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s Coffey Sir.—Since coming to Canada I have Sir.—Since coming to Canada I have to the since coming to Canada I have the since coming to Canada I have since coming to Canada I have ings and authority of the Church, at the same time sromoting the best interests of the country. Following these lines it has done a great deal of good for the welfare of religion and country, and it will do more and more, as its wholesome influence reaches store Catholic homes. I therefore, earnestly recommend it to Catholic families. With my biessing on your work, and best wishes for its continued success, Yours very sincerely in Christ,

DONATUS, Archbishop of Ephesus,

Adoktolic Delegate

University of ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, March 7th, 1900.

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The Street of the past I have read your
ble paper, the CATHOLIC RECORD, and congrayou upon the manner in which it is published
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re, I can recommend it to the faithful. Blessou and wishing you success, believe me to re-

LONDON, SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1911

HAS THE CHURCH FAILED? We have received a letter from a correspondent who, though frankly critical, is at heart friendly. The tone of his present letter is somewhat of a surprise, indicating a too ready spirit to yield to vague rumor or be the unrelieved victim of deep seated prejudice. In paying attention to the subjects upon which he writes we express the hope that his future letters will be couched in more courteous terms. Whatever intercourse we may have, or however widely we may differ, there are amen ities which we all owe to one another It is with reason that we preface our our correspondent bluntly starts his letter thus: "You have utterly failed-the Catholic Church has utterly failed-to explain its utter failure to civilize and Christianize the nations it has controlled from their infancy." This charge is too sweeping to be forceful, and too indefar as our part in the charge is concerned we may plead guilty, for we admit our inability to do justice to our Mother Church. That we may have utterly failed to explain this pretended failure of the Church is due as much to the notion we have always had and which we still have, that the Church has not failed in her heavenly mission, as it was to the pressing demands made upon our space in less controversial subjects. To our mind the very struggle of the Gatholic Church through all these centuries, her patient life in the catacombs, her combats with imperial Contantinople, her peaceful victory over the northern barbarians, her withstanding Mohammedan floods, her formation of Our correspondent is not so awfully exist in the United Kingdom and in our mighty God must be very fond of or-Mohammedan floods, her formation of national Europe upon Christian prin- independent of creatures that he Colonies—these divisions are a reproach dinary common-place people. He made national Europe upon Christian principles, contain an answer to the unjust is a law unto himself, or to our time, whether they indicate ethicontain an answer to the unjust is a law unto himself, or to our time, whether they indicate ethiso many of them. So might we say that
that he can get along without cal anarchy, or perplexity, or indiffercharge made against the Church. Had it not been for the Catholic Church, the service of inferior creation. If the ence in matters than which none are of He is likewise very fond of the laity. He made so many of them in proportion Mohammedan hordes. not be a vesture of ancient Greek or Roman civilization saved from the wreck were it not for the life-saving crew of Peter. Ingratitude is forgetful of past favors. Ignorance does not recognize the legacy of the ages. What was the condition of Europe when the Church started from Jerusalem to face the Roman Empire? Polytheism ruled the whole world, although here and there a philosopher taught a confused theory of monotheism. Slavery reigned everywhere. At Athens there were 20,000 citizens and 40,000 slaves. At Rome the number became a source of terror. The thing reached such a pass that according to Pliny, the cortege resembled an army. The condition of woman was, if anything, inferior to that of a slave, Against this shapeless mass of darkness, immorality and degradation, the Church set out not only with her heavenly truth but with her regenerative power. She was not contented with diffusing her general doctrines by scattering them abroad hap-hazard in the hope that they would fructify. She developed them, applied them, realized them in institutions which afforded silent but eloquent instruction for future generations. In the three points of poly-theism, slavery, and the dignity of woman the world owes the civilization

