There are some significant stories about Fr. Maturin afloat. While in Rome, Cardinal Vaughan took him to hear some Gregorian music and remarked, "There is nothing like that.

"Oh, we have the same an Anglican friend," exclaimed the Cardinal in astonishment. The Eternal City seemed to depress-Maturin, and after he had been there some while he wrote to an Anglican friend: "I fear I make a sorry convert". To an American priest he wrote that he had no doubt whatever of the validity of his Anglican Orders.

The Church Standard ornaments now its first page with a new design. A flag (or Standard) with the Chi Rho, is surrounded by designs of the Sacred Word, the Sacraments of Holy Order, Bishops' mitre, Staff and Cross, Paten and Chalice, is woven in with these symbols the Book, Mitre and Crook, Font, Keys and Cross, Paten and Chalice, is the monogram "M", which means Mary the Mother of God the Word. This vignette will teach many the Catholic Faith.

When the Archbishops of Canterbury and York recently addressed a united and joint letter to the ecclesiastical dignitaries of the Russian Church, they dated it thus:

"London, Lambeth Palace: on the day (new style) of the Annunciation of the Most Holy Mother of God and Ever Virgin Mary, in the year of our Salvation, 1897."

This address uses terms of great antiquity, which have been universally employed in Catholic theology, yet there are certain churchmen in England low enough to protest against the Archbishops' use of these terms as savoring of Mariolatry. Such persons, to be consistent, should endeavor to eliminate the name of the Virgin Mary from the Creed. But when they banish Mary from their faith they will have banished by the same act her Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We need an age of the Holy Ghost. Rome points us to Mary, the Archbishop of York to Mary's God. We have a feeling of deepest loyalty and tenderest affection for the Mother of God, and those who are not loyal to her, or who love her not, cannot be true believers in the Incarnation. But we must not give to the creature which belongs to the Creator. God the Holy Ghost is the Guide of the Church; Mary is but its Mother. Only on Sunday last, with these words of the Archbishop of York ringing in our ears, we knelt in an ancient sanctuary with a picture of the Madonna and Child before us in fourteenth century glass. Crude it was, but beautiful. It had withstood the ravages of time, and the havoc which superstitious ignorance and rationalizing Protestantism had, one after the other, wrought upon the faith. But there it stands in the happier days that have now come to England's Church, and it shows that still in Catholic England Mary is honored and her Divine Son worshipped. Most important of all, in this connection, it shows that half a thousand years ago our English ancestors, who could not then be accused of being Protestants—since Protestantism had not been invented—knew what were the relative positions of Mary and Jesus, for in the window she is represented as holding Him high in her arms above her head, and regarding Him with expressions of reverence and worship. Here we have an object lesson which our Roman friends would do well to learn. It is one which we of the Church of England, we trust, shall never forget, namely to place God first, and not to appeal to the most exalted of His creatures to do that which He alone can do. We need an age of the Holy Ghost—Church Review.

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THE DEATH OF MISS VAUGHAN.

It is now three months since the death of Miss Diana Vaughan, ex-Palladist. Some are wishing that her memory might also die. She was a saint, however, while she lived, and we believe that the world—for her fame extended to every region in which the Roman Breviary is recited—should not forget her. Strange to tell, she lost her chance of canonization by dying. But even the saint, however, while she lived, and we believe in death she has lessons to teach, which, if they be heeded, will make the world both wiser and better. No excuse, therefore, is necessary for printing a resumé of Miss Vaughan's interesting history, which appeared in the European press at the time of her demise.

M. Leo Taxil, alias Gabriel Jogand, wrote some years ago a series of anti-religious novels and pamphlets. He pretended to reveal the mysteries of the Vatican, and to make backstairs revelations about distinguished ecclesiastics. Then he suddenly repented, retracted all his evil allegations, and went to confession to a Jesuit priest; and it was believed by hundreds of simple-minded persons, undevoted in the guile of the world, that M. Taxil was a sound, practical, and intelligent convert, who was an undoubted acquisition to the Popish church and a candidate for canonization, since he was prayed for by fervent monks and nuns, he was canonized at the time of her demise.

