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"THE RE-WRITING OF HISTORY"

"The Knights of Columbus have set out to secure the re-writing of United States history. The plea is that the present histories are untrustworthy, but the purpose is evidently to secure such histories for Roman Catholic schools as shall say what the Church thinks ought to be said."—The Christian Guar-

So our Methodist contemporary gravely misinforms its credulous readers. As a matter of fact the action of the American Knights of Columbus in encouraging original research by a suitable pecuniary rewards was taken solely in the interest of historic truth. It was inspired by the open and persistent advocacy of the re-writing of American history in the interest of more friendly relations between associated with him about twenty America and England. This, how- other gentlemen and they ever praiseworthy, is quite as two or three hundred foreign to the real object of history ing men, and Father as would be its re-writing in with one or two more Jesuit the interest of the Catholic Church. missionaries, embarked themselves History is always being re-written; for the voyage in the good ship for new light is continually being Ark, of three hundred tons and thrown on past ages and events. upward, and a pinnace called the And we may add parenthetically Dove, of about fifty tons. On the that the result is fatal to the 22nd of November, 1633, the ships received Protestant tradition with having been placed by the priests regard to the Catholic Church, under the protection of God, the which permeates practically all history written in the English the other guardian angels of Marylanguage. So that Catholics have land, weighed anchor from the Isle nothing to fear, nothing to lose, but of Wight. . . . much to gain from the re-writing of history in the light of authentic (1684) the day of the Annunciation, documentary evidence hitherto in the island under which the Ark unavailable or unused.

historian is thus impressed on us Mass, which in that region of the by the authors of the Cambridge world had never been celebrated Modern History who say in their before. This being ended, he and

been made to our knowledge of the they had hewn from a tree; and past: the long conspiracy against the revelation of truth has gradu- that had been designated for it, the have been zealous to take advantage of the change. The printing of archives has kept pace with the admission of enquirers; and the chanted humbly on bended knees. total mass of new matter, which the last half-century has accumulated. amounts to many thousands of

"Ultimate history cannot be the road from one to the other."

olic or other schools.

The Guardian continues:

passed an Act of Toleration granting freedom of worship to all was overwhelmingly Protestthere being only four Roman Catholic members, all of whom objected to the Act of Toleration. of Maryland was Roman Catholic.

history of the Catholic colony.

"The history of Maryland," issued to his eldest son Cecilius." the second Lord Baltimore.

founded a colony in Newfoundland the Potomac; and there, too, Disand had been later refused admit- senters were sheltered against Pro- profess and exercise the Papistic, tance to Virginia because he was a testant intolerance. From the commonly known as the Roman Catholic Bancroft writes: "Sir first men of foreign birth enjoyed Catholic religion, can be protected George Calvert deserves to be equal advantages with those of the in this province"! ranked amongst the wisest and English and Irish nations. . most benevolent law-givers, for he connected his hopes of the aggrandizement of his family with the establishment of popular institutions; and being a 'papist wanted not charity toward Protestants.""

"His son Cecil, the heir to his father's intentions not less than his fortunes . . . obtained the high distinction of successfully performing what colonial companies in England had hardly been able to achieve. He planted a colony, which for several generations descended for several generations to his heirs."

Lord Baltimore, Bancroft tells us, " with labor-White Virgin Mary, St. Ignatius, and all

lay moored, a Jesuit priest of the How vast is still the field for the party offered the sacrifice of the his assistants took upon their "Great additions have of late shoulders the great cross which going in procession to the place

volumes. In view of changes and possession of the land which the dangerous consequence in those of gains such as these, it has Governor had bought. The red chiefs commonwealths where it hath been Peter's Seminary, London; or to England for a long time past has tuary to which Robert the Bruce, inhabitants not given to "skinning" become impossible for the historical came to welcome or to watch the practised, and for the more the CATHOLIC RECORD. writer of the present age to trust emigrants, and were so well quiet and peaceable governwithout reserve even to the most received that they resolved on ment of this province, and the respected secondary authorities. mutual amity. The Indian women better to preserve mutual love and The honest student finds himself taught the wives of the new-comers amity among the inhabitants, no continually deserted, retarded, mis- how to make bread of maize; the person within this province, proled by the classics of historical warriors of the tribe joined the fessing to believe in Jesus Christ, literature, and has to hew his own huntsmen in the chase. The shall be in any ways troubled. way through multitudinous trans- planters removed all jealousy out of molested, or discountenanced, for actions, periodicals and official the minds of the natives and his or her religion, or in the free publications in order to reach the settled with them a very firm exercise thereof.' Thus did the league of peace and friendship.