The Catholic Record | woven into their laws. She withstood | unation is largely either casheller their semi-barbarous monarchs and was | Protestant. Grave difficulties arose of liberties. If our correspondent refers as to where the provisions of the Council to the present time and the condition of of Trent were promulgated and where dell delivered some opinions concerning society. Europe. Her saints were patterns of formity could be obtained either by the less confusion and scandal in society. virtue and patrons of learning. There laxity of affairs before the Tridentine is no suffering which her devout religi- legislation, or by the introduction of a they do not succor. We repudiate the for all the children of the Church, charge that the Church of God has been, which in the majority of cases would be or is, a failure. Our correspondent less onerous than the decree of the an inspiring function in the parish of assigns as the reason for this failure a Council of Trent, but which would in Norwood, diocese of Peterborough. most peculiar one, that Catholics are too devout to the Blessed Virgin. He England and the English-speaking counselved to eight new promoters of the writes: "My explanation, in one retries, which were free from the ordin- Apostleship of Prayer. Before the cer-God Almighty and I find Him all suffiworthy of a thoughtful man. There is no parts of the world that it is the two hundred and fifty million Caththeir devotion to jour dear Lady and to the fundamental social institution main only ourselves. Then they are the Saints. To say the least our corres- than was the world five centuries ago. lost because of our indifference. pondent forgets a great deal which he The endlessly diverse marriage laws of Two hundred and fifty million Catho-

Europe to-day would be overrun with Eternal Son of God in becoming Man more consequence." It was precisely to the few He called to the holy priest-There would chose Mary of Nazareth to be His promote uniformity, as far as possible, Mother He placed her so near Himself soul magnifies the Lord. We, her has nothing whatever to We accept the odium and take the con-

# THE "NE TEMERE" DECREE

We have been asked why an exception point of view. Every derogation from a of this celebrated decree was made for Germany and not for English-speaking countries. The two points should be kept distinct and will be treated so in

woven into their laws. She withstood ulation is largely either Catholic or HON. JUSTICE RIDDELL ON THE be sent, yet all can and should preach credit for the time and attention she testable phases of degeneracy in the sponsor for their fidelity to their oaths | rightly applying the law of the Church | and for the charters of their subjects' concerning matrimony. Doubts arose ous do not go forth to relieve, no want | new measure which would be the same that the "Ne Tomore less friends. He has but one Mother. What confusion it has so far caused, as He was dependent upon this Mother also the excitement it has aroused is fill an important place. as an ordinary son upon his mother, due to ignorance and prejudice. Not This relationship never interfered with the least good it will effect will be that His transcendental independence of all it will call the attention of thoughtful creatures. So neither does our devo- people that it is high time a brake was tion to the Blessed Virgin interfere with | put upon the down-rushing train of the our dependence upon God. That all most sacred and lasting relation benations should call her Blessed was her tween two human beings. Its simplicity own prophecy. Yet her immaculate is another strong recommendation. It Him, Who is the principle and end of all. be Catholic or Protestant, they must be Our correspondent has no appreciation married before the parish priest or of Catholic doctrine or history in writ- Ordinary, and two witnesses. If the ing as he does. He may charge us with marriage is not solemnized in the presexcess of honor to the Mother of God, ence of the parish priest or Ordinary the marriage is regarded as null and

MARRIAGE LAW In an address to an association in conthe Latin countries of Europe, he is they were enforced only as a matter of the question of marriage. It may be again wrong. Surely he could not blot discipline. In order to have uniformity difficult for a judge to find subjects for is civilization if he tried. Why then deny a uniform law for all Germany. This We think with double reason therefore the Church regained much that she had By this decree special to Germany it all respect. Nevertheless we are surpresent? Not so discouraging, Ex- change in 1908 the legislation which it only Church possessing a law upon the lives. clude from the argument the shocking had adopted in 1906. As a consequence subject. There is an acknowledged not crush her. What the Church has lowing no further departure from the country, where marriage is a sacred rite done for the world has been along higher "Ne Temere" decree. There is no law and not a mere civil contract. If only lines than national or temporal interests. which will not press more or less heavi-The Catholic Church founded and en. ly in some quarters. Uniformity was careful of its marriage laws, as the

