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THE CHURCH INVISIBLE AND THE CHURCH INAUDIBLE ?

It has become the fashion nowadays for Protestants to speak of "The Church" not the Churches. "The Church" does not mean the Methodist Church nor the Presbyterian nor the Baptist nor any other. The advocacy of the union of certain Churches has emphasized the evils, the folly and the weakness of division. So preachers who are adepts in avoiding disagreeable facts and would evade the outstanding and paralysing fact of the hopeless division of Protestantism, by insinuation even deny it, by using the comprehensive, indefinite and nebulous term. "The Church."

But what do they mean by the term? What is "The Church"? We are sometimes told that the Church is invisible and made up of all who are imbued with the spirit of Christ. But we are told again and again that "The Church" has a message and a mission for the world; that when peace comes again "The Church" must deliver that message and fulfil that mission. "The Church" must teach the world the truths that will save the world. But how can an invisible Church make itself audible?

Of course the sad and patent fact is that the "The Church" of these vapid orators and writers is not only invisible but inaudible.

In a sermon at the recent Protestant Episcopal Convention in St. Louis the Rev. Dr. Manning, of New York, put the matter before his colleagues with clearness and precision:

"There are only two theories as to what the Church is. Either our Lord Himself founded a Church in this minister and to teach in His name or Lord founded no Church, but left His disciples free to form Churches according to their own notions as they might see fit, in which case the Church has no divine character and no divine authority. And this latter is the position and teaching of most of the Protestant world to-day.

Dr. Manning belongs to that sec-Catholic Church. With that claim we are not just now much concerned. least sets a refreshing example of intellectual honesty and moral courage His name." in squarely facing the question of what "The Church " means,

a Church in this world which has His | tative Christian teaching on the part | their sense of duty. authority to minister and to teach of their Church, that the time can is the first question, the fundamental nize that "the branch" to which and essential question which every honest man and woman in the world the question is of transcendent founded by Christ Himself which has with the fearlessness of Christ Him-His authority to minister and to self "teaches in His name." teach in His name, then it becomes the imperative, inescapable duty of every Christian to seek out that Church, to hear to the voice of Christ speaking through it, and to avail him-

terian or any one of the countless an article, "An Appeal for an Irish churches of Protestantism, or is it Entente," says: all of them together under the indefinite, elusive and meaningless term The Church?" The basic principle of Protestantism, Private Judgthe title in any such sense. As Dr. interests and government. Manning pertinently said:

"Those adhering to this position depended on 'individual conscience' as their authority in religious matters and if this were correct then one man's guess was no better than

If there is anything essential, any thing fundamental in Protestantism, tations it is certain that awkward

any thing which makes it a subject of a predicate at all, it is the boasted principle of Private Judgment. This principle and the idea of a Church founded by Christ to teach in His name are mutually exclusive.

So when Protestants talk of "The Church" as having a message, of the saving truths which "The Church' must teach the world, the world By what authority? When asks they attempt to don the stolen livery of the Catholic Church and to speak with authority they are confronted with their own basic principle, the very reason for their existence, Private Judgment, and the world goes its way leaving their self-contra dictory would be teachers, confessedly without authority, pottering at new doctrines which they fondly hope may be acceptable to the world and not incompatible with the 'modern mind."

With a good deal of sympathy for Dr. Manning and those who with him are trying to uphold the Catholic ideal we may conclude by quoting his pertinent protest against the tendency of his fellow-ministers to mutilate the creeds and formularies which they received from the Catholic Church.

"I hope they will not yield," he to the Pelagian self-confidence and lack of true self-knowledge which appears in the proposal to whose habit it is to trim their sails mutilate the majestic opening of to catch any wind of popular favor invocations of the Litany and to substitute immeasurably poorer forms, so that we may be relieved from confessing ourselves 'miserable sinners in God's sight, and that we may take a step nearer to an entirely comfortable, twentieth century, self-con-gratulatory religion with no unself-conpleasant suggestion of shortcoming or need of repentance on our part.'

