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Current Comment

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insist on the contrast between the Proin a clearer light. Briefly, the con-Church looks upon the sacraments as us." channels through which grace infallibly flows into the soul unless that soul has built up against the inflow of grace mean to face persecution or force redress the dam of mortal sin, whereas the Protestant theory is that the spiritual to Catholic children. Then will come efficacy of the sacraments depends al- the tug of war between compulsory together on the dispositions of the recipients, and that the sacraments themselves are considered to be mainly as badges of church membership.

Another misprint occurred in the same issue on page 1,-"this frequent reception of absolutism," where the last word should of course be "absolu-

Our English brethren are thoroughly earnest on the school question. The Catholic Bishops, who in England always act together, lately recommended that the following question should be addressed to candidates at the elections now just completed:

"Will you, if returned to Parliament, resist any interference with the right of Catholic parents, as at present secured by law, to have their children educated in the elementary schools of the country in conformity with their conscientious religious convictions?"

In accordance with this recommendation, the Catholic Association sent the question to candidates for constituencies north of the Thames, while the Catholic League did the same in South London. Many replies were satisfactory, and some "were very foxy ones," says the Tablet, which prints the result of 101 enquiries. No reply was received from 41 candidates, mostly Liberals or Laborites, among whom is the Right Hon. John Burns. Several candidates advocate strongly the teaching of Particularly the Jewish candidates, are very determined in their resistance to any interference with the rights of Catholic parents.

upon you in this day of peril to our will ever wish to work for." Catholicity to stand shoulder to shoulder for our holy faith—that faith for which our fathers died, for the faith of our children and for our schools. Let it be known at last to Liberal and Tory alike that in the matter of religious education in our schools we are yielding no further,—no, not one step more."

After exhorting all Catholics to join the league, the manifesto continues: Banded together, we, the Catholics of Fancashire, priests and people—irres-Pective of party, whether Liberal or Tory demand and claim, once and for all the inviolable right to Catholic achools for Catholic children; also to atholic teachers for Catholic schools, an hour a day for religious inatruction; also to Catholic management and Catholic training colleges" (normal chools); "and to a fair financial treatment from the State in proportion to our contribution for the education rate. We do not ask for charity, but for justice and a right to our religion, which these incessions are the only means to deend. When our schools are gone our religion is gone!

In our last week's comments, page | "Moreover, we of the Catholic League, the word "at" dropped out of a acting together, now solemnly and sentence on the Three-church-union's openly declare that if these our just view of the sacraments. We had demands are set aside or infringed by written that the unionist's view of the either party in power, forthwith, on a nature of the sacraments is "not at all day appointed, every Catholic school Catholic;" but the printed page reads of the League will be closed, the scholars 'not all Catholic," as if some aspects disbanded, and forbidden to attend of that view were Catholic. True, the any other school whatever, until such subsequent context makes our meaning times as there shall be granted to us the plain enough. However, it is well to measure of justice and fair treatment which we not only conscientiously testant and the Catholic doctrine on demand, but which we are in conscience the sacraments, so as to put the latter bound to fight for-and this, no matter what measure of fines and imprisonment trast consists in this, that the Catholic and cruelty may be put in force against

> Truly, these Lancashire men are valiant kickers, and they undoubtedly by closing their and all other schools secular education and the God-given rights of Catholics. What they will do we also can do if the two-edged weapon of compulsory education is unwisely sharpened by an unfair interpretation of the phrase "efficient schools."

The advantage of having principles and sticking to them, as our English brethren do, is thus strikingly insisted on by the London (Eng.) "Standard."

On the education question nobody who watches events can be unaware that the Radical Government is prepared to offer special terms to Roman Catholics and Jews. To these two bodies preferential treatment has already been accorded by sundry county councils. That the Roman Catholics-in this country a relatively small and poor community-should be able to get their own way, while the wealthy Church of England is snubbed and brow-beaten, affords a significant illustration of the advantage of having principles and sticking and meaning what you say-of presenting a united and undaunted front to every hostile attack-of suppressing faddists-of rejecting compromise and demanding neither more nor less than your just rights-of possessing leaders who are deservedly trusted by their followers.

