

IS FAITH DECAYING?

CATHOLIC WRITER PROVES THAT IT IS NOT.

In a recent issue of the daily Tribune of London, there appeared an admirable "Open Letter" from Mr. Hilsare Belloc, M. P., an English Catholic, on the alleged decay of faith. The letter was addressed to Mr. Masterman, M. P., who like Mr. Belloc, is a man of deeply religious temperament, and of much distinction as a litterateur. It was called forth by something written by Mr. Masterman in the Speaker.

"You!" writes Mr. Belloc, in this letter, "say that (as you conceive it) the Christian religion is in perill, nay, that the immortal battle is now decided; that the quiet enemy has conquered and no army will return to oust him; that we shall not hear again the horn of Roland."

"Your words are clear; you speak of 'the passing' of a whole civilization from a faith in which it was founded." You speak again of 'a Faith that is slipping from the horizon of mankind.' Let me detain you upon these things.

"Have you considered the Irish? Here is a people scattered over the whole earth; they live chiefly in the great cities where the influences of which you speak are most strongly at work. They have been till recently proletarian of the proletarian. God has distributed them to live among the worst of his creatures—among the rich of Liverpool and Chicago and New York, whom Christ risen from the dead can hardly save. Can you not see that the Irish are a sign? Their nation exists. They have a territorial base. Their sacred island approaches every day more nearly to decent and Christian government, and they themselves throughout the world are increasing in comfort, in influence, and in security. What is of yet greater importance they are increasing rapidly in numbers. Where there were none, as in London or in Philadelphia, there are now many, where there were few as in Sydney or Melbourne, or San Francisco, there are now a multitude, and soon to be a majority. Nor is this people of the sort that pose for martyrs offerings. Their churches rise daily over. They are not literary Christians; they are of Faith, combative and exultant. Their altars do not grow impoverished.

"The temples are empty or profaned, they grow daily more resplendent with all the ends of the earth; and almost in proportion as the Irish are to-day wealthy, dominant, and governing almost in that proportion do they, I will not say submit to, but proclaim and blazon that by which man kind may achieve at last its salvation."

"Now you may tell me that all this is a sort of rhetoric (so it is and small blame to it), but that you would have something more. I will however, tell you two stories one of which is probably true the other certainly.

"It is said I cannot be certain that it is true, I have not been to Rome myself to verify the matter but it is said that the Pope kept laid upon before him upon a desk perpetually a page from the writings of that high writer De Maistre. They say he keeps this page for a short and repeated daily reading. Here is the passage:

"The altars are deserted. More reason that powerful governor, not to be despised, which is not only the weapon of the intelligence, but it is also our human power of integration, our judgment, and almost our sanity—more reason has every temporal chance in its favor that it will sweep the field; and if it will it will make a carpenter's bench of the Cross, and Jesus Christ will be partially forgotten and wholly lost as are more literary figures. But what if the Faith should rise and lift this Antean thing, this human judgment from the earth, the common soil which is its only strength? What if the Faith like Hercules, should lift humanity up in one of those spasmodic wrestling strains which its own history proves native to it, and should so keep it off the plane of this world that at last the Faith, and not reason should conquer? For the Faith is a demigod, Patru Deus."

Time goes by never to return. The use made of today will form its record for ever.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Ottawa Citizen. In congratulating the three eminent gentlemen, Lord Stratford, Sir James Fitzgerald, and Mr. John Rade, who yesterday were made the recipients of the highest academic distinction in Ottawa, in acknowledgment of distinguished public service, the Citizen would especially note the pleasure and gratification which all members of the literary and newspaper fraternity throughout the Dominion will view the bestowal of so well deserved a mark of recognition, in the case of Mr. John Rade. To be regarded by the late John Sparrow David Thompson, as the first writer of sonnets on the continent of America, and to have his verses especially commended by a Whittier, a Bryant, a Gillilan and a Matthew Arnold, is in itself an achievement worthy of commemoration in the career of a local author; but when to this are united Dr. Rade's many years of service—commencing as far back as the early fifties—as the literary and historical critic on a daily newspaper, of the close and character of the Montreal Gazette, his master hand being recognized in every issue of the paper, the sum total constitutes a wealth and length of literary employment such as few men now living can be credited with. As we happen to know, however, the use of this ready and gifted writer finds employment in other fields in addition to those we have mentioned, and in which ever direction they are engaged whether as a writer of pamphlet, book or magazine or review, it is not first as well as his last thought, is given to the good of his country not from a party but from a national standpoint. Not alone for past service, but for service to come the University of Ottawa is entitled to thank for being the first to recognize the rare scholarship, eminent talents and extended public service of this most deserving man of letters.

