

Contemporary Church Opinion.

Family Churchman (London, Eng.): The Dean of Bangor (Very Rev. Evan Lewis) does well to insist in his paper upon the historic continuity of the Church in Wales. In this lies the true title of the Church to her endowments, and her right to be considered the Church of the Welsh people. Yet it is this Church, dating back to Apostolic times, whose history is intimately bound up with the national traditions and corporate life of Wales, which Cardinal Vaughan thought fit to denounce the other day at Cardiff "as a miserable schism forced by a lustful King upon an unwilling people." Surely Papal insolence and mis-statement could hardly further go. We bear no ill-will to the Roman Communion, and we should be the last to join in a reckless "No-Popery" cry, but when the head of that body in England deliberately goes out of his way to insult our National Church, and wound the religious susceptibilities of Churchmen, we feel bound to enter a protest. It is not the National Church which is schismatical in this realm of England, but the Roman sect of which Cardinal Vaughan is the mouthpiece. We are not concerned, like Mr. Froude, to whitewash Henry VIII., though we might point out that, bad as he was, his moral character would compare favourably with some of the mediæval Popes. But what we are certain of is this—that the Reformation movement was distinctly a popular one, and, if the King had not placed himself at the head of it, the people would have risen of their own accord to throw off the Papal yoke under which England had groaned so long. The history of England in the subsequent Tudor reigns, and throughout the Stuart dynasty, bears witness to the truth of this statement. The English people are above all things tolerant in matters of religion, and it is to this tolerance that Cardinal Vaughan owes his liberty of speech. It will be well for him not to abuse it, or he may receive an unpleasant reminder that the rugged independence of the English character which brooked no Roman interference in the sixteenth century is equally determined to resent any Papal insolence to-day.

Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette (Dublin):

There are at present half a million of children under education in connection with the London School Board, and it is appalling to think that it is an open question whether these children are to be educated or not in the principles of the Christian religion. Mr. Atholstan Riley, who is a member of the Board, is seeking in the face of great opposition to persuade the Board to pass resolutions (1) directing their teachers when they are giving religious instruction on passages from the Bible which refer to Christ to teach that He is God; and (2) to take steps to secure that such teaching shall be given to the children by teachers who have received some training in the principles of religion, and who may

be reasonably supposed to possess capabilities for imparting elementary religious knowledge. Strange to say, several leading Protestant Nonconformists are resisting the passing of such resolutions.

TAKE life like a man. Take it just as though it were, as it is, an earnest, vital, essential affair. Take it just as though you personally were born to the task of performing a merry part in it, as though the world had waited for your coming. Take it as though it were a grand opportunity to do and to achieve, to carry forward great and good schemes, to help and cheer a suffering, weary, it may be heartbroken, brother. The fact is, life is undervalued by a great majority of mankind. It is not made half as much of as should be the case. Where is the man or woman who accomplishes one tithe of what might be done?

The servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, forbearing.

BAPTISM.

On St. Mark's Day, in the Chapel of Ease, Pinopolis, South Carolina, by the Rev. Robert Wilson, D.D., Rector of St. Luke's, Charleston, James, son of Rev. James and Anna Hill Simonds.

MARRIED.

CARMICHAEL-MACRAE.—At the Church of the Ascension, Toronto, on May 8, 1893, by the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael of Montreal, father of the groom, assisted by the Rev. H. Grasset Baldwin, Eva Jessie, youngest daughter of the late Alex. S. Muirne, to Fred. Carmichael, of the Bank of Montreal, Toronto.

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