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-Pope Pius X.

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I heartily bless those who encourage this excellent work. PAUL,

Archlashop of Montreal.

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THE CHURCH IN ENGLAND.

It is pleasant reading which our London correspondent furnishes for the readers of The True Witness by his summary of Parliament's consideration of religious processions. We are informed that the Home Secretary has announced in the House that there is nothing illegal in such processions, adding that neither the government nor the police have the power to stop them. This statement renders all the more curious the affair of last summer when it was forbidden to carry the Host in the procession which was to so realistically mark the close of the Eucharistic Congress. It is pleasing to learn, however, that in seeking to make public profession of the great mystery of their faith, the English Catholics were not in any way offending against the law of their land.

THE FRENCH CRISIS.

To Catholics the world over the present state of affairs in France have more than usual interest. The fall of Clemenceau and his cabinet came with surprising suddenness after a violent debate in which Premier played the part of a noisy boy, rather than that of a states-Catholics of France can have but little sympathy with the fallen Premier, indeed, they are apt to agree with M. Jaures in the latter's statement that "with Clemenceau statement disappears the most dangerous man in the republic.' Cabinet which has just re-

signed was formed October 23, 1906, ascertain exactly whether the figures and was reorganized January 4, followed the Cabinet of which M. Sarrien was Premier, M. Viauville was taken previous to the Clemenceau being Minister of the Interior in that Cabinet.

The Chamber of Deputies on March 25 last unanimously adopted M. Delcasse's motion to appoint a Parliamentary commission to inquire into the state of the navy before fresh credits were voted. Prior to this a departmental inquiry had been instituted by the Government, but this was declared inadequate, although M. Brousse, who investigated the navy accounts, reported that millions had been swallowed up without any benefits to the navy; that the highest prices always were paid for supplies and that costly repairs were made to ships which ess. He practically charged, also, that a monopoly existed among the navy contractors, who

nade enormous profits.

At the conclusion of the investiga at the conclusion of the investiga-tion by the Parliamentary commis-sion a report was submitted which was a scathing denunciation of the naval administration for the last ten \$700,000,000 since 1899

The 350 pages of the report ained details of the inefficiency sulting from confusion and red tape conditions, which, the report said nade French naval construction cost twenty-five per cent more than English or German. It was pointed out that ships were equipped with guns of ancient model; that shells of type condemned after serious accidents were still being manufactured, of accommodating battle ships now being built and that there was lack of reserve coal and ammunition supplies at the various ports and ended the complete reorganization of the department.

The debate on the report has be acrimonious throughout, and M. Mia few days ago strongly denounced the naval policy of the government and declared that the public wanted to know why, in spite of the enormous sums appropriated. France had dropped from second to fifth place among the naval powers. Later the announcement of the marine budget for 1910 as 341,495,000f, was prefaced with a strong recommendation that henceforth it should be distinctly understood that detailed plans of proposed war ships should be definitely laid out before credits were asked from Parliament. This was the first effort made to meet the criticisms or the investigating

In October, 1908, Gaston Thom on resigned as Minister of Marine, following a long series of criticisms and a vote in the Chamber of Depu ties deploring the negligence of the department. The growing dissatis faction with the methods of ministry of Marine culminated prior to this in an interpellation in Chamber. M. Delcasse led the tack against M. Thomson and in powerful speech asserted that the long series of accidents in the navy was directly due to 'the administra tive anarchy and culpable negligence of the ravy department.

M. Thomson was succeeded by Alfred Picard, one of France's most eminent engineers, but his assump tion of office did not deter those who had been fighting for reform in the naval administration, with the result that scandals of a far reaching nature have been unearthed

Eugene Georges Benjamin Clemen eau, the retiring Premier, was born in 1841. After obtaining his diploma as a doctor of medicine Paris he realized that his pronounce ed political opinions would, as long as Napoleon III remained upon the throne, inevitably interfere with his career in France. So he went the United States in the early part of 1866, lived for a time in York city, and then became a teacher of French in a girls' school .at Greenwich, Conn., where he met Miss Mary Plummer, whom he mar-

Returning to France a few years later he rapidly made his strength felt in political artairs, becoming a member of the Chamber of Deputies in 1876. He founded the paper Justice in 1880, and during the Dreyfus agitation he defended the imprisoned officer in that paper He became the recognized chief the Extreme Left, and in return opposed all of the republican ministries and contributed to the fall of the De Freycinet and Jules Ferry Cabinets.

