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THE CORRCION OF ULSTER

In the forthcoming general election. in England the Irish Question is evidently to claim an important place amongst the great issues that will come before the people for consideration and decision. The Labor party whose influence and importance the new franchise greatly enhances has squarely faced the question and made Home Rule for an undivided Ireland a main plank in their platform. Indeed, clever politician that he is, Lloyd George well knows that despite exceptional favoring circumstances, his political camouflage has failed to deceive the great majority of the English people in respect of his Irish policy. And now he comes out in favor of Home Rule in its attitude toward Ireland for Ireland "without coercion of Ulster." No true and intelligent And that, he further stated, was in Irishman, north or south, desires coercion of Ulster. That would widen the breach now almost closed. Nothing could be more inimical to of the War when the Irish of all the welfare of Ireland than thus to revive, intensify and perpetuate the factitious division between the Irishmen of Ulster and their fellowcountrymen in the rest of Ireland. Much of the nonsense on both sides about the coercion of Ulster would be obviated if a distinction were made between the Carsonite political faction and Ulster. And this is none the less true because Carson in the coming elections will not only retain his political following but, with the help of Sinn Fein-Nationalist factionism, will probably carry Ulster three to one. Coercion of Ulster is neither desirable or necessary.

Sir Horace Plunkett is an Ulster Protestant and a sincere cates pretty clearly that respon-Irishman; Sir Edward Carson is not sibility. an Ulsterman nor does he represent an Ulster constituency, he is a politician first, last and all the time. With our own experience of the vagaries of politics it is not hard to understand Carson's position; but why so many accept this political theory that everything good in the world had been done by Germans.

They came to England and were advocate of a passing phase of Ulster politics as personifying Ulster things of that sort. The whole of is not so easy to understand. These might profitably read what a real, living, Ulster Protestant has to say of understand the vulgar type of unionism taught throughout his boy hood rested upon the theory that the way in which it is overcome. This solution is of universal application in all such difficulties. We define the matter of religious belief and personal morality. It is not at all uncommon to find men who are quite generous in their donations to the poor and yet who to day advocate of a passing phase of called St. John Irvine's Life of Sir Edward tion of dreamer, drunkard, and minor have not a doubt in the world that have little regard for some of the And, over a period bridging three Carson. They would then know both Ulster and Carson better.

Speaking to the Dominion Mission representative of Ulster than is Sir Edward Carson, said on this ques-

"He was a politician for eight years, and had learned the lesson during his experience of party politics that the hideousness, and their life in the fully revealed being struggle against the hideousness, and their life in the fully revealed destitution, an assured bountiful honesty was the best policy, but is certainly the worst politics. The and arrogant pretentiousness of other of self-government must be Teutonic ideas and actions the later knowledge that we can pent of their grievous sins they can go on with the War her one great or representative Government. Irishmen ought to be in this War to the last man. He was convinced that the conscription of Irishmen by the British Government was not the best—if, indeed, it was not the worst the side of the Allies."

with Irim, and what set of the twelve stood. Their faith triumphed because Peter went debar one from the kingdom of less pressure of General Foch's Krikur the partaclion of that which are being offered as the side of the Allies."

with Irim, and what set of the side of the Silica triumphed because the goal of perfection through civilization, which are to the support of the which are being offered as the side of the Allies."

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which is the side of the Allies and the relenting to reach the goal of perfection through civilization, which are the side of the Allies." to coerce Ulster ?' He said, 'A thou There was no need to coerce Ulster, and he was against coercing anybody. All that was needed was that the opinion of the sentful disinclination to enlist by

self-government is inevitable note tained. Sir Horace's remark on the general

self government inaugurated by any fought and won. such disastrous method as the term usually connotes. But honesty is the worst politics and Carson and Lloyd George are both good politicians. It will be remembered that Carson defended Lloyd George in the Marconi Scandal when the latter's future in public life trembled in the balance; not gratitude but fear makes the Premier bow to the dictation of Irish question. Sir Edward Carson is ambitious, the settlement of the his leverage in politics; so Lloyd George, remembering Carson's knowledge as well as his services, attaches the bugaboo of coer-

the Ulster political leader on the a request that the subject be treated Irish question would deprive him of the personality, the education, the insure salvation, whatever church or cion of Ulster to his Home Rule declaration and amid the multiplicity of great issues before the electorate hopes thus to sidestep the responsibility of making a definite announce ment as to whether or not the loudly

proclaimed principle of democracy is

statesmanship; it is not honesty;

but then "honesty is the worst poli-

tics."

