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## THE CHURCH AND STATE IN FRANCE

### PROBABLE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR DIVORCE.

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separation of religious and civil au- intact ! resided for some years in France, has are worth.

and, since the distant days of Charnation have, generally speaking, acknowledged the rights of the Church in a practical and consistent mannen. For hundreds of years the two great moves with greatest freedom in counpowers reigned side by side in natuspiritual functions without encroaching on civil freedom; the other guiding the temporal destinies of the people without unduly hampering the tholic Celt has settled, the old faith, human liberty of spiritual power. There is no reason why the forces of religion and the forces of civil law should not work in active and friendly combination for the common good. Religion calls upon society to obey legitimate authority, and live its life in perfect consonance with right order. It is the manifest interest of the State to uphold the teachings of truth and justice in their work for the salvation of the human race. The Church prepares the individual from There is no reason why the forces of Church prepares the individual from will avail but little. Church's influence, in pacifying the the people might regard as a common Church's injunence, in pactitions the people might regard as a common unruly elements which here, as in all centre of unity. Here, the priest is nations, are ready, when opportunity offers, to throw off the restraints of social order. The ablest of French citizens, Napoleon Bonaparte, was so forcibly impressed by this fact that to the official status conferred upon

days of the Reign of Terror. Corsican brought the College of Car dinals to the capital, and, after a memorable diplomatic duel between himself and the famous Conselvi, in pect a people to do due honor to a however, been lately rudely awakened which the latter did not come off declergy whose hands and tongues are from our dream, and now we find

of the former ? Theoretically the partnership seems ideal, but in prac- prelate. tice the State usually has its way, and frequently forces the Church into humiliating concessions. In fact, if the civil ruler maintains a firm stand gainst the Holy See, the Church, no longer the all-powerful organization that used to summon Europe to arms in defence of her prerogative, more often than not has to yield through sheer weakness. Since the very beginning of the Catholic Church, her ginning of the Catholic Church, her path through history is thickly strewn with a lamestable series of broken hopes and false piedges, all of which the State promised to fulfil by solemn contract entered into by Pope and King. Concordats unquestionably have their uses, but no one timely have their uses, but no one will dony that they have been too often a chain between Church and State, whose every link pressed heavely on the former. Our lossly wroughly on the former. Our lossly wrough fetters they are, top; no matter how many links be broken, you will hear

thority by the French Legislature Does the Church nowadays require opens a new chapter in the history of Concordats for the free exercise of her France. The present writer, having prerogative? Assuredly she does not. had opportunity to gauge more or where Concordats exist. Catholicity less accurately the opinions of the is the State religion of Austro-Hunwhere Concordats exist. Catholicity arrived at, after a study of the sues- other than hymns, and laughed loud weather to assure themselves that the French public and the probable effects gary, of Spain and of Portugal, enof the measure on the Republic and dowed and protected under the secuthe Church. He ventures to offer lar arm; yet, there, are few regions due to the unnatural gulf between the here his impressions for what they in all Christendom where the ancient faith encounters such stern opposi-On and off, for many centuries, tion from the powers that be. It is there has been a formal compact of the same in each and every one of the some kind between the rulers of France and the Holy See. It was a French king who first raised up the French king who first raised up the temporal sovereignty of the Papacy, enough, in all the pride and majesty of course the distant days of Char- of outward show, but still she is lemagne, the monarchs of the French compelled to dispute every inch of

On the other hand, the Church tries where no formal union exists ral harmony; the one exercising its between the temporal and spiritual authority. In Germany, in Great Britain, in the United States of America, in Australia, in New Zealand, and in all the lands where the Ca notwithstanding numberless obstacles,

The passing of the Separation Bill will strike the shackles from off the limbs of the French clergy. It will deprive them of their miserable year-

The passing of a measure for the persons say the whole chain remains exist between the two great sections ing and told them to sing the praises of French society.

cessity of bridging over the chasm Indeed, her influence is most crippled lic France. The conclusions we have played games and sang songs, even ills to which religion in the French day, but that they, the preachers were slim indeed. However, the Republic is the unhappy heir, are and saved brethren, smiled not in preparation went on, the concrete due to the unnatural gulf between the loud fashion, but sang the Lord's piers were built observations laity and the clergy. Once that praises and gave alms of all they chasm is closed there can be no fear had to the poor. Alas these preachfor the future of the Church of France.