"As they had come into possesobtained in this generation; but, sion of ground already subdued, so far as documentary evidence is they at once planted cornfields and land was undoubtedly to protect Lord Gladstone in comparing him to the Near East situation. The for nineteen years. After its Ottawa Valley "about 600 Catholics at command, conventional history gardens. No sufferings were en- freedom of conscience, and, some with his great father; likening his Allies of England are not satisfied destruction by fire in a clan foray had been won over to the Baptist can be discarded, and the point can dured; no fears of want arose; the years after it had been confirmed be shown that has been reached on foundation of Maryland was peace the apologist of Lord Baltimore clothes of a giant. It seems to now from the way she has always was never re-roofed, but remains It was to stimulate and encour- months it advanced more than Vir- conformity with his strict and that it is not Lord Gladstone but she has never given up any which Scotland is noted, and which tough things about our French age historic research that the ginia had done in as many years. repeated injunctions, had never Mr. David Lloyd George that is the territory she ever has got her hands have formed the fruitful theme of Canadian compatriots, but nothing Knights of Columbus offered their The proprietary continued with given disturbance to any person in wearer of the political clothes of the upon. That is at the bottom of the poets and historians. prizes. Two have been awarded; great liberality to provide every- Maryland for matter of religion; great Liberal leader of England. both to Protestant students of thing needed for its comfort and that the colonists enjoyed freedom The speech was very notable for American history. Such essays protection, expending twenty thous- of conscience not less than freedom what was not said or touched upon; even the Christian Guardian will and pounds sterling, and his of person and estate. The disfran- and that is characteristic of Mr. admit, are of an altogether differ- associates as many more. But far chized friends of prelacy from Mass- Lloyd George's speeches. They are ent order from the compilations more memorable was the character achussets, and the exiled Puritans as unlike the speeches of Mr. Gladused as text-books in Roman Cath- of its institutions. One of the from Virginia were welcomed to stone in respect of candour as they "For instance, the claim is that who could therefore say that the proprietary of Maryland; and the judice and pride are not what we was after the War, and at once excellent replica of the ornate pulpit Meanwhile it is diverting to note

been without a minister, their rights from any oath as yet imposed by fully 'remember' his care and indus- he reads it over. And Bancroft says that not more from any oath as yet imposed by rully remember his care and industrian one-eighth of the population the instructions of the proprietary. English statutes were not held to happiness of the colony.' This is grotesque. The best bind the colonies, unless they specanswer is a brief summary of the jally named them; the clause which, in the charter for Virginia, ex- Guardian that Catholics may be was not, to anyone who knows anycluded from that colony 'all perwrites Dr. Newton Dennison sons suspected to affect the super-Mereness, author of Maryland as a stitions of the Church of Rome, Proprietary Province, "begins in found no place in charter for Mary-1632 with the procedure of land; and, while allegiance was Charles 1. to grant a charter con- held to be due, there was no requireveying almost unlimited territorial ment of the oath of supremacy. and governmental rights therein to Toleration grew up in the province George Calvert, first Lord Balti- silently as a custom of the land. more, and styling him its absolute | Through the benignity of the adlord and proprietor. George Cal- ministration, no person professing proprietary and in 1650 rebelled, vert died before the charter passed to believe in the divinity of Jesus the Great Seal, but about two months | Christ was permitted to be molested | and called a General Assembly later in the same year it was on account of religion. Roman from which Catholics were debarred the laws of England, were sure to Of Sir George Calvert who had find an asylum on the north bank of Act of Toleration and enact another

> "In the mixed population of Maryland, where the administration was in the hands of Catholics and the very great majority of the people were Protestants, there was no unity of sentiment out of which a domestic constitution could have harmoniously risen."

The Civil War in England had its repercussion in Maryland. After Claiborne's had been defeated, Richard Ingle "raised the standard of Parliament against the established authorities, made away with the records and the great seal, and by the aid of Protestants compelled the governor and secretary, with a few of their devoted friends to fly to Virginia. Father White and the other Jesuit missionaries were seized and shipped to England; an oath of submission was tendered to the inhabitants but it was not subscribed by even one Catholic. After his lawless proceedings wrought for the colony nothing but confusion and waste of property, and insurrectionary misrule, Ingle returned to England."

To appease Parliament Lord Baltimore removed Greene, the Catholic Governor, and appointed William Stone, a Protestant.

Now comes the famous Act of "On the twenty-fifth of March, Toleration. We still quote Bancroft .

