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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God ill effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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The Pope as a Statesman.

The Papal letter on the Manitoba consinces has given wonderful satisfaction. Along with being exhaustive it is ocalm, so judicial, and withal so full if kindly spirit that its admirers are ust as many as are capable of feeling in judging rightly. This is not only a reat consolation to ns, but also a disjunct benefit to the whole country. The controversy has been lifted out of the uts of mere party passions, and stripcontroversy has been lifted out of the ruts of mere party passions, and strip-ped of the false lights which were in-tended to keep men from seeing its real nature. Doubtless we shall have, in time, travesties of the great document, and distortions of its plain meaning to suit the needs or purposes of the mere politician; but these, though they may hamper its action and obstruct its use-fulness, cannot change its character as a most dignified and statemanlike pro-nouncement upon a great question.

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This reflection opens up a view of the
Papacy, and particularly of the present
Pope, which we think worth dwelling
upon. The Popedom is of immediate
Divine institution, and rests upon the
rock of Christ's appointment, against
which the gates of hell shall never prevail. This accounts for its stability in a
world where everything else is in a state
of chronic change.

But the divine institution does not
exclude the use of any legitimate human
agencies. It puts no premium on sloth,
whether of intellect or will. When the
storm on the Sea of Galilee frightened
the disciples and they awoke the Master,
He robuked them for their little faith,
as who should say, "Why did you not
use your own best endeavers first." Indeed, neither in the matter of individual
salvation nor of the Church's advance
is the co-operation of man shut out.
Each one, in his time and place, is assured of grace to help him sufficiently,
but is for that very reason called upon
to exert all his own powers of mind and
body in doing what his position demands. If you know these things, says
our Lord, ye shall be blessed, not by the
mere knowing of them, but ye shall be
blessed if you do them.

This being what every one holds, it is
not difficult to see how the office of the
Pope entails more labor, and requires
more ability, than any other upon this
earth. Let us try to think of world, wide
kingdom. Deplomately stable upon
the the floopel is His walking upon
the statesmanship, the skill of man aiming
to guide and master men, must use what
if finds to hand. It needs almost
onniscience, for it must be able to read
not merely man, but men in their combinations, swayed by appetite and intreest, by passion or conscience. It
must be able not only to spraise the
value and bearing of actions performed,
but also with more than ang

work are merely mechanical, subject to rule and capable of being estimated beforehand.

But the wild energies of human will, strong as the something that makes earthquakes, and careeting in no calculable orbit, who has the almost divine judgment to predict their next movement and be prepared to meet it? And yet this, and this alone, is the matter upon which the sublime science of diplomacy directs its action, requiring gifts as much above the ordinary as Newton's smind, in discovering pravitation, is above the carpenter's skill in driving a mail. He, then, who is great in diplomacy is great in that which is greated and enemy alke, is, if not shift, and our present Pope, by confession of friend and enemy alke, is, if not shift, cortainly one of the first master of that science. We are not going in the control of the cont

vision over the globe; does he not fittingly receive the name "Lumen in Cello" given by prophecy. They interpret, sum up in themselves, and so are able to guide a single nationality, whose heart-beatings they understand because they are of it themselves. A thousand peoples and tribes and tongues are clear-revealed to the comprehensive wisdom of the Pope. One, or at most a few of the languages suffice for the ordinary diplomatist, while he needs both the living and he does a few of the languages suffice for the ordinary diplomatist, while he needs both the living and he does go the living he does go the living and he does go the living and he does go the living and he does go the living he does go the living and he does go the living he

memous and passion of the moment to help their plans. He has to know and fix the value of every fact, and show its bearing upon the judgment he pronounces.

These and a thousand other things show the difference between ordinary and Papal diplomacy. But there is one feature in the latter that puts it simply out of the category of comparison altogether. The Pall Mail Gazette, some years ago, described it this way: "The Pope has to make diplomacy, unsupported by force, do the work which in all other cases diplomacy thinks it useless to attempt, unless it has a reservo of force within call."

We, of yourse, know that there is indeed a reserve of force a dways within call, a force which never till nor can fail; but we know, too, but this force—which is Christ's produce the with His One-which is characterised the with His One-which is characterised the will be a state of the case, and the use of these acts by which the force of opposition is overcome or turned aside, and the Chrust's life free force of the greater good of man and society.

