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THE BOLSHEVIST STATE SCHOOL SYSTEM

Two weeks ago we called attention to an article published in many leading papers which gave unqualified praise to the Bolshevist Government for its great constructive work in the matter of Russian education. For the first time in the history of the country," wrote the enthusiastic admirer of the Bolshevist school system, "all children between the ages of eight and sixteen are compelled to go to school." In pointing out that this might open the way for tyranny more odious than any made Bolshevism a byword and a hissing, we remarked that this great "constructive work" might become the most destructive and disruptive mothers of Russia tell you that ever menaced civilization.

A correspondent of the New York Times interviewed a Swiss woman school teacher who had just returned to her native country after a residence of eleven years in Moscow. Her years of residence and her professional interest in the schools make her testimony especially valuable.

It may serve to explain the appear ance in our press of articles like that of Frazier Hunt to quote these paragraphs:

Like all branches of the Soviet placid aspect of progres sive Socialism and modern pedagogic ideals calculated to impress foreign intellectuals favorably for Russia; it is a political machine driven by and engendering tyranny, cruelty, and Lunacharsky, Commissary for Public Instruction, is a consummate comedian. Trading on his former reputation as an exiled idealist and man of letters, he issues decrees instituting a system of education based on Tolstoi's principles, and publishes articles in the Soviet press expounding elevated theories and exhibiting a most tender solicitude for Russia's youth. All this is to hoodwink unsuspecting pedagogues and win the sympathies

eign countries. decrees and articles would suppose that Russia had been transformed into a children's paradise. But the entire civilized world. The brave truth is altogether different. There and upright men who are giving their exists but one type of school in lives in the crusade against the in-Russia today. This is officially the ternational criminals of Moscow are common school. It has three preparatory and four higher classes. The highest, the eighth class of the old Russian school, has been abolished. In each class there is an equal number of boys and girls, for -education is one of Lunacharsky's fundamental principles.

Many things about the Bolshevist system have a strange, familiar ring. The teachers, for instance, are forbid- didate was elected by over 15,000 at home. That ought to delight and muddlers of education. Our tions so that the by-election camlessons. They have no school books, as the old ones are considered Department of Education has been too busy issuing decrees and instruc-There is no program of lessons, so crowned King of Ulster pointed out upon the west front at Rheims." the children of the four higher that it was the "duty" of Antrim classes decide in true Soviet style what shall be taught. All educational questions are decided by the Scholars' Committees who sit side by side with the teachers and whose decisions are binding on the

ence is only one of degree.

absolute liberty in Russia :

"Religious instruction, of course, is strictly forbidden, and even i and conversations on philosophical and moral subjects are regarded by the Soviet authorities as counter-revolutionary and prohibited. This prohibition is particularly flendish because co-education in absolute liberty, as instituted by Lunacharsky, must inevitably lead in a primitive country like Russia, to re-volting conditions if moral guidance be completely lacking. But it is a deliberate part of the Bolshevist plan to corrupt and deprave the children in order to obtain a lasting hold over them and to train them as future propagandists of Lenin's material istic and criminal doctrine.

this Satanic system of To depravation belong 'children's balls,' which are arranged frequently in the schools by order of Lunachar The parents are forced to send their children to these dances which last until the early hours of morning Last Winter, in the streets of Moscow and Petrograd, it was painful to see the miserable mothers waiting all night In Montreal single copies may be purchased in the snow outside of brilliantly illuminated school buildings, where their boys and girls were dancing the tango and foxtrot. The teachers assist at these balls, but are not allowed to exercise any authority over the children."

