AFTER THE APOSTASY.

A Glance at the Church in the Middle Ages.

That the Savior bestowed upon His Apostles an equal share of the honors and responsibilities of the Apostleship was a much disputed point in the early history of the Catholic church. One only is your master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren, was lost sight of and Rome contended for the primacy, which was conceded to some supremacy of St. Peter, and upon that rock built her claim to rule, asserting, though with slender proof—amounting, indeed, to nothing—that her diocese was founded by that Apostle, from whom the line descended by ordination. The assumption followed that she was superior to her sister churches as Peter had been to his brethren. Not content to be eminent among the great, she frowned upon her sister churches of other countries—notably the seas of Constantinople and Alexandria—and persevering endeavored, and, to a great extent successfully, to annihilate the authority of her own metropolitan [illegible] of western Europe. Thus all jurisdiction in matters of episcopal appointments or removals, in complaints or appeals was usurped by Rome, whereas the metropolitan or archbishop had formerly acted independently in his own province in all matters pertaining to ecclesiastical regulations. We find the encroachments of Rome beginning as early as the third century. For some centuries the dignity of patriarch was shared equally by the bishops of Rome, Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch and Jerusalem and the original title, that of search or governor, implies a political meaning. Indeed the church was organized by the fifth century, upon the model of the ancient Roman state. The sudden invasion of the Saracens destroyed the dioceses of Alexandria, Antioch and Jerusalem, while Rome and Constantinople continued in jealous rivalry of each other and in the ninth century the two fell openly apart in a quarrel on the sacred [illegible]

[illegible] employed in many other ways to fill the coffers of the popes. It is true she had many irreproachable sources of wealth. Such were the cultivation of unappropriated lands, the thriftiness and industry of monastic institutions, the purchase of landed estates from [illegible] of nobles for which she was amply able to pay through long accumulations. The states of the church, granted the pope by Pepin and confirmed and enlarged by Charlemagne, may also be said, in the language of conquest, to have been not illegal. Though here we cannot but charge fraud, as it was largely through the [illegible] of former pretended claims that the papacy obtained these grants of temporal possessions. Representing that a charter of land had been presented to the holy see by the Emperor Constantine, the pope exhorted the Frankish emperors, under penalty of the displeasure of God, St. Peter and the saints, to ratify and restore the grant.

The Merovingian, Carolingian and Saxon dynasties, as well as the kings of England and Spain were lavish in their endowments of the church and, early in the twelfth century, the Great Countess Matilda of Tuscany further enriched it by a bequest of the duchy of Spoleto and the March of Ancona. But we find ourselves disgusted and wearied by a recital of clerical appropriations of legacies and donations intended for charitable purposes, or the enforcement of tithing as the highest duty, the scandalous traffic in indulgences and all the various methods of oppressive avarice which the church adopted. Among these we find not the least reprehensible of these despicable methods the forging of deeds or charters to property to which they were not entitled. The general illiteracy of the times made these impositions easy of accomplishment by a priesthood trained in scholastic arts. Then there was the relic superstition. The rule of the Catholic church requires that every altar used for celebrating mass must indispensably contain some authorized relic, inserted within a sealed cavity or receptacle prepared for them. These [illegible]

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