

and Protestant, grapple fearlessly with this delicate matter and secure the mutual independence of Church and State, the future glory and prosperity of our country are assured.

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KING REDWALD'S ALTARS.

When Edwin reigned in Britain,
And Redwald reigned in Kent,
The news of Christ's religion
Throughout the country went.

Edwin embraced it warmly,
Unquestioning, content.
"I will not be too hasty,"
Said the canny King of Kent.

"It may be Christ is strongest,
And the Devil safely pent,
But till I am quite certain,"
Said Redwald King of Kent,

"I'll give to neither worship
Unqualified assent.
My temple has two altars
(Oh, canny King of Kent):—

"The foremost and the biggest
To Christ henceforth is lent ;
But the small one in the corner,"
Said Redwald King of Kent

"I'll keep burning to the Devil,
That he may see I meant
To do him no dishonor,"
Said the canny King of Kent.

Christians rule now in Britain,
And Christians rule in Kent ;
And men suppose the Devil
Is dead, or safely pent :

But in some secret corner
The most of them consent
To give him one small altar,
Like Redwald King of Kent.

HELEN JACKSON,

in The Century.