"To quiet and unite the colony all offences of the late rebellion were effaced by a general amnesty; and, for the hope and belief that this at the instance of the Catholic proprietary, the Protestant governor, permanently averted. Stone, and his council of six, composed equally of Catholics and Pro- tical and financial collapse be testants and the representatives of removed it will take considerable Turkish massacre aroused the direct line across the firth) to Inverthe people of Maryland, of whom time to rehabilitate the economic feelings of the whole world; but five were Catholics, at a general life of the country. Certainly the nothing was done about it except session of the assembly held in individual suffering this winter will to talk of a conference; which has ally given way, and competing hisgovernor and other Catholics, ProApril, 1649, placed upon their be great and widespread unless not yet taken place, little good as it testants as well participating in statute book an act for the religious relief be forthcoming on a generous would have done if it had taken the ceremony, erected it as a trophy freedom which, by the unbroken scale. Hence we commend the place. The factors in the make-up to Christ, the Saviour, while the usage of fifteen years, had become appeal of His Lordship, Bishop of the foreign policy of the great sacred on their soil. 'And whereas Fallon, to the earnest consideration powers that are the most potent the enforcing of the conscience in "Upon the twenty-seventh, the matters of religion,' such was the been signally blessed by God in a ln the case of the Near East situaemigrants, of whom three parts of sublime tenor of part of the statute, four were Protestants, took quiet 'hath frequently fallen out to be of star of religious freedom harbinger The speech was filled with sarcasm facts will be made public. The the gallant King James IV. made there is a "manifest dissatisfaction the day." . .

"The design of the law of Mary-

These quotations ought to be sufficient to convince the Christian liberty in the New World.

It appealed to Bancroft; to Ban-

croft we have gone. complain that their consciences edge the authority of a Catholic seized the Government of the Colony Their first act was to repeal the which declared: "That none who

AUSTRIAN RELIEF FUND

Bishop Fallon's touching appeal to the Christian charity of our readers on behalf of our suffering brethren in Austria is based on personal knowledge of their great and pressing need. The suffering of children, of religious communities of women, and even of men, of those who had fixed incomes from investments of the cultured salaried classes, is something that can not easily be imagined. The worthlessness of Austrian paper money may be realized in some measure when we consider that the pound sterling was normally worth about twentyfive crowns; now the pound sterling will buy nearly half a million crowns! Everyone is familiar with the recent imminent danger of the total collapse of government in Austria despite the heroic efforts to stem the rapid depreciation of the crown The fear that the collapse of Austria might involve all Europe has eventually led the League of Nations to provide a loan which is to be funded on the customs and the State monopolies of Austria. We may hope and trust that unlike former attempts at relief this one may meet with the measure of success hoped for by all who fear that the economic collapse of Austria may involve Central Europe and eventually all Europe in financial ruin. There is good ground immigent danger has been now

But though the danger of polistricken world.

Donations may be sent directly to divergence that has been apparent the Rev. Leonard Forristal, St. in the policy of France and that of

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH BY THE OESERVER

The English Prime Minister made not much explanation of any sort.

largest wigwams was consecrated equal liberty of conscience and poli- are in respect of grammatical for religious service by the Jesuits | tical rights by the Roman Catholic | accuracy. Appeals to feeling, pre-

gave religious liberty to the United by the red men. Of the dissenters, foundation was confirmed by its a great nation at such a time and has chosen to egg on the Greeks to the "Good" Regent Murray, as well though they seem as yet to have statutes.

the half million Greeks who were justly proud of the history of thing of the facts, very convincing Maryland, the cradle of religious in that matter. No one will be over ready to believe that the Turkish atrocities have had much to do with English policy in the Near East; for The Puritans who had found an the massacres have been going on asylum in Maryland soon began to for half a century and more, with-

out England's doing anything in memory of Father John Farquharwould not allow them to acknowl- the matter more than write letters, which the Turks tore up and threw away. Not a word was said by Mr. Lloyd George about the real reasons, for the slow but sure divergence between France and England has been Catholics who were oppressed by either as members or electors. plain for all to see for the past three years; and which has only reached one further phase in the recent troubles in the Near East.

> A letter written by Mr. Bonar Law has been much quoted and remarked upon of late, in which he said that England could no longer police Europe alone. That was a very likely phrase to catch the attention of the more ignorant of the electorate; as good for that purpose as Palmerston's "Insolent barbarian," a phrase which secured the approval of the electors for one of the meanest and most sordid bits of oppression ever practiced by a strong country upon a weak one, in the matter of the "China Money," as it was for many years called in the English budget. One is reminded also of Lord Salisbury's 'Hottentot Speech," which has been the inspiration of Die-hard oratory from that day to this in Anglo-Irish politics.