DIocese OF LONDON.

PROCESSION AND ADDRESS. After Benediction on Sunday June 24th a number of leading men of St. Mary's church, Maidstone, approached the sanctuary rails and presented their pastor, Rev. Father McCabe, with an address and purse previous to his departure on a two month's trip to Ireland.

Mr. P. Cunningham presented the purse while Mr. Jas. McCaulliff read the address which was as follows:

Maidstone, June 24 1906. To Rev. P. McCabe: Dear and dear Father—On this the eve of your departure for your native land, we, the

parishioners of St. Mary's church, Maidstone, take this opportunity of tendering to you some evidence of the esteem in which you are held. Although you assure us that your stay will not be for long, yet we shall miss you and a prayer will be offered for you on the safe return of our beloved pastor.

During the time of your stay here you have endeavored to make us by your unselfishness; the zealous care you manifest in managing the affairs of our parish; and the interest you take in education of our children and care of the sick and aged. While we have been often remiss in our duties, kindly believe that many were done through carelessness rather than from any unwillingness of heart to do so. We trust to do what you have done for us and realize that your labors are not in vain; but hope in the future to lighten your burden by our hearty cooperation.

In conclusion, we beg of you to accept this purse as a slight evidence of esteem and respect in which we hold you. With its dear Father, accept what we trust will be a pleasant and profitable trip to the land of your birth.

Signed on behalf of members of St. Mary's church, Maidstone, Chas. Kavanagh, P. Cunningham, James McCaulliff, Frank Cahill and Robt. A. Halford. Father McCabe, in a few well chosen words, thanked the people of his good parish, and accepted the gift, while he assured them that though absent he would always remember his parishioners, but especially the Irish people when offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. He looked forward to soon return, raised a little higher, and ready and able to carry on his many improvements around the church.

DIocese OF ALEXANDRIA.

BISHOP MACDONNELL CONSECRATED. Alexandria, June 25.—A most imposing ceremony took place in St. Finnan's cathedral, on Sunday, June 25, when Right Reverend William A. Macdonnell was consecrated Bishop of Alexandria. The function was the occasion for a gathering of four Archbishops, two Bishops and many secular clergy, Redemptorists, Jesuits Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Basilians and other orders. The Mass was read by the Right Reverend Bishop, and the consecration was performed by the Bishop of Alexandria, the Bishop of Cyprus, the Bishop of Sicily, and the Bishop of Malta. The Bishop of Alexandria was assisted by the Bishop of Cyprus, the Bishop of Sicily, and the Bishop of Malta. The Bishop of Alexandria was then proclaimed Bishop of Alexandria, and the ceremony closed with the reading of the Gospel and the singing of the Mass.

Elaborate preparations were made by the church and the lay people. The town of Alexandria was fully decorated with flags, bunting and lanterns. A large number of Bishops, Clergymen, and laymen, from all parts of the diocese, were present. The Bishop of Alexandria was accompanied by the Bishop of Cyprus, the Bishop of Sicily, and the Bishop of Malta. The Bishop of Alexandria was then proclaimed Bishop of Alexandria, and the ceremony closed with the reading of the Gospel and the singing of the Mass.

After reaching the cathedral the Bishop, followed by visiting priests and Bishops, marched to the cathedral and there Bishop Macdonnell received the formal expressions of devotion from his people. Mr. J. A. Macdonnell, stepped and presented a series of addresses on behalf of the English speaking parishioners. All the societies followed, and finally came the most touching welcome from the children. It was read in a clear ringing voice by Master Lawrence Connolly, Rector of St. John's Church, and it was a most beautiful address, not because it did not contain any of the most beautiful passages you have made beyond my expectations.

"I was chosen against my will for this office," he proceeded, "for I feel unequal to the task." Accepting the office under such circumstances he was not in a position to sing Alleluia as was the custom, and he wished that God had been kinder to him. He was gratified at seeing the Scotch, Irish and French unite in the welcome and express their sentiments in harmony. Very few of the parishioners, Canadian had reason to be happy and loyal for the joy of the present situation in the world.

