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THERE IS GOOD GROUND FOR DECLARING THAT SUCH A MARRIAGE, WHETHER THE KING REMAINED SOVEREIGN OR NO, WOULD IMMEDIATELY PRECIPITATE A MOVEMENT FOR SEVERANCE OF THE PRESENT CONSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE CHURCH. TO PUT IT IN A HOMELY SENTENCE, THE ANGLO-CATHOLICS WHOSE POWER WITHIN THE COUNCILS OF THE CHURCH HAS GROWN RAPIDLY IN THE LAST GENERATION (ALTHOUGH DEAN INGE THINKS IT HAS NOW REACHED ITS ZENITH) WOULD CERTAINLY "NOT STAND FOR IT." MOREOVER, AT THE PRESENT JUNCTURE THEY WOULD RECEIVE THE HEARTY SUPPORT OF ANGLICANS OF A FAR DIFFERENT SCHOOL OF THOUGHT ON OTHER MATTERS.

"DISESTABLISHMENT, WHICH WAS A BURNING QUESTION ON THE LIBERAL PLATFORMS OF 25 TO 30 YEARS AGO, HAS SINCE DROPPED ALMOST COMPLETELY FROM POLITICAL PROGRAMS. THIS WAS PARTLY DUE TO THE DISESTABLISHMENT OF THE WELSH CHURCH BY THE ASQUITH GOVERNMENT IN 1914 WHEN ANGLICANISM HAD DIFFICULTY IN DEFENDING ITS MAINTENANCE IN THE PRINCIPALITY IN WHICH THE VAST PROPORTION OF THE INHABITANTS ARE "CHAPEL FOLK."

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