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ANGLICANISM AND GREEK ORTHODOXY.

The Archpriest of the Greek Patriarch of Constantinople has written a letter to the London English Churchman, in which he deals with the question of intercommunion with the Eastern Church, which is so anxiously desired by many Auglicans, and which the recent Lambeth conference expressed much anxiety to bring about. He alludes also to the appointment of a committee by the Archbishop of Canterbury to "look into the position of the Moravian Churches or Unitas Fratrum, and the Scandinavian Church," with which the Anglican Bishops declare themselves anxious to cultivate friendly relations. The Archpriest says: "Our Octhodox Bishops will feel themselves not at all proper company for the prelates of the Unitas Fratrum or the Moravian, and of the Scandinavian or Swedish Churches.

The Archpriest, the Rev. Dr. S. G. Hatherly, has a very English name, and as he writes from Cheshire, England, it is very possible that his title is rather an honorary distinction than significative of any actual position of authority in the Greek Church. He is probably a clergyman of the Church of England, but as the Greek Patri archs sometimes do strange things from a religious point of view, he may even in this case have been appointed to look after the members of the Greek Church, who are numerous in London and some other English cities. At all events he takes a special interest in affairs which regard the Greek Church, and even if he be not really an authorized priest thereof, his remarks are evidently the opinions of one who knows what he is talking of when he speaks of the possible relations which may exist, or may be expected to exist, between the Anglican and Greek Churches.

Dr. Hatherly throws some light on a telegraphic despatch recently received from St. Petersburgh to the effect that the Russian Holy Synod has determined to send four ecclesiastical students to England to become acquainted with English ecclesiastical literature, and to promote an interchange of ecclesias. al information between England

There is very little in this to lead to the conclusion that there is any desire on the part of the Russian Church to make overtures to Anglicanism, even if the statement of the telegram were perfectly true, for if such a desire were entertained negociations on so important a subject would not be committed to mere students who at most would be only now making their course of theology. Nevertheless, relying on this announcement, some sanguine religious papers have imagined that a union between the two Churches is almost made a certainty through the alleged action. But Dr. Hatherly rudely shatters the hopes which have been entertained thus hastily.

He explains that the fact is simply that four young men are to be sent to reinforce the choir of the Russian Embassy in London. He adds: "Their influence on the question of intercommunion can never be great, and need give no occasion for jubilation or anxisty to either friend or opponent of that question."

The Low Church papers are decidedly opposed to the suggestion of the Bishops that union with the Russian Church should be looked for. Taey call the Church of Russia a semi barbarous and persecuting organization, and declare that it would be far better and more likely to be fruitful of good results to offer acceptable terms of union with the non-Conformists. To is just as strongly opposed, as it is foreseen that any advance towards the

in the ages immediately succeeding that period.

Another point made by Mr. Hatherly is directed against the High Church Lambeth Encyclical letter as "a goody goody and verbose string of platitudes and truisms," or spoke of it with similar levity. The reference is especially to the Church Times, from which the above description is taken. Dr. Hatherly says:

"With High Churchmen of this stamp who speak evil of dignities of which they are the special upholders, I do not think any Greek churchman can desire intercommunion.'

If our suspicion be correct, that the writer of the letter is a Low Church clergyman, it illustrates the strange diversity of faith which characterizes Anglicanism, but if he be really a priest of the Greek Church it may be taken as indicating the light in which the Orientals view the Church of England. We know, besides, from other sources, that the Greek Church, proud of its claim to apostolicity of hierarchy as well as doctrine, has very little respect for the claims of Anglicanism to either of these possessions, and regards with little favor the efforts which some are making to bring about some kind of union between the two bodies.

THE ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, GUELPH.

An institution with the nature of which our farmers in general are not well acquainted, but which is doing excellent work in preparing farmers sons to become capable and prosperous farmers, is the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, Oat.

This institution is not, as many suppose, merely a model farm, though there is a farm in connection with it, but it is what its name indicates, truly and chiefly a college wherein the young men of the province, and especially farmers sons, are educated properly to fit them to be successful in agricultural pursuits. To this end all the students are required to do a certain amount of manual labor while they are obtaining their education, the labor being such as will accustom them to farm work, and give them a taste for the same.

