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LITURGIES.

At the opening of the Presbyterian Assembly's College of Belfast, which took place on the 1st of November. 1892, an inaugural address was read by Rev. Professor Archibald Robinson, D. D., on the question, "Shall we use a Liturgy."

This address, which is published in some of the Canadian Presbyterain organs as vindicating the Presbyter ian notion of how liturgies are to be regarded, is a curiosity in its way The professor acknowledges that there is a good deal of dissatisfaction "existing with the exclusive use of free prayer in the Presbyterian Church worship;" but he maintains that it is the Scriptural system established by our Saviour and the Apostles, and therefore "there should be no dissatisfaction with it," as a system, though "with the manner in which the systen is administered there may be cause for dissatisfaction."

The cause for dissatisfaction here alluded to under cover of a euphemism is, of course, the absurdity of many of the extemporaneous prayers which are offered up in the public services where a free form of prayer is customary, according to the whim of the officiating minister. An example of this occurred in the case of the divine who before a certain municipal election informed the Almighty that the Scotchmen of his town were for the most part a God-fearing lot, for whom he asked prosperity in their affairs, temporal as well as spiritual, and that the stray sheep, John McP--- and Sandy -, should be brought back from their evil ways; "but," he added, "the Irish are a headstrong people, addicted to the errors of Rome. Drive them from the country, or overwhelm them as Pharaoh and his host were overwhelmed in the waters of the Red Sea."

"our brother Presbyterian, John McT., should be elected to the Mayoralty, lest the Irish candidate should attain that important office, to the spiritual detriment of the people."

The Rev. Mr. Robinson maintains that the free prayer system alone ought commanded by Christ and His Apostles.

"Well, if neither the Saviour nor His inspired Apostles used a form of prayer, nor indicated that a form of prayer was at any future time to be used, but on the contrary used and counselled the use by the Church free extemporaneous prayer as we have shown, is it not a serious reflection on the wisdom and fore-thought of Christ and His Apostles to means requisite for the right obedience to His commands and the right edification of His Church? Besides, their ex ample is itself a command; so that were ministers to exercise the liberty here claimed they would disobey the command of Christ in order to obey it, and they would overstep their divine commission in order to fulfil it."

On the character of the Rev. Dr's must say it is almost needless to tell our readers that the author of the inaugural address herein falls into the usual error of sectaries, which is that all the instructions which Christ gave to His Apostles for the government and regulation of the discipline of His apostle's time. Church are recorded in Holy Scripture in detail. There is no foundation whatsoever for such a theory. If this had been the case, we would expect that But this was not done; and nowhere of Christian faith or of Church govern- priest of the Church.

ment and practice. On the contrary, the manner in which the various books of the New Testament were written makes it impossible that such should have been their purpose; for they were composed at various times inwith the exception of one reference by St. Peter to the epistle of "most dear brother Paul," (2 Peter, iii, 16,) one to his own first epistle and one by St. Paul to one of his own epistles, we could not know from any book of the New Testament that the other books had been written at all.

Under these circumstances it is clear that the New Testament was by no means intended to be the sole authority of Christian faith or practice.

We have besides abundance Scriptural evidence that this is the case; but we can mention here only a few passages. We have first the testimony of St. Paul in Thess. ii, 14-"Therefore brethren stand fast and hold the traditions which you have learned, whether by word, or by our epistle." From this we learn that Apostolic tradition delivered by word of mouth is of equal authority with the word of God delivered to us through the writings of the Apostles.

Secondly, we find in Acts xv, that the Apostolic body assembled with the ancients to consider a dispute which arose concerning circumcision, and it was decided that the burden of this rite should not be imposed upon Christians. In making this decision the assembled pastors of the Church declared that "it hath seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us." By the same authority of the Holy Ghost they decree "that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols and from blood and from things strangled.'

Here is a clear exercise of authority by the Church, which could not have been attempted if Christ had not given the Church authority to make laws obligatory on all Christians, independently of the authority of the Bible itself.

We have also the authority of St. John for the statement that "there are also many other things which Jesus did which if they were written every one, the world itself, I think, would not be able to contain the books that should be written." (St. Jno. xx., 30. 31, xxi, 25.) Can we doubt that during the forty days while He remained with His Apostles after His Ascension He gave them full directions how the Church should be governed? Yet we are informed of but few of His sayings during that period; but one of these sayings was His telling them that He gave to them the authority He had received from the Father: "As the Father hath sent me, I also send you. (St. Jno., xx, 21.)