You can't fool all Englishmen all the time. The Premier's Irish Convention, whose report he did not even read before he launched his Home Rule plus Conscription Policy, his pro-German Irish plot without evidence and without trial of accused, fooled comparatively few Englishmen as was quite evident at the time from English newspaper comment. At the same gathering in Dublin at which Sir Horace Plunkett spoke Mr. G. K. Chesterton said that he was firmly convinced that "under the uninviting crust of politics the whole mind of England had changed and had enormously improved." great measure due to the recollection of the debt due to Ireland for the services of her sons in the early part creeds and classes made a splendid response, and made it voluntarily.

The changed conditions in Ireland however irritating to Englishmen while the War situation was still menacing, will now be reviewed in sober second thought. That the radical change was due to pure perversity on the part of the Irish will receive the assent only of minds unbalanced by prejudice; that it was due to a series of adequate causes goes without saying, and the responsibility for these must sooner or later be placed on the guilty shoulders.

The brilliant English journalist whom we have already quoted indi-

That part of his speech is thus reported:

"Mr. G. K. Chesterton said he had written 'A Short History of Engproposition that the Teutonic race had the right, or at any rate a philo-Press at Dublin, September 25th, Sir sophic theory of might, to trample Horace Plunkett, who is much more upon a perishing and impracticable stock such as the Celts.'

It is only fair to add, though it takes us aside for a moment, that obvious, he said, that "the Irish

journalist recognizes, and will aid powerfully in making it known, that the splendid Irish response voluntarities the Christ, the Son of the that man could avoid sin and attain to heaven without the aid of grace.

The heretic Pelagius, to whom we able and once more "went to that man could avoid sin and attain to heaven without the aid of grace.

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The heretic Pelagius, to whom we able and once more "went to the that man could avoid sin and attain be more enduring than that of the league of Nations" material, temporal, rather than the perfection of that which is within the perfection of the soul; the perfection of that which is within the perfection of the soul; the perfection of that which is within the perfection of the soul; the perfection of that which is within the perfection of that which is within the perfection of the soul; the perfection of that which is within the perfection of the soul; the perfection of that which is within the perfection of the soul; the perfection of the soul; the perfection of that which is within the perfection of the soul; the perfecti world should be given, not hastily, but with full knowledge upon the problem of Irish government. He did not believe the time had come to settle that problem finally now. Had settle that problem finally now. Had settle that problem finally now. Had settle that problem finally now as the deliberate intention of this settle that problem finally now. Had in the passage quoted above. And it there is much natural goodness to make the united Kingdom, in his Septlem for the united kingdom world should be given, not hastily, the representatives of that "vulgar but with full knowledge upon the was the deliberate intention of this hideous British Teutonism to bring itself.

That there is much natural goodness among them is evident; and we tember report to Ottawa, says that warning was heard only to be warning was heard only to be a constant. Besides the admission that Irish about just such a result as it at-

Ireland on either side of the Irish or the application to Ireland of the general and fundamental principle recourse to prayer in order to obtain in an impregnable position. The still devising new plans and ideals any other sea desires to see Irish principles for which the War was beforetreating of that particular truth grace they cannot save their souls.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

A Protestant friend of one of our subscribers is studying Catholic doctrine with the view of being received into the Church. His difficulty with regard to the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Lady prompts in the CATHOLIC RECORD. Ignorant question: "Will strict honesty to friend it is not easy to tell just where to is: "No; good works must be enquate information is available.

As a general rule the inquiring nonhonestly inquiring mind is conthe dostrine of the Immaculate Conbecause resting on divine authority. type and a figure, was a difficult and reward. incomprehensible doctrine to the Jews (John vi). The bread that I asseverates : Amen, Amen I say unto you: Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood you which they could not accept and went back and walked no more with

Turning to the twelve, Jesus asked: Will you also go away?

And Simon Peter answered Him : Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we have believed and have known that Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God.

many went back and walked no more in which they lived, for one mortal with Him; and whatatremendous test sin, be it a sin against faith or and its failure, together with the it has been striving to reach the goal

Home Rule feast. No sane friend of Ulster" scare-crow from insisting on thought it well to emphasize this are sincere in their belief and have cultivation, have placed the nation Jesus Christ as the Son of God, is so full of beauty and consolation, so consonant with reason, so intimately in keeping with belief in Christ's cause he was not baptized or because Incarnation—the Immaculate Con- mortal sin, it is as impossible to perception of Mary the human mother of the Son of the living God.