# THE APOSTOLATE OF THE

LAITY A few evenings ago I was present at depend too much upon the Virgin in most districts, would necessarily the sermon the preacher read a three countries need is a uniform marriage There are still a thousand million sense in it. It is prejudice and ignor- a confusion and a scandal. The olics how many are lost?" And then ance. If our correspondent has not the London Times noticed this state he asked the congregation a question : Incarnation, the Redemption and the one takes a large view of things, that we fault: He wishes all men to be saved. courtesy to give Catholics credit for condition of greater confusion in regard men. After God and Christ there re-

should remember. In the natural and the States of America, the variety to be lies! Of that number how small a prothe supernatural order there is a ministration which cannot be neglected. same country, the differences which cannot be neglected. hood. And bearing this

priesthood. It is no very novel docyou was spread abroad the words of the yet saved anybody. If the reader general law, but their cogency is insignificant when we look from the higher preach the gospel to every creature, I day. general law is the curtailment of its general law is the curtailment of its usefulness, the admission of its weakness and a precedent for further exceptions, the substitution of the sects were a substitution of the section of the sects were a substitution of the section of t and a precedent for further exceptions.

by example. The Gospel of good deeds gives to the promotion of morality. moral order. The illustrate is the only Gospel men will listen to. Her revelations as to the immorality ments, and more especially what is nection with Cooke's Church (Presby-terian), Toronto, the Hon. Justice Rid-terian), Toronto, the Hon. Justice Rid-St. Peter, the chief of those who were attached to St. Andrew's Presbyterian trol into ridicule, the free use of "sent" to preach, and who certainly Church in this city. A generation ago | the slang of the slums, the covert out from France or any other of these through the Empire the German Bishops addresses. Many of them might have to thought of an universal priesthood, the age because it did not swing into thereto, the printing of the pictures of the pictu countries the memorials of Catholic appealed to the Holy See to promulgate be treated by him afterwards officially. writes to the Christians of his times to line with those who proposed to establish the most notorious male and female dehave "their conversation good among a system of education which she claimed generates, with sketches of their lives them? Why charge the Church with was granted by the Bull Provide that he should have chosen for his disfailure? There is no evidence that the sapientique on January 28, 1906, two course something less litigious than the of you as evildoers, they may, by the ism which sought but the dollar. Church is losing its hold upon the people. After the French revolution people. After the French revolution on the people after the first We grieve and lament when we read of ways present a bold and united front will soon come, when the responsible lost. In number and zeal of clergy, in was enacted that all purely Catholic prised at the sweeping proposition he the misrepresentations and slanders that magnitude of works the French marriages in the Empire must, to be maintains and the certainty under which are circulated against the Church from "Romanism," or the "aggressions of ity will cease giving support and or the community of the commun

> the Catholic laity-a drawing closer of man over eighty years of ceased Archbishop made it a rule that to them: "There is only one

## A HOUSE DIVIDED

apostles.