On the question of a liturgy, must therefore look to what has been done by the Church; and though Mr. To cap the climax he asked that Robinson has the temerity to . "We decline to admit that the Catholic Church throughout the world is liturgic," this assertion to too absurd to be treated seriously. Yet as there are always some who will credit a bold assertion made by a man of undoubted learning who professes to state his honto be maintained, and that it is in fact est convictions, we shall here mention a few well known facts which completely refute what this statement im-

There is evidence that St. Clement, whose name is in the Book of Life," added some parts to the Roman liturgy but at all events St. Justin Martyr, who wrote in A. D. 140, describes minntely the liturgy which was in use in his day in Christian Churches. The intimate that they did not know the liturgies are also spoken of and described by Origen, Clement of Alex andria, and later Fathers and councils of the Church without number.

We do not by any means pretend that extemporaneous prayers were never used by the early Christians, but it is absolutely certain that many of the liturgies used in the Church at English we shall not dwell here, but we the present day have their origin in there is an absence of parental control the liturgies used in the Church from the very earliest age. Indeed there can scarcely be a doubt that the vision of the Apostle St. John, described in Apoc. i, 10, 20, is a vision of the liturgical office as it was celebrated in that

Christ Himself would have written Father's delegate, now on a visit to the all, but to the State; and they were Neither party can triumph, neither these details, or at least that He would United States. It is to be hoped that educated under this system. The pres- has gained a victory. Let all hope for have instructed His Apostles to do so. this is the case, and as Dr. McGlynn is ent age is not likely to fall completely the best; it was time these wearisome do the Apostles and others who wrote attacks upon religion, it may reason- ists seem to be still infatuated with it the New Testament inform us that the ably be expected that the result will be to a certain extent; and to this fact we tion Conference, held in London, Eng-Scripture contains all the details either his restoration to good standing as a must attribute the apparent earnestness land, are to the same effect. Dr.

A MORGANATIC MARRIAGE.

A despatch from Munich announces very much as a matter of course that Duke Ernest Ludwig, of Bavaria, con. tracted on the 23rd of November "a morganatic marriage " with the object dependently of each other, and for a of his affections, the Fraulein Antonio special purpose in each case. Thus, Barth. Aduke must not marry a lady absolutely without a title, so a title was created for the intended morganatic wife and she was married under the title "Freifian von Bartof." Fraulein Barth was an actress of remarkable beauty who gained the affections of the Duke-Prince at sight, but though Prince Regent Luitpold and the family of the Duke endeavored by every means possible to prevent the marriage, the determination of the Duke was so persistent that the family objections to it were at last withdrawn, and a morganatic marriage was decided upon.

These morganatic marriages are o frequent occurrence in Germany between Princes and women of inferior rank, it being stipulated that the wife and the children shall not be entitled to the rank and possessions of the husband. To make some atonement for this denial of the usual privileges conferred by marriage, a dowry is settled upon the wife. It is also understood that the Prince so marrying may afterwards contract a second marriage with a lady of high degree who shall be entitled to all the privileges which are usually conferred upon a wife.

As a matter of course such a practice is allowed only under a Lutheran regime. It was positively allowed by Luther and his colleagues in establishing the Reformation in Germany that the Landgrave of Hesse should marry a second wife while his first wife was living, and a doctrinal decree was actually drawn up and signed by these first leaders of German Protestantism in which they attempted to show the lawfulness of such a course. On this the practice of the Protestant Princes of Germany is based, so accommodat ing was Luther to those in authority whom he desired to attach to his cause

The contrast between these Reformers of religion and the Popes who pre ferred to incur the enmity of Henry VIII. and Napoleon I. rather than to countenance a violation of the laws of God, is well worthy of being carefully considered by those who regard the along contended. Protestant Reformation as the work of Almighty God.

THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCI. ATION ON RELIGIOUS EDU-CATION.

The proceedings of the Ministerial Association at a meeting held last week in Toronto throw some light upon the motives which have influenced the Protestant clergymen who compose that association in their incessant attacks upon the Catholic school system in Ontario and throughout the Dominion.

