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### Love's Sacrifice.

Love's Herald flew o'er all the fields of Greece, Crying: "Love's altar waits for sacrifice!" at And all folk answered, like a wave of peace, With treasured offerings and gifts of price.

Toward high Olympus every white road filled With pilgrims streaming to the blest abode; Each bore rich tribute, some for joys fulfilled, And some for blisses lingering on the road.

The pious peasant drives his laden car; The fisher youth bears treasure from the sea; A wife brings honey for the sweets that are; A waid brings roses for the sweets to be.

Here strides the soldier with his wreathed No more to glitter in his country's wars : There walks the poet with his mystic word, And smiles at Eros' mild recruit from Mars.

But 'midst these hearers of propitious gifts, Behold where two, a youth and maiden, stand: stand:
She bears no boon: his arm no burden lifts,
Save her dear fingers pressed within his
hand.

So fair-so strong! Ah, Love! what errant Have brought these two so poor and so un-blest? But see! Instead of anger. Cupid smiles: And lo! he crowns their sacrifice as blest!

Their hands are empty, but their hearts are filled;
Their gifts so rare for all the host suffice;
Before the altar is their life-wine spilled—
The love they long for is their sacrifice.
—John Boyle O'Reilly.

# HOLINESS OF THE CHURCH.

Further Reply to the Strictures of Dr. Briggs.

Catholic University, Washington, November 16. The articles reviewed by me last week do not limit their lament to the supposed inefficacy of the Church as a teaching authority; they complain, moreover, that she fails to give evidence of the holiness that should adorn the bride of Christ. The earnest souls who find so little in her doctrine find still less in her example. "The Church," says Dr. Briggs, "has lost the confidence of the people in its sanc-

This surely is a serious state of things. Nor is the situation in any way relieved when we ponder the promise of Christ to be with the Church "all days, even to the consummation of the world." What profits His abiding or the indwelling of the Holy Spirit if the people have decided that His mission is no longer her mission, His life no longer her life, His character no longer her character? Granting even that the gates of hell have not prevailed against her, it is bad enough that the gates of public opin-ion are shut in her face, and worse still that seekers after Christ have been forced to find Him where His body, the Church, is not. The sepulchre is there and the seals, but the real Christianity has gone forth in the life of a new resurrection. Is the last error worse than the first?

Let us admit frankly that there is a deal of room for improvement in the lives of most people; that with an increase of honesty, purity and charity the world would be better off; that Christians, in a word, could afford to become more Christ-like. Make the become more Christ-like. Make the admission as sweeping as you will, what follows? Is there anything novel in the need of reform? History answers in the negative. The same necessity was felt in the Garden of Eden, and will continue to be felt as long as Adam has descendants. Christ limited from the continue to be felt as formed of the people deal more of patient suffering, of daily personal intercourse with Him some of the angestles would need reform. some of the apostles would need reform or get beyond it; but this knowledge did not prevent Him from purchasing the Church with His blood. St. Paul was aware that not all the Corinthians were models; yet he maintains that the Church is without spot or blemish. And much as we admire the "heroic periods" of the Church, we cannot read St. Cyprian or Eusebius without feeling that the rule of heroic sanctity was well confirmed by the exceptions. For all that there was no panie; the Gospel tound its apostles, and the faith its martyrs, and every virtue its glorious examples, though some were "alienated" from the Church.
But now, we are told, it is among the

alienated, among those who have lest confidence in the sanctity of the Churck, that the Christ-like select are to be found. Here at least is novelty We read of the old-fashioned saints that they often had doubts as to their own holiness, and, like St. Paul, were fearful lest, after preaching to but the anxiety of the medern elect is have been gathered from that first have been gathered from that first principle of Lutheran morality, and shakes their confidence is the hopeless condition of the Church on the score of sanctity. Verily they must be aiming exceedingly high; and yet their sight is not sharp enough to perceive the truths at their feet. For they cannot pretend that their ideal of holiness of their standard of judging is of their standard of judging is higher than that proposed by the Church, and if they acknowleds, asylums and schools is to be taken as a proof of sanctity. Catholics have practically the short age is on their side and if the alleged lack of confidence should take an introspective turn. At any rate, since they are so solicitous about the Church, they might lend her their the Church is an of the Church of the Chur others, they should become cast-aways. higher than that proposed by the Church. And if they acknowledge if they have gone aside from the Church, with a short measure of sancthe Church, they might lend her their support and help to "restore confidence"

common sense is shown in judging human institutions than in the critical as frequently now by prayer and faith LAND.

