

THE SOCIETIES.

A DEEP LAID SCHEME.

The Manner in which the Masons Hoped to Deceive the Pope.

When Rome fell an easy prey to the Piedmontese army in 1870, and the Temporal Power of the Popes was annihilated, it was well expected that the Catholic world would not look on the transaction unconcerned. Therefore, to quiet their conscience and to make them acquiesce in the fact, it was thought advisable in the Liberal camp to make professions which would appear plausible enough, but which time, and circumstances of a higher order, could be depended upon to bring to nought.

The first profession was made by the Law of Guarantees, which promised to leave the Pope pretty much in the position temporally where he was with the States of the Church. He was to be a Sovereign enjoying the same honors and privileges with the royal person of the King; he was to have not only exterritoriality and independence to himself, but perfect freedom of intercourse with the rest of the Catholic world. He was to appoint Bishops and priests throughout the Peninsula, without the slightest official interference. He was to receive a handsome allowance (3,225,000 lire) a year, quite equal to the wants of his Court. In fact, it was proclaimed to the whole world, and made a constitutional law of the realm, that the Holy Father would be much better off under the arrangement than he was before, and would be saved the difficulties, and loss of dignity consequent on difficulties, which attended the actual government of his periodically troublesome subjects.

This, of course, was depending on his acceptance of such a position; a thing very simple and feasible in the eyes of the unreflecting reader, but a thing which the Masonic wire-pullers knew but too well to be impossible for the Pope. For he is not in reality the possessor of the goods of the Church; he is only their trustee, and, had he bartered his trust for the sake of comfort and peace, he would have surrendered his much exalted position as the representative of morality and justice in God's own name upon the earth.

This, we say, was well known to the managers of the scheme, and the more they were convinced of it the more also they were profuse in liberal offers, which they were sure to incur no risk in making. Then by a doubly perfidious use of the same weapon they tried to diminish the constant flow of Catholic charity to Rome by hinting that there would be no longer need of Catholics taxing themselves for the Peter Pence; if the Pope would only realize that we were no longer living in the Middle Ages and accept the generous offers made to him by the Italian Government. Part of the same plan is the ever-recurring canard about fabulous sums bequeathed to the Pope by equally fabulous individuals.

The moral of the tale is that the Vatican must be compelled to the moral surrender either by violence or by famine.

When the Catholic world, always so slow in their evolutions, began to realize the true position made for the Papacy by its foes, and when pilgrimages and alms, instead of dwindling down resumed their course Romewards with more frequency than ever, then the tactics of the Liberal press underwent a complete change of front: "You see," they now say, "that all your fears were vain. Never was the Pope so truly a Sovereign of souls as since the day he was stripped of the impediments of cumbrous earthly grandeur. Leo XIII. is now greater than Pius IX. ever was previous to 1870." In this there is some truth but it is not owing to that cause. It is owing to the reaction which is now stirring up the Catholics of all nations against the injustice done to their Supreme Head; and if God thus draws much good from evil, the enemies of the Papacy can no more claim credit for it, than Pilate and the Pharisees could, for the spread of Christianity, after their having crucified the Redeemer of Mankind.

But even this last pretence, of having contributed to make the spiritual sway of the Pope more complete and purer, is now shown to be a sham by the last development of Masonic intrigue, which seeks to ruin the influence of the Papacy

on the world. It is instanced in Austria-Hungary, in connection with the marriage law; in France and Italy, with regard to the choice and enthronement of Bishops; and it will be soon resorted to more extensively over the Continent of Europe for laicising the schools, which means the training of the rising generation in practical religious indifference. Stripped of its influence over families by divorce; over the youth by godless schools; and over the national churches by the ever recurring quarrel of ecclesiastical investitures; what shred of spiritual sway will still be left to the Pope in the world of souls? And thus will be reached the primary object of Cavour and the Lodges at his back, when starting the idea of Italian University to rob the Church of the Patrimony of St. Peter.

Now observe how cleverly the scheme is made to work, and how the loss of the Temporal Power is made use of to undermine the Spiritual Authority. The marriage law in the Dual Monarchy is admittedly in a very confused state. A reform is therefore not only praiseworthy, but urgent. That reform may be conducted on purely Catholic lines, and then there would be no rub. But Hungary having been for years, and have still, under Israelitico-Masonic rule, the reform is made as to laicise marriage viz, to ignore the very existence of the Church in a Catholic country (two-thirds of the Hungarians being Catholic). The Church naturally objects. Thereupon it is given out that Leo XIII., diplomatist that he is, only seeks to raise difficulties for the State in order to make the Austrian Emperor more alive to his own requests. Let Austria insist on the Pope's getting his due, and the severity of the Church's discipline in questions of marriage may be relaxed. Thereupon follows quite naturally an exhortation of all good Hungarian citizens not to listen to priestly dictation is itself by interested motives.

The same dodge may be repeated indefinitely, with the same telling effect. Take the schools for instance, and let the Holy Father oppose the so-called National schools. Surely he can't be in earnest. He would make it quite smooth for any Government to become the nation's schoolmaster if that same Government would act diplomatically in the matter of the Temporal Power. Take again the question of religious life, and let the Holy Father hesitate to sacrifice such or such religious order. Surely he could do without them, the more so, since his spiritual sway has been so much strengthened by the loss of his temporalities, but no; the dream of past grandeur seduces him by its glamour. If his Temporal Power were only promised to him, he would find means to gratify all wishes. And the conclusion that naturally arises from that perfidious twaddle, in the unguarded reader's mind, is that the vanity of the old Pontiff must not be gratified, forsooth, at the expense of the welfare of nations.