On the question of "Juvenile Criminality," a paper was read by Rev. E. Starr, in which it was stated that there are in Toronto over three thousand neglected children, and that during the past year 587 children under the age of 15 years, and 785 between 15 and 20 years, a total of 1372, had been brought before the Police Magistrate. It was stated also that the Chief of Police had said that "a good dose of the birch or strap would do light. more than a dozen confinements in the cells or prison towards reforming bad children.

The cure proposed by Mr. Starr was that neglected children should be placed under State control, and that a Government department should be instituted for that purpose.

While we fully admit that the Government is under the moral obligation to provide remedies for this and other similar evils which threaten society, we must carefully avoid falling into the extreme of being too much governed. The obligations of parents in the natural law come before the obligations of the Government, and where owing either to the death of both parents, or to the fact that though living they neglect their children, we believe that the most effectual means of supplying what is lacking is to place the children in a position which will resemble as nearly as possible the Christian family under parental con-It is stated that the case of Dr. Mc- trol. It was the radical error of Sparta coln's case, said recently of the decision Glynn, of New York, is to be re-opened of old that the children were not re- of the Privy Council: "I am thankand decided by Mgr. Satolli, the Holy garded as belonging to the parents at ful for it though it contains nothing. said to have expressed sorrow for his into the same error; but some theor- strifes should cease." with which some people advocate a Wright, one of the speakers, said that

purely secular system of education, without regard to the religious convictions of Christian parents.

It is evident that the State in a mixed community like Canada cannot assume the entire control of education without infringing on parental rights and duties; and what is true where there are parents who satisfactorily perform their duties, is also true, though perhaps not to quite so full an extent, where parents are dead, or, if living, are neglectful of their obligations to their children. In a word, any State institution such as that suggested by Rev. Mr. Starr would be most imperfect and unsatisfactory if there were not ample provision made for the religious and moral training of its inmates in accordance with the faith of their parents. Indeed it would seem that it is the lack of sufficient religious instruction that is even now chiefly to be blamed for the magnitude

of the evil complained of. This was recognized by several of the clergymen who spoke after the reading of the Rev. Mr. Starr's paper. The Rev. G. M. Milligan was one who spoke to this effect. He said "He was in favor of religious teach ing in the schools. There is not enough of the moral element in the school system. Visitors to the school found children singing little ditties about mill-streams and the like. There is no training given to them in great hymns."

The Rev. D. J. Macdonnell took similar view, and stated that he wished 'to have theology taught in every college and university throughout the

We are pleased to find that thes reverend gentlemen have at last found out what Catholics were all along aware of, that a purely secular education will not suffice to bring up children in the way they should go. It may make them smart in worldly matters, but it will not, as rule, make them good citizens and really useful members of society. It will simply make them able to overreach their neighbors in business. We need to rear an honest as well as learned generation, and this can be done only by means of a religious educalion, for which Catholics have all If the Rev. Mr. Milligan had visited

some of our Catholic schools he would have found that the moral and religious training of the children therein is not confined to the teaching of ditties about mill-streams or boys in "jackets gray" who have robbed a bird's nest. We cannot refrain from calling to mind here the fact that the rev. gentlemen who were so earnest in favor of religious education at this meeting of the Ministerial Association were in the past among the most strenuous opponents of Catholic education. They both figured largely at the meetings of the Equal Righters, one of the principal objects of which association was the abolition of Catholic education. Surely this justifies the suspicion that largely hostility to Catholics, and that Church, New York City. The words their present zeal in the cause of religion in the schools is very one-sided but if they are really sincere in their devotion to the correct principles they now proclaim, we gladly congratulate them on having received this new

THE TENDENCY TO HIGH CHURCHISM.

While we hear so much of the agita tion which is taking place in the ranks of the Anglicans regarding High and Low Church, and while the Low Churchmen are protesting so loudly against High Church practices, it is interesting to note that many of the best informed among the Anglican prelates and clergy, even among those who are themselves decidedly of Low Church sentiments, acknowledge what we have many times pointed out, that there is no decisive teaching in Anglicanism on the subjects which are in dispute. Thus the High Churchmen may reasonably claim that whether or not their doctrines are actually taught in the Anglican formularies, they are, at least, not condemned, and they may lawfully continue to teach them.

