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to your English, and less to your sweet-toothed brothers. When I was their age I earned my board and found many years ago in a field keep. Now, there's nothing better nearby. do than rehearsing shows and devouring sweets.'

Again silence fell on the group at table, and continued unbroken until the father said grace and dismissed the children. Years later it seemed, though it

was only hours. James Henderson sat huddled on the settee in the hall, while in the room upstairs Jimmy tought for his life. Gerald had brought the doctor and nurse while his father was striving to fit the left boot on the right foot. Silent and Silent and alert, the boy waited ; and Anna, enveloped in a big apron, moved about the house, a very model of efficiency. "She knows where to put her hand on everything," thought her father, as half dazed, he watched her quick,

deft movements. Jimmy's mother was with him. She had refused to leave the room. though he, the boy's father, had swayed and almost fallen when his eyes rested on the instruments the doctors laid out.

'Go down stairs, Jim," said a quiet, uthoritative voice—his wife's voice. I shall call you if you are needed."

there he had waited with Jimmy's sled at his feet and the boy's ing of Irish-American interference in cries ringing in his cars. Jimmy, whom he had disciplined, whose sled he had threatened to break, might never again fling his plump little body on the shining board. Instead, they might bring him down in a little white coffin, such as Tim Civil War three Englishmen had gone little white coffin, such as Tim Brophy's little son had been placed in a week ago. And he had tried to force Jimmy to eat fat.

Well, that was only his duty. He have had much the same tie of race was a good father, James Henderson flattered himsell that he was the best of fathers. It angered him a triffe that Graid was drifting away here here and deported if not punished." from him, and would not talk in his

What sacrifices he had made for his children ! An accusing voice seemed to ask !

And what of their mother ? Had she had no part in the privations ?" the attitude of the Tories, of those

The past rose before him, the years when Anna had stinted and saved that he might have a comforta-ble home and a chance to rise in the commercial world. All the little clothes she had made! Night after Empire, but in the whole black night she had been over her sewing,

of a family. He had prided himself on his parish record—a Holy Name man, a regular communicant a military hospital at Boulogne. Con In vain he tried to reassure himof the Church, with his children in the United States," which has for its Catholic schools and he himself on every committee and in every club tell my countrymen things about the and conference in the parish. Where, then, had he failed ?

know.

national.

There and then he answered his own question. It welled up from the depths of a troubled, contrite heart. He who had prided himself on being a home-maker of the highest order was fast becoming a home wrecker. There was Jimmy's sled, accusing him, bringing up the incidents of that last family meeting to-gether. When they sat at the table gain, Jimmy might be gone from come one. the circle forever.

A hoarse sob burst from his lips. Anna came to him and nestling down beside him laid her head on his shoulder ; Gerald drew near and presently sat on the arm of the settee, his hand on his father's.

It was not too late to win back their love, the fault finder told himself gratefully. Things would he different if Jimmy was spared. He could hardly hope for that.

# countryside for miles and enshrined misruled Ireland and she will prove a miraculous statute of Our Lady, found many years ago in a field innocence that it is she that has been nearby. In the first week of September nistreated by the ungrateful Irisb.

Now, if Ireland's claims are vastly 1914, there were ten thousand Com superior to those of the American munions in the Church of Dadizeele, colonies, the claims of the seceding munions in the Church of Datzete, every one coming to pour out anxious prayers at the feet of the Virgin as the tide of War advanced. Alas, it reached and overwhelmed States cannot even be compared with Ireland's cogent reasons. This as we have already seen, Cecil Chesterton feely acknowledges. The editorial writer in the Tribune. this beautiful and pious work, which The editorial writer in the wrong track therefore, followed the wrong track in sending "the three tailors of Trackey Street" to "Richmond, had only been completed a few years. The church, which stands close to Tooley Street" to "Rich Charleston and Vicksburg." does not this clever writer, w penchant for perilous high the famous Chateau de Montmorency, is now a mere shell, its walls riven with explosions, its towers in ruins, with a the chapels are destroyed, and in most cases leveled with the ground. historical parallels, venture on very thin ice Only the miraculous statue has es-caped, being taken by the nuns with them in their flight and concealed in when, by implication, he instnuates that England did not interfere in our domestic question in '61? a convent in another part of Flan ders.—Catholic Sun. At the very outbreak of the Civil

War England recognized a state of war to be existing between the North and South by her "proclama-tion of neutrality." The United States, naturally, resented this, for ENGLAND'S DOMESTIC QUESTION " in her eyes it was not a rebellion, it was a more insurrection. Further

J. P. Christopher in America

more, though proclaiming her neu-trality, England in reality regarded Some time ago there appeared an editorial in the Chicago Tribune entitled, "America and the Irish her decision as a "scrap of paper." In the Trent affair she insisted jealously on the strictest interpretation ," in which the writer speak Muddle of the international law, and thus gave unmistakable signs of her approval of the rebellion. The Times England's domestic question writes:

assured us: "The whole army, navy, and volunteers are mad for service "The situation from the British point of view will be realized by supposing what loyal American feelin America." England's attitude bacame ever more apparent in the "Alabama affair." The Government of that "great little man," Lord Russell, was warned by our Mimister at London, Charles Francis Adams, to Richmond, Charleston, and Vicksburg and openly encouraged the They would Secessionist movement. that ship-builders in Liverpool. and

