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"The Austrian and the German kaisers have promised the Pope that the restoration of the temporal power of the papacy shall be one of the first fruits of their triumph Every influence of the clerical extremists has been exerted to break down the morale of the Italian soldiers and to weaken the allegiance of the Italian forces. Since the Pope made his peace gesture a few months ago Italian troops have been encouraged by extremists to cheer for the Pope and for peace until the terms are becoming synonymous."

This is an extract from one of Frank H. Simond's syndicated articles which have a wide circulation in the press. Whether such charges are made honestly or not they easily take root in the ground so long cultivated by ignorant or malicious apti-Catholic prejudice.

With regard to the calumny, so far as it concerns the Italian army and its recent reverses it is already flat, stale and unprofitable. It is known, for it could not be concealed, that the splendid rehabilitation of the Italian morale, the subsequent reckless valor and heroic resistance of Italy's illequipped Catholic armies is in great measure due to the cordial, loyal and patriotic cooperation of the Catholic hierarchy and clergy. That Socialist propaganda was carried on amongst the Italian soldiers, who the Avanti, an extreme socialist, pacifist and anti-clerical organ, was found to be widely distributed clerical extremists" joined forces with the Socialists not a scintilla of evidence has been adduced. The bare assertion is deemed sufficient, the situation. and is sufficient, for minds warped by prejudice and poisoned by traditional mistrust.

The charge concerning the Temporal Power of the Pope is on a some- national boundaries. Imperial ambiwhat different footing. Under the tions may be realized or frustrated; e of a hostile tradition same minds might here find ground for world may be changed accordingly; in Canada have used that asylum to that the Papacy would be very likely pared with the divine commission to present struggle. cessive Popes have never ceased to earth is as wide as the human race; would substantiate its "undoubted protest against the anomalous and it knows no other boundaries. The fact." as a "scrap of paper."

That is a solid basis of fact which to minds already biased lends color the world. of probability to the bald and baseless fails utterly to find any color of argu- inherited prejudice. ment to support such allegations it Now let us examine for a moment

then vested in him by the will of the absolved subjects from their allethat this Temporal Power of the Papacy was a great and beneficial influence in the development of Christian civilization in Europe. Then came Luther, Henry VIII. and a divided Christendom. The Temporal Power of the medieval Popes was gone forever. And it is amusing to see how those who hitherto gloried in the destruction of the Temporal cataclysm insisted that the Pope should exercise for their benefit the power of which they are unwilling that a vestige should remain, a power the revival of which they profess to be in constant dread. In this sense it can hardly be seriously thought that there is an agreement between the Pope and the Kaiser that the temporal power of the Papacy will be restored and guaranteed by Protestant Prussia. There must be some limit to Protestant credulity even where the Pope is con-

which the term has been loosely used. Until 1870 the Pope exercised in addition to the universal spiritual jurisdiction by virtue of his office, a limited and

local "temporal power" as sovereign of the Papal States. The restoration of the Temporal Power in this sense of the term is not so intrinsically absurd. Indeed since it would be at struggle for the defeat of the Milithe expense of Italy it would be in entire accord with Prussian ethics and generous according to the Kaiser's ideas of generosity.

Now as a matter of fact we know, the whole world knows, from authoritative pronouncements that the Holy See's assertion of its indefeasible right to independence does mean or imply the restoration of the Pope's temporal sovereignty over the Papal States; nor even over the City of Rome. That is not the sole solution of this urgent international problem.

Since the present War began, Car dinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, in June, 1915, to a representative of the Catholic journal, the Corrière d'Italia, said :

"The Holy See does not wish to create embarrassments for the Italian Government in regard to neuheld the pass which the Teutons trality, and places its confidence in forced, is known from the fact that God in its hopes for the attainment of an arrangement suitable to the situation, and looks not to foreign armies, but to the triumph of sentiments of justice among amongst them. For the charge that the Italian people in conformity to its true interests.'

But let us apply a little common sense, a little rational judgment to peats Mr. Rowell's charge in these