The Russian school system thus laid bare will shock many who have long been advocates of secular education from which religion is deliber ately excluded. Those who have State in all matters of educational control should see in its working out alone has a legal name thrust upon in Russia where that vicious and her-Roman Catholic. In all acts of tyrannical principle may lead to. incorporation, in the phraseology of The correspondent continues:

chools is impregnated with preco- Catholics are always "Roman" Cathocious criminal instincts and bestial lics. This was never considered a jealousy. All the children's time is very serious matter, so Catholics or every other outrage which has taken up with flirtation and dancing In the State boarding schools boys and girls are quartered out much objection. However, with

> There are no longer any children in Russia today, only vicious little

pleasure." on the Bolshevist movement as a form in these parts of the world. They of insanity peculiar to those far-off associate the term "Roman" with and outlandish people of Russia. the Latin rite and are unwilling to Yet every principle which they are to admit that they are "Roman" putting into practice has been freely | Catholics. They are Catholics of the taught here through books, news. Ruthenian rite or the Roumanian papers and from the lecture platform, rite or the Syrian rite, etc. Hence yes, even in schools and universities, the law, for which we are not refor many years. And we have be- sponsible, in imposing on us a title come so absolutely befuddled over which we do not give ourselves, often administration, the Department of Public Instruction in Moscow has two faces to the outer world: It press holds up to our admiration 'the great constructive work' of Bolshevist schools; and we commend, we praise, we admire, without ever for a moment troubling ourselves to know what is taught in those schools. And here at home we must have schools and more schools beyond all possibility of doubt -what the schools are teaching is an altogether secondary matter.

> The correspondent whom we are quoting thus concludes:

The unfortunate children of Russia must be delivered from their Bolshevist oppressers and seducers before it is too late. Otherwise, Lenine may be finally overthrown, of simple-minded enthusiasts in for- there will remain in Russia thousands of boys and girls morally corgn countries.

Any one reading Lunacharsky's rupted, victims of the Bolshevist acrees and articles would suppose schools, who will be a future menace not only to Russia, but to the fighting for the children and mothers

nearer home?

EAST ANTRIM voters to return Major Moore. The called no such disturbing historical Orange press contended that these facts. On the contrary, in St. notes" should then and there Paulinus settle the whole matter; but they didn't settle anything.

Another way of settling the diffi-We have not gone so far in independent Orange candidate) was America with regard to the place of offered £4,000 and the style, title and religion in education; but many are prerogatives of Resident Magistrate. There was in these parish churches, beginning to realize that the differthe great Unionist Constituency of continuous Church.

This is the State program of East Antrim" defeated Major Moore and elected Mr. Hanna. The daily Edward Carson which the RECORD noted at the time. That was when the House of Commons by an overwhelming vote informed the Ulster leader that his dictatorship in Irish matters was at an end.

If the action of East Antrim, in Unionist organization, in successfully repudiating Carsonite leadership is an indication of independent ism is about ended.

" ROMAN " CATHOLIC Now, as in the time of St. Augustine, and in any part of the world, the Catholic Church is recognized by anybody and everybody as entitled to her name. Ask anyone, anywhere, where is the Catholic church? and you will be directed to none other than a Catholic church. The Catholie Church is the only Church in the world that is Catholic; no other claimant has ever secured a popular hearing; nowhere will the title Catholic be misunderstood. Yet in the British Empire, where sects may give themselves, the Catholic Church the statutes wherever rights or privi-The atmosphere of the Bolshevist leges or duties are defined, conformed to the legal custom within the same dormitory.

With tears in their eyes the olics of other than the Latin rite the legal title which has been thrust upon us has given rise to inconveniutes whose talk is of money and ence. Those of other rites have 2BWC d never been accustomed to the title On this continent we as a rule look | which the law imposes on Catholics deal with Catholics of other rites. In their own countries these are known as Uniates, a title which emphasises the fact that they differ from their Schismatic countrymen inasmuch as they are united with Rome. In the legal sense they are. Roman Catholics every bit as much as we of the Latin rite.—though they may be reluctant or even unwilling

to so designate themselves. The situation calls for patience and intelligence on the part of the Catholics concerned as well as on the part of those whose duty it is to administer the law.

