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ENGLAND THE BISHOP OF SALFORD'S STRICTURES.

A bold utterance, which will, we trust, says The Catholic Times, find a hearing from all for whose benefit it was intended, was that of the Right Rev. Dr. Bilborough, at the meeting of the Manchester Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The Bishop, in terms which left no room for doubt or question, pointed to what he properly called the great evil of Catholic society in this country. In effect His Lordship said: You wealthy Catholics—at least a very large proportion of you—think you can save your souls whilst following out mere Epicurean ideas. Your motto seems to be: "Eat, drink, and be merry" and reduce religious duties to a minimum. You avoid contact with poverty, live in comfortable suburban houses, and seek pleasures not only on six days of the week, but often on seven. Do you not know that in the big cities there is flowing a great tide of life, and that there your presence is needed? The waves of religious indifference are washing away the weak and the young. What are you doing to help them? Have you no practical sympathy for them? The miseries of the poor are trying to fish and blood. Why are you not offering solace, if not tendering assistance? Youths, who are as yet without experience in life, are surrounded by temptations. Why have you not held out to them the friendly hand which they require? You are afraid your respectability would suffer! Away with your respectability. What we want is genuine Christianity. This, our readers will agree, is an excellent sermon, and we are sure it will cause some useful heartsearching.

PAPAL HONORS.

Extraordinary interest will be excited amongst the clergy and laity throughout the country by the following announcement: Father Herbert Ignatius Beale, T. O. S. F., Nottigham, has been created a Protonotary Apostolic, and Father Howarth, of Corby School fame, a Domestic Prelate, both with the title of Monsignor. On hearing this news we telegraphed to Father Beale asking whether we were correct in calling him "Monsignor." He replied: "My title is Right Rev. Monsignor, Protonotary Apostolic, 'ad instar participantium,' Beale." As a Domestic Prelate of the first class Father Howarth is entitled to be addressed as the Right Rev. Monsignor.

REQUIEM MASS AT PRO-CATHEDRAL.

A Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Pro-Cathedral, Kensington, for the repose of the souls of the Catholic officers and men who have fallen in the South African War. Bishop Lindley, D. S. O., was the celebrant. Father Grosch was deacon, and Father Timothy O'Brien was sub-deacon. The War Office headquarters staff were represented by General Kelly-Kenny, C. J. Major-General Lye, C. V. O., C. Auld, and Col. Dunn. A party of the Irish Guards, numbering 30 under Capt. Lord Settrington, marched from the Tower, and parties of Grenadier, Coldstream, 1st and 2nd Life Guards were all present, besides large numbers of civilians. The service, which was deeply impressive, was prefaced by the Dead March, and concluded with Chopin's funeral march.

FRANCE

THE RIDDLE OF OFFICIAL RELIGION.

M. Waldeck-Rousseau, President of the Council of Ministers, has been surprising some of his parsons and others as well, by his utterances in the Chamber recent about the Church in the Far East. People talk in this connection of the "conversion" or the "evolution" of the French Premier. Waldeck-Rousseau is, however, carrying out the ideas and the system of his old leader, Leon Gambetta, who was ready to persecute priests and monks at home, but to support them in the Colonies and in foreign countries. The Premier said in the Chamber that "intellectuality" was introduced into the East by the Church, and he added, "Je ne dis rien la qui soit extraordinaire." Exactly. Now, M. Waldeck-Rousseau thoroughly well knows that the Jesuits have been the pioneers of this "intellectuality" in distant Oriental countries. They were followed by the Lazarists or Vincentians, and by the devoted men of the French Foreign Missions. But the Jesuits have long been spreading light everywhere, "from China to Peru." West as well as East; yet M. Waldeck-Rousseau has driven them out of France in order to please M. Joseph Reinach, M. Guyot, and a half dozen other sectarians and Dreyfusards. Republican inconsistency is veritably amazing. We have another proof of it in M. Loubet, who is a good Catholic, like his wife, but who has to stand by

while monks and nuns are driven out of the country. Madame Loubet attended a marriage in the Church of St Sulpice the other day. The parish priest, M. L'etourneau, paid a high tribute to the President and Madame Loubet, who were formerly his parishioners, and "whose benefactions were gratefully remembered by the Society of Saint Sulpice." "How comes it," asks a Conservative paper, commenting on the statement of M. L'etourneau, "that so excellent a churchgoer as M. Loubet can allow his Government to persecute religion?" M. Loubet, like M. Waldeck-Rousseau, is in the hands of the sinister Freemasons and Freethinkers, who have been controlling the Republic for years.

