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When Pius XII died Mr Claud Cockburn was a patient in hospital in Youghal, the Irish town where Sir Walter Raleigh planted the first European potatoes; so he decided to run "a book" on the ensuing papal election. After considering "form" he elected "John of Venice" eight to one on favourite and "cleaned-up". To his surprise, he writes in *I, Claud* (Penguin, 7s. 6d.), his friends "while congratulating me, in their civil Irish way, were

looking at me askance." After further thought he decided that "cardinals who are seeking to elect a pope are directly presided over by God [Who] inspires them ... and for a gambler, even a Catholic, to bet upon the result, is claiming to have advance knowledge of the mind of God..." And if the gambler is a Protestant? "In this case the situation becomes really offensive and one which no decent-minded person would care to contemplate."

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In palliation, but not in justification, of Luther's conduct we must admit that the abuses of the Church were terribly many and bad; that he was never a real proficient in the correct theology of the schools; that his morbid fear of inevitable damnation led him to clutch at a justification by faith for a human nature incurably given over to the concupiscences by the fall of Adam; and that the growing difficulties of the position which he had made for himself ... drove

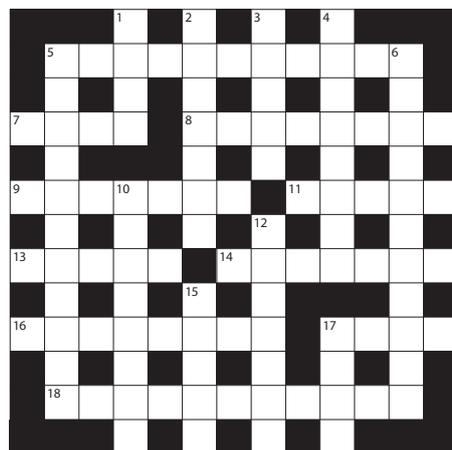
him into recklessness. He always held reason up to scorn, and that emboldened him to carry out many of the mad performances which are not to be attributed to pure malice defying the clear light. He was a clever man, but his intelligence was constantly mastered by his wild emotions. Coarsenesses in word and act came from him unrecognized in their turpitude. A physician reading of his bodily ailments would at once infer mental unbalance.

PUZZLES

PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 574 | Axe

Across

- 5 Contemplative religious women, followers of St Clare of Assisi (4,7)
- 7 Symbol of St Mark (4)
- 8 Church feast day, the Greek for "manifestation" (8)
- 9 Slender tower with balconies, often a part of a mosque (7)
- 11 Port of Mysia from which Paul sailed to Jerusalem for the last time (5)
- 13 A descendant of Shem, one of Joktan's sons (5)
- 14 Adherent of a faith originating in nineteenth-century Persia, which emphasises the value of all religions (7)
- 16 City whose destruction was prophesied, falling eventually to the Assyrians in 732 BC (8)
- 17 Word for a time of penance and fasting from the Old English for spring (4)
- 18 Bishop of Laodoea whose work included the dating of Easter (2,9)



Down

- 1 Alternative name in Numbers and Isaiah for the Egyptian city of Tanis (4)
- 2 Members of an ancient ascetic Jewish sect, flourishing at the time of Jesus (7)
- 3 Martyred Northumbrian king (642-51), a friend of St Aidan (variant spelling) (5)
- 4 Jerusalem pool giving its name to a suburb of Washington DC and to a N. Wales slate-mining town (8)
- 5 Macedonians, recipients of an epistle from Paul (11)

- 6 O.T. book: "Canticles" in some Bibles (4,2,5)
- 10 Before moving to the Temple, the Ark of the Covenant was stored at his house (8)
- 12 Suffering of Jesus at the Crucifixion (7)
- 15 "The troublemaker": Biblical character so called after being found with loot from the sacking of Jericho (5)
- 17 Timothy's grandmother (4)

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● The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 30 September issue.

Solution to the 19 August crossword No. 572

Across: 1 Andania; 5 Horus; 8 Renouvier; 9 Mab; 10 Piano; 12 A terror; 13 Gaudet; 14 Scan it; 17 Rothaar; 19 Titus; 21 Nod; 22 Macadamia; 24 Eland; 25 Silicon. **Down:** 1 A trap; 2 Dan; 3 Neurone; 4 Animal; 5 Horse; 6 Rembrandt; 7 Saberht; 11 A Custodia; 14 Garonne; 15 Citadel; 16 Crocus; 18 Armed; 20 Spain; 23 Mac.
Winner: Fr John Thackray, of Ipswich, Suffolk.

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