That the present Pope has shown hussolf a great mester, both in the science and the arts of diplomacy of the discounce of the Chruch, to contend with the most powerful crupires and their greatest men, and history declares has more than hold his own. With the most powerful crupires and their greatest men, and history declares has more than hold his own. With the most powerful crupires and their greatest men, and history declares has m

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QUEBEC, Jan. 81.—The banquet tendered to-night to Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick by the frishmen of Quebec and their friends, was an unqualited success in every respect. The large banquetting hall of the Chateau Frontenae was reowded to its utmost capacity, and many of the guests had to be accommodated with seats in the adjoining corridor. Over 300 sat down. Hon. John Sharples presided, the dinner being entirely non-political. Amonget those present were Hon. John Costigan, M.P., D. G. Fraser, M.F., Guysborre, Malouin, M.P., Dr. Guay, M.F., Tabot, M.F., Albot, M.F., and Parent, Mayor M. Price, Edmond Giroux. The portrait of the guest and the Dominion International Control of the Company of t

side by portraits of Gladatone and Parnoll.

Mr. Fitspatrick's speech was an loquent reference to the part played by Iriahmen in the history of Canada and by the city of Queboe in the way of recent progress. He urged her claims to further aid in the matter of the bridge and Parry Sound R. R., and this from the broad ground of the desirable development of the country at large, and of Quebec's new territory in particular, which Toronto was now making such efforts to reach first by means of a railway to James Bay.

Hon John Costigan, Mr. Malouin, M. P., and Mr. Fraser, M.P., replied for the Dominion Parliament.

United Action.

THE CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION.

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Dublin, Jan. 19 — Yesterday aftermoon at half-pest one a meeting of the Irish Parlamentary Party was held at the offices of the Irish National Federation, 21 Rutland square. Mr. John Dillon, M.P., Chairman of the Party, presided. The following members were also present: Hon. E. Blake, Captain Donelan, Messrs. W. Abraham, T. J. Condon, D. Grilly, T. Curran, M. Davitt, J. Dillon, P. Doogan, J. Finucane, M. J. Flavin, J. G. S. M'Neill, F. Maudoville, J. F. X. C'Brien, P. O'Brien, F. A. O'Keeffe, W. O'Malloy, J. Roche and D. Shoely. The proceedings were private.

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After the disposition of financial business, the following resolutions were naminously adopted:

No. 1 Resolution.

That this Party, comprising the elected representatives of the great majority of the Irish people, hall the centenary of 1798 with reverence for the memory of the men who fought heroically for Ireland in that year, and will join heartily with any and overy section of Irish Nationalists in celebrating on the broadest possible basis this hundredth anniversary of their glorious struggle for Irish reedom; that, in order to make the celebration worthy of the principles of the United Irishmen, and to prove to E. Iglaud how universally all that is representative in the Irish Nation is prepared to join in a tribute to their memory, it is essential that the celebration should be conducted in the broadest and most tolerant spirit without particulary Nation, Parliamentary, Municipal, or the principles of the United Irishmen that the celebration should be conducted in the broadest and most tolerant spirit without particular the properties of the Bengle and that we urge our friends through the country to take immediate steps to cooperate with any movement so conducted, and to aid in preparing a memorable National welcome for our transations in aggleutture, and the failure of the conduction in aggleutture, and the failure of the conduct of the conduct of the depression in aggleutture, and the failure of the conduct of the depression in aggleutture, and the failure of the conduct of the conduct

No. 2 Resolution.

That as a consequence of the depression in agriculture, and the failure of the crops in many districts, large bedden the population are at the present induced it into the population are at the present induced it into the present induced it into the present induced it is the present induced in the present induced it is the present induced in the present induced in the present induced in the day of the Government to the present industrial the present industrial that the calculative with which the present in the present industrial that the calculative with which the present in the pr

negation of their own repeated admission of the justice of the damands of the Catholier, and we pledge ourselves by every means in our power to insist upon immediate action being taken to give effect to Mr. Balfour's declaration as to the indefensable and intolerable character of the griovance against which four-fithes of the inhabitants of Ireland have made their selemn protest.

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No 6 Resolution.

