthful report of what we found as to conditions existing be made.

"The arrival of Bishop Schrembs added to the party. The Bishop further inquired as to our errand, and agreed to permit us to make an inspection of the convent, stating, however, that he thought a self-appointed committee without any lawful authority was presumptuous and that a man's home was his castle. To this I agreed, but said that the House of the Good Shepherd was a semi-public institution in view of the fact that girls were committed there by juvenile and probate courts and that such institutions should be inspected. The Bishop replied that they not only ought to be but could be inspected.

Shown From Cellar to Attic.

"We were then conducted through the home from cellar to attic, led by the Mother Superior, Bishop Schrembs, and Father Smith, and we were accorded every opportunity to make a thorough inspection. We visited the school's chapel and dormitories and were entertained by the scholars with songs and recitations. We also visited the workshops, bakery, and laundry, and saw the girls at work, in all their activities. We were very much pleased with the extreme cleanliness of the home. I venture to say that there is not a more sanitary institution in the State, and not a more contented and healthy lot of inmates than is to be found in this home.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank Bishop Schrembs and the Mother Superior for their generous hospitality and uniform courtesy extended to myself and friends and to assure them of our esteem and approval in the conduct and care of the inmates of their home. Let me say further that there would have been no introduction of House Bill No. 15, sponsored by myself, and no necessity for a self-appointed committee such as we were, if the County Commissioners, who are required by law to make such inspections, unannounced, once in every six months, did their duty and reported their findings."

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