> That the majority of Anglicans or Episcopalians either expressly or implicitly adopt the Protestant principle of private judgment is notorious. Many of their spokesmen and writers are frankly and aggressively Protestant.

> Referring to a statement of Dr. Relland, rector of St. George's, in the preface to the Year Book of the Church, Dr. Manning said :

'We have a clergyman of our own Church who takes the Protestant position and relies on his own judgment, asserting in print that the Prayer Book which he uses and the Creed which he repeats at every servce are contrary to truth and common sense.

If this were an isolated case the matter would not amount to much; Imperialist, whatever that may be, but thousands of such pronouncements are made by Anglican preachers and writers. Creeds are flouted as outworn; fundamental Christian And that is obviously and necessarily doctrines are denied; even the virgin birth of Christ, His resurrection, His organization of the Empire. The world which has His authority to divinity are all called into question duty of every intelligent Canadian to and denied or modified so as to eliminate every element of the supernatural, by rationalistic private judgment. And the Church of our who would oppose as for those who perturbed and unhappy friends, that | would promote the project. tion of Episcopalians who believe Israel from attacking the most ele- A good and sufficient answer, so far that their Church is a branch of the mentary Christian truths and pro- as Irish Canadians are concerned, Whatever his position may be he at | ible Church "founded by Christ of all in the welfare of Canada. If

which men like Dr Manning protest, who believe in the divinity of Christ earnest and sincere souls into that solve the whole Irish problem. Church which alone witnesses to the importance. If there is a Church fulness of Christian truth, and which

> IRISHMEN AND IMPERIAL FEDERATION

In a recent issue of the Nineteenth self of its divinely instituted min- Century J. Clerc Sheridan, Commissioner for Revenue to the Union Is it the Methodist or the Presby- of South Africa, during the course of

"As a resident of the Dominions I venture to say a last word on their They look for a consolidation of the Empire by closer organciple of Protestantism, Private Judg-ment, precludes even the claim to central organization of Imperial Their part in the War entitles them to the fullest and speediest consideration of their wishes; and everyone who is in touch with Dominions people knows that they expect proposals of a far-reaching and statesmanlike kind to be brought forward at the close of the War. If they are disappointed or baulked in these expec-

people in the Mother Country to understand or manage the affairs of the Empire."

There is nothing more certain than that the question of Imperial Federation will, after the restoration of peace, be the dominant political question of our time. The term is not a happy one, indeed that it is a misnomer is admitted by many who are ardent advocates of the thing thus named or misnamed. Nevertheless for convenience we shall use the term. The citation above is one of a thousand indications that in all parts of the Empire the fact is recognized that when the War is over the relations of the Dominions to the home countries will come up for readjustment. "Imperialism!" scoffs an impatient reader. Let it be agreed that the term is an unsavory one. It has been cheapened and abused and prostituted to unworthy ends. It often meant nothing but clap-trap appeal to prejudice. Its meaning now is so vague that Imperialists so-called as well as those who proclaim themselves anti-Imperialists know not what they mean by it.

But all this does not affect the question that is soon to come up for settlement.

Mr. Bourassa is not an Imperialist in what sense soever the term may be understood. And yet study of the situation has led him to take a step in advance of many who boast of 'loyalty to the Empire." In the course of an exhaustive analysis of Mr. Lionel Curtis' book, "The Problem of the Commonwealth," he admits, indeed emphatically asserts, that because of the War Canada's present status cannot be maintained his church officiated." when peace is restored.

Moreover, Le Devoir announces that it has made arrangements for a number of volumes of "The Problem of the Commonwealth," which it will distribute to readers desirous of studying a question of such great moment to Canada and Canadians. Whatever may be thought of Mr. Bourassa and the policy of his paper in other matters, in this he sets an example which sentimental Imperialists and sentimental anti-Imperialists alike would do well to follow. An intelligent study of a vastly important subject should precede final judgment thereon.

