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HISTORY OF THE GUIBORD CASE.

ULTRAMONTANISM vs. LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

"Curled is he who maintains that in a conflict between the civil and ecclesiastical laws, the civil law should prevail."—*Syllabus, Eccl. xlii.*

"Individual servitude, however slight, will not satisfy the party now dominant in the Latin Church—the State must also be a slave. No one can become her convert without renouncing his moral and mental freedom, and placing his civil loyalty and duty at the mercy of another."—*Gladstone.*

The history of the Guibord case is one of the deepest interest, and illustrates fully the truth of the above quotations, which appear on its title page. Joseph Guibord, a quiet, respectable Roman Catholic, who belonged to the Institut Canadien, which corresponds to a 'Mechanics' Institute, was with his fellow members denied the rites of the Church at death and Christian burial after it, ostensibly because there were immoral books in the library. The members of the Institute did all they could to appease Bishop Bourget, even sending him a catalogue of books asking that the immoral ones be indicated, but after six months the catalogue was returned unmarked. While the matter was at Rome for adjudication, Guibord was on his death bed, and it was only the night before his death that the information that the general excommunication was sustained reached Montreal, and Guibord died unshriven. Although he owned a plot in the Roman Catholic Cemetery in Montreal, burial in it was refused him; the case came up in the Courts and was appealed from Court to Court till it reached the Privy Council of England, where it was decided in favor of the burial. The corpse was brought to the cemetery gates, but the bearers were stoned away by a drunken crowd; and the last act was the burial enforced by the presence of the military.

This volume will detail every act in this conflict of might against justice and law, and the means taken on both sides to obtain the victory; the interesting correspondence between Archbishop Lynch and Mr. Doutre, the Institut Canadien's counsel, on the justice of the burial; the correspondence of Bishop Bourget on the matter; the judicial decrees; the portraits of the most important persons interested, including Bishop Bourget, Mr. Doutre, Guibord and others; and altogether will be one of the most interesting books lately issued from the press. Price 50 cents.

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