little parliaments of the sects are Mother He placed her so near Himself that no other creature can come be- issued. The best way to secure this will have all men to be saved, it is meet to discuss all manner of subjects. remembering at the same time that He now in full swing. Once a year they tween them. Our Lord may have countresult was to make no more exceptions. will have all men to be saved, it is pretty obvious that in His plan for the Church Union is presently the theme evangelization of the world the laity and the discussions are quite interest ing. In some form or another it may be Now do not hold up your hands in brought about, but, even if the union is pious horror. I am not advocating patched up, how long it will last is Modernist doctrine. Neither do Isub- entirely problematical. So far as docscribe to the theory of a universal trinal standards are concerned the new combination will have to be but a skele. in the United States. His remarks trine, seeing that St. Paul could write to ton, so that all may be brought into the the Christians of Thessalonica: "From | fondly-hoped for union tent. While the | Canadian publications, especially those average Presbyterian will not be in of the larger cities. Those who, like soul magnifies the Lord. We, her children, bless her, and praise her, and along with her we lay all glory and construct the children, bless her, and praise her, and praise her, and children, bless her, and praise her, and praise her, and children, bless her, and children, bless her, and children her we lay all glory and children her we lay all glory and children her we have a solution of the ch respect at the feet of God, knowing full wish to marry, whether the other party sell that we are all dependent upon wish to marry, whether the other party say of the Thessalonians, that from us average Methodist would go so far even daily papers have degenerated to a "was spread abroad the word of the as to prevent the growing of grapes, Lord in every place," what a different world this would be. But unfortunately produce the cup that inebriates. While reports of the world's doings in the we are too apt to leave this spreading a few of the sects are in favor of a sane abroad of the word to the priests Sabbath observance, which would renof the Church. They are commissioned der the Sunday not entirely a day of fluence for the higher and nobler things This chamber, about 45 feet long, and sequence. Our last word to him is au void. There may be in one country or to preach, we say, as if preaching ever gloom and mourning and uplifting of life. True, we find at the present covered by a plain barrel vault with the eyes towards the blue above us, day many journals still conducted on groined roof at the east end, had long objects that Our Divine Lord told the others there are who would hang a cat Apostles to go into the whole world and on Monday for killing a mouse on Sun-

To-day she is starting again, impover
To-day ished but undaunted, confident and two witnesses. Mixed marriages the Hon. Justice is reported to have said, for the faith. The means are ready to Catholic Church in regard to marriage responsibility in this respect. If the in her cause and the promise of her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as valid, wherever celebrated in her divine Founder. The reason of nized as present conditions is not far to seek.

Rebellion against the Catholic Church

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Germany, provided the parties were olic or any other, has anything what-authority of St. Peter that the best and domiciled in the German Empire. is the cause of most of the difficulties we Here was a decree local in its character pity that the Legislature was purity of our lives. Let the scribbler matter cool, thoughtful consideration meet with in modern history. When a few centuries ago Northern Europe left which cluster about the condition of fers from Quebec. Nor do we see "great is truth and it will prevail." In Ottawa the district meeting of the crusade against the yellow press on the great is truth and it will prevail." In Ottawa the district meeting of the crusade against the yellow press on the great is truth and it will prevail." In Ottawa the district meeting of the crusade against the yellow press on the great is truth and it will prevail." her she recled from the shock. She domicile. It can readily be understood why the Roman Catholic Church was the long run people will judge of our rerecled but she rallied. What about the What about the that the Holy See would be reluctant to singled out to be named unless it is the ligion as they see it exemplified in our we'are told by a press despatch, with will take the initiative? the Roman Catholic Church and her start by forbiddidg the sale of the on the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and State of the new decree coming so soon after partnership between Church and When we look back upon the history of insistence upon the sacredness of Protestantism and intensified by false the decree for Germany, that country although the State assumes complete suffered and endured for two thousand marriages, and decreed that many intensified by false the decree for Germany, that country although the State assumes complete suffered and endured for two thousand marriages had tended to irreligion, Modernism, it must be admitted that the was excepted. It was thought that independence and claims that there is years, we are struck with astonishment but "the papal decree does violence to Catholic Church is the only unfaltering representations were made to Rome by perfect separation. The Legislature that she should have outlived it all, and the sanctity of family life and is in the witness of God's revelation and the only Germany and that for this reason the admits as valid marriages those pershould be now fresh and young and as interest of sectarianism." What a protection for morality and "Ne Temere" decree was made not formed by recognized clergymen. This full of vigor as in the first years of her charming inconsistency! The Catholic Church has to apply to the Empire. There places the responsibility upon the offisociety. The Catholic Church has failed? What is failure? What is no evidence to that effect. on the other hand, there was ample reason not to undo so the only success history has ever wit.