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SOME QUESTIONS.

When the Action Sociale gives the French-speaking population of Ottawa and suburbs in 1907 as 3860 families against 1980 English-speaking families, it would be well are true or not, for when the census forming of the parish of St. Aloybut 135 families sius there were found who spoke English. This was corrected later on by other census takers, who found upwards of five hundred families in the three districts. And when the Action Sociale makes a recount, it should be so Protestant families who live in the lower town alone, nor those who with thoroughly French names derstand very little or none of that language, for there are very many of this category. Again, it is be well for the Action Sociale find out how many of those good people not included in these exceptions, help to support the Church for which they want a Bishop of their own race. How much their own race. How much property do they own, how much do they pay in taxes, how much do they contribute to the funds of their churches at Christmas; for example,

The Action Sociale should re-namber while clamoring for a French Canadian, Bishop that the

eased with the election of the late amented Archbishop, although the time of his taking charge the diocese the English-speaking were two-thirds of the population.

It is a noteworthy fact that the Ottawans, who are indeed the only interested parties in the matter, are net particular whether the bishop-to-be will be a patriot or not provided that he speaks both languages, and that they dislike when it comes from terference

HERITAGE OF JOHN CALVIN.

Prof. Emerston says: There is Frof. Emerston says: There is no fact better worth impressing on the modern liberal churches than this: that they have come to be what they are through a development out of the Calvinism they are only too ready to undervalue or to despise. Whatever they have that is most vital to the religious experience tal to the religious experience of to-day they owe, not to the rags of ecclesiasticism that still cling about a timid Protestantism, but to sound, creative principle of reverent liberty that is the best heritage of John Calvin.

Prof. Emerston should read Life of Calvin to see why the dern liberal churches are so ready to undervalue and to despise the acts of one of the worst miscreants the world's history.

RUSSIAN COURTESY GREETS A WRITER.

Polish and Armenian Churches are the Catholic Edifices.

Nijny-Novgorod, Russia, July 2 .-Though the annual fair gives this city international fame, Russia loves it for its natural charms. Like an empress on a throne is Nijny-Novgorod on the banks of the Volga. Between Moscow and how rod on the banks of the Volga. Between Moscow and here, a journey
of twelve hours, it is level; then
comes a range of hills upon which
the city is built. Water and hills
make it beautiful. Where the great
river, flowing down from the north,
touches the foot of the hills it is
joined by the Oka, that in turn is
split by a tongue of land. The city joined by the Oka, that in the city split by a tongue of land. The city split by a tongue of land. At their base proper tops the hills. At their base is the lower town, and opposite on is the lower town, and opposite on in the later than the split by the city of the cit proper tops we is the lower town, and opposite on the projecting point, are the fair buildings and houses of the villagers who live there the year round. The depot is on this point, and after a carriage drive, sail on the river, and ride on an inclined railroad, I found myself finally at a hottel where not even the omnipresent French is not even the omnipresent French is nound myself finally at a hotel where not even the omnipresent French is spoken. But more and more I am learning to rely with confidence upon Russian courtesy—Russian kindness, that like a sunny atmosphere has-en-veloped me since I stepped aboard a Russian steamer in the Bosphorus. The fair will open next month with

The fair will open next month with a representation of Europe and Asia, a representation of Europe and Asia numbering 400,000 persons. Work men are busy getting the shops in readiness for the tremendous amount of merchandise that will be exhibit-ed. The fair buildings contain 700, 000 shops, standing in streets laid out at right angles. They are the property of the yrown and yield as property of the crown and yield nually a revenue of 580,000 roubles ovements are constantly being inviting little parks, drive-ornamented squares and paved s have transformed a barren plain into a pleasant summer fete ground for this mammoth gathering of all nations of all nations. In 1890 a hand-some building was erected for the ac-commodation of the governor, com-mittee of managers, post and tele-graph, Imperial Bank and police, which latter are strengthened by a regiment of soldiers. During the fair strange-looking craft are anchorfair strange-looking craft are anchored here; vessels of the Tartar mer chants