ST. PAULINUS

From the Universe we learn that the Anglican Archbishop of York neophyte, a certain Mr. Martin, are visited Hornsea recently in order to dedicate a window containing images of Our Lady, St. Paulinus and other saints. There he improved the oc-In all this is there no lesson for us casion by referring to the churches of France and Flanders, shattered and ruined by the Huns. Whereupon the Universe remarks: "Yes, the contrast formation in connection with Childis to that extent most consoling, to In East Antrim at the general Catholics no less than to Protestants, election the orthodox Carsonite can- for it would have been tragic indeed if our famous pre-Reformation den to give children tasks to prepare | majority, the Sinn Fein candidate | churches on the East Coast had falpolling only 841 votes. The seat len victims to bombardment whether province, all under the jurisdiction many of our home-grown mixers became vacant soon after the elec- from sea or air. But when the Archbishop of York talks of Church fab-Russian friends go them one better. paign has been long and bitterly rics in connection with ruin and Catholic, viz., St. Vincent de Paul's They also forbid the teachers to contested. Speakers for Major shattering, it would be a chastening C. A. S., located in the City of Toronto question the pupils during the Moore announced themselves as thought for him to reflect that it was and having nothing to do with 'ambassadors" from Sir Edward not German gunners, but zealots of children outside of that city. The Carson; and it was even plainly in- the Protestant Establishment of rest of the province is covered not counter revolutionary, and the timated that if the Carson candidate which His Grace is an official, who by branches but by separate, indewere defeated Uister could look for wrought at least as much damage to pendent societies for each city and another Leader. Sir Edward him Christian Art in the Lady Chapel at county. Nearly all the officers of tions to teachers to publish new self sent at least two "notes;" in cones that are politically orthodox. the second of these the erstwhile unstances—as the former have inflicted ment Inspectors, who are the execu-

But the Anglican Archbishop re-

"He saw a picture of a predecessor the first Bishop of York, and now the Another way of settling the diffi-culty was tried. Mr. Hanna (the and yet, by the blessing of God, there was the same church preserved throughout all the change which the country had passed

men; it is the nice little Anglican press duly reported the result of this fad of "continuity." And the Uniexciting election campaign. Our verse opposes to the preposterous newspapers did not report another claim of "continuity" certain historivery significant defeat for Sir cal facts which reminds one of a tions? Yet in the eyes of the law, rightly regarded as a manifestation general was obliged to spend many our Public schools. weary and hot months in Texas on the Mexican border, the scorching monotony unrelieved by a fight. Later having made some derogatory spite of threats and bribes and the remarks about Texas, a Texan friend the jurisdiction of these societies. protested that apart from the climate | There is first of all the negative and the crudeness of its pioneer so- danger arising from the lack of a ciety Texas was a great State. The Catholic atmosphere during the most political thinking in North East general is said to have replied that impressionable years of the child's Ulster, the day of Carson and Carson | that was the only difference between life. Then there is positive danger heaven and hell-climate and from the proselytizing proclivities of society.

successor :

facts of that saint's life are these He was sent by Pope Gregory the Great to carry to St. Augustine the pallium—the sign of Papal authority for his office of Archbishop of Canterbury; and in 634 St. Paulinus himself received the pallium from Rome as Archbishop of York. Succeeding Catholic Archbishops derived their authority in the same way, and no man ruled as an Archbishop in the English Church save by favour of Rome. St. Paulinus had the pallium; Dr. Cosmo Lang had advocated the supremacy of the assume any name they choose to not : from the point of view of Catholic authority and jurisdiction that fact is a sufficient answer to the line from the first Bishop of the See He is not a man in authority, but merely a "man in posses-

That's all the difference-St. Paulinus was a Catholic Bishon: Dr. Lang is an official of the Protestant Church as by law established in England.

THE SECTABIANIZING OF ANOTHER PUBLIC INSTITUTION

BY THE GLEANER There is a very widespread, popular illusion, which cometimes takes the form of a delusion, that our Public schools are Protestant institutions. This false conception has arisen from the existence in many places of Separate schools, and from the very significant advertisements for teachers that must be Protestant, sent to the daily press by school boards. The status of our Pablic schools, which are non sectarian and open to the children of all denominations, is too well known to require any explanation. We merely allude to this subject in order to show how a similar misconception has crept in in regard to another of our public institutions, to wit, the Children's Aid Society.