To apply to the Empire. There places the responsibility upon the officiating clergyman, so that his evidence is the decisive point of the validity. From this very point of legislation it is son what had been passed two years the only success history has ever wit. nessed. She does not look for triumph before. The second point to which we to say about the validity or invalidity pass penal laws against her, but kings Temere decree which serves to promote have called attention is the reason why any but very brief ones. The nations the "Ne Temere" decree is applied to Justice be unmindful that the priests of and parliaments cannot tear out the the sanctity of marriage. In the same paper in which this statement appears may withdraw from her; but she was English speaking countries. In promuland with the present of the present her every act is called in question. Her clergymen of the sects, notably in Windenemies are not only the open and avowed sor, Ont., in performing marriages, pay enemies of Christianity, but many pro. little attention to anything save the dowed nearly all the Universities of the greatest desideratum. This unifessing followers of the Master are possession of a license by the contracter to put Caeser in the place of Christ. then to find that a man named Nathaniel Even within her fold there are some who | Self had been sent to penitentiary for would stab her in the back. We have bigamy. He was married no less than "liberal" Catholics who think she is five times. He was allowed out on too far behind the times and would parole, and wanted his wife to live bring her into touch with modern ad- with him again, but being refused, he vancement. We are promised a "great shot her five times and then blew out forward movement" of Protestantism to his own brains. Another case. combat the aggressiveness of Rome. What clergyman in Midland married his we need is a great forward movement of young daughter to a wealthy old spect, would be, they pray to, and ances of the Council of Trent, at least emony there was a sermon, and before Pope, priest, and people in a heavenly and now the judges are busily employed sweeping to be forceful, and too inde-finite to be answered. Let us see what a little analysis will do. So pray to or depend on any being but triple alliance. Given that we can look testing the sanity of Mr. Fraser, the us. The careless, indifferent Catholic papers tell of marital escapades of one cient." As a reason for the Church's law. So complicated and so varied is idolators and infidels. There are milfailure nothing could be given more unthe marriage legislation in different lions of heretics and schismatics. Of conversion. An enlightened and zealyoung, the middle aged and the old; ous laity is now, more than at any previ- and in the majority of cases the result ous epoch in her history, the supreme is separation or divorce. To correct need of the Church. Vocations to the these abuses, the Ne Temere decree faith to admit the position due the Blessed Virgin in the great works of the soft work of the soft was promulgated and the old church etics, and Catholics?" It is not God's special predilection for a community, comes in for a fusilade of shot and shell and not the least noteworthy utterance because of her anxiety to promote heal-Church, he might at least have the are in these days of enlightenment in a It is not Christ's fault: He died for all in Bishop Fallon's eloquent and touch thier conditions in family life. Truly, ing tribute to the late Archbishop Mac. | the deliberations of our separated breth-Evay was the fact of which he reminded ren form a combination of contradictions us, that when Bishop of London the de- As for church union let us say a word no vocation in his diocese should fail of your difficulty: Come back to for want of means. But the call to the Rome. You are now, and always will sanctuary is but the privilege of the be, in the wilderness, so long as you refew, whereas, as the preacher reminded main from out the fold. To make the the congregation at Norwood, there is change easy for you, first become room for all in the ranks of the lay Low Church Episcopalians, the next step Broad Church Episcopalians, then High Church Episcopalians. Then take a good jump and you will find old Mother to the centre of Christian unity.

## THE YELLOW PAPER

We ask a careful study of a sermon published in this issue of the CATHOLIC RECORD, delivered by Bishop McFaul of old walls and revealed the entire plan Trenton, N. J. It deals with the manner of conducting certain daily papers have a bearing too upon some of our lamentable degree. Dignity of expresnews department gave us a press in the fabric which had retained a roof was old days which proved an educative in- what had been a crypt or chapter house. these lines, but there are others, and been used as a storehouse and receptacle the majority, which are produced solely for rubbish. This was cleaned out and for mercenary purposes and pander to converted into a beautiful chapel, and in the vulgar and sensational phases of doing this pains were taken not to dislife. This is a most unfortunate condisplendid example of their lives, that glorification of the little red school tion and bodes ill for the future. When ing. Simple triplet lancet windows led men to God. It is practice, not house, from which God and the things we see a young man carrying home on a were introduced at the sides, an woman the world owes the civilization to possesses to the Catholic Church. The Church is charged with utter failture to civilize and christianize the nations it has controlled from their infancy. There is no nation in Europe at whose cradle the Catholic Church and not watch and of which she was not was not in possesses to the Catholic Church did not was not in possesses to the Catholic Church and the Church aims at in all her legislation is to have uniformity in their Church and the Church all shades of religious their Divine Master, they could point to their United States, we their Divine Master, they could point to their United States, we their Divine Master, they could point to their United States, we their Divine Mas