wonders if those fierce trad-One wonders if those here traders, who now, happily, have their barbarous wings clipped by European civilization, think of the time when their ancestors controlled the great fair of the Orient. The scheme of an exhibition originated with the Tartage Away heal, in the thirteenth tars. Away back in the thirteenth century the Tartars Khans held a fair every July in Kazan. The Muscovite princes viewed their neighbors' compercial success with intense envy, and Ivan III determined to try his hand along the same line. Later the head of the present reigning house, Michael Fedorvitch, represented the fair one still larger. ing house, Michael Fedorvitch, reorganized the fair on a still larger
scale and dedicated it to St. Macarie. Fire destroyed the buildings,
and in 1822 the site was transferred to Nijny-Vovgorod. Roofs of
shops, houses and cathedral on the
fair ground are painted a soft green
color, and make a pretty sight when
seen from the heights. Among the
largest exhibits are furs. Persian
stuffs and tea. This last has an
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enormous showing, equaling in value 20,000,000 roubles.
Russia is a nation of tea drinkers. Again and again a have seen business and professional men pause in their work to drink a glass of tea. At every stop along the journey here peasants rushed from the train to have their kettles filled with hot water, while others hurried to the buffet for a glass of tea. The peasant sips his tea with an alternate nip at a lump of sugar, and, if he cannot afford sugar, drops a spoonful of jam into the liquid. The more refined Russianr breaks the lump with a tongs into tiny pieces and sets it with the tea, and others sgain drop sugar and lemon into the glass. At Nijny-Vovgorod, being far removed from European influence, the sugar is more frequently estern with the tea. The samovar is interesting. In the center of the unis a long pipe, around which

weater is held. The samovar is prepared in the kitchen. The pipe is filled with charcoal and lighted, the smoke being carried off by another pipe into the kitchen chimney. When the coals redden the water begins to sing, and the characteristic Russian table-pice is in readiness.

The pure Russian type is seen in Nijny-Novgorod. The men are large, well-built and rugged-faced. They wear full beards, long boots, coat with skirt effect and peak caps. Wristbands and fronts of their shirts are embroidered in colors, the work of wife or mother. Russian women are skilful at needlework. During the long nights of the long winter they make lace, some very beautiful, and with the proceeds support the familiar these these works of the control of with the proceeds support the famithe work sells at a pa-low figure. Dress goods

ly, though the work sells at a pathetically low figure. Dress goods, woolen and linen, are also made by the peasants, every house having its own loom. In Moscow and other big cities philanthropic people have organized associations for promoting the sale of native work, reviving the style of articles used in Russia in the days of the powerful boyards. Lacquer work, which has an exquisite finish and coloring, is much in demand and is done solely by the peasants. It brings a high price. Nijny-Novgorod has two Catholic churches, one Polish, the other Ar-

menian, and located in the market Polish church stands halfway up the hill, and, though small, presents a neat appearance; school and priest's house are within the enclosure of the church grounds. Some day, perhaps, a Catholic church shall stand in its right place upon the grown of the hill a site. upon the crown of the hill, a that is a natural altar. There one may think no petty thoughts; the view is too noble.

The Kremlin, while immeasurably smaller than that of Moscow, has a cituation which in turn exceeds the

smaller than that of Moscow, has a situation which in turn exceeds the Muscovite in picturesqueness. Because cessary—but they lotses considered all these needs there is another which, from the force of circumstances, takes precedence of all the rest: I mean the extension of the Catholic press, at least in certain countries, among which I include France. For if the Catholic press is not supported, encouraged, elevated to the position which it ought to occupy, the churches will be deserted if not burnt, the communities will be expelled the more they are established, and the charitable institutions and the schools themselves will of the level country the Volga's course can be traced for miles and miles, until the broadly-curving wamies, until the broady-curving waterway is lost where sky and horizon meet. Over this vast plain, green with pine woods and early summer verdure, rise little white villages tipped with golden cupolas.

