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CATHOLIC TEACHING.

FORMAL LEGAL ARRANGEMENT.

Cardinal Logue insists Upon Sound Philosophical Education.

The Philosophy of the Schools has been long assailed in tome and pamphlet, press and platform...

The same act that had established the National University of Ireland, mainly under Catholic auspices...

PRESBYTERIAN DENUNCIATION.

The Presbyterian Conference denounced the Commissioners' action. Scholastic Philosophy was St. Thomas Aquinas, who was Catholic Philosophy and Theology rolled into one.

It was really the Spirit of Calvin vs. St. Thomas Aquinas, though it transpired that philosophically there was little conflict between them.

STATUTES VIOLATED.

The whole contention of the petitioners was that Scholastic Philosophy necessarily included Catholic Theology, and was, therefore, in violation of the Statutes which forbade religious teaching.

When Professor Seth of Edinburgh University, who had also taught Moral Philosophy in the United States, testified that St. Thomas made authority his fundamental principle and taught that Philosophy was subordinate to Theology.

ARCHBISHOP CON-DEMNS THEATRE.

FAITH AND MORALS IN DANGER

Strong Pastoral Places Before Catholics Their Duty.

A letter was read on Sunday in all the churches and chapels of the archdiocese from Mgr. Bruchesi, Archbishop of Montreal, condemning the Academy of Music, the former English theatre, which has been changed into a French playhouse.

BASED ON RATIONAL THOUGHT.

The only Catholic called as a witness was the Rev. T. A. Finlay, S. J., but his evidence was ample. Having defined philosophy as "an interpretation of all experience in the light of certain definite principles," he expounded at length the system of St. Thomas, which, he said, was "based on rational thought."

On cross-examination Father Finlay replied that the Church was the oracle not of all truth, but of revealed truth; that no books on philosophy are or can be altogether free from religion; that Scholastic Philosophy was unintelligible to the general professor and could only be taught properly by one who knew and believed it.

The Lord Chancellor announced at the end of the inquiry, which, he said, was long, but not one moment longer than it deserved, that by unanimous decision "the Committee will advise His Excellency (the Lord Lieutenant) that the three petitions should be dismissed."

THE CHURCH OF THE WISE.

Dr. Windle, President of Cork University, speaking on "The Intellectual Claims of the Catholic Church," showed that she is not only the Church of the ignorant but of the wise, that "she has been the fondly loved mother of more great writers and pioneers in all branches of discovery than have all the other religions of the world put together."

Regarding a paper read by Father Watters, C.M., on "The Press," Archbishop Healy said: "To have a powerful Catholic press, you require powerful writers, men of sound education, wide culture and high principles; and such you will not have unless they go through a course of sound moral and mental philosophy, ethics, economics and kindred questions; that is to say, a thorough university education under the safe guidance of Scholastic philosophy."

THE BOOK OF ARMAGH.

A GEM OF ANTIQUITY.

One of the Most Priceless of Irish Histories.

It is generally known that the Book of Armagh, one of the most priceless of Irish historical remains, and which ranks second to the Book of Kells, was once offered for sale by auction in Dublin.

It matters little whether by condescension towards an audience whose education is not, as they pretend, sufficiently advanced in such matters that certain words or jests are omitted from that part of the piece to which the authors looked for a portion of their sad success.

We have just placed before you, very dear brethren, your duty as Catholics and Christians, and you will perform it to the letter. In solemnly denouncing this theatre as a peril for the good morals of the community, we have only performed our duty as the first pastor of this diocese.

A Protestant on Mixed Marriage.

Rev. Dr. Stephen S. Wise, preached at the Free Synagogue in West Eighty-first street, New York, recently, on intermarriage. He took a most emphatic stand against the intermarriage of Jews and Christians.

"Intermarriage is not a problem—it is a fact," he said. "And it is not as serious as some think. In the Scandinavian countries, in one out of every three or four marriages of Jews, it is an intermarriage with a Christian. Among the Jews of Germany about one in five of the men marries a Christian, and about one in six of the women. In the United States the proportion is much less."

Catholics 300,000,000, Protestant 160,000,000.

The number of Catholics all over the world is estimated to be about 300,000,000. The total number of Protestants, included in all the sects from Lutherans and Calvinists to Swedenborgians, Unitarians, Universalists, Dowietes, Christian Scientists, etc., etc., is about 160,000,000.

The need of sound philosophical education for the propagation of Catholic Truth, Alliance to the Privy Council inquiry, he said that our Catholic system had proved its pre-eminence. He declared that "through its endurance, and the bread of heresy was no longer the bread of respectable, mental or intellectual 'M.E.' in America."

the Lord Hill, which he procured from Lord Cremorne. Meanwhile the scholars were at work on the Book of Armagh, and set out to identify places in the Lives, and it became evident at once that the hill to which St. Patrick brought the fawn to safety, when threatened on the old Cathedral site, was Sandy Hill, now crowned by the noble Gothic edifice, where the Faith of St. Patrick is secure. The Muirchu narrative has the prophetic ring, and, thanks to the foresight of the Cardinal-Primate, is made a fitting jewel in the Catholic crown.

Lord MacDonnell and the Irish Land Bill.

Coatends That it Possesses Many Advantages.

In view of the expectation that the Government would ask the House of Commons to reject en bloc the amendments made in the House of Lords to the Irish Land Bill, Lord MacDonnell has written a long letter to the Freeman's Journal, advocating such action.

The constitution and functions of the Congested Districts Board, in regard to the first, he says that "the question at issue is one which more immediately affects the Treasury, and only affects Ireland in so far as those oppressive sales may lead to ultimate repudiation of annuities."

The great merit of the bill, as it now stands, lie in its treatment of the Congested Districts Board and of Finance (the latter being, of course, common to both bills). The original bill had converted the Congested Districts Board into a political organization, richly endowed with public funds, and with jurisdiction over vast areas which were not congested.

The great window over the High Altar of the Cathedral of Armagh contains in large letters a facsimile of an extract from Muirchu's life, as copied in the Book of Armagh, describing the finding of the fawn on the site which had been granted St. Patrick for his Cathedral.

Let us have the faith that makes might, and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it.—Abraham Lincoln.

Strength lies in character. Deceit is weakness; sham and pretence are enfeebling. Only the genuine and the sincere are worth while. Remember that if opportunities for great deeds should never come, the opportunity for good deeds is renewed for you day by day.