above suspicion of harboring the the Catholic Church was dubbed behind sneer at religion and all belonging part of all respectable people. Who We might

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS

literary smallpox that comes to us from

THE INVERNESS Courier, in recording the opening of a chapel which, under the auspices of the Scottish Episcopalians, has been formed within the ruins of the ancient Abbey of Kinloss, furnishes us with an interesting resume of the later history of this monument of pre-Reformation Scotland. It was founded by King David I. about the year 1150, and from that time on until the tragedy of the Reformation, bore an honorable part in the ecclesiastical life of the ancient kingdom. It had during the course of its history, been visited by Edwards I. and III., Kings of England and also by Mary Queen of Scots, on her memorable expedition to Inverness and the North. It had been placed by David I. under the charge of the Cistercian Order, then at the height of its renown, and under the fostering care these holy men it was destined to be come the parent house of many other religious establishments, such as Culross in 1217, founded by Malcolm, Earl o Fife, and the Abbey of Deer, founded in 1219, by William, Earl of Buchan. For over four hundred years these houses of prayer continued their beneficent work. succoring the poor and downtrodden spreading the light of Faith and of learning, and contributing in other ways to the advancement of the Kingdom Then the great blow fell.

AFTER THE Reformation, we are told K inloss, like other religious houses, fell rapidly into decay. For some time it was used as the parish church under the new regime, but in 1650, the laird Brodie of Lethen, into whose possession it had fallen, sold the stones to one of Cromwell's officers, for the erection of Cromwell's Fort at Inverness. This. and the ravages of the inhabitants who by that time had been weaned from their ancient spiritual allegiance, soon reduced the magnificent pile to a heap of ruins. Only a portion of the crypt. choir and cloister remained, and, in the further course of time, these too melted away. That they proved a valuable quarry, the field dykes and buildings of orhood, says the Courier, testify to this day.

THE ABBEY in its ruins passed some the possession of the lat Church who is praying for your return Rev. I. A. Dunbar, of Seapark, who being an enthusiastic antiquarian and ecclesiologist, took measures to preserve it from further destruction. He had the walls cleared of rubbish and buttressed; he traced out the lines of the of the buildings; he cared for the longhidden graves of the monks, and forbade [further tampering with these their earthly resting places. For these acts of piety, even if he realized not their full import, the Catholic Scotland, that is, let us hope, again to be, will honor and bless his name. What he left undone he passed on as a legacy to his family, and Mrs. Dunbar has, according to her lights, taken further steps in the long-delayed restoration

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way from its origi design, but having re waste of years duri prey to the iconocla misguided people, i some gain that the despoiling hands. A regard to the ever in towards the old Fai the Church of Eng extent in the Scottis Catholics will be le piety which has dor Abbey of Kinloss, w inspired by its past minds of men gene round of sacrifice as fore the great trage hallowed walls. T time Kinloss may co THE CHRISTIAN G cerned over the st membership which has experienced wi years. That this imaginary, but very by statistics

> naturally a matter erest to the church is receiving closest IN CANVASSING t depressing state of out that the decre run parallel to a d or to a movement to the contrary, it is tricts where the creased rapidly, t holds good, and tha dustrial centres of day Methodism is decline. "Among erally," remarks t is manifest a lange The dominant inter men, speaking gene rather than religiou speak of the minist laity." And the G ish Weslevanism i young people into as it ought to do."

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