On the crest of the hill and sloping downwards on the north and

ing downwards on the north east side, are delightful gardens that extend for two miles. These shady avenues command the Volga and lure avenues command the Volga and lure one on and on in a desire to catch a last glimpse of the mighty river be-fore it disappears on its long jour-ney down to the Caspian sea. The Volga's basin is five times the size

of France.

Nijny-Novgorod is split with deep ravines that are splendidly terraced and so high is each division that when descending one's head is apt to grow dizzy. In addition to the various lines of stairs and driveways by which to ascend to the upper town, there are two inclined rail ways. Nijny-Novgorod is a manu facturing town and has a large manket for the exportation of flour, iro salt and naphtha.

ELIZABETH ANGELA HENRY.

THE APOSTOLATE OF THE PRESS.

Deep Student Speaks as One Who Knows.

One of the best and most concis One of the best and most concise presentations of the widening obligations of Catholics with the widening reach of the agencies of publicity is the following article contributed by the Rev. Charles Plater, S.J., to a late issue of the English Catholic Times:

"Some duties are quite obvious.
They are the same in all ages and all countries. Men may neglect them, but they cannot overlook them Everyone knows that he has duties Everyone knows that he has duties to his children or his servants. Every Christian knows that he has duties to his neighbor. Other duties arise to his neighbor. Other duties arise from circumstances, from changed conditions of society. The principles on which they rest may be clear enough, but the application of those principles is not noticed. We were quite clear that we had duties to our neighbors, But it never struck us that we had more neighbors than us that we had more neighbors than

to by the highest authority. We protruck than the proper in this article to quote some of the words in which it has been brought before the Catholic body. In a subsequent article we will describe some of the methods which are being employed on the Continent with much success in order to fulfill it. we used to have.

"Our neighbor, in the Christian sense of the word, is any one we can reach—any one who comes under our influence. In feudal days a man had not many neighbors. In the modern democracy he has neighbors beyond count. For in the modern beyond count. For in the modern democracy he can influence 10,000 people where his ancestors could only influence a dozen. He may not have the entire control of their lives as the feudal child had control of the lives of his subjects. But he helps to shape the conditions which control their lives.

"Society has, in fact, become con-fluent. Everybody has a little in-fluence on everybody else. We can scarcely move without causing a rip-ple which has some effect, however scarcely move without causing a ripple which has some effect, however infinitesimal, upon all our fellow-citizens. This is not a bad thing in itself. True, it means that evil action penetrates more wickly than it used to. But it also means that good acton spreads over a wider field. In any case, a new set of duties has sprung up—duties quite as imperative as the old duties (which still remain) towards children and servants. But the new duties get overlooked. It is only by degrees that they impress remeselves on our attention. We cannot so easily see the result of our neglect of them. Yet the result of a general neglect of them set of the disastrous. There is no disguising the disastrous in the control of them is disastrous. There is no disguising the disastrous to recognize that we have helped to bring it about Tree. WARM WEATHER WISDOM

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"There can be little doubt, for in-

There can be little doubt, for instance, that the disasters which have overtaken the Church in France might, in large measure, have been averted if Catholics a generation ago had started building up a sound and effective Catholic press. The fact is recognized on all hands now. It was recognized by men of incident

recognized by men of insight a generation ago. Listen to the words of M. Baudon, the President General of the Conferences of St. Vincent de Paul Thomas de Conferences of St. Vincent de Paul Thomas de Conferences of St. Vincent de Paul Thomas de Conferences of St. Vincent de Conference of St. Vincent d

Paul. They were written in 1875 to the Catholic Committee:

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sufficiently understood by Catholics.

They dream of building churches, forming communities, multiplying refuges for orphans and the poorworks which are evidently most necessary—but they forget that besides all these needs there is another which.

lished, and the charitable institu-tions and the schools themselves will be taken away from the religion which has founded them.
""Short of a miracle, the efforts of Catholics will be useless as long as the press is in the hands of their enemies."

"Can we acquit of all responsibili-

ty for the present calamities in France the men to whom this re-markable prophecy was uttered?

GERMAN CATHOLICS AND PRESS

"At least we can give a large share of the credit for the strong and splendid organization of German Catholics to the men and women who during the last generation have taken to heart their duties to the Catholic press and labored to propagate it. Their work is seen in its results.