> SUPERNATURAL LIFE AND MERE NATURAL GOODNESS In Butler's Catechism we find the

of a thousand and one things about every one and moral good works mental capacity, the idea of God's religion one professes?" The an-Church, etc., held by our friend's swer, as every Catholic child knows, begin. It may serve a useful purpose livened by faith that worketh by in this and many other cases to treat | charity." How far many Catholics phases of the subject in a general fall short of realizing the significance way, leaving special consideration of of this answer we may judge from this particular case until more ade- remarks they let drop. We do not refer to the vaporings of apologetic Catholics, popularity hunters or vote Catholic instead of taking up doc. catchers, to the effect that we are all to be applied to Ireland. It is not trine after doctrine and looking for on our way to heaven by different scriptural proof of each will find the roads, and that God will not ask a more direct way is to clarify his con. man what church he belonged to but people the realization of the truth ception of the Church, and then to if he was honest. It is the evidently examine the claims of the Catholic sincere sentiments expressed by Church to be that one infallible honest Catholic people that merit Church founded by Jesus Christ to our consideration. How often we greater earnestness for the converteach all nations. Assuming that hear it said "I know he was not sion of non-Catholics who, however the inquirer already believes and religious but he was so generous to knows that Jesus is the Christ the the poor that I am sure he is in the most efficacious means of sus-Son of the living God, the first heaven." "I do not worry about my taining the life of the soul and of necessary and logical step to take husband, for though he is a Protest. supernaturalizing their daily good is to study what He Himself ant, he is so honest and good that I works. said about the Church which need not have any fear for his salva-He founded: the mighty prom. tion." Such people are no doubt ises He made to it; His own prompted by a desire to be charitaabiding presence forever; the guid. | ble; but, as St. Augustine remarked ance of the indwelling Holy Spirit anent those who would minimize the which He sent. Once the effects of the absence of Baptism, immortal from the War, there can be those are most charitable who favor little doubt that history will concede vinced of the fact that the Eternal the harsher view. In fact the saint's to General Foch, Cardinal Mercier Son of God made man founded a words apply with greater force in and Albert, King of the Belgians, the Church, indefectible and infallible, this instance; for, while there is a foremost places. And all three are difference of opinion among theolo- Catholics. It is worthy of note, also, ception like every other dogmatic gians as regards the future state of that the man chosen by the land of truth becomes easy of acceptance children who die without Baptism, Luther to be her spokesman in her there can be no difference of opinion plea for peace—Erzberger, leader of The new manna, the bread from on the point that works that spring the Centre Party-is also a Catholic. heaven of which the manna given to from mere natural goodness cannot their fathers in the desert was but a of themselves merit a heavenly

charity means goodheartedness, gen- Britain's achievements during these will give is my flesh. How can this erosity, benevolence and kindness to years of stress and of her present man give us his flesh to eat? asked one's neighbor. Such indeed are position shows her financial prestige His Jewish hearers in shocked attributes of the natural virtue of to be in no way impaired. Only astonishment. But Jesus in the charity, but not always evidences of when the history of this momentous strongest terms ever used by Him a supernatural virtue which alone period comes to be written will it be feed the poor," says St. Paul, "and called upon to bear, and how scathshall not have life in you. Many of have not charity it profiteth me less she has come out of the fire. His disciples found this a hard saying nothing." "And what is that Meanwhile, the testimony of a leadcharity," asks the Catechism, "of ing American banker to the soundpure and sincere love of God," it has its own gratification. answers, "which makes us do His will in all things and be obedient to to hear."

man is one who is not only straight. land the most admirably governed forward in his business transactions financial institution in the world. Church can equal that of those who charitable bequests will cover up then listened to Christ Himself pro-Mr. Chesterton asserted fearlessly that dogma which was later to become wards such in this world for their ended, Germany is in the throes of It is only when we prescind from are converted, unless they re- that even had Germany been able to Government. they were on the right side in the subject; then we can understand why highly esteemed in the community dation upon which her whole submany went back and walked no more in which they lived, for one mortal marine campaign had been reared, for sin,

consummation of the world will ever is that no one can persevere in the teach through that Church which He avoidance of mortal circumstance of the Allies to make devial progenitor it will in us as individuals, which comes teach through that Church which He avoidance of mortal circumstance and self-Christ still teaches and unto the The teaching of the Church, however, Kaiser's mediæval progenitor it will This great, fundamental fact as the have reason to believe that many England and Wales have had one of at; and then the War came. corner stone it is not only permis- who are in good faith and who be- the finest wheat crops on record, and It might be reasonably supposed the payment of tribute to the Roman When the democracy of Great sible but highly desirable that we long to the soul of the Church practitation with this, the excellent that the misery incident to the prestant was and we have furned the misery was and we have the misery was

