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NOTES AND COMMENTS

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A companion article to that which we publish to-day from the pen of Professor Glubokovsky appeared in our contemporary, *The Christian East*, in July, 1922. The two articles together give an impressive picture of what the Church in Russia is suffering.

The Rev. Maurice Frost sends us the following:

I.—MORS PERPETUA

In THEOLOGY for May, p. 293, reference is made to the phrase *mors perpetua* as gradually supplanting *mors secunda*. The following are the last two stanzas of the *Deo gratias* at the end of Lauds, the Office of Pierre de Corbeil (p. 104 of Abbé Villetard's edition):

"Cuius misericordia
et ammiranda bonitas
a morte nos perpetua,
aduentu primo, liberat;

"Secundo nos eripiat
ab infernali fouea,
Ut in polorum regia
Deo dicamus gratias!"

II.—THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

Another reference to the Aberdeen Breviary may be added to those given in the June Number of THEOLOGY, p. 350:

S. Modanus (f. LI., February 4), *Ad matutinas*. . . . *Lectio prima*.
"sicuti miles christi strenuus et bellicosus
adversus dyabolum carnem et mundum. . . .

The phrase is the subject of a lengthy explanation in "A Body of Divinitie, or the summe and substance of the Christian Religion. . . . Composed long since by James Usher, B. of Armagh . . ." (4th edition, 1653, p. 333).

"*What is the Spirituall Warfare?* The daily exercise of our spiritual strength and armour . . . there being joyned with Repentance a continuall fighting and struggling against the assaults of a mans owne flesh, against the motions of the Devill, and the enticements of the World."

(This is expanded in thirty-nine questions and answers.)

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