THE GREAT CHANGE IN IRE- Mr. Gladstone, could have availed but little.—frish World. cism passed by the fastidious "aliens" upon the Christian Church. Everybody sees, for instance, that there is a vast amount of political rottenness in our land; yet no sensible American loses confidence in the Constitution. At most, the self-respecting citizen will hold aloof from politics, in which case he displays less zeal for his country and less aversion for corruption than the man who grapples with the evil. In like manner they who are sincere in their love for Christ will cling to His Church simply because it is His. In the shortcomings and sins of its members and its rulers they will recognizea fungus of human weakness which has sprung up in spite of the healthful life of the Church, and which has only to be lopped away in order to bring out that life in vigor and beauty. And what is more, they will make sure, before passing censure upon others, that their own lives are blameless and their intentions upright. Such a spirit of reform is at all times welcome; for it strives not to alienate souls from the Church by shattering their trust in her sanctity, but to make them sharers in her sauctity and thereby draw them more closely to her. Success will attend this effort in pro-

portion to the skill which the reformer uses in bringing the Church into contact with the age, preserving the substance of what she teaches and commands, yet modifying the accidental forms to meet actual needs. But in this continuous departation which is this continuous adaptation, which is an evidence of vitality in the Church, a limit must be recognized. It is use-less to imagine that the moral teaching of the Church, modify it as we may, will ever completely satisfy the world. We might as well talk of making the two horizons meet. It is equally hopeless to think of sanctifying people in spite of themselves; the service of God and His salvation must be free. When a man stands off from the Church and says, "Make me holy if you can," any answer to such defiance is as senseless as the challenge itself. And when people, as more commonly happens, pursue their own way with a sort of half-readiness to embrace Christianity in case it should veer round to their course, no amount of tacking and doubling will overtake them. This is not mere speculation; it is a survey of actual conditions in which people who are dissatisfied with the Church most often indulge. Failing to note the boundaries fixed by passion, wordliness and indifference, they bewail the narrowness of the Church and "lose confidence in its sanctity.

It is unfortunate, perhaps, that evil in its manifestations overshadows what good may exist in the world. Holiness is not always on dress parade, nor is virtue given to self-advertisement. Filth gathers in heaps on the high way, while jewels remain hidden. Hence it is that moral statistics are always imperfect, and that the vicious side of humanity is uppermost to the superficial view. Within the Church itself sanctity is for the most part discipline or ceremonial. Then we secret; but it is none the less real, may hope that the Church will have unknown masses who hold fast by the Church than among the sensitive critics who confide so much in themselves. "This is a practical age," says Dr. Briggs; "the Church is judged by its fruits." Very well, but be sure you get at the fruits before you judge. Be sure that the sins of churchmen and the vices of church for the sure and the vices of church for the sure and the vices of church for the sure of the members and the general good-fornothingness of church organization are the results and the only results of fidelity to the Church; then withdraw your confidence and invest it wherever you think best.

Br. Briggs has applied this gospel criterion in a way that dispenses me from making a distinction which ought to have been noticed before. His allusion to the Protestant idea of salvation without good works, his accusation that "the churches have been slow to engage in Christian work," and that the Church has limited its conception of salvation too much to the future life," make it clear that he is not talking about the Church. What fruits

as frequently now by prayer and faith as in the earlier days of the Church. Even those who have not been so fav-Wm. O'Brien's Lecture on "The Future of the Young Men of Ireland."