A newly appointed inspector of

of an interview with the Toronto Times anent the case of a certain Mrs. Gill who was accused of unlawfully placing a child, committed to her care, in a foster home without the consent of the parent, made the astounding statement that the Catholic inspector had repeatedly visited and inspected Protestant institutions. It was quite evident that the institutions referred to by this zealous the Children's Aid Shelters. It was also evident that he wished to reflect discredit upon the one Catholic society of its kind in the province of which the child in question was a ward. We are not in possession of the facts of this particular case, but some in ren's Aid Societies throughout Ontario might interest and even surprise our readers.

There are fifty independent Children's Aid Societies in the of Hon. W. D. McPherson, Provincial Secretary. Of these only one is ment Inspectors, who are the executive heads in each case, are all Protestant, many of them Protestant bring children before the magistrates,

All this is very familiar to English | shelters, with but one exception, the | ments British capitalists were enexclusively Protestant. Is it any in the affairs of the Celestial Empire, story attributed to General Phil of which he is the representative, of the power of conscience in the Sheridan. The famous cavalry they are non-sectarian the same as

It is time that our Catholic people the faith of many of the unfortunate Catholic children that come under persons who under the guise of Here are the facts of history with charity interest themselves in the regard to St. Paulinus and his pseudo. religious welfare of these little ones. In our limited experience we have known, too, of some instances where the agent placed Catholic children in Protestant homes far removed from a Catholic church. Our readers know what schemes have been devised and how much money has been expended in trying to pervert the Ruthenians. Is it conceivable that the people who manifested such zeal in this case would let slip an opportunity of gathering into their camp English speaking children? Like their lineal descendants the Pharisees of old, they "go about sea and land to make one proselyte; they latter's claim to be eighty-ninth in go not into the Kingdom of Heaven themselves, and those that are going in they suffer not to enter.'

We have had some little experience with the workings of Children's Aid Societies. There is always a goodly number of women on the boards of management, good women but very susceptible to the blandishments of the minister who is out of a job and to whom an inspector's salary looks good. Twice we have seen competent layman voted down through the scheming of bigots and through appeals to the religious sentiments of the devout sex who rallied to the support of the ministerial candidate. Thus, little by little, a civil department that was intended to minister to the needs of all dependent children irrespective of creed, and which Catholics pay taxes to maintain, is fast becoming like the Y. M. C. A., an adjunct of the Protestant churches. Rest assured that no less sinister are the motives of some members of this department than are those of the Waldensian Aid Society of New York, that would Christianize the Italians with the aid of the Gould-Colgate millions.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

A MOMENTOUS occurrence or series of occurrences has just taken place the above department in the course in China which though forming an interesting commentary upon events of the past century have received little or no notice in the daily press of this country. The event, referred to as auspicious by certain Government officials, was the burning of over twelve hundred chests of opium valued at \$25,000,000. This was housed in British ware-houses at Shanghai.

> AT FIRST the Chinese Government proposed to sell the drug to a syndicate for the purpose of making antiopium pills, but this was objected to by the public as simply another way of perpetuating the evil. It was Howitt certainly had the ordinary ing without interruption for over then decided, on advices from Great Protestant notions of the Catholic Britain and the United States, to Church, and if at times he said hard completely destroy the existing things against her it was, as with Pacific. The sub Alaskan islands stocks by burning or otherwise. Charles Dickens, because he imagined and coast-line, which have been This operation was accordingly her to foster certain evils and super. American only for 52 years, should go carried out under the supervision of stitions which were repugnant to Canadian. a commissioner appointed for the him. But that he cherished bitter purpose. Farnaces were erected at Pootung; the chests were opened for ually is a charge which it would be cities of Dalmatin have different public inspection; expert chemists difficult to substantiate. were called in to verify the contents of the packages. The cremation was then proceeded with, and upon completion of the process salt water and other chemical substances were poured upon the ashes, which were then collected and thrown into the

two or three years. In all these Chinese succumbed to its allure thing less than justice.