The Pope is the spiritual head of the Catholic Church; his jurisdiction is universal; it is limited neither by race nor language nor by racial motives in their adhesion the map of Europe, the map of the intolerable conditions imposed on visible head of the universal Church treated the solemn guarantee en. Peter, his subjects mankind redeemed Canada volunteered at the outbreak to express. tered into at the Congress of Vienna by the blood of Christ who founded of war to return to fight and die for

triumph." When the perverted in stand the Catholic position; to exerwhich cannot divest itself of its judgment, and not be governed malignity even at such a time as this entirely by Protestant tradition and

is safe to assume that the unsupport- this question of the "Temporal these men as an honest man he will ed statements so freely made are Power,"-a stupid, ambiguous, misdevoid of any basis other than the leading and inaccurate term never fact that the Holy See has never sur- used by Catholics in this connection. rendered but on the contrary has The independence of the Holy Seealways asserted its right to indepen- to use the correct term-is an important matter and an indefeasible It is, moreover, quite evident that right of the Head of the Church Cathaddition to the spiritual power inher- asked to believe during a world wide condition by scholarly and apostolic with our "Best Wishes." ent in their office, the Popes exer- war, with bitter national and racial priests-members of a religious order

sacred interests which he is digiance. And historians recognize vinely commissioned to safeguard! Whether Germany be the victor or not does not affect the question in the slightest. If Germany attained every object and secured the worlddominion to which she aspires such a league between Pope and Kaiser would be all the more fatal to the interests of the Catholic Church.

One does not need to be a Catholic to see that. To Protestant, Jew, Power have in the present great Agnostic or Pagan it is equally

And in whatever light one sees the Pope no one can believe that the Pope is in league with the Kaiser for a secondary consideration, the attaindeal the most fatal blow in history to repugnant to true Catholicity. the primary object for which the Papacy was instituted.

lous superstition of infantile minds. But don't ask grown men to believe There is however, another sense in that Benedict XV. is such an arrant fool.

NATIONALISM AND RELIGION

In the course of an editorial commenting on Bishop Fallon's pronouncement on the issues of the impending election The Globe says:

Not only are the Nationalists bethe tary Service Act, but in Mr. Rowell's judgment "the majority of the curés throughout the Province share Mr. Bourassa's Nationalist, clerical, and reactionary attitude.

In this attitude," he adds, "they were undoubtedly encouraged and abetted by the members of the religious orders from France, who found an asylum in Canada, and that asylum to undermine Canada's strenath in the strugale. It is a misfortune that they did not follow the example of the priests of the Catholic Church in France, who threw themselves into the struggle of their people to preserve their national existence, and by their courage and sacrifice won for them elves a new place in the hearts and affections of the French people. We might as well frankly face the issue There is a Nationalist, clerical, and reactionary movement at work the Province of Quebec which today dominates the political situation in that Province, and is using this hour of grave national peril to dominate political situation throughout the Dominion of Canada."

The italics are ours. We challenge Mr. Rowell to bring forward a shadow of proof for this assertion with regard to the members of religious orders from France. Farther on The Globe itself re-

words: "That appeal will undoubtedly help to clear the air. We may not agree with Bishop Fallon that the French curés are actuated entirely to Nationalism. We may regret, as Mr. Rowell does, the undoubted fact that members of religious orders from France who found an asylum

the Church and promised to be with France. We use the word volunit even unto the consummation of teered advisedly. We know of graces and privileges we all love, Our non-Catholic friends are not told by the French consulate to wait thought of the Spirit of Christmas, increased. It professes to be interstatement that "the Austrian and asked to make profession of the until they were called up. We do not with its opportunities to express our denominational and non-political. one of the first fruits of their may reasonably be asked to under. French religious order who held the busy year. back. We do know that severalernment had exiled them. If Mr. make the amende honorable.

Those who, like The Globe and Mr. against the French priests in Canada narrow and intolerant spirit of French-Canadian nationalism, or

governed as well as reigned and the the Pope, the Head of the Church, in many instances back to France, as Mgr. Benson, John Ayscough, Car- dishonest. They were swayed solely ion to the young. Pope in virtue of the temporal power, which is nothing if not universal, has relentlessly as later on they drove dinal Newman and Manning, Father by their sympathies. for a matter of secondary importance out the English-speaking members | Sheehan, Fathers Finn and Copus, Christian world, deposed kings or involved in the issue of the War the of the staff and all who sympathized Isobel Clarke, Christian Reid and with them.

In this we are speaking with personal knowledge of the facts.

Nationalism has thrust itself into politics in various ways. It is a fair subject of public discussion. Indeed it cannot be avoided or evaded. But we protest emphatically against the attempt to identify it with religion. That Nationalists should make such sin, theirs the graver injury to religion. To identify the Catholic religion with any race or language is to deprive the Church of God of her most glorious title—the Catholic Church. Narrow nationalism or ment of which by such means would racialism is incompatible with and

Whatever difference of opinion there may be as to Bishop Fallon's The Pope and Kaiser story may judgment on the political issues now furnish entertainment in quarters before us, The Globe in its leader of where the curious may exhaust their Dec. 8th furnishes evidence of the ingenuity in testing out the credu- reason for this patriotic appeal to Canadians of good sense:

> "There is graver danger in needlessly confusing religion with a question purely racial. To avert this graver danger I appeal to my fellowountrymen, Protestant and Catho

We do not wish to single out The Globe as if it were a chief offender far from it. But if The Globe with its long record of square dealing towards Catholics, even in the very article in which it eulogizes Bishop to God, broaden our sympathies, ligion and racialism is unfounded then the Bishop's ringing denunciation of such political methods is they with broken bodies or anguished indeed timely and necessary:

"This aggravation of an existing is mischievous. It is criminal. I know that it is deplored and repro bated by every honest man who loves Canada and has at heart the great cause for which we are fighting. In patriotism, I demand that this reprobation be openly expressed, that this foul thing which is an ally of the enemy be stamped out."

And the irony of it is that if these unwarranted, mischievous and criminal tactics have the effect of driving Catholics into the ranks of the Government opponents the effect will be accepted as justification of the

BOOKS AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The following well-written letter is so timely and deals with its subject so admirably that we gladly give it editorial prominence and endorsation.

Toronto, Dec. 5th, 1917. The Editor, CATHOLIC RECORD:

Visiting a Catholic family last Christmas, and seeing the generous interchange of presents, principally books, I was surprised on looking bitterly antagonistic to the Church. suspicion inclining them to believe all these things are ephemeral com- undermine Canada's strength in the note that I would do everything They are becoming obsolete terms. to favor powers that would restore to Peter: Feed my lambs, feed my We challenge The Globe to give a and as the Christmas season is by her recent words and actions, the Holy See its independence. Suc. sheep. The kingdom of God on single instance of anything which approaching I consider this a most been proving her fitness for this new opportune time; being a layman, and role. the pulpit therefore not available, On the contrary those members of the other alternative is to write to able voting lately in the various

Aside from the religious signifi-

up their lives on the battlefield for with our "Best Wishes:" generally

many others too numerous to name from which the reader will carry away the remembrance of pleasant friends and salutary lessons, instead of bothering and insinuating doubts, and salacious suggestions, are available if we take the trouble to ask for them.

Like the loaves and fishes, let our Catholic books also multiply, by unan attempt is intelligible. And we selfish interchange amongst our freely admit that theirs is the greater neighbors and friends, so that they may refresh the multitude, giving strength to the weak and joy and pleasure to the weary.

READER.

THE HALIFAX DISASTER

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out

to the stricken people of Halifax. By this awful visitation something of the horrors of the War is brought home to us. We seem to realize anew the sufferings of the refugees from their homes in Belgium, in Serbia, in Poland, in northern

France, and now in northern Italy Generously, promptly, with full hearts and hands all within reach of Halifax rushed to the rescue and all that is humanly possible is being done to alleviate the condition of the victims. If our own immunity in a world of

suffering, realized afresh as we contemplate this appalling affliction does not deepen our gratitude Fallon permits the insistent insinua- and kindle in us the fire tion that his distinction between re- of living Christian charity, make us more humble and helpful and self less-then God pity us. Happier are hearts than we who pursue our selfseeking way in a world where God They love their homes, not the pubdifficulty is wholly unwarranted. It is calling in trumpet tones for selfsacrifice and service.

WOMEN IN POLITICS

When female suffrage was an academic question, we always felt that those public men who voted for the Affirmative were not altogether serious in their contention, but not un. est tribute to their womanly inwilling to court popularity. Women, however, were quite serious about the matter; and when they laid their claims before the various governments they could point to many leading men as their valiant protagonists. It was a very convenient thing to have the female vote to overcome, say, an obstacle in the way of temperance legislation. But if the legislators granted the franchise to women, as they did in some instances with such unseemly haste, solely with an eye to that purpose they were acting from motives of expediency and not from principle. If on the other hand they were acting on principle, if they were convinced that they were granting to woman something that she had an through them to find that not one of inherent right to, but of which she the dozen odd was written by a had been long deprived, it is a down-Catholic, and, in fact, four were right injustice to later take that right from her. But what is the use At the time I made a mental of talking of justice and rights! in my power to remedy this, Let us rather look at how she has, Women have been doing consider-