The writer insists on the British point of view, according to which there is an exact parallel between Ireland's demand for freedom and the right to secede which the Southrelations were brought to the snap ping-point when two iron-clads against which Northern vessels would have been as helpless as a steamship in presence of a submarine, were built by Laird at Liverpool. But even then Secretary Seward had to warn Earl Russell in his best rhetoric that, "It would be superfluous in me to point

world." night she had been over her bestag, patching and making; and her days were full of toil for him and the bildeen out to your Lordship that this is war,' before England would reconsider the anomalous stand she had taken. The tribunal which sat in 1871 at Ganeva. found that the British Government had not shown "reasonable care'

in fulfilling her obligations. military hospital at Boulogne, Cecil Chesterton completed "A History of was stating our contention rather mildly. England, as usual, got off with the payment in gold of \$15,500,object, in the author's words, history of America which they do not We are almost tempted to add which many of them do not wish to know. This is what he says about the secession of the Southern States: "The resistance of the South, though

Confederacy, though they were actually suffering untold hardships so nearly universal, was not strictly You cannot compare the on account of the cutting off of the fied in discounting some of case with that of Ireland or Poland. cotton supply from the South, but views. The Confederacy was never a nation ; A parallel that is quite close exists between Ireland and the American

colonies based their right to self. determination. G. K. Chesterton, Cecil's brilliant brother, in his thinking of her wrongs as a colony, but already of her rights as a re-public." Iceland, on the other hand,

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principle was at stake as in the case of Balgium. As regards Ireland, is there not a deadly parallel between Britishry and Bochery? Can Eng-land, the pharises of the nations, escape the charge of moral obliquity Is she not striving to make of the Peace Conference, which she dominates and of which she is the chief beneficiary, a classic example for all time of dreary cant and snuffling hypocrisy Still, with the aid of innumerable

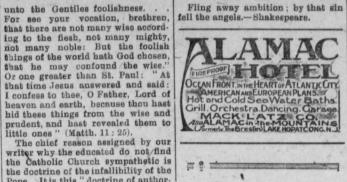
mental comersaults, we may envisage, though imperfectly, England's atti-tude towards Ireland: Pride, and arrogance, and sefishness, unwilling to own to a tissue of double dealing, of junker dragooning, and of blind, stupid, bungling, beetle-headedness, unique in the history of the world. ament But when American newspapers, to-Lord gether with the Tafts and the Eliots, are willing to forget the throes of our own birth as a free nation; when conniving with the South in the Carnegie Foundation and North-natter of fitting out vessels. Not- to English favor and batten like Americans can be corrupted by the to English favor and batten like carrion-kites, on England's moral corruption in Ireland, it were high bad health, just as the Kaiser was cruising in Norwegian waters when the Great War broke out. Straiged good there is in us is wholly English, when the truth is that we are worth nothing except so far as we have disinfected ourselves of Anglicism.

# AN ENGLISHMAN ON "RELIGION NOW"

In the current number of the

The Atlantic Monthly A. Clutton-Brock, an Englishman of letters, lecturer and essayist, exercises his critical acumen on religion in all its forms as it exists today in England. This Though evidently a scholar of wide reading the antecedent probability is with the payment in gold of \$15,500, 000, a ridiculous indemnity for the able to deal adequately with so vast harm done by the Southern privateers. a subject. One would at least sup-England's policy in the Civil War ran true to form, "Divide et Impera." Let it be noted here, however, that of religion; but his chosen field is it was not the laboring classes in literature, according to the introduc-England that wanted a victorious tion given him by the periodical Confederacy, though they were which publishes his article. Hence we may from the beginning be justihis

