

ENGLISH CATHOLIC OPINION AND THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH CRISIS.

Preaching at St. George's cathedral, Southwark, London, on the text, "If a house be divided against itself it cannot stand." Mark III, 25. Father Vaughan drew attention to the present crisis in the English Established Church. "What," asked the preacher, "do the members of that State Church hold with regard to those articles of creed which I have pointed out to you as the heritage of all Catholics in common?"

From the fundamental fact of the Reformation that "the Crown and Parliament in these matters were supreme, and that what they thought fit, or did not think fit, to assert or deny in these matters, was binding upon the clergy no less than upon the laity of the Church of England." What inevitably followed from the "fundamental fact" that "the Crown and Parliament" is the last resort superior to ecclesiastical authority? Why, this followed, that the Church of England, as at present constituted, was as much a department of State as was the Foreign or the Home Office, or the Post Office.

Let us say that its teaching was the "definite and certain" teaching of the "Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ." If it was not, then, what was it? Let Parliament pronounce the verdict.

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE NEGRO PROBLEM.

The following letter has appeared in the Boston Republic: To the Editor of The Republic: The evangelization of the negroes of the South has taken new life from the successful missionary work of the past few years, and the strong words of commendation uttered by those who are high in the councils of the church, and who compose the board that overlooks this kind of work—Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Ryan and Archbishop Kain, aided by Very Rev. E. R. Dyer as secretary. The steady increase of Catholic schools and churches, which have made greater progress within the last five years than had been accomplished in the previous twenty-five, has gradually dispelled the feeling of uncertainty that had for so long a time discouraged the hearts of those engaged in the missionary work and held back the liberality for its maintenance.

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WHO IS HAPPY?

The healthy mother of a healthy child has a happiness all her own. Her's is a joy that cannot be told. It is peculiar to motherhood. The responsibility for the soft little, sweet little, dependant creature

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