It is not necessary to be an to recognize that the paramount political issue for all Canadians is the future political status of Canada. involved in the proposed political study the question is not fulfilled by scoffing at Imperialism. And this study is quite as important for those

Church which they claim is a branch In urging the study of this question of the Church Catholic, is unable to we meet with the query, sometimes find a voice speaking in Christ's the indignant query, why should name to restrain even her doctors in Irishmen favor such a proposition? claiming doctrines utterly subversive is that all Canadians, irrespective of of the fundamental notion of a vis- their origin, should be interested first Himself, ministering and teaching in that demands her participation in killed at the same time. the responsibilities as well as the So glaring is this tendency against burdens of the whole commonwealth no traditional sentiment should

in His name" or He did not. That not be far off when they will recog- Irishmen at home and, so far as Irish sentiment influences them, Irishmen they cling is severed from the vine. abroad as well should welcome what lain so could not officiate at the When the inevitable disruption takes is popularly known as Imperial graveside but the body was brought must ask themselves. And for those place there will be an influx of Federation. This would necessarily

we have quoted above continues: " Anyone of clear vision who takes the least pains to think must perceive that there is only one road to Imperial consolidation, and that is way of devolution - wide and entire devolution of all affairs of a local character to locally constituted legislatures or parliaments, Irish, ottish, or English as may be-in order to make room for the organiza tion and working of an Imperial or

Federal Government." Federation but the extent of the selfgovernment for Ireland would be that would satisfy England and great dangers." Scotland. In that case it is certain that Ireland would get a much more

than that now on the statute books. So far, then, from there being any force in the "frish" objection gto Imperial Federation Irish considerations make it extremely desirable.

It is not, at least as yet, evident to vey the news that I am batted out, us that it would be so clearly in the ' middle peg.'

questionings will be suggested in interest of Canada; and it is precise-their minds as to the capacity of the ly because of this that we desire to point out that an intelligent study of this question is a duty incumbent on all Canadians.

dismiss it as imperialism will not make for intelligent judgment when the question comes up, as it inevitably will come up in the near future, for practical settlement.

CAPT. R. E. HORKINS AND HIS COMRADES IN LIFE AND DEATH

Following is in part the letter apprising Mr. T. J. Horkins of Campellford, Ontario, of the death of his son, Capt. R. E. Horkins, M. D., R. A. M. C.:

Sept. 28, 1916. "Dear Mr. Horkins, - It is with deepest regret I have to inform you of the death of your son, Capt. R. E. Horkins, R. A. M. C., and Medical Officer to the 77th Brigade, R. F. A.

There is not an officer or man in the Brigade who does not feel that they have lost a true friend. We had friends ever since he first joined us at Rollestone Camp in August, 1915. "Doc," as we called him, was the life of our mess. He was absolutely fearless. I have seen him go at the call of duty with shells falling all over the place as if nothing was happening. By strange coincidence, his great friend, 2nd Lieut. R. G. Hamilton, was killed by the same shell, as was also Major F. R. Cotter — poor "Ham's" batter commander. It all happened in battery son lived for about 30 minutes. 'Let me down boys, I'm done," the last words he said to the stretcher bearers who were carrying him back

He was buried to-day side by side with his great friend, and a priest of

Yours Sincerely, C. H. MORTIMORE. Capt. and Adjutant,

77th Bde. R. F. A. Dr. Horkins graduated in the faculty of medicine, Toronto University, in 1912, and for a year was house surgeon at St. Michael's house surgeon at 35 medical men who went overseas in March, 1915, to take commissions as lieutenants in the Royal Army Artillery, and had been ten months with that branch of the service when he met his death.

