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ORTHODOXY.

I.

IS THERE NOTHING IN GOD TO FEAR?

PRELUDE ON CURRENT EVENTS.

HENRY IV., in smock and barefoot, stood three days in the snow before the palace of Pope Hildebrand at Canossa, imploring pardon in vain, until his penance had been sufficiently protracted to become a symbol of the subjection of his nation. Bismarck said in 1872, "Germany is not going to Canossa physically or spiritually." Nevertheless, Bismarck seems to have had what even he would call tolerably serious trouble with the Jesuits of the latest day; and Gladstone assures the British Empire that the time has not yet arrived when free nations can profitably forget the schemes of the power behind the Papacy. That power will not disappear when the present Pope dies. You say that the form which carries the scythe and the hour-glass will pass through the Vatican soon, and change much on the Tiber. But the power behind the Pope made the present Pope, and it will make the new one. Pius IX. began as a reformer. He was taken in hand by a power greater than his own, and he ceased to advocate reforms in the Romish Church. Jesuit Ultramontanism has spoken through him ever since the first quarter of his possession of the papal chair.