When the bill becomes law it is expected that the entire ecclesiastical organization will be revised, if not The Pope, it is said, revolutionized. will man the higher offices with prelates whose holiness of life and devotion to their calling will fit them play games and laugh loudly on the for their responsibilities. Then there public ways on the Lord's day. will be no more weak links in the chain of the French Hierarchy, for loyalty to the Church, and not to the Cahinet, must be the watchword of pleasure-seeking exclusively, but we the future. And the history of every church is the history of its priests.-

## BUCKINGHAM NEWS.

(Special Correspondence.)

Buckingham has been the scene of strange and tragic events the past couple of weeks, but of all the events the local journal's account of the local journal's strange and tragic events the past Church prepares the individual to the service of the position of the French priest citizen and strives for temporal ends by lawful methods. The least the but a Government official who is State might be expected to do would state might be expected be to acknowledge its greatest and tender a helping nation there is a large section of the estly, every cent of it, is simply ascommunity at variance with the Mi- tonishing. Of course it is but just may legitimately require it. French nistry in power, and this is particu- to add that the Post does qualify its Governments, in the main, have re-larly so in France where there is no estimate by these words: "The losses dynasty or other institution which so far as can be learned at time of writing are, etc."

The people of this fair town have looked upon as a civil servant, and heretofore indulged in many beautireceives his due measure of all the ful dreams about the great and prospopular odium heaped upon sup-porters of the ruling power. Owing accustomed ourselves to look forforcibly impressed by this fact the to the official status conferred upon he deemed it an essential duty to so-him by the Concordat, he is permitted no opportunity of taking his in the future. We thought that old-time prestige, when she sufficed proper place among the people, no the time was near when new steam opportunity of joining them in their and electric routes would connect our rightful resistence to oppression, no thriving centre with the national ca-By main force the unscrupulous opportunity of demanding liberty of pital to the west and the great conscience, liberty of action, or limetropolis to the east and with all berty of Christian education. It the rising villages to the north on would be very hard, indeed, to ex- the banks of the Lievre. We have, that it would be impossible for Irish far higher value placed upon their England. human nature to respect a Castle services in other places where monopoly's growth is more stunted.

deprive them of their miserable years on a Sunday, and the usual hilarity was in evidence. They had some fear in this regard from a people what contribute as much to the needs of the Holy Father as the rest of the world put together. It will elevate their social status and increase their dignity by making them free to move among their fellow-countrymen without incurring that suspicion which hovers round all who earn their bread by subservience to Government. The writer's belief is based on his intimate acquaintance with the condition of the clergy and on the expressed opinions of men of all sorts in most at the provinces of France. Ne longer will the Cabinet exercise a veto on appointments to the episcopacy and of the wheel and not stop it from a province. How the feather the provinces of the plous preachers in some of the plous preachers and illity miles up the Hamilton Increased of the plous preachers and illity miles up the Hamilton Increased of the plous preachers and illity miles up the Hamilton Increased of the plous preachers and illity miles up the Hamilton Increased of the plous preachers and illity miles up the Hamilton Increased of the plous preachers and illity miles up the Hamilton Increased of the plous preachers and illity miles up the Hamilton Increased of the plous preachers and illity miles up the Hamilton Increased of the plous preachers and illity miles up the Hamilton Increased of the plous preachers and illity miles up the Hamilton Increased of the plous preachers and illity miles up the Hamilton Increased of the plous preachers and illity miles up the Hamilton Increased of the plous preachers and illity miles up the Hamilton Increased of the plous preachers and illity miles up the Hamilton Increased of the plous preachers and illity miles up the Hamilton Increased of the plous preachers and illity miles up the Hamilton Increased of the plous preachers and illity miles up the Hamilton Increased of the plous preachers and up the Atlantic Labrador. The Mall the plous preachers and up the Atl son held a little celebration. It was Our good preachers in some of the local Protestant churches were, however, very much incensed over the happenings of that day. The Lord's Day observers thought it was simply beyond all description of criminality for those superstitious and idolatrous Papists to thus descerate the Lord's Day. Two of the plous preachers preached strong philippics against the vila practices of the Erench Roman Catholics of this province. How kind it was for those dear preachers to exempt the Irish. Was it be-