With reference to the preferential treatment of Catholics by the present religion in school hours, and many, British Liberal Government, the London party now in power would stipulate consideration. There was a time when that the price would be the desertion of the cause of religious teaching in the living an almost secular life, doing as Anglican schools, the "Tablet" observes: little as you are now for the salvation Catholic Lancashire strenuously ex- "Needless to say, Catholics will always presses its convictions and claims in a be supporters of the rights of Anglican sions of duty, to hear a voice directing manifesto that appeared in the "Man- parents to get the definite religious him to preach the Gospel to perishing chester Courier' of Jan. 6. This education they desire for their children; weighty pronouncement is headed "The but if other Protestants deny that right of discouragements. Ridicule, oppos-Catholic League to the Catholics of Lan- to Anglicans, yet cede it to Catholics, ition, unkind treatment at the hands Cashire, "and begins thus: "In the name Catholics cannot refuse that cession, of God and our holy religion, we call though it is less wide a one than they turned him from his course, and in the

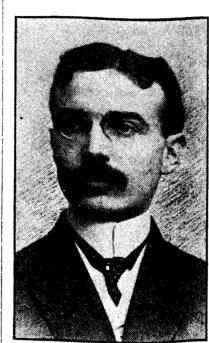
> During a speech in favor of the candidature of Mr. John Burns at Battersea, Mr. George Bernard Shaw, who is nothing if not outspoken generally on the wrong side of ethics, made a good point, when he emphasized the astonishingly successful game of bluff played by the small but dogged Orange faction. These were his words:

There was no need for him to say much about Home Rule. He was an Irishman and his countrymen governed England. (Laughter and cheers.) Of course, no Irishman speaking of his countrymen meant them all. He meant only the party he belonged to. In sympathy he (Mr. he belonged to the Protestant garrison, and he had still enough of the old leaven to be proud of that garrison, for the way in which it took the late mighty Government by the scruff of the neck and said: "Look here,

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NORMAN LINDSAY LIMITED

The Norman Lindsay Limited, Piano and Music house, opens this week at that very central location, the Stobart Block, 284 Portage Avenue. The store is to be very handsomely fitted up. A new front is being put in, and other improvements are to be made at once. In front will be the department devoted to music and musical supplies, this department containing a well selected stock of sheet music and musical instruments of all characters. Very handsome piano parlors are being fitted up in the rear portion of the store, with a phonograph department, and for



MR. NORMAN LINDSAY President of Winnipeg's New Piano and Music House

The leading piano of the Norman Lindsay Limited will be that high grade instrument, the Gerhard Heintzman, the merits of which are generally and freely admitted. In respect to this and other agencies the new firm has been specially fortunate. With to them—of saying what you mean Mr. Norman Lindsay, who is well known in Catholic circles, an energetic business man of wide experience in the piano and music trade to personally direct its policy, with ample capital and worthy instruments, the new firm begins with excellent prospects.

THE NEW PASTOR

Back of his coming to you there lies a history, which, if known to you, "Morning Post" having said that the would make you treat him with great he was not a preacher; when he was of men. But he began to feel impresmen. He obeyed the call in the face of those for whom he labored have not providence of God he comes to you to teach you, or remind you of the greatest truth it is given to mortals to know -truth so great that even the angels of heaven stand in awe before it.

Take care how you treat a man that comes to you on such a mission. He is messenger of God, and God is looking. Welcome him, and thank God for the message he sends, however imperfectly it may be expressed.

Your treatment of your pastor as a servant of God will help him to bear in mind his high office, and never fall in dignity below it in ihs association with those he is sent to instruct or warn, or comfort.—Church Record.

At the saturnalia, the heathen proto-Shaw) was with the great Nationalist type of Christmas, it was the Roman Roman Catholic mass, but by birth custom to decorate the houses with evergreens. This was done to give the woodland spirits refuge from the cold. in Denmark---Pittsburgh Catholic.

> In Atlanta, Ga., it is the Christmas custom to let free all prisoners whose ordinances.

Persons and Facts

At the end of last week and the begin- | tive quarters of the Papal legation to ing of this we had exceptionally mild this country to cost \$100,000. weather, a decided thaw, even in the shade, for a few days, but Jack Frost vigor on Tuesday.

sented to Monsignor Dugan on the 24th large, airy rooms in the basement for of January by the French speaking pupils of St. Mary's Academy, "La Societe du Bon Parler Français." Declamations, essays and music made a very enjoyable entertainment after which the Rt. Rev. Vicar General spoke a few appropriate words in English and at greater length in French. This was his first appearance at the Academy since his elevation to the Roman pre-

> of the Assiniboine is a sight better than the present university site.

tial not only in this country but in Sisters in our school altogether, and dom. they are doing splendid work among the boys of the Chinese quarter. We have made many converts among the Chinese and we seem to have the Oriental conever possessed it."

The Archduchess Marie Immaculee, vator, of Austria. Her mother is a Bourbon princess. The Archduchess is not vet fourteen.