It is thus that the venom can be made to work both ways, and the cleverness of the deep laid scheme is so well understood by the enemies of the Church that a leading member of their clique exclaimed towards the middle of the present century: "If the Catholic Church escapes this time, I shall be forced to confess that she is really divine."—*Indo-European Correspondence.—Catholic Review.*

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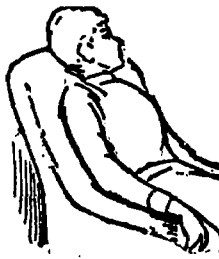
CARDINAL LOGUE.

A Man Fully Worthy the Honor Bestowed on His See.

The interesting and important details which our Rome correspondent enables us to publish in our present issue, relative to the events connected with the elevation of His Grace the Archbishop of Armagh to the ranks of the Sacred College of Cardinals, will be read with no ordinary gratification and pleasure by all classes amongst the Catholics of Ireland. No more happy or auspicious event has occurred for many years in the ecclesiastical history of the nation. It will be observed that Cardinal Logue, himself, in the words which he addressed to the Pope's messenger who bore him the formal and official announcement of the honor which the Holy Father had conferred on him, gave expression to a feeling and a sentiment which undoubtedly exist in this country. High and marked and personal, well deserved and nobly earned, as is the splendid compliment which has been paid by Leo XIII. to our Cardinal Primate, Ireland sees in it a something more; for in it she finds recognition of her nationhood, of her olden place in the chaplet of Christendom, of her ancient repute amongst the nations of Catholic Europe, of her sufferings and her sorrows, of her persecutions and of her martyrs. It is, therefore, not only because of the love and veneration with which Cardinal Logue is regarded by our people that we rejoice at the events which are now drawing the affection of Irish hearts more closely than ever to the Eternal City, that Ireland is proud and rejoicing to-day, but also because she knows that in calling forth from the ranks of our devoted and fearless Hierarchy the great Prelate whom he has selected to join his august councils, to be the confident of his hopes and thoughts for the Universal Church, the Sovereign Pontiff sets His seal upon a great tradition, has recognized the claim which, next to faith, our nation treasures most holily and most profoundly.

While we recognize this fact, however, in the case of our own country, it were ill to forget that it is one which also applies to another and a sister land. It may well be, though we know not that it is so, that Leo XIII. has seen some special cause for joy in being enabled to confer at an identical moment the highest honor in his power to grant upon the ecclesiastical representatives of Albion and of Erin. History may yet record that in what is happening we witness pledge and presage of a coming time when the two lands, long estranged, will tread together, in mutual self-respect and in mutual devotion, a path of power, of prosperity, and of peace. Significant, with a significance the full extent of which the future alone can reveal, may be the spectacle of the first Prelate of England and of Ireland selected at the same moment for equal honor, called at the same time to equal place in the same councils of the Church, kneeling side by side, as it were, by the footstool of the Vicar of Christ, brethren in service, in loyalty, and in rank.

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are linked in a special manner in a living union of prayerful thought for the Sovereign Pontiff, at a time when a large number of our countrymen and countrywomen are about to undertake a lengthy pilgrimage, to bear across Europe the pledges and avowals of Irish fidelity and love, the account which we give of the momentous interview which has already taken place between Leo XIII. and Cardinal Logue will be perused with no ordinary attention. It will be seen that what has occurred in Ireland—the splendid unanimity with which the nation adopted the project of the National Pilgrimage to Rome the moment it was formulated or proposed by the Primate—has deeply moved and impressed the Pope. This is not wonderful. There have been of late years some few who aspersed, who questioned, who feared the stability of Irish devotion to the Chair of St. Peter. Never, not even for a single moment, did such slanders, such doubts, or such timidity, find an echo in the heart or mind of Leo XIII. Father Brandi has lately told the world in the pages of the *Civiltà Cattolica* what he believes to have been the mind and intent of the Sovereign Pontiff towards this Ireland he loves so well. Scarce needed, however, was such interpretation, for dull and dense indeed should be the intellect of him who did not see, in every personal word and act having reference to our country of this greatest amongst the Popes, absolute faith and trust in the loyalty and obedience, in the strong and faithful Catholicity, of her people. The events of the present week are but fresh proofs of a union which is eternal, the reality and binding force of which was never more apparent than now, the sacredness of which has been consecrated by Irish blood, and the glory of which is the most treasured of the heritages of the nation.—*Irish Catholic.*

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JAPAN.

**TOKIO.**—From a recent letter of Mgr. Osouf, Archbishop of Tokio:—"The mission of Tokio embraces the central provinces of the great island of Nippon. The heathen population is about 11,045,000, the Catholics number 9,002 souls."

"The mission is worked by one bishop, 25 European missionaries, 2 clerics, 30 native catechists, 14 Marists (2 priests, 12 lay-brothers), 19 European and 4 native nuns of The Holy Child, 8 native novices, and 11 Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres."

"We have 34 christianities; 40 churches or chapels, a seminary, with two theological students and six in the preparatory course. Besides 4 of our seminarians are studying in the seminary of Nagasaki. The College of the Mariannes contains 51 boarders and 61 day scholars. Our 3 schools for girls contain 79 boarders and 45 day scholars; whilst our primary schools (3 boys', 4 girls', 11 mixed) are educating 1,155 children, (400 boys, 750 girls.) There are 4 orphanages, with 974 children; 7 workshops, with 77 pupils; and 3 dispensaries. From August 15, 1891, to August 15, 1892:—Baptism of adults, 1283; Baptism of pagan children, 504; Baptism of christian children, 193; Pascha: confessions, 3123; Paschal Communions, 2382."—*Illustrated Catholic Missions.*

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Fortune Telling.

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**AN ORIGINAL GIRL.**—Skidd: When you proposed, I suppose she said, "This is so sudden." Spatts: No; she only remarked, "You might have had me a year ago, George."