For a man who has not super-

has good eyesight cannot see in the against 10,900,000 in 1917. dark; so neither can a man though he be in the state of grace perform a the aid of Him Who has said "With- optimism, which is further fortified that the seal of Christ's passion and estimated to produce 4,100,000 tons,

Thank God, the habit of frequent Communion is bringing home to our that the normal condition of a Christian is to be in the state of grace, and is inspiring them to pray with sincere they may be, are deprived of

THE GLEANER

NOTES AND COMMENTS

WHATEVER OTHER name emerge

NOTWITHSTANDING THE great part the United States has had in financ-To the mind of the world of to-day ing the War, a survey of Great merits a reward in the next world. fully realized how great in this par-"If I were to give all my goods to ticular was the burden she was which St. Paul speaks?" "That ness of British financial institutions

MR. GEORGE L. DUVAL, of the New the Church which He commands us York banking house, Wessell, Duval & Co., who has but recently returned It is true that God will not con- from Europe, has made this statedemn an honest man; but an honest ment: "I consider the Bank of Eng-

armies making further efforts value. Kultur, the perfection of that which

figures given for wheat are 10,500,000 quarters, as against 7,200,000 last divinity and with the economy of the he lost sanctifying grace through than 32 bushels to the acre. Of barley, 6,000,000 quarters were gardead man to walk. But supernatural oats, the yield estimated was 13,500, life is not sufficient. A man who 000 quarters from 2,779,000 acres, as

> aided by the graces of assistance this was at the time of writing evil the convicts? reason to rejoice that Providence has forms of government? smiled upon their husbandry and that great strides have been made thereby towards making her self-supporting in the matter of food pro-duction. ter is evil, and that no good can be derived from that which is material;

> > In these days of universal rejoicing especial sympathy will go out a from full hearts to the families of as the only source of good. those who, on the very threshold of where we find a demand for the peace, have paid tribute with their the world, a seeking after selfish lives to the cause of freedom and civilization. To have gone through selfishness by reason of the selfishthe cruelest and one of the most pro- ness of another, class being arrayed tracted wars in history, and at its against class. In all this very close to be numbered among its victims seems a cruel fate. Those no remedy is offered therefor. And families so afflicted whose anticipal this is the nearest approach to pertions of an early and happy reunion fection offered to us by culture and events of the past few weeks had heightened, can but be commended ing to the store of machinery and in their affliction to the Sacred knowledge to be used for good or Heart.

> > When the army approached a certain at the cost of the soul. town bordering on the Great Desert a deputation of natives came to meet happiness and peace either by force them and their leader demanded an or by mutual consent.
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> > Interview with General Allenby. In The Christian religion, man's the course of conversation he claimed the right to protection at the hands the right to protection at the hands of the invedor and in which the hands differs from mere worldly civilization of the invader, and in support of his in that it is a spiritual force acting claim produced a document showing on the sculs of men. It is chiefly that on the last occasion of a visit interior as distinguished fro from European troops the native external and it is primarily individattitude had been friendly. General this, it governs and directs the actions of those by whom it is acwas in French, and was much in cepted: these form a community terested when he came to the end. For the document bore the signature of Napoleon Bonaparte.

CHRISTIAN RELIGION AND THE WORLD

James Bakewell in America

A regiment of Scotch Highlanders wayside, balted and gave the military salute; and the chaplain of the regiment, kneeling before the image of Jesus on the Cross for the sins of of Christ, in answer to the question, a disobedient and sinful world How can you, a Presbyterian, do whereby God the Father, who is his?" replied: "It is not Presbyter-just, as well as loving and mercithis?" replied: ianism we need, but God; and God is ful, offers forgiveness and reconcili-