The students are divided into two divisions which work on alternate days in the afternoons, at field work, looking after the live stock, caring for them after the most approved manner, etc. Thus while the school course is carefully attended to, they are prevented from acquiring a dislike for farm life, as frequedtly happens with young men who make the usual courses in the High schools, colleges and universities. Those who are thus engaged in farm work are even allowed a small payment for the time they spend in such occupation, as they contribute toward the prosperity of the institution while they are receiving an education, and thus the cost of their education is also diminished.

The Agricultural College is not in

tended to take the place of the univers ity or college for those who intend to embrace the learned professions, but there are many farmers' sons who have not at their disposal either the time or the means to devote themselves entire ly to study for several years, and this college is just what is required to afford such an opportunity to prepare themselves for the positions they are to fill-They learn at the college all the sciences which have a bearing more or less direct on agricultural pursuits, includ. ing English grammar, literature, and composition, physics, arithmetic, men suration, book keeping, elementary and agricultural chemistry, the preparation and improvement of land to fit it for the raising of crops, the breeding and general management of cattle, poultry and all live stock, the general economy of the farm, horticul ture, and all other branches which will be useful to the farmer in after

There is a special short course of dairying which will begin next year on the 4th of January, in which full instructions are given by competent instructors in butter and cheese-mik ing, an industry which is now of peculiar importance to the farmer. This course lasts for three months.

The cost of tuition in the college is this proposal the High Church party low, being only about \$50 or \$60 per year for board, washing and tuition, if the student has had experinon Conformists must be accompanied ence in farm work, and a little over by the laying aside of all the Ritual- this sum if he has had no experience. istic practices and doctrines which in Non-residents of Ontario are charged Theosophy as being a system which been arrested, and some bands of partheir estimation must be adopted in higher, and the fee for tuition of those order to assimilate the Church of Eng. students who receive the nomination to ancient erroneous philosophies, or shouting for anarchy were dispersed.

it was in the days of the Apostles, and cils is remitted, each Council having the right to nominate one student. We would be glad to see a larger

number of farmers' sons take advantage of the excellent opportunity organs, some of which described the for an education afforded by this institution.

The Agricultural College was first opened in 1873, a farm of five hundred and fifty acres having been purchesed for the purpose by the Ontario Government. It is now in excellent working order, and is supplied with a suitable staff of instructors, Mr. James Mills, LL. D., being the President. The buildings are ornamental and commodious, and the instruction in English and the natural sciences is thorough, and equal to that given in the best colleges. The farm is well stocked, and several breeds of cattle, sheep and swine are kept constantly on hand, that the students may become thoroughly acquainted with their various merits. The educational work is chiefly carried on by means of lectures, which are given every morning except Saturday, the afternoons being devoted to practical outside work. Students are generally expected to take a two years' course, but all are admitted who are of sufficient age, and who can produce satisfactory certificates of good moral character, physical health, and of intention to follow agriculture or horticulture as an occupation.

The college has been visited by many farmers from year to year, and it is stated that last June there were over fifteen thousand such visitors. All express themselves as being well pleased with the work done by the institution.

THEOSOPHY AND BUDDHISM.

We have received from Mr. F. E. Titus, of Toronto a courteous letter in reference to our editorial remark concerning the efforts now being made in some cities of Canada and the United States to erect Theosophy into a religion. Mr. Titus says we referred to Theosophy "as being synonymous with Buddhism. This is an error which has, perhaps inadvertently, crept into your columns, and you will no doubt be glad to correct it by pub lishing the following quotations from Madam H. Blavatsky's work "The Secret Doctrine.'"

The passage quoted by our correspondent is said to contain the basis of of Theosophy. In it Madam Blavatsky

"These truths are in no sense put forward as a revelation, nor does the author claim the position of a reveler of mystic lore now made public for the first time in the world's history. For what is contained in this work is to be found scattered throughout thousands of volumes embodying the Scriptures of the great Asiatic and European religions hidden under glyph and symbol, and hitherto left unnoticed because of the veil."