After Benediction the gathering dispersed and the clerical consolation were dined in the palace. THE CONSECRATION CEREMONY. The consecration ceremonies began at 10.30 Sunday and lasted over three hours. The Bishop, accompanied by a large number of Bishops, Clergymen, and laymen, from all parts of the diocese, were present. The Bishop of Alexandria was accompanied by the Bishop of Cyprus, the Bishop of Sicily, and the Bishop of Malta. The Bishop of Alexandria was then proclaimed Bishop of Alexandria, and the ceremony closed with the reading of the Gospel and the singing of the Mass.

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THE LATE MICHAEL DAVITT. At the regular meeting of Branch No. 2, C. M. B. A., Woodstock, Ont., held June 2, the following resolution of condolence was proposed and carried unanimously: Moved by C. L. Henderson, seconded by Patrick Deane, that this Branch have in view of the death of the late Michael Davitt, a distinguished and able Irish leader, and a man of great courage and ability, who was devoted to the cause of Ireland and of the oppressed, the following resolution be passed: That the members of this Branch be requested to send a complimentary card to the family of the late Michael Davitt, and to express their sympathy for the widow and family of the deceased. The resolution was carried unanimously.

THE SHARERSHOLDERS' MEETING. The President moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by the Vice-President, Mr. Thomas Flynn. The President then spoke as follows: "You will see by the statement now in your hands that the bank has been successful in its first five months' business. The net profits for that period being equal to 10 per cent on the average capital paid up for the same term, which was about \$600,000. A dividend at the rate of 6 per cent per annum has been declared, and paid, and the balance placed to profit and loss account."

WHERE THE DEPOSITORS COME IN. The depositors of The Home Bank of Canada may read with satisfaction that the sum of nearly ten millions of dollars of the public money which the bank holds is placed so as to be readily convertible into cash. In fact the great bulk of this money is a cash deposit with the bank. Something over three million four hundred and thirty thousand dollars are secured by collateral loans on stocks, bonds and debentures, and the money is therefore returnable to the bank at any time it may be demanded. Of the remainder over \$300,000 is in debentures, and the balance, nearly \$700,000 is actual cash. The current loans to business men, and other discounts for their accommodation, is a small item, in comparison, amounting to \$284,000.

A Representative Meeting. The meeting was called to order at noon. Among those present were: R. E. Bull, T. H. Bull, John Batio, Wm. Cook, E. Crocker, Lieut.-Col. John I. Davidson, Arthur R. Denison, Daniel Fitzgerald, Major F. A. Fleming, Thos. Flynn, Hon. J. F. Foy, K. C.; Edward Galley, E. G. Gooderham, W. J. Green, James Gunn, M. J. Haney, C. B. Widdow, Joseph Hybson, H. T. Kelly, W. T. Kernahan; Wm. Lavote, Paris, Ont.; Lieut.-Col. James Mason, Isaac Moody, W. Parkyn Murray, J. Cooper Mason, R. L. McIntyre, Dr.

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The Toronto dailies seem to have given a good deal of attention to the prosperous affairs of The Home Bank of Canada. The fact that this institution has already paid a dividend, after only five months' work, is something unusual.

The annual meeting of the Home Bank of Canada, which was held at the Home Office, on Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, was a most interesting event. It was attended by a large number of shareholders and the public.

It was moved by Mr. Wm. Cooke, seconded by Mr. M. J. Haney, C. E., that the President, Mr. Eugene O'Keefe, should take the chair. Seconded by Mr. Widmer Crocker, the General Manager, Lieut.-Col. Jas. Mason, should act as Secretary. The Secretary then read the directors' report.

The directors beg to present their report, showing the result of the business of the bank for the period ending the 31st of May, 1906, and its position on that date. "In accordance with and under authority of the resolution duly passed for that purpose, the bank on the 31st of December, 1905, took over and assumed the liabilities of The Home Savings & Loan Company, Limited, consisting entirely of deposits amounting to \$3,389,675.27, and received from that company assets of equal value.

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MARRIAGES AND DEATHS. Marriage announcements and death notices in condensed form not exceeding five lines, fifty cents.

MARRIAGES. KENNEDY CAROL—On June 18th, at Allmouth Ont., by Rev. Father Newman, Mr. L. Kennedy, of St. Mary's parish, Allmouth, to Miss Elizabeth Carroll, daughter of Mr. Thos. Carroll, of the parish of Huntley, Ont.

TEACHER WANTED. TEACHER WANTED FOR SCHOOL SECTION No. 4. Duties to commence after the summer holidays. Apply stating salary and experience to J. R. Hamilton, Agt., Ont. Sec. Treas.

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