The success of English politicians has in many striking instances been due to their making an appeal to the national pride and prejudice of their people. Mr. Lloyd George has made the latest of such appeals. But, every one who knows anything of the history of the relations between England and Turkey knows that the attitude of fiery hostility to that bloody and cruel people has not been the attitude of English statesmanship in the past: and there is no reason to think that the policy of England towards the Turkish nationalists at this moment is the result of concern for the Christian populations who have the misfortune to live under the Crescent, or that the interests of humanity, about which the Prime Minister was so eloquent, have any particular weight with the statesmen of that country now any more than they have had in the past.

of our fortunate readers who have never get to the public ear at all. tion at the present time, the likelihood that they will be.

It is only a few months since a

his much advertised speech of ex- their fair share of influence in the by supporting Bruce at Bannockplanation the other day. There was Near East; and that may or may burn. Here, too, is the ivy-covered ing fully awake to the desirability a good deal of defence of a sort but not be true; but true or not true, ruin of the chapel marking the of entering the Baptist fold. On there is no prospect that all the birthplace of St. Duthus, to which the Upper Gatineau they were told, and invective. The Prime Minister divergence of policy over Germany pilgrimage, and did penance every with Romanism, and a determinawas very keen in his thrusts at and reparations has extended itself | year (sometimes three times yearly) | tion to know the truth." In the situation to that of a dwarf in the that she is going to act differently in the fifteenth century the chapel church.' fully and happily laid; and in six could assert that his government, in have escaped the Prime Minister acted; and it is her history that one of those picturesque ruins for distrust of her entertained by her Allies.

the Turk has risen up again to and which, probably because of ful enjoyment of her great empire centre, escaped destruction at the loses his faith it may be safely preand ther new acquisitions. If she hands of the "ruffians of the dicated that it will not be through wanted to get the Turk out of Reformation." In the famous St. an influence so far removed from Europe, the time to have done it Duthus church at Tain there is an the rational or the congruous. the Roman Church in Maryland first chapel in Maryland was built usage of the province from its might expect of a Prime Minister of after the War. Instead of that she presented to the people of Tain by the harmony prevailing in Baptist

out of the fire in Asia Minor.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

writer pays graceful tribute to the son, who so faithfully and zeslously ministered to the Catholic people of Strathglass during the trying days Kincardine parish church, which is of the eighteenth century, the penal laws in Sctoland being still in active from a French man-of-war, and force against them. The collapse of the Jacobite Rising complicated what was already a trying situation, and against the Catholic clergy, thin as were their ranks at that period, the animus of the Government was directed with peculiar ferocity.

UPON THE devoted Father Farquharson, as every reader of Scottish annals knows or should know, fell this Hanoverian vengeance. We are not told that he took any active part in the Rising itself, but after Culloden he was assiduous in ministering to his afflicted people. He was obliged to live in hiding in a cave up Glen Cannich, and a flagstone from this cave, and the stone font he then used are preserved in the little parish church at Cannich to this day. Ultimately Father John was taken prisoner and sent to the convict hulks on the Thames, where he was detained for a long time. Eventually, however, he was released, and worn out with age and hardship died in his own clan country in 1792. The immediate scene of his passing was the old Castle of Balmoral, now the property of the Royal Family, but then a seat of the Farquharsons.

ATTENTION has recently been directed to a remote and neglected corner of Scotland, so far as historical or antiquarian research is concerned. And yet Eastern Rosshire. or to give to it its local cognomen. Easter Ross, includes within its borders some of the most interesting historical monuments in the country. These largely centre about the parish of Nigg looking across Moray Firth, almost within sight of the Highland capital, Inverness. The whole district is described as one of wide outlooks. Thus, from Nigg Hill one is able to trace the railway from Forres and Navin (only eight miles away in ness and then right around to Helmsdale, From Tarbetness Lighthouse the whole coast of the Moray Firth, from Caithness to Aberdeenshire may be seen, while from Fryish Hill-on the summit of which is a wonderful monument, an imitation of the gates of Seringapatam, of Indian Mutiny fame-or, from Struie Hill at Edderton, several counties are in view.