Further on the author says:

"The teachings, however fragmentary and incomplete, contained in these volumes, belong neither to the Hindu. the Zoroastrian, the Chaldean, nor the Egyptian religions, neither to Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, or Christianity exclusively. The Secret Doctrine is the essen e of all these. Sprung from t in their origins, the various religious schemes are now made to merge back into their original element, etc.

In conclusion Mr. Titus expresses the conviction that we should sympathize with the object of Theosophy, which Madam Blavatsky declares to be "to assign to man his rightful place in the scheme of the universe, and to rescue from degradation the archaic truths

which form the basis of all religions.' Our esteemed correspondent will find on re-examining our reference to Buddhism and Theosophy that we did not say they are identical in all respects, nor was it our intention to make such an assertion. We simply referred to Theosophy as being professedly derived from Buddhism to a considerable ex tent. This is admitted by Madam Blavatsky in the above extract to be the case, while it is also admitted that it is partly derived from other systems quite as absurd as Buddhism, and there are, in fact, some of the Theosophical principles which may have been taken substantially from any one of several widely different systems. Such is the doctrine of Metempsychosis, which may have been adopted either from Pythagoras, or from Buddha and Goutama; and it matters but little

which of these is the actual source. That we did not intend to say that Theosophy is either the off spring of

sense in which we made the reference ish embassy in revenge for the recent later on by his religious teachers; he to which our correspondent objects. We cannot admit that from any agglomeration of such phantasies a religion should be constructed to take the place of the divine revelation which is given to us in Christianity, or that Christian ity needs to be improved by the engrafting of humanly-devised theories

THE THREATENED FAMINE IN IRELAND.

The intelligence brought by the mails from Ireland confirms the report which came by cable to the effect that Ireland is once more threatened with at least partial famine, though we may still hope that the distress will not be so universal as we would have been led to believe if we had only the the first cable reports to guide us. In Ulster, Cork, Wexford and Carlow, the potato crop is now acknowledged to be a failure, and there is in consequence the gravest apprehension that distress will soon be general in these localities. In other districts the blight has also appeared, but it is hoped that the losses will not be so extensive as was at first feared. The distress, if confined to a few localities, will be more easily met than if it prove to be general, and there are, therefore, still hopes that the whole country will not be reduced to a state of famine. In this case the more prosperous localities would undoubtedly come to the relief of those which suffer most acutely.

It is nevertheless certain that a part of the country will be brought by the failure of the crops to the very brink of starvation. From all parts reports come that the continued rains have injured the potato and hay crops, and in several districts, especially those we have mentioned above, the failure of these two crops is complete. Mr. Dillon, on behalf of the National Parliamentary party of Ireland, has called upon the Government to summon Parliament for a special session in order to vote relief to the localities threatened. We are aware, however, that the Government is always slow to move on the prospect of distress in Ireland, and we can scarcely expect that it will exhibit greater energy on the present than on former occasions. The Local Irish Government Boards are also proverbially apathetic in meeting Irish dis tress, and until positive steps are taken, we may assume it to be pretty certain that the authorities will do little or nothing in the emergency. All friends of Ireland in this country, and especially all who are of Irish blood, should put themselves in readiness to send relief to Ireland, as soon as it will be known what localities will be most in need.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

WE were much pleased last Tuesday prominent residents of Winnipeg. Mr. H. Sullivan, of Fort Garry Park, and Mr. Fred J. G. McArthur, B. A.

THE Catholic world will be glad to learn that Pope Leo XIII. enjoys excellent health, and his physician declares that he believes the Holy Father will live to see the twentieth century. We hope the prophecy may be more than fulfilled. The able hand of Pope Leo is wanted to direct the bark of Peter through the perils and storms which it will meet with for many years to

As we go to press it is rumored that Hon. David Mills has been offered the portfolio of Minister of Justice, which is about to become vacant by the acceptance of the Lieutenant Governorship of Ontario by Sir Oliver Mowat. We hope the Hon. Mr. Mills will accent the position. Every true Canadian should wish that good men and able men might occupy seats in the Cabinet. That Hon. David Mills is both a good man and an able man, even his strongest opponent in the Conservative party will not deny.