and soul, which are often more painful than disease, find a remedy in the sacraments or are turned into sweetness at the foot of the altar. They under stand, too, how the same channels of grace produce exquisite flowers of and, needless to say, the change is stand, too, how the same channels of grace produce exquisite flowers of virtue, of whose existence the world never dreams. For all religion, in the last analysis, is the triumph of the last analysis, is the triumph of the supernatural; and it is no marvel that the world tied down at its best to the

the world, tied down at its best to the natural, should fail to discern the exnatural, should fail to discern the excellence of anything higher, much less to appreciate the sources from which that excellence is derived. So it is rare that we find writers outside of the Church who can detect with the delicate sense of a Ruskin the hidden beauties wrought by the art of God upon the clay of our humanity, or who observing the effect, can point without hesitation to the cause. All the glory of God's house is from within; they who view it from without can the work of Irish National self government has begun. "The victory of which I would speak to you to night," said he, in his address at Cork, "is not one to be hoped for, or even to be fought for. The victory is here already, and it is summed up in the fact that the Irish masses, from being a horde of helots in their own country, have become its masters. Popular power is still only in its infancy, but the infant is born. It is waxing fat and kicking."

glory of God's house is from within; they who view it from without can have but a faint idea of the reality.

Dr. Briggs seems to labor under just such a difficulty. "The Roman Catholics," he tells us, "have held forth the counsels of Christian perfection for the attainment of a chosen few who are called to be saints \*\* \* but the Roman Church as a body has been content with ceremonial sanctity."

This statement is misleading. One would think that the Catholic Church had set aside the solid wall of the decalogue and contented herself on the one hand with a trellis-work of "perfection," on with a trellis-work of "perfection," on agent was there, and the Irish tenant, with a trellis-work of "perfection," on the other with a frippery of ritual observance. As a matter of fact, the Church says to every one just what Church says to every one just what Christ said to the young man mentioned in the gospel: If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments; if thou wilt be perfect, practice the counsels.

Would risk such a terrible penalty, and would risk such a terrible penalty, and would risk such a terrible penalty. wilt be perfect, practice the counsels. She can afford to tell men this because consequently the so-called Irish repre-sentation in Parliament was a fraud she can offer them the means of attaining the highest perfection. But that the Roman Church as a body has been content with ceremonial sanctity will landlords, men who in the House of landlords, men who in the House of rather surprise Catholics, who gener-Commons had never a word to say in ally find that the observance of ecclesidisapproval of government in Ireland astical law is a pretty serious "ceremony." There is no doubt a wealth of In fact, the whole "representation" of ritual in the Church that is not found Ireland in Parliament in those days in the denominations. So long as men are not pure spirits, grace must come

are not pure spirits, grace must come to them by outward signs, and so long as the senses are open to impression, religion must see that some impressions at least are of an elevating contribution. religion must see that some impressions at least are of an elevating sort, if only course, the magisterial bench — were to offset numberless others that kindle the soul to passion and sin. But to infer that sanctity, for that reason, is merely ceremonial, is to mistake the means for the end.

Dr. Briggs closes his article with a glimpse of the "more comprehensive and more efficient Church plan," which a question would be raised in Parliament by some of the "Irish" liberal men in all the denominations members.

are setting about to devise. When this shall come to pass "conformity to Socially the ascendency of the minority Jesus Christ in character and service was everywhere the same. "Men (that is, Catholics and Nationalists)." says Mr. O'Brien "looked around for a policeman before singing a national song. Wherever a young Irishman's was the work of the same badge of own ideas on this point? Then there is no need of any Church. Is the monopolies. The Bar was a forcing-Church itself to show forth Christ and the manuer of serving Him? Church itself to show forth Christ and the manuer of serving Hin? Then she can do so only in her doctrine, discipline and ceremonial. Conformity to these will, therefore, be conformity to Christ in character and service. This, at

ago. It is vastly different to-day. The landlord and his power have been swept out of Irish politics. A landlord, any rate, is what He meant when He told His apostles, he that heareth you swept out of Irish politics. A landlord, heareth Me. This, too, is the abiding unless he were a good Nationalist, would have no more chance now in twentyeight out of the thirty-two counties of Ireland of being elected to Parliament than a Nationalist had in any part of divine authority, sanctity and catholicity of the Church. As to the problem Ireland in the days when landlordism was king. Landlordism as a power in national or local politics in Ireland is of evil among the members of the Church we need no better solution than the one given in St. Matthew xiii., 24,30, "Suffer both to grow dead, and the power of the people has taken its place. There is an over-whelming National majority in the until the harvest." Now the harvest Parliamentary representation; the city 'Veritas" in Philadelphia Catholic and town councils and other public oards all over the country, the Orange North-East corner of four counties xcepted, are overwhelmingly Nation

