

DESTINY.

Awake! awake! Old England,
Rise from thine island lair;
The sun of Empire dawning
Gleams on thy dew-wet hair.

Out stretched they limbs majestic,
Peal out thy thunderous roar;
Thy lion brood will greet thee
From every sea and shore.

They share thine ancient ardour,
Proud mistress of the sea,
For truth and honest dealing,
Thy love of liberty!

And where thy sturdy offspring
Have wandered far or near,
Their British pluck and industry,
Have prospered year by year.

Until the pulsing life-blood
Of hearts so bold and free,
Begets a people yearning
For Nationality.

Temptations now beset them—
Foes from behind, before;
Her children look to England—
They wait the lion's roar.

The royal invitation
From out the lordly den,
Like sound of distant thunder,
Or tramp of armed men;

The royal invitation
To the lion brood afar,
To share the royal burden—
Be it peace or war;

To share the royal honor—
Bright guerdon of the day—
When England and her offspring
Shall join in equal way.

Awake! awake! Old England,
Rise from thine island lair;
Thy lion brood are longing
Thy destiny to share.

—T. E. Moberly.

Archbishop Cleary Again.

(PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL.)
The Palace, Kingston,
February 24th, 1900.

To the Rev. and Rev. Clergy of the
Diocese of Kingston:

DEAR REVEREND FATHER,—Should there be any Catholic rate payers in a Separate school section in your district who by a reason of absence from home, or any cause other than a wilful anti-Catholic determination to withhold his taxes from the Catholic school, has not signed the notice to the clerk, you should see that his name be registered as heretofore on the assessment roll of Separate school supporters. For it is not absolutely certain that every Catholic failing to sign the notice may be assessed for the Protestant schools, although it seems very probable he may. All Catholics ought therefore to be registered as Catholic school supporters in the absence of positive declaration to the contrary, as has been done for the past thirty or more years. This is moreover the fair and reasonable interpretation of the wish of every Catholic ratepayer.

If unhappily there be any Catholic ratepayers who in this hour of conflict between the kingdom of Satan and the kingdom of Christ, deliberately choose to side with the enemy for the gradual destruction of Catholic education in this province, I hereby charge you as the pastor of the souls of your people and guardian of the right of Jesus Christ and His church, to call upon every such ratepayer before the 1st of March, and announce to him in my name and authority as his bishop that:

A TERRIBLE WARNING.

1. His action in this matter is rebellion against the Church, and he comes under the anathema pronounced by the Son of God: "If any man will not hear the Church let him be to thee as a heathen and a publican."

2. That I hereby reserve to myself alone, or in my absence from the diocese to the administrator for the time being, all power of absolving such schismatic Catholics from his sins, unless he shall have signed a written declaration or ordered it to be signed by his agent, that he heartily repents of having injured the Church and vandalized his neighbours by his withdrawal of his taxes from Catholic education and shall have promised to become a supporter of the Separate school at the earliest opportunity. On receipt of this declaration in writing, any priest of my diocese may absolve him.

3. This reservation of faculties applies to the article of death as to any other time. The rule that "No case is reserved at the hour of death," signifies that only penitents who at that hour confess a reserved sin, and are heartily sorry for having committed it, and firmly resolve to avoid it in the future, and moreover are willing to repair in the manner prescribed by the Church, whatsoever scandal their evil action may have given, may be absolved by any priest without awaiting special faculties from the bishop. But neither in life nor in death can a sinner be validly absolved without true contrition for his sins, and firm purpose of amendment and reparation, as far as in him lies, of the injury done by him to individuals or to the Church, even in "articulo mortis," so long as they persist in their rebellious disposition and refuse to sign the written declaration aforesaid, or order it to be signed in their name. And should any of them unhappily die in that state, I hereby ordain that no public mass shall be offered nor any public prayers said for his soul, nor shall his corpse be admitted into the church, nor any bell be tolled for the announcement of his death or burial, nor shall it be lawful for any priest to attend his funeral.

4. The pastor of each mission is hereby required to send to the bishop as soon as possible a list of names of all, should there be any who have declared against supporting the Separate schools.

AN EXPLANATION AND REQUEST.

DEAR REV. FATHER,—I have not deemed it necessary heretofore to make the withdrawal of support from Catholic schools a reserved case, although the other Bishops of the province have done so. In the present crisis, however, when Satan has raised a violent agitation against the church, and has chosen the school-room for his battleground, there is exceptional danger to our people, many of whom may be seduced from the path of duty by the misrepresentations of an irreligious press and the cajolery of party politicians, or by personal inducements supplying pretexts of one kind or another for deserting the cause of Christ and ranging themselves on the side of the enemy.

I confidently hope you will succeed in preventing this evil in your district. If after the 1st of March any of your people be found registered through neglect or any accident on the assessment roll of the Common schools, see that they protest in the court of revision. When sending me the list of renegades mark (x) the names of such as may be reasonably excused on account of the excessive distance of the Separate school or any other fair cause and state exactly to me the truth or falsity of the excuse.

† JAMES VINCENT CLEARY,
Archbishop elect of Kingston.

[We publish this remarkable document, which bears intrinsic evidence of genuineness, and would only say that if our Roman Catholic countrymen can stomach such language, they are living proofs of the stultifying effects of ecclesiastical training.—Ed.]

The Ultramontane Programme

La Verite formulates the Ultramontane programme for the coming elections in Quebec. The Ultramontanes are to form a Centre or third party in the Legislature so that they may be the better able to impose their views upon the Chamber. Some of the planks put forward—there are ten in all—are sound and reasonable enough. For instance, the party will endeavor to improve the existing methods of agriculture; to protect the forests, and guard the interests of the settler from the encroachments of the lumbermen; to enforce economy and honesty in the management of the provincial finances; and to secure the abolition of the system of feeding the newspapers with Government patronage. The rest of the platform, of which a brief summary is appended, reads like one of the fulminations of Pope Pius the Ninth:

1. Out of the Roman Catholic Church there is no salvation either for nations or for individuals. Hence the social and political life of the people should be made to conform to the laws of the Church, more especially to the teaching of the Pope, who is its indefectible head; and the statute-book and political institutions of the country should be purged of everything which she or he condemns. In particular, it is necessary to wage unceasing warfare against Liberalism, Freemasonry, and other secret societies.

2. Education is a domestic and religious, not a political or governmental question; hence the church is alone entitled to have charge of it.

3. French Canada has been miraculously preserved by Heaven for a special purpose, namely, to play in America the part which France, when she was truly Catholic, played in Europe. It is essential, therefore, that the French language, French institutions, and the French national character should be carefully guarded and upheld. As a corollary of this proposition, it is necessary, for the people to maintain and enlarge the sphere of their provincial autonomy, so that a steady political development may go on, until at the hour fixed by God they shall take a place among the independent nations of the world. Consequently, every true French-Canadian should oppose a fusion of races in the Dominion, as well Federal centralisation, Imperial Federation, and annexation to the United States.

4. As has been said above, it is highly desirable that Quebec should obtain a wider measure of self-government, or provincial rights. On the other hand, that phase of the provincial rights doctrine which allows the English-speaking majorities in the other provinces to deprive the French groups of the use of their language and of the other privileges guaranteed to them by the constitution, should be resisted and put down.

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