Thus Dr. Perrowne, the Anglican Bishop of Worcester, speaking of the much talked of Bishop of Lin-

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"men holding diametrically opposite opinions might honestly subscribe to the Anglican formulas."

All this is nothing new. It is a very common boast that there is room in the faithful? Church for the greatest diversity of religious belief. Why then should the Low Churchman, like Rev. Mr. Noble of Quebec, Rev. Chas. Stirling of New Malden, and others of their sentiments, be so indignant because the High Churchmen find a foothold in it?

Of course the reason for this is clear but they cannot endure anything like mind. a return to the ancient Christian and Catholic belief which has been handed down for nearly nineteen centuries. But the tendency of the age is towards the Catholic Church, when it is not towards infidelity, in spite of all outbreaks of fanaticism, and High-Churchism is just a symptom of this tendency towards the old faith.

U. S. PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

A good deal has been said recently in the press of the United States regard. ing the supposed failure of the parochial schools to reach the Catholic children of the country. It has been stated on the authority of the Catholic Directories that only about 700,000 Catholic children are in attendance at the parochial schools, while the total number of Catholic children must be about three times that number, thus leaving two-thirds of the children who are not receiving Catholic education at article in the last American Quarterly children of the United States is 5,375, 000. This is a fair basis of comparilic Directories cannot procure complete statistics from every diocese, the numparochial schools must reach about 800,000, which is a very satisfactory showing when the ratio of Catholics and Protestants to the entire population is taken into consideration. There are not sufficient reliable statistics on which to base an exact calculation, but we fully believe that when we take into consideration that many of the Catholic children are in localities where, owing to the small number of Catholic residents, there cannot be parochial schools established, we are of opinion that the parochial schools are doing all that could be reasonably expected, and that they reach the Catholic population as fully as existing circumstances permit.

LUTHER'S MOTIVES.

A correspondent calls our attention to a letter on Luther which appeared in the New York Herald and was republished in a recent issue of the Montreal Star.

The letter is a commentary on certain words of a sermon delivered by the their motive of action in each case is Rev. Rector of St. Francis Xavier's are as follows:

"No: let us place Luther at his proper valuation. After all it was his eagerness for marriage that was the main source of his desire to find fault with the doctrines of the Church, from his obligations to which he wished to be freed.

The writer of the letter in question protests against this language as "an attempt," not justified by the facts, "to excite the partisan prejudices of ignorance, unworthy of a great party or cause.'

He declares that Luther had no thought of marriage when he began the Reformation in 1517, as his marriage with Catharine de Bore did not take place till 1525, eight years subsequently.

The critic acknowledges later on that Luther's final separation from the Church did not take place until 1520 when "he took the almost certainly Bull of excommunication."

It is a fact that during the three intervening years he was engaged in negotiating for his return to the Catholic fold. Very likely his negotiations were conducted hypocritically, nevertheless they took place, and whatever his real intentions might have been, it was to his interest to conceal them, if of the Jesuits to Germany will be withhe were then thinking of violating his drawn, and that the consequence will priestly vow of celibacy. But it is a fact that very soon after 1520 he manifested his desire to break these vows.

Wittenburg his infamous sermon on will neither urge nor oppose the repeal marriage which would have forced any of the law; and by this neutrality the parents with a sense of decency in Catholic party will secure sufficient them to take their daughters out of the outside support to carry the measure. Church. It was in that sermon that he Only a year ago the Chancellor vigorsaid not a single person at the age of ously opposed the repeal, and prevented

twenty years can preserve chastity. Will the critic of the Herald have the temerity to say that Luther excepted himself from the category of the un-

But the sermon itself is too gross and indecent that we should make any extracts from it. Suffice it to say that it was evidently preached to prepare the way for his own marriage, which he then had in view, and which he had intended already for some time. Within two years after this sermon appeared They are tolerant of every shade of Luther's book against celibacy, which opinion, down to Latitudinarianism, is another evidence of the bent of his

It is true that Luther did not actually marry until 1525, but he manifested his desire to do so long before this date. He admitted this in letters to Spalatin and Jerome Baumgartner in 1524. His reason for delay was his fear that he would be derided by the public who were ridiculing those monks who had already taken wives to themselves after adopting Luther's principles.