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To the people of London, and, in-

### THE NEW HOSPITAL.

deed, to those as well who reside in other parts of the diocese, it will be welcome news that the new St. Joseph's Hospital, a magnificent, thoroughlyequipped and commodious structure, occupying the highest and choicest spot in the city, has been formally opened for the reception of patients. From the very inception of the scheme to erret an hospital, the ecclesiastical to erect an hospital, the ecclesiastical authorities and the community of St. Joseph have been actuated by one controlling motive—to make no mistake in its erection—to put up a building embracing all the modern improvements, and containing features which are a convenience to the medical profession and which aid them very materially in the performance of their duties. From almost any point in the city the h spital may be seen, towering above all other buildings, on that beautiful northern eminence of Richmond street. There is perhaps not in the Province another site better adapted for the purpose. Not only is it most healthful, but it likewise possesses a charm for the convalescent peculiarly its own because of the magnificent view to be had from all sides, the pretty Forest City to the south nestling in its myriads of maples, and the east, west and north supplying a picture of pastoral beauty not surpassed in any other part of western Ontario. It is most satisfactory to all concerned to know that the efforts of the Sisters of St. Joseph have been fully appreciated, as the new building is now almost fully occupied with patients. To the sick it will be a haven of rest and of comfort, and kind hands will be ever ready to assuage their suffering, while the most eminent doctors will be in attendance to do all that lies in the power of medical science to procure restoration to health. We need scarcely say that creed, or nationality form no bar to admittance. All who are in need of treatment are welcome within its portals. All are treated with the same consideration, its plan of operations being based on that broad and beautiful and divine model laid down by our Redeemer.

On Wednesday morning of last week the building was formally dedicated and blessed by His Lordship the Bishop of London, after which, at 8 o'clock, he celebrated the holy sacrifice of the Mass. Besides a number of the laity, there were present, assisting the Bishop, Rev. Fathers Turgeon and Proulx, members of the Society of Jesus, Montreal, and Fathers Tiernan, Gahan, Noonan and McCormick, of the cathedral.

We sincerely wish the com-munity of St. Joseph most abundant success in this grand enterprise God has favored their work in the cause of education and charity in this diocese; and as their lives are entirely devoted to His service, may we not hope His all powerful hand will be ever uplifted to guard and guide and

Rome is on the throat of Brantford A diligent search was made through the city pay rolls. In the City Hall itself all was well. There was a Pro testant clerk, the city moneys were looked after in a thoroughly Protestant manner; Protestant relief was given to the poor, and a Medical Health officer of the right stripe attended to sanitary matters in the manner pre-scribed in the Protestant text-books. The presence of a Protestant janitor removed the last lingering fear that Catholics might be doing tancy drill in the basement. The fire halls were inspected, with a like satisfactory result. There were nine firemen, and according to the percentage of Catho lies in the population, one fireman and a half ought to have been of that persuasion; but it appeared that no person who owed supreme allegiance to any foreign king, potentate or ecclesiastical power had authority to squirt water at either a Protestant or a Catholic conflagration in Brantford.