The author was supposed to be a Doctor Bataille, an ex surgeon in the merchant service, who recounted as a witness events in the extramundane career of a young person named Diana Vaughan. This damsel was said to be born of Protestant parents away down in Kentucky, and to have been made Palladian Grand Mistress of Universal Freemasonry. In this capacity Diana was alleged to have married the Devil, Asmodeus, who was identified with the publication of a book called "The Devil in the Nineteenth Century—the conversion of Miss Vaughan—and of accounts of the diabolic rites practiced in the devil worship which she had advocated. In the meantime the sceptics and unbelievers, who refused to regard Diana as a saint but a mythical personage, persistedently called on M. Taxil to produce her in the flesh, and to let her be seen and heard.

This the supposed convert promised to do, and he accordingly convened a meeting, which took place in the Geographical Society's hall on the Boulevard Saint Germain, and was attended by many persons, including numerous priests. It was promised that Diana would make statements about Palladism, the full truths of which were not to be revealed until 1912. There were also to be luminous projections showing a Palladist as one of the Magi; and the pact which he had made with the serpent cut in three; the treaty between Thomas Vaughan and Lucifer, son of the morning; photographs of Alfred Pike, Miss Liliana Pike, John Vaughan, and the damsel herself, who was supposed to have contracted a diabolical marriage. It was also expected that a book was to be seen which had been written by the devil; and much was heard about a picture of Miss Vaughan receiving a steel crown, made in the caverns of Gibraltar, from the hands of Asmodeus, her satanic husband. All this imposition was frankly and audaciously unveiled by its organizer amid scenes of protestations and uproar. M. Taxil made a general confession before the public, and unblushingly proclaimed that it was he who had been for years hoaxing Pope, Cardinals, priests and people.

When Taxil started the Diana Vaughan hoax he was prayed for by fervent monks and nuns, who almost regarded him as a father of the church and a candidate for canonization, since he unmasked the Freemasons and brought over to Catholicity women wedded to devils. At Rome he was received with open arms and had an audience at the Vatican; but, as he assured his astonished auditors, he was only a false convert, and Diana Vaughan was merely a type-writing young woman whom he employed as a secretary at 60 per month. In this capacity she wrote and signed letters dictated by Taxil himself, and addressed to his prelates. A Triduum, or three days' prayer, was celebrated at the Sacré-Cœur for Diana, and her hymn to Joan of Arc, a borrowed affair, was sung in several churches.

Through Cardinal Parrochi the typewriting young damsel received the Papal Benediction, and was informed that her conversion was the most magnificent triumph of grace ever known. The Bishop of Charleston, who doubted Diana's existence, was, said M. Taxil, cold-shouldered by the Pope; and the Vicar Apostolic of Gibraltar, who informed the Vatican that there were no caverns in the rock where masonic emblems or steel crowns for devils were manufactured, was not listened to. Then the Italian clergy tried to get up an imposture of their own by stating that Joan of Arc's heart was preserved "in one of the cities of the Peninsula over which King Humbert rules." All this was calmly and sardonically uttered by the sceptics, and in conclusion, said to the priests and Catholic writers present that he sincerely thanked them and the bishops for having assisted him in organizing the finest hoax of the century, and one which crowned his career.
Had Taxil died before April last, before he had made his voluntary exposure of the hoax he had perpetrated, it is certain that the history of Diana Vaughan would have been added to the permanent legendary literature of the Roman Catholic Church, and it is not at all unlikely that Diana herself would have some day been canonized and invoked as a saint.

A pertinent thought in conclusion: a contrast. Whereas an ordinarily clever man succeeded in deceiving with a fiction which intimately involved theological questions, almost the entire Roman Church, including clergy, cardinals and the Pope himself; such a story as Taxil invented would not for an instant have been given credence by the most unlearned curate in the Anglican Communion. The broad truth of this statement throws light upon the past, and reveals something of the future.