them since 1870 when the nations of is the Servant of the Servants of religious orders from France, of mili- the Catholic press, craving from it societies of which they are members, Europe, either actively or passively, God; his throne is the Chair of tary age, who found asylum in indulgence for the few words I wish To take one instance, we might mention the I. O. D. E., the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire cance of Christmas with its many This order has been in existence for some years, but since the War hegan French priests in Montreal who were and our hearts warm with the its membership has been very much German Kaisers have promised the Catholic faith; but when they pass know-perhaps Mr. Rowell does- love and gratitude in a tangible It has bent its energies to aiding the Pope that the restoration of the tem. judgment on things Catholic, on the whether there was a single member, manuer to our dear ones, or to renew dependents of our soldiers, collecting poral power of the papacy shall be Church and its visible Head, they within the military age limits, of a a friendship perhaps forgotten during funds for the Red Cross, and supplying comforts for the boys at the front, When at a loss to discover a gift to in which capacity it has set an engenuity of that inveterate prejudice cise a little of their vaunted private five if we are not mistaken — gave give a personal touch, we send a book viable example of zeal and charity. We know of a case where a sweetthat France whence an infidel gov- we know nothing of the book we tongued representative of the send except that it is clothed in an Y. M. C. A., who was accompanied by Rowell has unwittingly slandered attractive cover, brought out by the a couple of local ministers, addressed in the convents which she founded, publisher to catch the gullible a chapter asking for a grant for his or among those outside whose privi-Christmas shopper. Little we know institution. In response to his apof the contents of this book, of its peal the society emptied its coffers remains as vivid and as frag-Rowell, repeat this unfounded charge doubtful moral tendency or even which contained a very substantial rant as if she had been openly immoral tone, or of its veiled donation from the Catholic congre. called home but yesterday. "She either know little of the intensely and insidious charges against the gation of the place. Now, without was a model of gentleness, of love Church. Think, Catholic reader, of disparaging in the least the Y. M. C. A., the harm this book may cause, the those ladies had no more right to his admirable Introduction, "she many who talk of the "Temporal olic. But it is a subordinate matter, they are determined in spite of facts ruining of a soul, or the weakening vote away that money than to give it was a safe guide to high ideals, and, Teresa's foundations, and it has Power' do not know what they are a matter that derives all its importo identify nationalism and religion. of a faith perhaps none too strong, to the Methodist Mission in Rome. from her childhood, was dowered talking about. The term is used in tance from its necessity or utility for A concrete example of what we (for many are too credulous of what Would they have given a grant to the with a benignity, tenderness and cessful. The first school was opened history to cover two entirely differ. the free exercise of the Pope's uni- mean is the University of Ottawa, they see in print) and all this with Knights of Columbus who are doing ent things. In the middle ages, in versal spiritual jurisdiction. We are founded and brought to a flourishing its wake of evil consequences, sent work similar to that performed by and made joy more joyous." These promising circumstances. But it the Y. M. C. A.? The money was are qualities which count in any took root, grew and dourished, until We have no excuse for the purdonated for a specific purpose and was walk of life; more especially do they to day the Sisters preside over a palcised in temporal affairs the jurisdic- passions aroused, with enduring anti. from France. French Canadian chasing of non-Catholic books, for the merely held in trust by them to be count in one whose mission it is to atial academy, and have an establishment. tion of a supreme international pathies, resentments and jealousies nationalism drove these learned bookshelf is wealthy with Catholic used for that purpose alone. We do form souls after the Divine Model lished place in the affections of Illin-

In another instance a lady from an her sex who would have the right to ever to be held in honor) its sponsor. vote at the coming elections. Of society defrayed the lady's expenses; for those female orators are not so monetary recompense. A non-poliseen that it would cause trouble. But women seem to let sentiment and sympathy run away with their judgment and discretion.

One of the worst features of the new situation is that it is apt to breed discord and hard feelings in many communities. Men, as a rule, take their politics very good-naturedly. They hotly oppose one another on election day, but are good neighbors the day after. We have our doubts if such will prove true of women, especially that class of women, who, having few home ties, are always on the lookout for some diversion. We witnessed a little scene, recently, that confirms us in our opinion. In a crowded store a lady, who moves in society, was giving expression in very strong language to her political views. Another lady very timidly ventured to question one of her statements. Whereupon the former turned upon her and gave her a severe tongue threshing. Of course that poor humiliated woman will love the other ever afterwards.

It goes without saying that this is no reflection upon the representative wives and mothers of the country. lic forum, and they find sufficient there to satisfy all the cravings of their hearts. They have no inclination to run around from house to house prying into other people's business. They are not interested in fads or politics. They would feel very much out of place at a political meeting, which, after all, is the high-

THE GLEANER

NOTES AND COMMENTS and the book, therefore, may be re-Mother Dease, therefore, Foundress throughout. and Superior General of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin in America, or, THE FIRST Loretto Convent in as it is more popularly known, the America was a building, still stand-Loretto Order, is the opening of a ing, on the corper of Duke and Frednew chapter. That it is a story of erick streets, Toronto. Later, it was deep and absorbing interest to the removed to the corner of Simcoe and Catholics of Ontario perusal will Wellington streets, in a house aftermake evident to all.