The search, however, was thorough and at last the police-force was discovered to be the place where the hierarchy was doing its fell work. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty; yet the Protestants of Brantford, in the language of the document circulated by the P. P. A., had ceased to be vigilant, and in conscious strength were either intently chasing the almighty dollar or quietly dozing while they swiftly drifted towards a more tremendous crisis than the city had yet known. There was a Catholic on the force! The liberties of Protestant boys were at the mercy of a man who owned supreme allegiance to a foreign king, potentate or ecclesiastical power. It is impossible to say how many of these boys had been consigned to a Brantford dungeon for whistling "Boyne Water" with intent to intimidate, while nothing whatever had been done to Catholic youngsters who warbled "Garryowen" or "St. Patrick's Day in the Morning," with

of Brantford to commit breaches of the peace. The secret, intolerant and aggressive efforts of the "religio-political organization" to destroy our blood-bought civil and religious liberty were further evidenced by the annual payment of \$3 100 to Cathelia annual payment of \$3,100 to Catholic laborers. A board of sixteen Alder-men was found to contain no fewer than one Catholic. If such things can happen in fees happens in fees happen in fees happen in free, happy and prosperous Brantford, there is no saying in how many cities, towns and hamlets the hand of Rome is working. It is clear that a great educative campaign against firemen, policemen and clerks who are sworn to obey the foreign potentate is the only thing that can save the country, or at least give the P P. A. something to do.

## CATHOLIC PRESS.

Cleveland Universe. In the course of an address in Balti-

more on Sunday, His Eminence Car-dinal Gibbons, gave expression to these timely reflections on the interde-pendence of the rich and poor, and of the desirability of some recognized agency for the equitable adjustment recognized of the relations between the two classes: "The benefactor of the ages to come will be he who reconciles cap-ital and labor. There should be no conflict between capital and labor, for, if the laboring man depends upon the capitalist, so capital in a great measurse depends upon the laboring man. Capital would be of little use without the labor of the workingman. wealthiest men in the land would be poor indeed if they had no friend to greet them or no toiler to labor for them." He expressed the hope that the time would soon come when some well-conceived and impartial tribunal would be established for the settlement

of grievances of labor and capital and put an end to strikes, which are so disastrous. "Never are the prerogatives of the capitalist better safeguarded,"he said, "than when the correlative rights and privileges of the workman are recognized and vindicated. Catholic Columbian The consolations of the Catholic faith are exhibited in marked degree at the bedside of the sick. There all the courage of a Christian heart needs a

strength that human means cannot afford. The doctor may follow the patient's illness until the fatal moment arrives, but then the minister of God is the Angel of mercy and hope whose presence is illumined by the light of faith. The Catholic asks for the priest, as the spiritual physician, sooner than he calls upon the healer of the body, for he understands how much more important it is to cure the sin-sick soul

than the disease laden body. "Yes," said a Protestant physician to us recently, "I meet more Catholic priests at the houses of the sick than any their sick more frequently. Boston Pilot.

Bob Ingersoll, in his Shakespeare lecture, last Sunday night in Boston, testified unwittingly to Shakespeare's Catholic parentage. "Shakespeare's father," said Ingersoll, "seems to have

ant services who were thus reported.

Ave Maria. The duty of Catholics in regard to all forms of organized religious intolerance is pointed out by the Sacred Heart Review. It would be well if our contemporary's wise and moderate words could find a general hearing at this time: "The duty of Catholics is plain. We appeal to them, and to the Catholic press all over the country, to put into practice now the Christian principles which we profess. Let us cherish no angry thought nor speak any angry word. Let us live on quietly and peaceably, even under this attack upon our liberties and our common rights ; hating none, injuring none, bearing no malice, and having no thought of revenge. Curbing and stifling the natural indignation and resentment that men must feel at such an invasion of their rights, let us quietly await the revulsion of public sentiment, and the return of that better and saner feeling sure to come when the first outburst of unreasoning prejudice shall have spent its force, and men shall have returned to reason. moderation and common sense. look forward to that this ness and certain confidence, well ness and certain pot far off. Meanlook forward to that time with calm time it is in our power to disprove, by our conduct and our daily lives, all the false charges brought against us and our religion." There is no people on earth quicker to repudiate injustice once it is recognized than our own The present revival of bigotry will pass, and the Church will be all the better for it.

God bless the cheerful person—man, woman or child, old or young, illiterate or educated, handsome or homely! Over and above every social trait stands cheerfulness. What the sun is to nature, what God is to the stricken heart, which knows how to lean on Him, are cheerful persons in the house or by the wayside.