AMERICAN BISHOPS IN COPES.

At the Ely Theological College festival, Bishop Potter, Bishop Doane and Bishop Dudley wore the proper Episcopal habit. "On Tuesday (July 15th, 1897) morning, at 9, there was a solemn celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the cathedral. A vast procession of priests started from the choir, headed by a crossbearer and two cantors in red copes, singing Ps. lxviii., Evensong. Pens. Following the banner of St. Etheldreda came, after the priests, the Bishops of Trinidad, New York, Albany, Kentucky and Auckland. Their lordships wore copes, and were each attended by two chaplains. Long as the wonderful Norman nave of Ely is, the procession (numbering, as it did, 120 past and present students) was still longer. At the west door were waiting, to join it on its return to the choir, the Dean and Chap. ter, with the preacher and the Bishop of Ely, attended by all his chaplains, one of whom bore his staff and another his mitre. The service was sung to the old Plainsong." —So says The Church Times.

We recall that a prominent American bishop not long ago preached a sermon, in which he said: "You and I do not want the censer and the incense, or, if we do, it is because, in an age under a dispensation which has long ago outgrown them, we are still children in intellect and taste, clamoring for the toys that ought to have been relegated with the other insignia of our babyhood to the garret or to the lumber room."
Presently the great procession to which all London had looked feverishly forward for months past appeared ascending Ludgate hill, and as troop after troop, and equipage swept round the southern side of the cathedral, their hands playing the most stirring marches, enthusiasm abounded. "But all this was as nothing compared to the excitement which prevailed when the Lord Mayor rode by on horseback, after having received the Queen at Temple Bar, bare-headed, and carrying the pearl sword, for we all knew that Majesty was not far off. Presently the twelve great bells sent forth their voices, and a mass of gold seemed to be moving up Ludgate hill—it was the carriages conveying the Foreign Envoys, the Royal Household, and the Royal Family, which last on arrival drew up en échelon outside the rails, placed for the occasion between the well-known granite posts surrounding the great expanse of pavement about the statue of Queen Anne. Then the escort of English and foreign princes rode into the hitherto unoccupied space around the statue, and, lastly, the carriage of Her, the cynosure of every eye, and a glimpse of whose beloved face every man, woman, and child had been looking forward to obtaining, for weeks and weeks past, was driven by its eight gorgeously-caparisoned cream colors into the enclosure, to the feet of the assembled clergy, as cheer after cheer rent the air. In an instant the bells were hushed, Sir George Martin ascended to his desk, arrayed in his Doctor’s robes; every eye was fixed upon his baton, and, after the preliminary symphony and intonation, every voice burst into the Te Deum.

‘The Dean, Canons, and Minor Canons at the conclusion of the Te Deum then intoned the versicle, ‘O Lord, save the Queen’, which was responded to by the choirs in a most touching setting of the words ‘And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee’, by Sir George Martin. The Lord’s Prayer, the special Collect and the Benediction followed, and then came what we may call the ‘cheval de Bataille’ of the function—the unisonous singing of the ‘Old Hundred’. It was simply sublime, and we are informed was joined heartily in, not only by those round the south side of the cathedral, but by the soldiers on duty there’.

THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE.

The Fourth Lambeth Conference is in session, with two hundred bishops in attendance, forty-nine of whom are prelates of the American Church. The attendance at the last Conference was only one hundred and forty five.

There were numerous preliminary services and gatherings of interest and significance, including a devotional day at Lambeth which began with a Mass, and was conducted by the Bishop of Lincoln.

The first public service was held in Westminster Abbey, on July 1, on which occasion there was a magnificent procession of Bishops, Metropolitans and Archbishops. The Primate of All England was vested in scarlet, and had his pimatical cross borne before him, while his train was borne by acolytes in surplices and scarlet cassocks. The Archbishop of York preached on the power of the Holy Ghost.

On the next day the Bishops made a pilgrimage to Ebbs Fleet, in Kent, where 1,300 years ago St. Augustine landed, and a service was held at the Cross which marks the spot.

