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I HAVE stated, that the earliest occurrence of the name *Valdes* or *Valdensis* or *Vallensis* is in the Noble Lesson; the date of which refers that poem, so far as I can judge, to A.D. 1100.

Since that statement was made, I have met with a very curious passage cited by Mr. Palmer in his Treatise on the Church, which certainly deserves attention, and which may therefore be here fitly subjoined.

In the year 1054, Michael Cerularius, Patriarch of Constantinople, was excommunicated by Cardinal Humbert the Papal Legate, who left the instrument of excommunication upon the altar of St. Sophia. This instrument contains the following passage.

Michael abusivus Patriarcha neophytus,—atque cum eo Leo Acridanus Episcopus,—et omnes sequaces eorum in præfatis erroribus et præsumptionibus, sint Anathema Maranatha, cum Simoniacis, VALLESIIS, Arianis, Donatistis, Nicolaitis, Severianis, Pneumatomachis, et Manichæis, et Nazarenis, et cum omnibus hæreticis, imo cum diabolo et angelis ejus, nisi forte resipuerint. Canisii Thesaur. iii. p. 326. in Palmer's Treatise

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on the Church, part i. chap. 9. sect. II. vol. i. p. 188.

Who were these VALLESII, here mentioned as being already excommunicated along with Arians and Manichæans?

We know, that the common charge brought against the Albigenses or Cathari was that of Manichæism and Arianism. With Arians and Manichæans, the VALLESII, whoever they might be, are coupled in the anathema. If they were the Vallenses of Piedmont, we, in that case, find the occurrence of the name so early as A.D. 1054: and, since in that year the VALLESII had *already* been excommunicated as notorious heretics; they must, under that designation, have *already* been well and familiarly known to the Clergy of the Romish Church.

I wish that my indefatigable friend Dr. Gilly would endeavour to ascertain who these anathematised VALLESII were? They are not borne in upon my memory, as enumerated in any list of *ancient* heretics: but, as I speak from memory, and as I write this in the midst of the eternal distraction of London, I may very possibly be mistaken. At all events, the identification of these VALLESII were a matter of great curiosity and of no ordinary importance.

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