THE Belgian Government is dealing summarily and effectually with the Anarchists who have been endeavor ing to propagate their fantasies in the country. Louise Michel and two companions, having visited Brussels for the purpose of delivering a course of corted to the frontier a few days Buddhism alone, or that it is absolutely ago, and requested politely but identical therewith, will be clear when firmly to leave, which they we inform our correspondent that we did. Since then fifteen persons sushave from time to time referred to pected of propagating anarchy have recals several of the phantasies of aders who went through the streets land to the primitive Church, such as a scholarship from their county coun- rather theories. It was in the same Their intention was to attack the Span- with his mother's milk, and perfected

executions of the Anarchist murderers in Spain, but the design was baulked by the vigilance of the police.

THE Rev. Mr. Wiley, a Methodist preacher, has been prohibited by the courts from addressing the miners of West Virginia, who are on strike, owing to the inflammatory character of his harangues, which incited the miners to riot. It was for similar reasons that, in Mexico and some of the South American republics, some Methodist missionaries were sometimes inhibited from disturbing the public peace, and forthwith the cry of persecution was raised, and accounts sent to the American press describing that there is no free speech in these Catho. lic countries. Will the same cry come from West Virginia?

THE person who furnishes telegraphic news to the associated press has thought it worth his while to telegraph it over the Atlantic cable that a detachment of Foot Guards quartered at the Tower of London assert that the sentries on night duty have seen the of Blessed Peter Canisius of the Society ghost of Anne Boleyn, the unfortunate of Jesus. It holds up to the Catholic second wife of Henry VIII., whom that wife killing monarch caused to be beheaded on May 19, 1536. It is the current belief that Anne Boleyn's ghost appears only when some member of the royal family is about to die, and this superstitious belief has caused a good deal of gossip. The officials attempted without success to prevent the story of the apparition from leaking out. There are many myths about royal residences being haunted by the ghosts of those who have met their death through some crime, the supposition being that the ghosts of those who have been killed haunt the rooms which they have formerly occupied,

them injury. CHULALONGKORN, the King of Siam, who has been on a visit to England and the continent, is professedly a Buddhist in religion, but his Buddhism is of the new or agnostic kind, that is to say, he neither asserts or denies that there is a future life, but desires to be on the safe side should it turn out that there is a life beyond the grave. Prince Dumrong, the king's half-brother, thus explained the position of the New Buddhists:

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"When you go and travel in the desert, you must always take a bottle of water with you. If you find water in the desert, all very well; but if you find none, you have your bottle of water. So it is with our creed. We should do as much good as possible; we should do our best. If there is no future, we have in this life the conviction of having done no harm. If there is a future the good we have done will follow us in the next life.

The Newcastle Chronicle remarks on this creed that there is something very practical and comfortable about it, and hat very many Englishmen wh fess Christianity do so on similar grounds, and that between the new Christianity and the new Buddhism there is no fundamental difference.

LEAGUE OF THE SACRED HEART

General Intention for October.

(Named by the Cardinal Protector and blessed by the Pope for all Associates.)

RELIGIOUS TEACHING IN OUR COLLEGES. Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

Time and again the Sovereign Pontiffs have sent out to the Bishops and faithful of the Catholic world in structions and doctrinal decisions bearing on the matter of religious They have frequently instruction. They have frequently called the attention of the already vigilant pastors who rule the Church under the guidance of St. Peter, to the necessity of early instilling into the minds of the young a knowledge of the things of God. This they have done with a view of bringing home to the understanding of the little ones of God's fold the fundamental truth that all here below is of minor importance in comparison with the one great object of life, the knowledge and service of their Creator and the salvation of their souls. Their aim has likewise been to furnish the means to the youthful Christian athlete of mastering his passions as they awaken in child hood, and checking in season their way wardiness before time and habit have made these evil propensities all

but invincible. But not alone for these all important easons have the mandates gone forth the purpose of delivering a course of Anarchistic lectures, were quietly estable the mind of youth; for the child will one day reach manhood's estate and be cast among the thousands who are not only unsympathetic to his creed, but who wing to prejudice, hatred, or ignor ance, openly attack it with the arms of ridicule, ostracism and sophistry, If the youth is to withstand all these assaults in their protean forms, he needs a fund of knowledge imbibed

needs, even more, strength of character, which is the slow outcome of long religious teaching, and of clearly defined convictions which must be deeply bedded in the foundations of

the great supernatural truths.