The rev. preacher who spoke of Luther's motives was therefore quite correct. His desire for marriage may not have been his only motive for inaugurating the Reformation, but it was one of his motives, all of which may be included under the general expression of "a desire to be released from the duties he owed to God."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Catholic Times is the title of a new journal just issued in Philschool. Dr. Geo. Dering Wolff has an adelphia by that brilliant Catholic writer, Rev. L. A. Lambert. At the Review in which he combats this very first bound it has entered the estimate. He shows that the total front rank. The selected and editorial primary school attendance of all the matter, the typographical appearance and the general make up of the paper are creditable te the editor and to the son, and as it is known that the Catho- printer. Such journals as the Catho-

lic Times will prove an effectual weapon in defence of the Church. ber of Catholic children actually at Long may the new paper live and prosper, and long life to the noble and scholarly editor, is the sincere wish of his confrere of the CATHOLIC RECORD.

PROF. GOLDWIN SMITH receives once in a while from the press pretty severe handling, because of his many sidedness, as it were. Perhaps the most caustic bit of irony we have yet seen regarding the professor comes from the Montreal Star. A few days ago it said: "It is, in spite of all explanations, very difficult to understand why Mr. Goldwin Smith is so anxious that England shall keep Ireland, where he has neven chosen to live; and yet cares nothing to have her keep Canada, where he voluntarily makes his home.

DR. E. E. Scott, a Toledo bigot, and a member of the School Board, was recently convicted before that body of endeavoring, by a villainous conspiracy, to have the Catholic teachers in the Public schools dismissed. The result was that he was unanimously voted out of the Board. and his seat declared vacant. We hope this incident will serve as a warning to others of the same frame of mind as Dr. Scott. We have a goodly number of such liars and darklantern conspirators in Ontario.

THE anti-Catholic policy pursued among the United States Indians by General Morgan, who is also a parson, seems very likely to result in bringing the United States into another Indian war, unless satisfaction be given to the ill-treated aboriginies. General Morgan, in pursuing his anti-Catholic purpose, does not hesitate to take the Indian children from their parents by force to remove them from Catholic schools and place them in proselytizing schools at great distances from their homes. He seems to imagine that Indians have no care for their children, but the Navajos are so indignant at the treatment accorded to them that they are now actually threatening an insurrection. They have hitherto been rapidly advancing in civilization. fatal step of burning the fatal Papal It is to be hoped that President Cleveland will restore order and peace; but the only way in which it would seem that this can be done is by removing Morgan and his colleague, Dr. Dorchester.

It is now stated that the opposition of Chancellor Von Caprivi to the return be the repeal of the last remaining penal clause which was enacted against Catholics under the arbitrary Bismarck In 1522 he preached in the church of ian rule. The Government, it is said, it from being carried, bu change of attitude comes to secure the Catholic pa in getting the Army Bil Reichstag. The Germa erally, outside of the said to be indifferent i except for the storm; which is entertained fanatical party agains But these cannot move people to adopt their ext An incident is mer Courrier de St. Hyacint

to teach a lesson of pr who are fond of litigation St. Jude, whose property the parish of St. Ours, the taxes claimed by the municipality. He was amount, 411 cents, and in his favor. The ac taken in the Superior case, and the costs we The corporation of St. from this judgment, a ful in having it rever then reached between \$1,500, and the farm It is the usual result o even trivial disputes litigants ruinous expen cases of disputed finanwhich take place bet could be fairly settled what would be eaten u process of the law could the contending partie divided between them to be fewer law suits.

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> nistory of each paris oold relief, having fo Bishop of the diocese, expression of their lo expression of their log-chief pastor and the Vicar of Christ on e Saturday, the 2nd co-occasion presented it of this parish, it be the celebration of the church. On Frid number of young n gayly decorated, to well filed burgies an gayly decorated, to well-filled buggies ar to Neustadt to meet Dowling, who had a invitation of the past celebration. After the train a procession of His Lordship's car mounted men, and where, after having following address o Mr. A. P. McArthur

To His Lordship To Bishop of Hami MAY IT PLEASE with feelings of since Your Lordship to hearty welcome to or ious occasion. Our to Your Lordship fo presence to day, est the inclemency of the the pressing duties in the administrati extensive diocese a proaching visit to which weighty con