management and the employees are riched, and British prestige increased wonder that Mr. Martin concluded the part now played by Great Britain that they were Protestant institu- in eliminating the evil may be affairs of nations as well as of individuals. The destruction of the opium evil will also have its due awoke to the dangers that threaten effect upon Christian Missions in China.

> FROM TIME to time venerable men and women of antiquarian tastes and Canadian Dalmatis, strangely simhabits are cited in the press as itar in geographical contour to the cherishing links with the past quite beyond the range of the ordinary individual. These are always interesting, especially when they relate to persons or events of historical significance. For example, Mr. Willis Bund, a well-known English antiquary, still living, knew when a boy an old lady who told him that her nurse's father, as a young man, was on duty on Worcester Bridge on the quotes a local historian who knew an old inhabitant of his county whose grandfather heard the booming of the guns at the same fight.

Now, as the battle of Worcester. which Puritan chroniclers have termed Cromwell's "crowning mercy," was fought on September 3rd, 1651, this recollection, or series of recollections, cover a period of two centuries and a half-forming, certainly, very long links with the past. They aid in rendering Charles II. a very real individual to our modern apprehension.

THE PRESENT writer cherishes similar "links" which, though fall ing far behind those of the Midland antiquary yet bridge three centuries. His grandfather, who was born at the beginning of the nineteenth century. and whose memory is affectionately cherished, had vivid recollections of his grandfather who was born in 1735, and, as a lad of eleven, was personally present at the ill fated battle of Culloden. Also, he was accustomed in his youth to see daily an old man whose memory went back to the period of the English Penal Laws, who was a child when Bishop Challener died, and who had icans in the whole territory than personally received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the hands of the great Bishop Milner. These, in a a sense, are but events of yesterday, chiefly on Canada, the country is yet they call up interesting historical personages, and, as stated, tend to make them more real to us.

A PARAGRAPH has been going the rounds of the Catholic papers moralizing on certain "anomalies of history" in that sons and daughters of 'extreme bigots" sometimes become converts to the Catholic Faith. The conversion of Mary Howitt is cited as an example and she is described as the "daughter" of the "notorious | the inheritor of Latin culture on the author of the 'History of Priestcraft.

IN THE first place, Mary Howitt was not the daughter, but the loved and Dalmatia. loving wife of William Howitt, author of the book referred to. And in the guage and culture. Even today, after econd place the latter's book was not especially directed against the cities remain Italian Catholic Church, but is rather, as and culture. The Hint its title implies a "History of Priest, been Slav for 1,000 years. its title implies, a" History of Priestcraft in all Ages and Nations." To States proclaimed in his pillory him as a "notorious bigot" is manifesto, that the coast and islands, also, it strikes us, going too far. despite historic associations stretch

different vein. This seems to be clear from his wife's beautiful Autobiography. They were both Quakers the Turk. Zara cannot forget the by birth : William lived as such : died in Rome, and is buried in the Protestant cemetery there. One of his THE SMUGGLING or selling of daughters married Alaric Watts, a opium has for some time been celebrated art critic and writer, and banned in China. Additional regul- later became a Catholic. Mary Howministers. These latter investigate ations have now been formulated itt, the mother, resident in Rome in all cases within their jurisdiction, for totally suppressing the traffic, her old age, also became a Catholic, and the cultivation of the poppy has and by special permission of the and deal generally with all neglected been made a penal offence. All this, Cardinal Vicar of Rome was buried ature, architecture, sculpture and children, Catholics as well as Pro. as we have already remarked, forms beside her husband, not far from the testants, in their respective districts. an interesting commentary upon graves of Keats and Shelley. What In many places there are shelters in past events. When it is recalled William Howitt himself would have which the children are cared for that in the middle of the last century done had he lived longer is of course the professions and the higher until a foster home is found for Great Britian went to war with purely conjectural. We are perthem. Not a few Catholics are kept | China to force the opium trade upon | suaded nevertheless that to call him in these houses often for a period of her, and that in proportion as the a "notorious bigot" does him some-