going on. To put it bluntly, the breaking of the Concordat will do latrous? No, not at all, for many was in an ideal spot, both beautiful away with the Government priest, and, at the same moment, will be the ly oath of Britain's sovereign aga asst, and assert himself. From what we know of the French clergy we be lieve that, notwithstanding all they have lost by their connection with have-lost by their connection with popularity and sensational effects. fires, when at night, after the busy the Government, they will not fail These godly men did assemble their day, yarns were spun and songs were to secure the confidence that should pious hearers on that Sunday evenof the Lord, and to give thanks that Esquimau dogs on both sides of the We have laid great stress on the ne- they, the preachers and their saved brethren who listened to them, were cold even under four-ply blanket between priests and people in Catho- not like these wicked Papists who tion on the spot, is that most of the on the public ways on the Lord's ers forgot to tell these saved bre-thren that it is murder to kill the unborn child as well as to kill grown-up man, and that he and she who conspire to commit such murders will be accounted more guilty in the sight of the just God than those poor idolatrous Papists who

> We are not advocates of liquor selling on Sunday nor even of the devoting of Sunday to picnic making or do believe that the preachers in question would have been nearer a practical issue for their saved brethree had they taken for their text 'Thou shalt not kill even an infant' instead of the idolatrous French-Canadian desecration of the Lord's

day. Many other topics, too, besides this one might have gone home better to their hearers; for instance, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor, etc.

most sensational. What has struck | Work in a sawmin of the most through who have made all their money honpoor victim was killed instantly. He leaves a young wife and six children to mourn his untimely taking off. The furieral was very large and deep sympathy was expressed for the afflicted family. The Catholic fraternal societies insisted upon his fellow-laborers being given the half day to attend the funeral and won their point. The deceased was member of the Union St. Joseph. May his soul rest in peace.

OWEN AN SAGART. Buckingham, Sept. 11, 1905.

# Expedition.

This is the first venture of its kind,

and though the weather rendered the bles, T. P. has never lost his strong special observation impossible, it is political convictions. For the gratifying to know that Canada could put in the field such a splendid ous in attending at the House of together so many learned and competent Canadian astronomers, and attracting from abroad, among, labor, what is to be his reward? The bridal couple were assisted by others, such notable personages in reward of an Irish Nationalist who Maloney, brother and sister of the

no less gifted and charming wife. No young men of thirty take their places ple came to the church, after which

sung which sometimes started a rival choir among the huge, deep-chested river. The nights were often sleeping bags. The party needed no more then a week's experience of the conferred upon him and the certifichances of a clear sler on the 30th piers were built, observations for with the utmost precision, adjustment of instruments and preliminary drills filled up the days just as if the weather during the fateful two minutes and thirty-one seconds of totality were as safe as the Bank of England. To quote Father Kavanagh, "the day came, and the hour, and to the second the shadow of the moon swept over us, leaving mountains on the distant horizon all alight. We thought that we were prepared for this sudden fall of night, but it thrilled everyone to the depths, and I appreciated what Sir Robert Ball lately said, that a total eclipse was the most appalling of the regular phenomena of nature.

The darkness passed more quickly than it came, as the travelling shadow swept across the Atlantic to reach in one single hour the distant coast of Spain.

Our eclipse flag fell to half mast and the work of dismantling our different piers was begun. In two days ferent piers was begun. In two days we were on the homeward course to learn from Dr. Grenfell, whom we met at anchor at Rigolette, that the American party at Sandwich Bay had

the others intended to do will form ciety of Catholic young men.

The organization of the expedition life-long and fruitful friendship will date back to this camp on the North West River in the wilds of Labrador.

### A TRIBUTE TO T. P.

Cassell's Magazine contains an inwhich the latter did not come off defeated, a Concordat was concluded in feated, a Concordat was concluded in 1801, and soon afterward ratified by the Holy Father. In a short time aureoia, and why is not that honorities own risk and on its own the Holy See and the "Eldest ire, have cancelled that bond be priests and people opposed the grantite, have cancelled that bond be priests and people opposed the grantite, have cancelled that bond be priests and people opposed the grantite, have cancelled that bond be priests and people opposed the grantite, have cancelled that bond be priests and people opposed the grantite, have cancelled that bond be priests and people opposed the grantite, have cancelled that bond be priests and people opposed the grantite. Baughter of the Church."