A fellow-officer Capt. T. W. McMahon wrote the next day to Capt. Horkins' bereaved parents a letter of condolence in which occurs this paragraph:

"As soon as we heard of his death we arranged for a priest to come the following morning for the burial 'Dr. Horkins was a particular friend of mine and it was a very great shock to me. I am the Veterinary of

the 16th D. A. C. My home is at Simcoe, Ontario, and as I am a Roman Catholic will look after his grave while we are here. We put up a cross bearing his name and rank, which will be well looked after." Loving care for the cross-marked

grave in a far off land must fall to the lot of others, for Captain Mc Mahon was killed in action the day following the death of Capt. Horkins. The Rev. J. Curtiss Reilly, Anglican Chaplain, writes:

"Indeed your son's death gave me a terrible shock, more particularly as the Major and the doctor's greatest 2nd Lt. R. Hamilton, were

Ever since the part played by us in the great offensive, your son and I were the greatest friends. We were constantly together and slept "Either our Lord Himself founded so hopeless the outlook for authorical cloud their judgment or obscure in the same dug out. He constantly spoke to me about his mother and But there is an especial reason why father and I promised to write to you in the event of anything happen-

ing. I am a Church of England chapsome four miles to a recognized cemetery and one of his own chaplains officiated at the burial. He The South-African Irishman whom now lies side by side with Hamilton and the Major. It may indeed be said of your son that 'They were lovely and pleasant in their and in their deaths they were not divided.

"How can I attempt to comfort and console you in your tremendous loss. Doubtless you will realize and find comfort in the fact that he laid down his life as a sacrifice on the altar of Duty, and that he was called to meet glorious cause.

"I can claim that I am in a position Not only would Irish Home Rule to speak definitely as to his attenbe necessarily involved in Imperial tion to duty. He was ever on the alert to do anything for the officers and men of the Brigade. He did his duty nobly and well and never determined by the self-government shirked when there were many and

Realizing the great uncertainty of coming through the battle Dr. Horsatisfactory measure of Home Rule kins entrusted his friend with this last message for his mother in case siders its existence merely an the blood-stained soil of Flanders, is he fell in battle :

France. "My Dearest Mother,-We are on the eve of a great battle and if this letter finds its destination it will con-

My last wish will be that you take it as the Spartan mother that you are and be reconciled to the will of God. My duty to my country will have been served, but to you I owe much more. My only regret at this hour To ignore the whole matter, to is my inopportunity to add to the ismiss it as imperialism will not comforts of your life and fulfil the obligations of a son to a mother.

You will give my sincerest love to brothers and sisters and ask father, them to remember me in their As for you, mother dear, you will be in my dying thoughts." Your Affectionate Son,

For the foregoing notes we are indebted to the Campbellford News. The CATHOLIC RECORD extends sin cere sympathy to Dr. Horkins' friends and to the friends of his gallant comrades in life and in death.

THE DEVOLUTION OF JIMMIE McDOUGALL

the a young man as, had he possessed natural among the sects. the Catholic faith, would have been looked upon by his bishop as a most promising candidate for the priesthood. In common with several other students in the school, he was preparing himself to become a minister in the Presbyterian Church. These young men used to hold prayer meetings, twice a week, at one or other of their boarding the houses. We doubt if this custom is to still in vogue; it scarcely harmonhospital, Toronto. He was one of izes with the spirit of modern student life. The remembrance of one of those meetings is one of the Medical Corps. He was transferred abiding recollections of our school to the 77th Howitzer Brigade, Royal days. We were present by accident and being invited to remain, we did so, blissfully ignorant that we were thereby guilty of "participatio in divinis."* Two things impressed us on that occasion—the zeal of those young men to convert sinners and sincerity of their prayers.

> fashionable city church. One would race. recognize him, there is to think of what Jimmie McDougall, it: with his simple faith, his super. natural aspirations and his straight-

Rev. Dr. McDougall preaches on have withstood him failed in her sideration in the selection of a fightalmost everything else except the duty, and the Reform Bill was ing man's diet. The ration has now his God while playing his part in a Gospel. He has his ear to the ground passed." What was the result of been fixed at one pound of fish popular cry so as to lead in the steadily everything wanted has been only. Will the War Office hazard the shouting.

siders its existence merely an the blood-stained soil of Flanders, is accomplish the will of God; that that academic subject, and would say but the tool of the Pope, just the will is accomplished from day to day; with another minister at a recent same as his compatriot who, like and that he conference: "The health of my chil- Capel B. St. George himself, but work unfinished is just as far dren and the proper sanitation of probably for a better reason, has advanced in the eyes of Supreme my home interest me more than refrained thus far from enlistment whether there is a heaven or a hell." in the armies of the King.