Parliament in the Nationalist interest Town by permission of Commissioner for the College Division of Dublin, and General de Mist. They were the first chief compositor of the "Freeman's priests who were permitted to celebrate Journal" who was recently elected Mass in South Africa. In the following ord Mayor of Dublin, was born in 1851, and is the son of an Italian sculpt- rule they were expelled by the governor, or and modeller. He was educated at Sir David Baird. To-day the Catholics the Baggot Street Convent schools and can point to five vicariates and two at the schools of the Christian brothers. Dublin. He was apprenticed to the chapels and 253 priests. printing trade, and was afterwards employed in Liverpool, where he was one of the founders of the Home Rule organ-

One of the most notable conversions to the Catholic Church in the present generation (though little has been heard of it in this country), and one destined to have a far-reaching influence on philosophical and theological thought in Northern Europe, has been that of Dr. K. Krogh-Tonning, the celebrated pastor, writer and pulpit orator of Christiania. As Lutheran rector of Old Acker parish in the capital of Norway, he won a brilliant reputation, not only in his own country, but in Sweden, Denmark and Germany, being known not only as an eloquent preacher but as a man of profound and varied learning. His great treatise on dogmatic theology, in five volumes, won a speedy place as the standard work on that subject throughout the Lutheran Church, and it is probable that, since the conversion of John Henry Newman just 60 years ago, no similar event has caused such a commotion in Protestant circles as the news that Dr. Krogh-Tonning has been received into the Catholic Church by a Jesuit Father at Aargus

At a recent meeting of the Archbishops held at Washington, it was deonly offence has been against the city cided to put up a building at the National capital for the residence and execu-

- 四周日何刻 Next month President Diaz of Mexico came back to his own with renewed will pay his first visit to the State of Yucatan. The principal object of his visit will be the dedication in Merida A literary treat in French was pre- of the O'Haran Hospital. The name speaks for another instance of Irish philanthropy in odd corners of the world.

A course in the history, language and literature of Japan was established at the University of Notre Dame last Monday and Francis Sugita of Tokio has accepted the newly founded chair. Though a young man, Mr. Sugita is well prepared for the task, having received a thorough education in the University of Tokio. Notre Dame is one of the Professor Buller thinks the other side first of the American Institutions to add a course of Japanese to its curriculum.

The Life of Leo XIII., which Marion Rev. Henry I. Stark, of the Paulist Crawford and Count Soderini are writing House in San Francisco, tells some is expected to reveal a new phase of interesting things about the Chinese the Papal attitude towards the unity missions conducted by the Paulists in of Italy and to revolutionize the general that city: "We have a school of 300 feeling toward the pontificates of Chinese children there. This is con-Pius IX. and Leo XIII. In view of the ducted under the auspices of the Help- fact that the biographers have access ers of the Holy Souis. Five of the to unpublished documents and of the Sisters are natives of China. They movement looking toward a reconciliaspeak not only Chinese, but Italian, tion between the Vatican and the French and English. They are influen- | Quirinal, the forthcoming life of the late lamented Pontiff will be awaited China as well. There are eighteen with much interest all over Christen-

At the Auditorium the attendance continues to be most satisfactory, and is a flattering testimony to the popufidence in a way no other people have larity of the rink. Sweet music is discoursed nightly by a first class band; the ice is always in excellent condition while all other conveniences neceswho is reported as having retired from sary to the comfort of the skaters the world and taken the veil, is a is carefully attended to. An afternoon daughter of the Archduke Leopold Sal- or evening spent at the Auditorium is always enjoyed.

A hundred years ago-in 1805-Revs. Joannes Lansink, Jacobus Nelissen and Joseph Patrick Nannetti, member of Lambertus Prinsen landed at Cape when the Cape fell under British prefectures apostolic, 165 churches and

> The restoration of St. Mark's Cathedral, Venice, Italy, proceeds satisfactorily. The scaffolding supporting the Apocalypse vault, which was most in danger, has been completed without the decoration of the vault suffering injury. The pillars of the tribune and the chief walls have been protected and supported. The preservation of the basilica is now assured.

> It is a matter worthy of special note that the two leading prize winners in a competition which had 6,000 contestants are pupils of the Catholic schools. A prominent Buffalo business house instituted an essay competition open to pupils of the public and parochial schools in and around Buffalo. There were about 6,000 responses.

Archbishop Farley and a great many prominent Catholics in New York are putting on foot a plan to produce a number of religious dramatic oratorios of the highest possible class. It is planned to develop a religious school

Rev. Andrew Morrissey, for 12 years president of the University of Notre Dame, has returned from Europe much improved in health.

The Texas Baptists have decided to raise \$100,000 for missions during the coming year.