THE CANADIAN DALMATIA

The Canadian Delegates at the Peace Conference have an excellent opportunity to urge a convincing ad hominem argument against Pres ident Wilson's Dalmatian Policy However the Dalmatian may ultimately besolved, the present argument, which deals with the President's Adriatic Note of 23rd April, 1919, remains unaffected. The argument may be summarized The United States possesses a

historic Dalmatia. It stretches from the south of Alaska proper, that is from the 141 parallel of north longitude, along the Pacific Coast to the Portland Canal, a distance of over 500 miles. This territory through out the entire 500 miles, includes all the islands, and a strip of mainland which follows the windings of the further inland than 10 marine leagues therefrom. In addition to the ordinary windings of the coast, day of the battle. Mr. Bund also there are a number of very narrow and very deep inlets. The heads of all these inlets were claimed and obtained by the United States. the northern and larger half of Canada is excluded from the Pacific Ocean. It has no access to the sea, except through ports held by the United States. Yet geographically this sub Alaskan coast line and islands, now held by the United States, form as integral a portion of Canada as the coastline from Maine to Long Island forms part of the United States. This is the geographical argument. It applies much greater force against the United States in the Pacific than against Italy in the Adriatic. For Fiume and the Adriatic Dalmatia adjoin Italy, and are separated by mountain ranges from the States to the north of them. the Canadian Dalmatia is Canada's natural northern outlet and is over half a thousand miles from the United States So much for geography; now turn

to history. The Americans did not discover these north Pacific lands. The name of the principal island of the region—Prince of Wales Island—is a sufficient indication of this Neither were they its first colonists American connection began in 1867 when the United States bought it, with Alaska, from Russia, paying for both combined a little over five million dollars. Up to that year this territory contained no American in-habitants. By 1903, when the boundary line was defined by the Alaskan Commission, there were fewer Amerare Italians today in city of Fiume. Up to this day the number is very small, for apart from a few port towns, which depend as yet, practically uninhabited. this with compare The cities and some of the islands of years and Italian for 1,000 years. The Romans completed the conquest of the country the country 78 B. C. They built cities and introduced the Latin language and culture. St. Jerome was the greatest of these Roman Dalmatians. The cities still mained Latin, when, after the fall of Rome, they came under the Eastern Emperor. Constantinople later had to cede her rights over Dalmatia to Adriatic, namely Venice. just one thousand and fifteen years before the United States bought the Canadian Dalmatia, the doges of Venice possessed the title of Dukes of Till Napoleon overthrew Venice in 1798, the cities of Dalmatia remained Italian in government, lan The Hinterland has

The President of the United 2,000 years, should go with the Hin terland, and hence be Jugo-Slav The same argument applies to the with the Hinterland and hence be

Next consider the national and national, linguistic and cultural associations from the Slav hinterland. For exactly 800 years, that is HAD HOWITT known differently he from 998 to 1798 A. D., the standard doubtless would have written in a of the Lion of St. Mark proudly flew over these cities. For centuries Venice defended their Italian culture, first from the Maygar and then from 1346, nor can Venetian victory of Ragusa forget that for three centuries she was an independent Italian Republic. The very names of thesecities are as Italian as their language. Their architecture was first Roman and then Italian, as existing buildings show. Italians consider the Croats and the Serbs as a culturally inferior race, and up to the present they have been. Certainly in literpainting, Italy attained a higher level than the Jugo-Slavs can ever hope to reach. Until recently the Italians had almost the monopoly of Italians to abandon these Italian cities and allow them to be submerged in a Slav State is to n what to most Italians seems, on this