On Saturday, July 3, St. Augustine’s Litany was sung in St. Martin’s, Canterbury, which is the oldest church in England, antedating, in fact, the arrival of St. Augustine.

Later in the morning, in the cathedral at Canterbury, there was an imposing function, and the Archbishop delivered an allocution from St. Augustine’s chair to the assembled Bishops of the world-wide Anglican Communion. The ancient stone throne of the founder of the See had been removed from Becket’s Crown to a position in front of the High Altar, and there the Archbishop welcomed his Episcopal brethren and told them that the success which the Conference had won depended on the fact that the gatherings were not imposed by authority, but were the outcome of the impulses felt by the body of the Church. The scene was a witness to the living power of Anglicanism in the world, and the reality of it all impressed one as the Archbishop, principal of course, the Archbishops, the Mayors of Kent, and the officers and men of the garrison, pronounced the Benediction.

The Church Review says: “Probably since the Vatican Council no larger assembly of bishops has assembled in a cathedral anywhere in the world. It does seem such a mistake to call it all ‘null and void’. The gathering of two hundred bishops at Canterbury is the best reply to the Apostolic Cure”.

On Monday, July 5, the Conference entered upon its work, sitting in private sessions all week, discussing the various subjects named in the programme. Committees were appointed to take in hand the various matters under discussion, and the Conference took a recess of two weeks while the committees prepared the work for the final sessions of the Conference, July 26 to August 1.

The Daily Telegraph thus describes the first gathering of the Bishops in attendance at the Lambeth Conference, in Canterbury Cathedral:

“The procession of Bishops and others was marshalled in the Cloisters, and passing thence round the Arundel tower of the Cathedral and into the Great West door, they were met by the Prime Council Clergy, rural Deans, city Clergy, and others. . . . The Bishops made obeisance to the Primate, and, opening their ranks, passed on either side of the Archbishop’s procession. No less than 151 prelates figured in this striking spectacle, the scarlet and black doctor’s hoods of Oxford, the scarlet and white of Cambridge, the more brilliantly colored robes of the American representatives showing up brightly against the lawn and surplises. . . . Two jet black prelates, types of the native ministry, were present in scarlet convocation robes and Durham hoods. The rear was brought up by the Archbishop of Toronto, the Archbishop of Rupert’s Land, Bishop of Cape Town, Bishop of Calcutta, Bishop of Jamaica, Bishop of Sydney, and lastly, the Archbishop of York. The Primate having reached the Patriarchal Chair, the Service commenced with the Te Deum. Then followed the all important allocution of the Archbishop. The Hallelujah Chorus preceded the Archbishop’s Benediction. The ‘Amen’ was to Stainer’s music of the Sevenfold Amen’.”
The Rev. Henry Darby entered into rest on Saturday, July 17th, 1897, and was buried from St. Luke's Church, Matteawan, N. Y., near his late home in Fishkill Landing, on Tuesday the 20th.

Father Darby was well known to many friends, and was for some years an Assistant Priest in this Parish. Of late years he was not in active work, failing health having prevented.

With affection we remember his many services to us and our people. His faithful ministrations at our altars. He always gave more than he received, rejoicing in the high exercise of his Priesthood.

An artist of unusual talent, his brush was most delicate and refined. He painted some beautiful figures of Christ and the Madonna, quite ideal, always taking the Divine Son or His Blessed Mother as his studies, rather than any other in the realm of religious art. The miniatures and portraits which he painted, especially during his later years, are valuable contributions to art. Whatever he designed for Church use, was of rare refinement. An illumination in his visions of art declared itself in his keen conception of subject, symbolism, and color.

Father Brown celebrated a Requiem for him in our Church, on Monday, July 26th, St. Anne's Day—Feast of the Mother of Our Lady.

We who have received of his kindnesses shall keep alive his memory, and ever pray that he may have Eternal Rest and behold the brightness of the Perpetual Light. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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