Some of these men have lately been attacking not only the Jesuits, but other evangelists, in China, and have made them responsible for the rising of the Boxers. It was also stated that some of the French missionaries plundered Chinese dwellings. Their lies have been indignantly repudiated by heads of Mission Houses in Paris. One of the most virulent haters of the missionaries is M. Hubbard, who reported on the China Loan to the Chamber. This Deputy has been practically answered by a priest of the Foreign Missions Society of the Rue da Bac, who has given to The Gaulois a list of the missionaries slaughtered by the Boxers last year. All the murdered priests were young Frenchmen who had left their country and faced inevitable death. At their head was Mgr. Guillon, Bishop of Manchuria, who was murdered on the altar of his church, and died with a blessing on his lips. Father Bettembourg, of the Vincentians, has also replied to some of the lies propagated by the anti-clericals.

IRELAND

PRIESTS AND THE GALWAY ELECTION.

The Catholic priests of Galway were opposed to the Nationalist candidate in the late election. That, however, does not save them from the Daily Express, which has the following to say about priestly influence at the election: "Is it a fact," asks this contributor to the flood of Ardilaun sympathy with Mr. Plunkett, "that a large number of the supporters of Mr. Lynch were illiterates, who were taken to the polling booths by their priests? All sorts of stories are current, and everyone knows perfectly well that illiteracy is a pretence with a number of coerced Irishmen, who are driven by means of it to announce before a reasonable priest how they intend to vote. This intention is often far foreign to the desire of the voter, and the first thing towards a regeneration of Ireland

CANADA AT PARIS

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LORD RUSSELL'S LOVE OF COUNTRY.

In the biography of the late Lord Russell of Killowen, Chief Justice of England, by R. Barry O'Brien, it is said the writings of Thomas Davis were the source from which Lord Russell drew political inspiration. One sentence of the brilliant Nationalist leader was always on his lips—"In a climate soft as a mother's smile, on a soil fruitful as God's love, the Irish peasant mourns!" Lady Gilbert (Rosa Mulholland) writes of Killowen in those days:

A visit which I paid to Killowen in my eleventh year is an era in my life. There I made acquaintance with the first grown-up young people I had ever known, and I found them delightful. Their simplicity and their high ideals, their kindness and charity seem to me now, looking back, as most remarkable. Charles paid a flying visit to Killowen while I was there. I remember walking with him on the mountain against the breeze, repeating aloud Davis's poem "Sweet and Sad," which at his desire I had learned by heart to "say" to him. But I remember the emphasis with which he gave forth the stanzas:

But 'twere better be  
A prisoner for ever  
With no destiny  
To do or to endeavor--  
Better life to spend  
As martyr or confessor  
Than in silence bend  
To alien or oppressor!

Another poem which he admired greatly was one on Davis's death. Two lines he repeated again and again:

Not even to save the rare cargo of  
Truth  
Would he cast out a part of the  
storm.

It was under the influence of these ideas that he chose his career in life. During the brief period as an attorney in Belfast he helped Denis Holland to edit The Ulsterman. The clerk in the office of the paper at the time was "a smart, gentlemanly young man" named Richard Pigott. When he was called to the Bar he had to decide between Ireland and England. He chose England for reasons set forth in a letter to the mother of the Irish girl he had won for his bride:

If, he wrote, without compromising any opinions I hold sacred, I could remain in Ireland, endeavoring successfully to practise my profession—even though the business might be less—though the emoluments might be smaller—I would gladly, so gladly, say to myself, "I'll remain in Ireland to do or die!" It can't be so. I'm not romantic in these notions, but because of no risk whatever would I now that we are speaking out our minds on this subject withhold the expression of all the views I have in the matter, and the reasons on which those views rest, and therefore I say plainly it's impossible to strive for success at the Irish Bar, standing on neutral ground—you must either go with the tide or oppose it—the first with my ideas rings no honor, the latter is impracticable. Who are the men who live of late years risen, especially amongst the Catholics, to places not are reputed stations of honor and dignity? Men who rose because they forgot their early instincts high shot right up like the young upling unbent by the gardener's rature, or who, if they didn't forget, then acted as if they did; men who did dirty business (excuse the word) for the people in high places id so got their wages; men who, amongst their brethren, were not eminent for learning and genius, but only remarkable for the sldingness of their opinions, and a profession which once reckoned great men in its ranks and now marked for its independence uld now be more than fifty characterized for its servility and its sense of public virtue. But you say, "You speak of those who have aimed judgeships and such like; these are not aimed at by you, id, not being aimed at, you can't fer the inconveniences you point t." Again you are right; it is—my ambition extends to a ent competence honorably obtained; but, unhappily, the same cancer is widespread, and though many, many honorable men are in its ranks, yet as a whole the profession in Ireland is tainted with the servility spoken of—and can it be otherwise? If there be poison in the spring, you must expect it in the stream.

A SENSIBLE OUTFIT.

A lady who is about to accompany her husband on a long automobile tour kindly disclosed to me the other day the arrangements she intends to make for her comfort. The heavy baggage she intends to send on by train to await her at different centres. What she and her husband want on the journey will be carried in two waterproof holdalls, strapped on to the car. She is having a special motor-car coat

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