Jimmie McDougall never dreamed of such a thing as church union. Of dian Churchman's dauntless correscourse he had no D. D., but he had pondent gets in his fine work. Since common sense. Perhaps he had all these dreadful things have in heard of a blend of mountain dew; some unexplained way been enginbut the blending of religions would eered by the Pope" it will be a very have touched the funny bone of even great surprise to me," says Capel B his Scotch sense of humor. The St. George, "if the Pope is not Rev. Dr. McDougall is in favor of represented at the coming peace church union, because it is popular conference." Then comes the un with the multitude, because he deems it an evidence of broadmindedness and lastly because he has not sufficient faith in any revealed tenet to tion oath have been changed? prevent his making a compromise.

the recent meeting in Toronto by question. Had Cromwell been on those who termed themselves the throne or even William the Anti-disunionists. Of course, from Third, England would have been in a Catholic standpoint, their plight is no position to reproach Germany with a sad one; but they must be commended for their adherence to that ties, or the sinking without warning very considerable body of revealed of unarmed passenger vessels filled He studied for matriculation in truth that was handed down to with helpless women and children. one of the old Grammar schools of them by their ancestors, the rugged All such acts and more are written Ontario many years ago. He was an old Covenanters. Pity it is that up to Cromwell's account, and, earnest young man and took life their inherited prejudice against the in a scarcely lesser degree to Wilseriously. He came of rugged Scotch one true Church prevents them stock and had been brought up from enjoying, without comproreligiously on oatmeal porridge and mise, unity of faith, of worship and Shorter Catechism. He had of government. The minister, who listened on Sundays to a minister of attributed this unionist movement the old school, who preached the to a little clique of university pro-Word of God as he knew it, and who fessors and ministers in collusion had not substituted the "Rock of with them, was right. It is the Ages" for the Psalms of David. He Universities that have been largely was proficient especially in Greek responsible for the devolution of and Mathematics, subjects that just such men as Jimmie McDougall, moment—a stray shell. Ham and cotter were killed instantly but your coterie. In a word, he was just such the last vestige of the supercoterie. In a word, he was just such | tion of the last vestige of the super-

THE GLEANER.

NOTES AND COMMENTS A CORRESPONDENT of the Canadian Churchman, Capel B. St. George. criticizes vigorously some remarks of another correspondent reflecting upon the French-Canadians and War. "They are not more be blamed," says Capel B. George, "than the Irish." Blamed for just what, the said Capel B. does not enlighten us, God in the well-tried and beaten but whatever it is, it is the Pope that is at the bottom of it all.

IF A FRENCHMAN or an Irishman

happens to be a house breaker or a grafter - a leader in the State, in the law, or in the public service-it all amounts to the same thing-he is a tool in the hands of save them from hell, and the evident the Pope, bent upon the one object, through deeds of either good or evil After their departure for the Uni- repute, of circumventing the great versity we lost track of most of them. Protestant public, and bending it What transformation took place in to the Roman yoke. Therefore, them there we can only surmise. whether the French-Canadian or We do know that one of them passed the Irishman falls short of Capel B. through a veritable agony of dis- St. George's idea of his duty, or the latest Army regulation another appointment, when he found his same French-Canadian or Irishman evidence of the Pope's insidious warfaith and his ideals shattered by the covers himself with glory and with fare upon British liberties. No new teachings that were then coming gore at Ginchy or anywhere else doubt some crafty Jesuit working into vogue in that institution. Our along the far-flung battle line, under orders from headquarters is old friend Jimmie McDougall (he is a he is in either capacity but work- responsible for it. Has it not all the type not a person) is now the Rev. ing out the designs of the Pope for earmarks of its origin? It is given James McDougall, D. D., pastor of a the resubjugation of the human out that it has been practically