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"The influence of the press is, of course, beyond all calculation. Men in these days are dominated and shaped by what they read, and more especially by their newspapers. Insensibly their daily reading colors their minds and determines their preferences and opinions. And remember the enormous scale on which this operation is daily conducted. No other form of influence can compete with it. A lecture or sermon may reach a few hundreds. A newspaper will reach tens and hundreds of thousande.

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couple of brief extracts.

"With no less insistence we renew our advice that you should labor with as much zeal as prudence
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by their daily reading of newspapers' (Letter to the Bishops of Brazil, 1899).

"'Among the means best adapted to the defence of religion there is none, 'in our opinion, more efficacious and more suited to the present time than that which consists in meeting the press by the press, and thus frustrating the schemes of the Bishop of Vienna, 1883).

"The saying of the same Pontiff that a good newspaper is a perpetual mission in a parish' is well known.

"And his successor is no less emphatic in his exhortations to support the Catholic press. It will be romembered from the successor is no less emphatic in his exhortations to support the Catholic press. It will be romembered from he once took the stylograph out of the hand of a Catholic journalist kneeling at his feet, and blessed it with these words:

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"For we have it in our power to extend the influence of the Catholic press almost indefinitely. And the Catholic press has it in its power to shape the thoughts and the lives of unlimited processors." unlimited numbers of people. ence we can water the world if we ke. We have an unlimited number journalist. I bless the symbol of your office. My predecessors used to consecrate the swords and armor of Christian warriors. I am happy to draw down blessings on the pen of a Christian journalist.' like. We have an unlimited number of neighbors—and a corresponding field of duty towards them. But the duty is not clearly understood in this country as it should be, though it has been emphatically enunciated by the highest authority. We propose in this article to quote some of

EVERY CATHOLIC'S OBLIGA-

might be multiplied. Texamples might be multiplied. We will only point out in conclusion that this duty of supporting the press is one which obliges all Catholics, practically without exception. Some of course are in a position. tion to do more than others. But every one can at least buy a Ca-tholic paper each week and pass it on when done with to a friend. If all were to do this the gain would be enormate.

"The exhortations of Pope Leo XIII on the matter have been collected in a useful pamphlet of forty pages (Leon XIII et la Presse'), published by the 'Bonne Presse' of Paris. We have only space for a couple of brief extracts.
"With no less insistence we have the company of the be enormous.

"The clergy have been called
in a particular way to employ
abundant opportunities in this
rection. The Archbishop of abundant opportunities in this direction. The Archbishop of Tou-louse, for instance, has sent round a 'questionmaire' to his clergy in which the first nine questions out of fifteen deal with this matter of which the first nine questions out of fifteen deal with this matter of the Catholic press. The clergy are asked whether they have instituted in their parishes committees to secure the wide circulation of Catholic papers. A well known Sulpician Father has said that the support of the Catholic press is, for a priest in charge of souls, 'an obligation less precise but no less grave than that of saying the breviary, preaching the Gospel, and administering the sacraments' ('Reglement de Vie Sacerdotale,' by M. Gontier). A distinguished Spanish Bishop (Don Lopez Peleaz) has said precisely the same thing, and has, moreover, written a book which brings home this obligation to Catholics in every position of life.

"Enough has perhaps been said to show that the obligation is a very porting the Catholic press is a very

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At a dinner held in the recent meeting Union, Ireland, Mgr General of the dioces General of the diocest England, who was ed, said that they ed, said that they from England and ving faith of the palways found it a latheir souls in the can which they had times their efforts a most useless and the most useless and the When they came ove the keen, vigorous f ple they went back rage and with fresh could hope would be wards, as all labor sooner or later. C Browne said: "As a stranger an

"As a stranger an midst, I have to man idst, I have to man idst, I have had an oppoor so on Irish soil, the earnest tribute I car which we in England cause of elementary education have been strengthened and are strengthened and are fence of our rights liamentary party. the dangers of irre ances in public. Well ances in public. Well public assembly, and warning of this after tainly say what I w where, what I have England, that without the Irish Parliam against the forces opeducation, even Christ in England, we will be a supposing forces white passed over us like a and left no signs of Catholic schools after the contract of the co