though, had the war had a different conclusion, it might perhaps have be-come one." "The War," says he, "has increased trate that scandal and mockery of government in Irsland to day, the weak, who seek consolation at all "The War," says he, " has increased nobles and aristocrats. Even Cecil costs, but also in the strong, who see Chesterton, who is quite conservative that science has not made us wise colonies. Ireland's claims are far when discussing the Civil War, writes about the nature of the universe or "The intelligent governing class at that time generally regarded the hearts that not only the Germans, ton, Americans, as the Americans rebut all of us, have been fools: we have believed something sillier than Short History of England," writes: enemies, and would not have been the silliest version of Christianity, 'She (the American colony) was not sorry to see one strong power in the namely, that mankind was advancenemies, and would not have been sorry to see one strong power in the New World replaced by two weak ones." (p. 250). Lord Acton, the historian, in a letter written shortly This process we thought of as im-Anna was slipping her beads through her fingers, and with her trough her fingers, and with her though her fingers, and with her fingers, and with her though her fingers, and with her fingers, and with her though her fingers, and with her fingers, and with her though her fingers, and with her fingers, and with her though her fingers, and with her fingers, and with her though her fingers, and with her fingers, and with her though her fingers, and with her fingers, and with her fingers, and with her though her fingers, and with her fingers, and with her fingers, and with her though her fingers, and with her fingers, and with her fingers, and with her fingers, and with her though her fingers, and with her fingers, and wi watchers rose to meet him, but the claims in her fight against England. this dyspeptic cynic worshiped loved best have died for us, and we question they yearned to ask would Let me mention here that if Ireland Frederick the Great, the Arch-Teuton, do not believe that they died because they were less fit to live." If the War has really given the death blow in propartion, much larger than the arrogant minority that impose their selfish will, with the backing of a nation. It space permitted we of the blessed by products of that monstrous evil. From this calamitous obsession, then, the English mind is to turn to belief. But to belief in what? The ablest and most religious men in England, our writer says, are con vinced that truth is in Christianity, but at present it lies hidden there States. But let us remember that during the past two hundred years varieties of Christianity satisfies the three English ambassadors from the mind of these most able and religious men. True Christianity must yet be Court of St. James have had to be handed their passports for undiplo- discovered. Being particularly interested in the writer's observations on Cath olicism, we shall confine our obser-vation to that part of his article which contains his criticism of the Catholic religion. "There is to begin with," he says, "the Roman Catholic Church. Its defect is that it belies its name and is no longer Catholic. Among the educated, only certain psculiarly minded people find themselves able to belong to it. It remains Catholic for the unedu-cated; and that is why we are drawn toward it. For the Catholic element, the Catholic desire in it, is of the greatest value; and we know that there is truth in it." Now if we were to take this state-ment of Mr. Clutton-Brock for granted, viz., that simple, unsophisti-cated souls find their perfect peace 



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Pope. It is this " doctrine of author ity" that deters them. "You must make a certain surrender," he continues, "not merely of yourself but of your highest values, if you are to enter into that Catholicity Were the authority of the Catholic Church a human authority this objection would be justified. But if it is divine, an essential feature of the Church founded by Christ, there can be no surrender of highest values by man. Submitting to that authority means then only to accept God's values instead of one's own; it means divesting one's self of all its pride to let in the truth of God ; it means to become one of those ones" to whom the Father reveals

the mysteries of heaven. And, while it would lead us too far to state all the arguments on which the Church's divine authority is based, we will say just this to Mr. Clutton Brock : 'You maintain that the truth of God is hidden in Christianity, and that Christianity correctly understood is the revelation to be believed by all men. If this is so, is it not a postulate of reason that Christianity has been provided with a safe means for its correct under-standing, with a provision equally adapted to the learned and the un learned, viz., an infallible llving authority to lead men into the hidden meanings of Christianity? That God should have given a revelation to the world which it has been impes sible to understand these two the sand years, and with no prospect of ever arriving at a secure understand. ing of the same, seems an altogether preposterous assumption. And yet if you discard "the doctrine of authority" you are inevitably driven to that assumption. One or two more objections of this

writer against the Catholic Church we shall take up in our next issue.-S. in The Guardian.

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Lue disciplinarian picked up the Ulster, but the majority rules every-sled, and pressed it to his breast. where save in Ireland where the "I'll take it up to him," he said, and went up the states \_\_learned Herriching the past two hundred years. To mention but one instance, we condense herriching the past two hundred years. went up the stairs .- Jacred Heart Review

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Dadizeele was the Lourdes of Western Flanders. There was a magnificent basilica, designed by Pugin, which was erected entirely from the pence contributed by the peasants and townsfolk all over the countryside, at a cost considerably

out by the Peace Conference has its ment of her enemies in this War and

England has no claim over Ireland storff, and rightly so, for his parfidy except the tyrant's, for the latter is while ambassador to the United except the tyrant's, for the latter is separate and distinct, geographically and racially, and had, moreover, governed itself for more than a thousand years prior to the English invasion. Moreover England's treat-

superior to those on which

ment of Ireland was and is hosoridate to call it bastard statesmanship would be to make it legitimate in the been would be to make it legi comparison with what it has been and is. English rule in Ireland has been, to quote G. K. Chesterton, "a James Balfour's entrance into Rich-mond, the capital of the Confederacy, faming sword of religious and racial insanity." (p. 255). The American colonies had been settled by England and she had, therefore, the right to legislate for them. To quote G. K. Sanator Williams, of Mississippi, but paying an old debt when he stood Chesterion again: "It was certainly not self-evident paying an old debt when he stood out against the otherwise unanimous

in the sense of law and precedent, vote of the Sanate to have the Irish that the Imperial Government could delegates admitted for a hearing at delegates admitted for a hearing at not lay taxes on such colonies. Nor the Peace Cenference?

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not lay taxes on such colonies. Nor were the taxes themselves of that practically oppressive sort which rightly raise everywhere the common casuistry of revolution (p. 233)." Ireland, then, has a clear case for

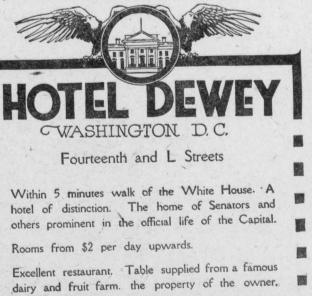
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