something so superficial about him. Now see whither this terrible inclusion of fish in the dietary, and He gives the impression of always indictment leads the said Capel B. two out of the many reasons given acting a part and of being afraid lest | St. George! We had thought that | for this are that "the Irishmen would someone might see through the dis- the celebrated Reform Bill of 1832 appreciate fish on Fridays and other guise. In ordinary conversation, he was, by universal consent, now fast days," and that "the Canadian speaks in that well modulated, regarded as a landmark in the his- troops have for some time been in orotund voice that ministers assume tory of progress, and the first great receipt of a fish ration at least twice when they make a prayer. He does step in England in modern times a week." What a pretty subject for not particularly relish what to most towards the emancipation of the the Churchman's correspondent! men is especially interesting, viz., people from the thraldom of class recollections of their school days. privilege. But according to this There is so much of present interest, erudite political philosopher this is interesting on its own account. On you know, that he scarcely ever all wrong. It was Rome that foisted a small scale the fish experiment gives a thought to the old school. It the Reform Bill upon England, and is not, we suspect, that he is ashamed in doing so she had deep and sinister shot and some camps within the of the raw young Scotch lad from designs of her own. Here is what London area. It was not then, it is the country, but rather that he fears | Capel B. St. George has to say about | stated, entirely successful, but the

forward and logical principles, would God gave England complete deliver- scale gives every prospect of success. think of this proper minister's pic- ance from Pope and Popery, blessed It has the approval of the R. A. M. C., ture, the Rev. James McDougall, D.D. her army and navy with victories, who objected in the first instance to Jimmie McDougall started out to raised her to the front rank of world- a ration of three-quarters of a pound preach the Gospel as summarized in power. The Pope's emissaries of fish per man as not supplying his little Scotch catechism. The worked, and the Church that should sufficient "calories"—the prime conto find out what will be the next this master-stroke? "Since that, per man, for one day of the week obtained, until now the Bishop of selection of Friday as the day? Jimmie McDougall believed in Rome virtually rules, both in Church That surely would afford all the hell; in fact with his honest logic he and State, and the few Protestants proof of Papal intrigue that the would have said "What's the use if who see this are punished if they most flagrant doubter could desire. there is no hell?" If the Rev. Dr. attempt to speak." There you have McDougall believes in hell, he is it! The French-Canadian or the very reticent about making profes. Irishman giving a new meaning to sion of his belief. Possibly he convalor and laying down his life upon would imbue ourselves with this

Now, Just here is where the Cana covering of the batteries. Cromwell had been on the throne,' he queries, "would the corona or-would the Reform Bill have been We must confess to a feeling of passed? Modern historians are satisfaction at the stand taken at happily in a position to answer that liam the Third's in the ledger of history. That in this they measure up to the ideal of Capel B. St. George his letter to the Churchman leaves no room for doubt. The only surprise is that our Anglican contemporary should have had no misgiving in publishing it.

> LIMERICK AND Drogheda : Glencoe and the aftermath of Culloden We had not supposed that any Englishman now existed who thought of these events without some degree of confusion and compunction and yet the Canadian Churchman's correspondent can see in their instigators and perpetrators only laurel-crowned heroes, who, had he his way, would be called back from the relatively not-distant past to wreak a like vengeance upon every Irishman who dared to assert his nationality aud upon every Catholic who, sharing the common burden of patriotism with his Protestant fellow-countrymen, claimed the right to worship paths of his fathers. That if it means anything at all is the only meaning which Capel B. St. George's incendiary screed is capable of bearing. Coming from a nonentity, however formidable his name, the world need not worry over it. Nevertheless, we repeat, that to find so respectable a journal as the Canadian Churchman opening its columns to such as he is legitimate occasion for surprise and wonder. As for the Pope, he still reigns.

PERHAPS SOMEONE will see in the decided to make the experiment of varying the Army ration by the

THE REGULATION is, however, was made some months ago at Alderconditions which then operated against success have been removed "ABOUT TWO hundred years ago and a later trial on a much larger

> We should find great peace if we Justice as he who has leisure to accomplish it fully. -