In a short time at the bidding of a civil government. "What about his spiritual have been beguiled by avaricious capitalists. The curse of selish monomation of the short beautiful about the Canadian Government eclipse expedition. Farity. Scarcely enough attention is paid nowadays to Mr. O'Connor as a man of letters. One is too ready to consume other or the Kavanagh, who was a member of this expedition, was attached for man of letters. One is too ready to consume the clipse expedition. Farity. Scarcely enough attention is paid nowadays to Mr. O'Connor as a man of letters. One is too ready to consume the completely revolutionized journal ism. His aim was to touch, to appeal to humanity, and the only way to do that was to show them human some details about the Canadian Government eclipse expedition. Farity and the only way to do that was to show them human some details about the Canadian Government eclipse expedition. Scarcely enough attention is paid nowadays to Mr. O'Connor as a man of letters. One is too ready to this experiment of the completely revolutionized journal ism. His aim was to touch, to appeal to humanity, and the only way to do that was to show them human some details literature. With all his journalistic success as well as with all his troutwenty-five years be has been assidute to the altar Miss Margaret Summers, Commons, and during that time he chael Summers, also of this parish. has done not a few notable things. A full choir sang the bridal must suffer for his convictions, who bride and groom. must be content to haunt the dark ideal. The pastor performed shades of the Opposition, and see ceremony, and quite a throng of as probable Cabinet Ministers. But the guests repaired to the bride's remember of Parliament, says T. P., with all his Irish reticence of ex-

Rev. Walter J. Shanley, rector of St. Peter's Church, Danbury, Conn., and president of the Catholic Young Men's National Union, has been created a Knight of the Order Leopold II, by King Leopold of Belgium, , Formal notice of the honor cate issued by the King himself werereceived by Father Shanley last week

The documents came through the Minister of Belgium at Washington, Baron Moncheur, who also wrote a personal letter of felicitation. Accompanying the certificate was alsoa letter from the Secretary General of Foreign Affairs of Belgium. The certificate contained the signature of King Leopold and is dated July 29.

The honor came unexpectedly to Father Shanley, and was conferred upon him because of his activity in the interests in and defense of . the Congo Free State, in Africa, all this being set forth in the documents received. Baron Moncheur was himself largely instrumental in having the knighthood conferred upon Father Shanley.

Accompanying the documents also was the insignia of the order, a beautiful cross of silver, with a blue and gold crown in the centre, containing the motto of the order in French:
"Travail et Progres." The cross was pendant from a heavy ribbon of blue and black.

## UN IRELAND'S FUTURE.

His Grace Archbishop Ryan, of Father Kavanagh was loth to go notable visit to Ireland, where he into the technical side of the eclipse was naturally received with loving to the general reader. What he and town for America he addressed a sowelcome. On embarking at Queensthe others intended to do will
the matter of special reports which
will be handed in to the head of the
in making their nation a nation of mer of Canada, who in turn will ried the Faith to the ends of the apostles. Their countrymen had carcombine the separate reports into eacth, and when the designs of God were accomplished in this respect He was most satisfactory, the different He believed that a day of hope was coming for Ireland. The local Councils of the country had shown in their limited extent the ability of local communities to govern themselves, and if the people had proved themselves fitted for this government inminiature there should be an extension of the law, and the nation should teresting sketch of Mr. T. P. O'Con- be allowed to govern itself. Irishnor, M.P., by Grace Ellison, with men governed in other lands, and liustrations from photographs and Irish ability, Irish energy, Irish parisketches:—"Instead of insisting so ty, Irish faith and Irish push had much on T. P. as a journalist," she made their mark in America and Auswrites, "would it not be more reatralia, and why not in Ireland? sonable to consider what journalism owes to T. P.? The moment he stepped from obscurity to prominence A True Witness representative call- he completely revolutionized journal-

(From our Own Correspondent.)

On Tuesday morning, the fifth instant, a wedding took place here in the Church of St. Malachy, when Mr. last Edmund Maloney, of this place. led second eldest daughter of Mr. ther stimulus to the study of astronomy throughout the country. The station was on the shores of the North West River, some two hundred and fifty miles up the Hamilton Interest. To reach this inlet the SS King Edward, with a party of twenty-bwo/sailed down the north coast of the Gulf through the Straits of Beliste and up the Atlantic Lahrador. The Militia Department had furnished there is one comediation for the Irish sidence to partake of a sumptious repast. Music and song added to the pleasure of the happy crowd The bride was the recipient of a large sumber of beautiful and useful presents. It was Wednesday morning before the merrymakers could think of bringing this gladsome event to a close. We wish the happy young couple many long years of useful life.