

A Symposium on Religion.

MR. CAPEL MEETS A RABBI, A UNIVERSALIST AND AN INFIDEL—DEFINING THE POSITION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Mgr. Capel, with his crimson cloak thrown over his shoulders, delivered an address before the Nineteenth Century Club at the house of Mr. Courtlandt, Palmer, in Gramercy Park, New York, Tuesday evening.

The Catholic Church maintains that man is endowed with intellect to know truth, with will to do good. He is gifted with reason which, among its other capabilities and by its own power and light, can know of the existence of God.

The Church in speaking of God, manifested by reason and by revelation is speaking of a self-existing personal being, really and essentially distinct from the world, infinite in intelligence and will and in all perfections.

The Church holds that between reason and revelation there can never be any real discrepancy, since the same God who gave the one gave the other.

The dimness of man's knowledge about his Creator, the weakness of man's moral nature, the responsibility of man to God, and the goodness and justice of man's Maker not only render revelation possible, but also necessary.

This implies infallible or divine authority, exercised though it may be through weak, sinful, fallible agents. The commission, not the individual, is to be looked at.

Such divine and therefore infallible authority was given to the organic body called into existence by Christ, and which received on Pentecost Sunday, as its perpetual principal of life, the Holy Ghost.

The Rev. Dr. Pullman, Universalist, was then introduced as a defender of Protestantism. He said that all that had been urged by Monsignor Capel, after a thousand years of universal rule, had resulted in a reaction which made Protestantism a necessity.

"I am sorry to say," added the rabbi, "that he left no standing place for Protestantism."

"Absolute and perfect truth," continued the rabbi, "is found not on any particular side [Applause.] Every religion which is given by God, and which has mortality for its basis, reflects one or the other side of the universal truth.

Unitarianism he defined as "modern culture with a slight flavour of Christianity." He considered Methodism to be organization as far as it was consistent with individualism.

"There is a stamp on the foreheads of us all," said the rabbi, referring to the race, "the stamp of unparalleled martyrdom; but that the time will come

when all men will see the truth as we see it we still and will ever hope."

T. B. Wakeman, speaking in behalf of Agnosticism, said that the universal church was not that of Monsignor Capel, but was that of humanity into which evolution would in time transform all religions.

Monsignor Capel briefly replied to what had been advanced against him. Many ladies and notable people listened to the discussion.

One of the most daring robberies which has been committed in the neighborhood for a long time was perpetrated at the Montreal driving Park on Saturday afternoon during the progress of the races.

Gen. Butler is fond of cruising to the northward in his yacht America, during the summer months, and one of his favourite routes is up through the Gut of Canso.

Consolation is offered by the Pall Mall Gazette to English statesmen who complain of the abuse to which they are subjected by men of the opposition.

The Emperor William is renewing efforts to effect a reconciliation between Prince Frederick Charles and his wife. He has appointed Count Rantzau, on behalf of the prince, to meet General Blumenthal, on behalf of the princess, to arrange a basis for reconciliation.

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