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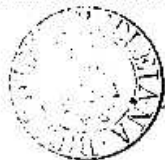
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LAUDISM
(AFTER THE LAPSE OF TWO CENTURIES)
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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

IN the month of June 1835, (about six years and a half ago) I published my Book on the Number 666, (Rev. xiii. 18,) in which, at page 170, I asserted that *Archbishop Laud was more than half a Papist*. This *Assertion* attracted the attention of the Editor of "*The Christian Remembrancer: or Church of England Magazine;*" and in his "*Literary Report*" of Books for Dec. 1835, he designated it, "*a Calumny, rashly indulged in;*" and called upon me to *prove my Assertion*. I immediately furnished him with my Reply, (Jan. 18th, 1836,) which he had neither the honor nor courage to insert in his Magazine.

In the latter end of the year 1838, (whilst visiting the *Island of Guernsey*) I noticed from "*The Guernsey Star,*" "*The Record,*" (published in London,) and other Newspapers; and from Mr. *Newman's Book, &c. &c.* that the System of *Puseyism* was then making rapid progress in Oxford, and I thought it a

suitable time to publish my Reply which had been rejected by the Editor of the Christian Remembrancer: I therefore sent it to the Editor of "The Record," Newspaper, (dated Guernsey, Jan 17th. 1839,) accompanied by the following Letter and Superscription.

LAUDISM
(after the lapse of two centuries)
revived,
under the appellation
of
PUSEYISM.

Guernsey, Jan. 17, 1839.

Sir,

I perceive by your *Record* of the 20th. Dec. ult. that PUSEYISM is beginning to develop itself more openly by an exhibition of Idolatrous LATIN HYMNS, *Pageantry*, &c. &c. Three years and a half ago I published my Opinion of the applicability of the Name LATEINOS to Romanism, in my Book on the Number 666; (Revelations xiii. 18;) and I beg to call your attention to a Circumstance which occurred about half a year after the publication of my work to which I have just alluded.

In the Number for Dec. 1835, of "*the Christian Remembrancer; or Church of England Magazine*," (a periodical, published both at Oxford and Cambridge,) the Editor, in his "*Literary Report*" of Books, called upon me to prove an Assertion which I had made at page 170, viz. that Archbishop *Laud*

was *more than half a Papist*, and he (the Editor) designated my assertion, "*a calumny, rashly indulged in.*" On the 18th January, 1836, I sent him (in substance) the following Reply, and as he had *publicly* called upon me "*for some adduction*" in proof of such assertion, I begged he would give it a place in his *Christian Remembrancer*:" but instead of his inserting the following Article, sent at his request; or, acknowledging that I was *justified* in my assertion, I found that the only *notice* he took of it, was "*R. R. has been received:*" and even this *fraction* of acknowledgment did not appear until two months afterwards, and *that—in print so small*, that it was not likely to be noticed or understood by any one but myself. This appeared to me, both illiberal and unjust.

Three years have since elapsed, and I see the LATIN and POPISH SPIRIT of Archbishop Laud, reviving, in the SYSTEM of PUSEYISM; and, therefore, beg, as a civility from you, what I had an *undoubted right to expect from the Editor* of "*The Christian Remembrancer: or Church of England Magazine:*" but, what he denied me, viz. the insertion of the following article in your *Record*, if it be not too long and uninteresting.

I am, Mr. Editor,

Your obedient Servant,

REGINALD RABBIT.

To the Editor of the Record.

My communication was immediately acknowledged by the *Editor* of "*The Record,*" but never inserted

in his newspaper ; for what reason I know not, as he never expressed any to me ; and I have been frequently recommended, by several of my Clerical and other Christian friends, to publish in a pamphlet, my long *rejected reply*, in proof of the *Papistical spirit of Archbishop Laud* ; and I now deem it expedient to comply with their wishes for manifold important considerations to the Christian public.

My readers will see that although *my Reply* was superciliously challenged by the Editor of "*The Christian Remembrancer*" in Dec. 1835, and, that, although I took the trouble of writing it at *his public request*, and expressed, when I sent it to him, a particular desire that he would do me the justice to insert it in his columns, he had neither the honour nor courage to do so. The reason of this Jesuitical conduct, which was *then*, to *me*, obvious, has *since* been *made manifest to the world*, viz. that the *conductors of that Magazine savoured too much of that spirit which they wished for awhile to conceal in Archbishop Laud* ; for, "*The Christian Remembrancer*," has, *since*, become one of the Oxonian organs or vehicles of PUSEYISM, which system is none other than *revived LAUDISM*, or, to speak plainly, it is *the English Popery* of the sixteenth century. My reply contained in it what the Editor demanded of me, viz. "*sure proof*" of the truth of *my assertion*, that, *Archbishop Laud was more than half a Papist* ; and it is a fact that the Puseyites follow the Jesuistical creed and example of *Laud* and his *Latin* satellites. If the dissembling Editor of the *Christian Remembrancer* did not like my assertion at page 170, in my own

Book on the No. 666, much less of course did he approve of the idea of perpetuating "*sure proof*" of such an assertion, by inserting it in the pages of his own Jesuitical Magazine.

My reply was furnished to the Editor of the Christian Remembrancer long before the Cockatrice-egg of Puseyism was hatched, or even known to have been laid within the city walls of the University of Oxford; or, in other words, long before the wily composers of the Oxford "*Tracts for the Times*," &c. &c. had published the dogmas of their own semi-papistical sect. They who read this little work, will, I think, not only see the palpable resemblance or *parallel*, which increasingly subsists between *Laudism* and *Puseyism*, but that they are really synonymous terms; and I now regret that I did not publish it earlier, as it may possibly have served to warn some unsuspecting persons of the danger of running after this insidious and supposed *new* system, which is nothing better than the *old* serpent with its *new* skin, and like the *ignis-fatuus*, attracts the unwary to their ruin, of which our nation has had recent "*proofs*" in nominal Protestant clergymen becoming proselytes to Puseyism, which has proved a stepping-stone to their becoming *priests of Rome*, (see the cases of the Rev. Mr. Sibthorp, the Rev. Mr. Bloxham, &c.) and it is well known that there are many other clergymen that are now within the nominal pale of the Church of England, who are only waiting for a suitable opportunity to make a similar *Babylonish* change. Should any of my readers, whether of the clergy or laity, have hitherto been duped into the spurious