More than this: no Christian can be satisfied with a mere passive loyalty to Holy Church, his Mother : He that is not with Me is against Me : and he that gahereth not with Me scattereth (Luke xi 23). There is no such thing as an armed neutrality possible for the children of light, the members of Christ's Church. So that the Catholic will be called upon repeatedly in his intercourse with his fellowmen to give a reason for his faith. And it certain that the salvation of not a few, into whose company he is thrown in after life, will depend largely on his ability to cope with the specious tions of those who are not members of the Church.

Nothing could have come more op portunely for the enlightment of the Associates of the Apostleship of Prayer in general, and for us in particular, whose home is in this great Dominion, than the Encyclical of Leo XIII., dated August 1 of this year, and addressed to the Archbishops and Bishops of Austria, Germany and Switzerland, on the occasion of the Tercentenary world the heroic labors of the second great Apostle of the German speaking nations, not merely for their admir. ation, but more expressly for their im itation. It deals with the all-absorb ing question of religious teaching for the young, and insists upon its necessity for all classes of pupils, from those who first enter our primary schools to the graduates of our Catholic colleges and universities. Though addressed to the German races, it embodies the general teaching of the Church, and shows us the true ideal towards which practically all our efforts and aspira-tions should tend. We translate for the benefit of our Associates the passages explanatory of the principles which should guide us in a question so vital to Catholics, and those which lend weight to the General Intention of the present month.

Leo XIII., after dwelling on the immense services rendered to the Church in Germany by Blessed continues as Canisius, We earnestly exhort you, Venerable Brethren, to be ever vigilant to maintain your schools, in the fulness of faith, and even should needs be, to bring them back to the faith, whether established by past genera ations or more recently founded. And let this apply not to children's schools grades and to academies, as they are faithful under your care, they should firmly insist on having the rights of parents and of the Church restored, and should as firmly uphold them in all that concerns education of youth this matter they will especially bear in

"That, in the first place, Catholics are not to adopt-above all in the case of children - the system of mixed schools, but must have everywhere schools of their own; and they must select the best teachers, such as have already given proofs of their trustworthiness. Any system of instruction in which religion is mutilated or gnored is fraught with peril, and we have frequently remarked that one or the other of these evils obtains in what

are known as mixed schools. "Neither must you allow yourselves be persuaded that instruc be severed from religion with impunity. If it be true that in no period of life, nor in private or public affairs, may the duty of religion be ignored, there can be no age when this duty may be less neglected than in that of youth; for in that heedless age the mind is ardent and the heart is exposed to so many corrupting influences Hence, to elaborate a system of imparting knowledge which has no point common with religion, is to corrupt in the souls the very germs of what is beautiful and noble; it is to prepare, not defenders of the fatherland, but a plague and a curse for mankind. Eliminate the idea of God. and what consideration remains capable of holding young men to duty, or of recalling them if they have strayed from the path of virtue and are plunging head-

long into the depths of vice? "In the second place, the young must not only be taught religion at certain hours, but all other branches of instruction must be impregnated with the sweet odor of Christian piety. If this prevading atmosphere is want ing, if this holy fragrance does not permeate the minds of both teachers and pupils, whatever otherwise may be the quality of the instruction imparted, its useful results will be but meagre, while the evil accruing will not be in considerable. It stands to reason that, as every branch of knowledge is accompanied by its own peculiar danger, it is scarcely possible that young men should escape that danger unless the impulses of mind and heart are held in check by some divine restraint.

"Consequently, the greatest care should be exercised lest the one all important thing-the practice of righteousness and religion, be relegated to the second rank; lest youth captivated by the mere glamor of things, should suffer manly virtue to be enervated; lest, in fine, while teachers lay bare the intricacies and tedious technicalities of some weighty theory, their pupils come to set little value on that true wisdom of which the fear of the Lord is the beginning, and to the precepts of which they are bound to conform their every moment and phase of life. Let, therefore, the transmission.

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