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IN ENGLAND, THOUGH, THE POSITION IS VERY DIFFERENT.
DOLLINGER, THE GREAT GERMAN THEOLOGIAN, ONCE DESCRIBED THE
ANGLICAN CHURCH AS A "COLLECTION OF HETEROGENEOUS THEOLOGICAL
PROPOSITIONS TIED TOGETHER BY AN ACT OF UNIFORMITY." TO
WHICH DEAN INGE HAS REPLIED THAT IT IS TIED TOGETHER BY SOMETHING
MUCH BETTER THAN AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT—BY THE NATIONAL CHARACTER,
ADDING THAT IN NO OTHER COUNTRY IS THERE A STRONGER NATIONAL
TYPE AND IN NO NATIONAL HISTORY HAS RELIGION PLAYED A LARGER
PART.

WITHIN THE LAST GENERATION PARLIAMENTARY LEGISLATION HAS
REMOVED ALMOST ALL THE FEATURES WHICH SEEMED TO PLACE NONCON-
FORMITY IN AN INFERIOR POSITION TO ANGLICANISM SO THAT DIS-
ESTABLISHMENT NOWADAYS IS DISCUSSED AS LITTLE MORE THAN AN
ACADEMIC QUESTION.

CONSTITUTIONALLY, HOWEVER, THE KING IS THE HEAD OF THE
ANGLICAN CHURCH, AND FOR THIS TO REMAIN IF SUCH A MARRIAGE AS THAT
PROPOSED IS EFFECTED WOULD CERTAINLY BE INTOLERABLE FOR THE ANGLO-
CATHOLICS AND INDEED FOR A MUCH GREATER PROPORTION OF CHURCH
OPINION.

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