That the deepened agricultural distress in Ireland acconducte the gross injustice of refusing to the Irish agricultural interest the same relief which has been accorded to that interest in Great Britain; and we will continue to press for this relief, including the arrears of over three quarters of a million equitably due to Ireland.

ably due to Ireland.

No. 7 RESOLUTION.

That the ovicted tenants have an overwhelming claim on the sympathy and support of their countrymen; that we have observed with pain that the octibutions to the Mansion House Committee are quite inadequate to enable that committee to carry on its patriotic work; that we strongly recommend the appeal of that committee to the Irlsh people and pledge ourselves to take an early opportunity to urge the claims of the ovicted tenants on the attention of Parliament.

without further delay to grant a general amnesty to all Irish political prisoners.

The following resolutions were also manimously adopted:

Moved by Mr. Blake, M.P., seconded by Mr. W. Abraham, M.P.—

That the chairman be requested to communicate with the chairman of the Parnellile Party with a view to concerted action in Parliament on all or any of the puestions referred to in the foregoing resolutions, and, if possible, to arrange provisionally on a plan of action, and to report the same for the consideration of the Party at their meeting in the opening day of the seasion.

Moved by Mr. Davitt, M.P., seconded by Capt. Donelan, M.P.—

That the Party desires to record its warmest thanks to the friends of the Irish cause in the Dominion of Canada who have recorntly sent most generous support to the National Fund.

Moved by Mr. Bake, M.P., seconded by Mr. P. J. O'Brien, M.P.—

That to the efficient conduct of the work of the Irish Parliamentary Party in the financial aid will be essential; but that in view of the exceptional agricultural distress in Ireland and of the condition of the Evited Tenants Fund, the appeal for such aid be deferred.

Referring to the business done for the year 1897 of the North American Life Insurance Company, The Monetary Times of this city—a financial authority of the highest standing in the Dominion—

promise to great to Ireland during the approaching session the same measure of self government that is enjoyed by the local communities in Britain, and we will use every exertion to source the fulliment of that promise.

No. 4 Resolution.

That we reaffirm the motion of less testablished the existence of an understand the existence of a understan

William Ewart Gladstone.

At the present moment, when alarming reports as to state the of Mr. Gladstone's health are appearing in the newspapers with increasing frequency, the followin o'tracts from Justin McCarthy's "Story of Gladstone's Life," just published, will be read with interest. Mr. McCarthy clearly vindicates Mr. Gladstone from the imputation once so prevalent, now almost exploded, that his conversion to Home fulle was sudden, much less that it was influenced by political expediency. Amid many proofs on the subject, Mr. McCarthy gives one nest interesting personal illustration, which we venture to reproduce, of Mr. Gladstone's open mind and gradual conversion to Home Rule:—

Mr. Gladstone's political opponents

become musuament, which we consider to reproduce, of Mr. Gladstone's open mind and gradual conversion to Home Rule.

Mr. Gladstone's political opponents have made much talk about the suddenness of his conversion to Home Rule. The imputation is that he became a convert to the principle of Home Rule. The imputation is that he became a convert to the principle of Home Rule at the moment when he found that Irish Nationalist members were returned to Parliament in numbers strong enough to hold the belance of power between the two great English purchased that two great English purchased that two great English which Ishall be able to show that English when Ishall be able to show that a trans, on the owner of the that the Irish Nationalist member, were atong enough to make themselves of account to the Government of either party. So long ago as 1779, shortly after I first became a member of the House of Commons, Mr. Gladstone showed himself inclined not indeed to favor, but to consider the question of Home Rule. Through a friend of his and of mine, Mr. James Knowles, the ditor of The Nineteenth Century, Mr. Gladstone suggested that I should write one or two articles for The Nineteenth Century on the subject of Home Rule. As I understood the matter at the time, Mr. Gladstone did not give the slightest indication that he was in favor of the principle of Home Rule, but was of opinion that the norm had come when a fair statement of the whole, subject that Mr. Gladstone did not give the slightest indication that he was in favor of the principle of Home Rule, but was of opinion that he was in favor of the principle of Home Rule, but was a fair statement of the whole, subject indication that he was in favor of the principle of Home Rule, but was of opinion that he was in favor of the English public. I have no doubt that Mr. Gladstone did not give the slightest indication that he was in favor of the English public. I have no doubt that Mr. Gladstone did not give the slightest indication that he was in favor of the principle of t