TWENTY-EIGHT years have now passed since Mother Teresa was not until 1857 that the Mother House called to her reward. In the interval of the Order was established at a new generation has arisen, and of Loretto Abbey, where it still remains those who were her contemporaries in the Order, or in the world, very few remain. No more eloquent don and Guelph, to be followed later testimony, then, could be paid to her qualities as woman and religious, than to record the fact that, whether lege it was to know her, her memory and kindness." says Dean Harris in holiness which poured light into life in September, 1880, under not very

tribunal. In those days kings certain to follow its conclusion, that Frenchmen out of the College, and literature. The works of the late not think that they intended to be and to impart the blessings of religious

THE ESTABLISHMENT of the Loroutside city was invited by the regent | etto Community in Canada dates of a chapter to explain the political back to 1847. Toronto was its situation to those privileged ones of cradle, and Bishop Power (a name From the beginning of his episcocourse, the address was wholly par. pate the Bishop had felt the need of tisan, as it was intended that it a teaching order of women to whom should be. We presume that the could be entrusted the education of young girls, and as soon as he found himself established in his episcopal altruistic as to waive aside any city he began to cast about for assistance in that direction. While tical society of men would not have in Europe in the first months of done that. They would have fore. 1847 he had visited Ireland, and took advantage of the opportunity thus afforded to confer with Mother Ball, Superior of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin at Rathfarnham, near Dublin, on the educational needs of his diocese. The result of that conference was an invitation on his part to establish a branch of the Institute in Toronto. This invitation was renewed on his return home in June, and as a result, a little band of five nuns left Rathfarnham on the first of August following and arrived at Toronto on the sixteenth of September, Sister M. Teresa Dease was one of the number.

> IT IS NOT our intention to relate the history of this modest but momentous enterprise. That would be to anticipate the pleasure in store for readers of the book before us. Suffice it here to say that within a fortnight of the Sisters' arrival. Bishop Power died, a martyr to duty, in ministering to the spiritual wants of the fever-stricken immigrants whom a soulless landlordism had cast upon our shores. This left the Sisters fatherless and destitute. But buoyed up by faith, and consoled by the kindness of the little Catholic colony, they opened their modest convent and set about the task com mitted to them. This was the mustard seed which has now grown into a great tree, with branches spreading throughout the Province of Ontario, and into the neighboring Republic. Its history is told in detail in the Life of Mother Teresa; its good fruit is our common possession.

MOTHER IGNATIA Hutchinson was appointed Superior of the little band of religious whom Mother Ball sent out THE PUBLICATION of the Life and from Rathfarnham, and she continued Letters of Rev. Mother Teresa Dease to occupy that office until her death in may be said to mark a departure in March, 1851. By provisional appoint. the Catholic literature of English- ment of Bishop de Charbonnel (who speaking Canada. It is, to the best | had succeeded Bishop Power), Mother of our knowledge, the first instance M. Teresa Dease then became Superin which the appals of one of our jor, which appointment was later Religious Orders or the life of a ratified by Mother Ball. hus, on Founder have been written in extenso, St. Joseph's Day, 1851, began that long stewardship of almost forty garded as the pioneer in a most years which was to be so full of merits interesting and important depart- to her who was its custodian, and of ment of letters. In saying this we blessings to those who were its are not unmindful of the many objects. "I have seldom met a religvolumes of conventual history and lous," wrote the venerable Father biography which French Canada has Dowd of Montreal, at her death in to its credit. Quite a literature has 1889, "who had the spirit of her callgrown about the persons of Vener- ing in the same degree of perfection able Mother Mary of the Incarnation, she had. She was governed habituand Venerable Margaret Bourgeois ally by a spirit of faith, of simplicity for example, but these treat of a and of fervent love of God, and an period anterior to the advent of the anxious desire to see her Community English speaking races to Canada work alone for the honor and glory and touch Ontario or the Maritime of God." And that has been Provinces not at all. The Life of the characteristic of the Institute

> wards occupied by the office of the Attorney General of Ontario, and demolished some years ago. It was In the interval, houses had been opened at Brantford, Belleville, Lonby other establishments at Lindsay, Niagara Falls, Hamilton and Stratford in Ontario, and at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and Joliet and Chicago in the State of Illinois. Some of these Ontario foundations have for one good reason or another been discontinued, but they all have to their credit a chapter of good work in the cause of Catholic education.

JOLIET WAS the last of Mother proved to be one of the most suc-