WITHIN THIS section is the sanctaken on a new phase; and that when his fortunes were at their divergence and the reasons for it lowest ebb, sent his queen and have not yet been frankly put daughter. That sanctuary, it will before the public, and there is no be remembered by students of the period, was unhappily violated by traducing Catholics and their France and Italy suspect England the Earl of Ross of the day, who Church, imbibed with smug comof trying to jockey them out of however, made ample atonement placency the assurance that the

under such circumstances. The pull her chestnuts out of the fire. as gorgeously illuminated windows "Well might the freemen of Mary- reader of this speech will find him- Lord Salisbury put the great and memorial tablets to perpetuate were not abridged. This enjoy- land place upon their records an self wondering as much after he blunder of Anglo-Turkish policy the memory of the noted ones of denominations. But the facts are that the Maryland Assembly that were not abridged. This enjoy-land place upon their records an self wondering as much after he blunder of Anglo-Turkish policy the memory of the noted ones of that the Maryland Assembly that were not abridged. This enjoy-land place upon their records an self wondering as much after he blunder of Anglo-Turkish policy the memory of the noted ones of that the Maryland Assembly that were not abridged. This enjoy-land place upon their records an self wondering as much after he blunder of Anglo-Turkish policy the memory of the noted ones of that the Maryland Assembly that were not abridged. This enjoy-land place upon their records an self wondering as much after he blunder of Anglo-Turkish policy the memory of the noted ones of that the Maryland Assembly that not spring from any act of colonial their proprietary, 'as a memorial to the situation arose; and he will not our money on the wrong horse." inating historian calls it "a veritlegislation, nor from any formal and all posterities,' and a pledge that find an adequate explanation of that And after the War, England made a able local Valhalla." Fearn Abbey general edict of the governor, nor succeeding generations would faith- in the speech no matter how often greater mistake still; she hedged was founded by an Earl of Ross her bet; and put some of her money who, when in London with Alex-The Premier was very eloquent on both the Turks and the Greeks. ander II., met a famous French about the million Armenians and The Sultan was still to be kept in champion who boastfully challenged power in Constantinople while the him to mortal combat. The chalkilled by Turks since 1914; but he Greeks pulled the English chestnuts lenge was accepted, though with some hesitancy, the Earl being somewhat affrighted by the fame of the challenger. However, the Frenchman was laid low, and in In an article in the Weekly Scots- gratitude for the victory Earl man (Edinburgh) on the "Magnifi- Farquhar built the abbey. Let us cent Country of the Chisholms" the hope that he also did penance for the victim of his prowess.

> EVEN THE church bells of the district have a history. That at still regularly rung, was captured bears this inscription:

'This bell no more shall witness blood and gore,

Nor shall his voice mix with the cannon's roar;

But to Kincardine by the hero given, Shall call the sinner to the peace of Heaven."

The bell of the church at Nigg was also got after a fight. Of carved stones there are more than in any other equal area in Scotland. Among them is the famous Nigg stone of which there are replicas in the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, and in others on the Continent.

CASTLES, ANCIENT and modern, abound. Balone, as its commanding siuation, and its ruins show, must have been one of the most formidable in Scotland. It was for a time in the possession of the noted George Mackenzie, Lord Advocate of Charles II., and was last inhabited by Lord Tarbot, sometimes called the "crafty." Of modern castles there is Carbisdale. built on a magnificent site on a spur of the Hill of Lamentation near the spot where the gallant Montrose-one of Scotland's greatest sons-made his last stand in

FROM THE above, which necessarily touches only the fringe of the subject, it may be seen how largely the interest of the district centres in the old times when Scotland was an integral and influential part of Catholic Christendom. And whilst the present inhabitants are for the most part strangers to their inheritance in that respect, they otherwise retain many of the characteristics of their fathers of long ago. At Tain, regarded as the centre of the district and which alone seems to attract any attention from the outside world, the people, says a recent visitor, are an interesting study. There is somehow about them that cultured Oxford lackadaithem life contains something more than the passion for wealth. Rather, he adds, are they like the Athenians of old, intent on good fellowship and the imbibing of ideas. Here no one seems in a hurry, and life flows smoothly on. Hospitality is proverbial, and, in striking contrast to more frequented resorts, charges for accommodation are moderate, and the the tourist" for a living.

THE BAPTIST Convention, in indulging its customary passion for people of French Canada are becom-

WE HAVE heard and read many equal to this, which if it were not laughable would be slanderous in THERE ARE several churches the highest degree. The habitant England can thank herself that possessing great historical interest, may have his defects, but no one has yet intimated that he has lost torment her dreams of a peace- their remoteness from the storm- his reason, and if as a race he ever