tion in all such difficulties. We donations to the poor and yet who trading with all parts of the world. God was so needed by the world as republic of Rome, although a heathen today; yet, like one who prefers to die rather than go to a hospital, and from the simplicity of family relation The whole theory consisted in the chapter of St. John's gospel is inchapter of St. John's gospel is inmotives do not make profession of know, been any scandal connected salvation in some novelty of its own mutual obligation existing between chapter of St. John's gospel is intended for all time to teach. No difficulty of any inquirer today who difference who difficulty of any inquirer today who dif the world are the work of man, who WHILE AS one result of the great is turning away from God and openly ship to God; with God it is claim in the bald terms of literal truth, justly with all men He often restruggle, now, let us trust, happily criticizing the Church because she and good, but without God the world. refuses to join in the Utopian ideals is evil and helpless; and civilization and their life in the fully revealed we may judge, grants them the grace harvest in Great Britain puts the to us by Jesus of Nazareth, whereby empire. not changed, and the religion given no other end than that of the Roman mystery of the Blessed Eucharist. of conversion, but unless they Mother Country in such a position our relationship to God is made known to us so simply that a can understand it, is as real and effithe majority of the accept as responsible of their many crimes and mistakes: was this first saying of Christ on this popular they may have been a carried with first saying of Christ on this popular they may have been a carried with first saying of Christ on this popular they may have been a carried with first saying of Christ on this popular they may have been a carried with first saying of Christ on this popular they may have been a carried with first saying of Christ on this popular they may have been a carried with first saying of Christ on this popular they may have been a carried with first saying of Christ on this popular they may have been a carried with first saying of Christ on this popular they may have been a carried with first saying of Christ on this popular they may have been a carried with first saying of Christ on this popular they may have been a carried with first saying of Christ on this popular they may have been a carried with first saying of Christ on this popular they may have been a carried with the world has been a carried with the carr people would accept as responsible of their many crimes and mistakes; was this first saying of Christ on this popular they may have been or how was lost to her. This was the foun-failed, and will fail until it learns that without God there is no remedy

denial, and is of the will of God, and ist body has made any effort as an

and, in perfect sincerity, seeking to natural life in his soul, either be- year. This from an area of 2,556,000 lacking in civilization will be found, acres is an average of a little better | ignoring the fact that goodness is of the heart and soul, and that the goodness and peace of the world are form a supernatural act as it is for a nered from 1,500,000 acres, and of dead man to walk. But supernatural oats, the yield estimated was 10,000 acres, and of individuals of whom the world is composed. Thus we have presented to us numerous schemes of a league of nations to enforce peace, and the ideal of a world democracy. It is make that some plan for a league This grain production of itself probable that some plan for a league of nations will be adopted, and it is work meritorious of heaven without fully justifies the Commissioner's possible that an outwardly good world might result for a day out Me you can do nothing." It is by the potatoe yield. There were proper use of force. But who would when united to God by faith and 634,000 acres given over to the which to live in a world that is no charity we restrict the good charity we perform our good works cultivation of this esculent tuber, and nations being the guard and the evil the convicts? And what guarantee have we that the good nations death is stamped upon them and or 750,000 tons more than last year. will remain good? As to a world they pass current in the treasure On the other hand the vocations had nations and peoples they pass current in the treasure On the other hand the root crop has are so evil that a league is requisite house of heaven. This we do when we keep ourselves in the state of ly having suffered from the early is peace to be maintained by a world democracy in which the good we keep ourselves in the state of grace, say our prayers and have at drought. On the whole, however, and the evil share alike, a democracy in which was democrac efore assent to the plans and ideals now being offered can be given.

There is an old heresy that mat-

and although this heresy in its old form is dead, it has been followed by another which is equally erroneous, faith in that which is material civilization of the world, its inventions has merely been addevil according to the condition of the soul of men. We find the extreme type of this external civiliza-A CURIOUS incident occurred during the British advance in Palestine. treme type of this external civilization in Germany whose culture has produced that which is purely animal God civilization cannot make

ual in its effect; although, being known as the Church, Jesus Christ is the invisible Head. The teaching of Jesus in regard to our relationship with God through Himself is very simple and it should be acceptable to all men as it is in accord with the relationship of father and son, and is governed by the simple rule of reverence and obedience on the part of the child, counled with the and reward on the part of the father. A regiment of Scotch Highlanders in France, passing a crucifix by the wayside halted and gove the pullidary in regard to disobedience, but with it there is an act of love and mercy unparalleled, the self sacrifice ation to all who are willing to repent. Perhaps, in the history of the world to confess, and to make restitu

and distress which have come into obsolete, and the nation perished. So with the world in its relation which are being proposed, God has and culture standing alone, can find

As the world has grown accus tomed to consider culture as a means upon the Church merely as a material organization. And there has been criticism of the Church because she does not exert her power as a cor-porate body on one side or the other Catholic Church, the English Epis copal Church, nor any non-conform-

the effort of the Jews to make Him Sir Horace's remark on the general feeling about the coercion of Ulster.

It is the ghost of Banquo at the interest by the "coercion of the church praced by the "coercion of the church