remark to come from a privy

councillor of His Majesty. All thinking people will realize the complete absence of justification for this savage diatribe on the part of cation was personal spite, political intrigue, or religious fanaticism, it has been equally ungenerous, liberal, and detrimental to the welfare of our Dominion .- Quebec Telegraph, April 15.

AFTERMATH OF THE CONTROVERSY

ROBERT E. SPEER SPEAKS FOR HIMSELF

Editor Free Press: Readers of The letters which appeared in the Free Press of March 21 and April 1, 1919, in which a number of misstatements are made about myself. May I ask the privilege of correcting some of these explicitly, one by one?

1. Your correspondent "Speer's specialty was the vilifica-tion of the Catholics of the whole South American continent—no small undertaking; and, incidentally the collection of funds from the gullible some addresses and publications after returning from South America in 1909 I tried to state carefully and truthfully what I had beared. victims of his falsehoods—an easier publications is incorrect I shall be as an opponent but in making glad to have the error pointed out and shall correct it. As to the collection of funds. I have never colany funds from those heard these addresses or read these publications or from any one else.

2. Your correspondent says offered as proofs of his slanders two forged documents, followed this precept which he comone a bogus encyclical attributed to Pope Leo XIII., and the other a counterfeit pastoral of the Archbishop of I have never mentioned Santiago. or cited in any way a pastoral of the Archbishop of Santiago.

3. In another place your corres pondent says I quoted a pastoral of the Archbishop of Venezuela. I presume he means "the Archbishop of Caracas and Venezuela." A pastoral letter of this Archbishop, Juan Baut istro Castro, I did quote. October 18, 1910," your correspondent says, "I was informed . . . of malicious forgery against the that the Archbishop of Venezuela Catholics of South America, and, as styled his alleged pastoral a wicked and vile calumny, a coarse fraud." I was never so informed. This pastoral was published in fullina leading newspaper of Caracas, El Constitutional, December 7, 1908. The letter was not disavowed at the time. to blame for the exposure of his shortcomings as an historian. I propose to show that Mr. Speer has not I have never heard of its being disavowed since. I have inquired of residents of Caracas and find that they have never heard of its disa vowal. When and where did the vowal. When and where did the archbishop disavow it and style it the Rev. Mr. Speer says: "I am not the Rev. Mr. Speer. I am a layman." a wicked and vile calumny, a coarse

Speer delivered a lecture before a missionary convention in Cincinnati on 'Our Duty to our Benighted Brethof South America.' This lecture had been previously delivered in Rochester, N. Y. On both occasions the Rev. Mr. Speer repeated his slanders against Catholics of the South American continent, and quoted as his justification therefor a pastoral letter of the Archbishop of Venezuela and an Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII. to the clergy of Chile." I am not "the Rev. Mr. Speer." I am a layman. I never delivered an address on this subject. I did not from the all ged Encyclical of Pope Leo to the clergy of Chile in Cincinnati. I did quote from it in an address in Rochester, believing it to be authentic and having adequate grounds for this belief. These encyclical in various books and magazines for 10 years, namely, Young's "From Cape Horn to Panama" (1900), Geography and Atlas of Protestant Missions" (1901), "Protestant Missions in South America," (1901), "Protest-Clarke's " A Continent of Opportunity" (1907), and Neely's "South America, Its Missionary Problems" (1909). The Independent referred to this correspondence between the Vatican and Chile editorin its issue of March 17, 1898. correspondent says, "Mean-Your correspondent says, while the vile calumny had been given wide publicity by Mr. Beach, Independent." This is not true. Their references to the matter were made long before, and they knew of no contradiction of their represen-

5. Your correspondent says "The point to be kept in mind is that Speer was found out, and that he did not announce the discovery himself. The whole correspondence was published by the Rev. Father Martin, of Cleveland, who after following Speer relentlessly for more than two years, finally forced him to admit that the documents in ques-tion were forgeries." These are all Venezuela's pastoral is still unrerefuted. The instant the alleged papal encyclical was called in ques-tion I withdrew all quotations from it. All references to it were cut out of published reports of the speech in Rochester. I myself began at once a search for the origin of the docu.

Santiago, Chili and Honolulu. search for the origin of the document. The first printed mention I could find was in Young's book. Santiago, Chili and Honolulu.

4.—Mr. Speer avails himself of a could find was in Young's book.

paper, La Lei, October 24, 1887. A wrong. It is true that he is not friend in Santiago, Chile, followed up originally responsible for the failure the matter there and at length dis covered the author. I at once published all the facts. Father Martin's entirely courteous correspondence did not begin until after I had instituted the search for the facts in the case and it had nothing to do either with prompting that search or with publishing the results.

6. Your correspondent says: "With a delicate consideration for the forger Speer did not disclose his name. 'A his request I keep his name secret. He even went the length of intensify ing his offense and further stultifying himself, by offering the tes-timony of the undisclosed forgery in a final effort to substantiate his calumnies : 'The author of the letter' (that is the forger), 'claims that the statements are true, even today.' It is impossible to fittingly qualify such conduct." What will your readers think when they know that not one word in the two quotations in this statement which are attributed to me is mine? In putting these words in my mouth your correspondent states what is absolutely

There are other misstatements in these letters, but it is not necessary now to deal further with them. Nor do I need to deal at all with the untruthfully what I had learned. If to me is free from error or untruth any statement in these addresses or I do not think of your correspondent corrections I have sought to follow the precept which he quotes from Dean Stanley: "Let us never impute to our opponents intentions which they themselves disclaim, nor fasten upon them opprobrious names, which they themselves repudiate. Has your correspondent in his letters mends?

New York, April 10, 1919.

BISHOP FALLON REPLIES TO ROBERT

E. SPEER Editor of The Free Press: The letter of Mr. Robert E. Speer which you published this morning is an exquisite specimen of a neat rivulet of quibbling fact meandering through a meadow of cunning equivocation such, might easily be left to the luxury of his own reflections. But his authority was dragged into a local controversy, and he has not me improved his position by his latest communication, and for that purpose I shall deal with it in para graphs "explicitly, one by one.

I accept the correction, and apologize 4. Your correspondent says: On wise apologize to the clergy for many or il 27, 1910, the Rev. Robert E. As justification of my mistake, I have a letter of the mantion that in seven letters written to him by Rev. Father Martin between April, 1910, and May, 1912. he was addressed as "Rev. Robert E Speer" and "Rev. Dear Sir." In none of his replies did he deny the soft impeachment.

2.-Mr. Speer says: "I have never collected any funds from those who heard these addresses or read these publications, or from anyone else. Mr. Speer is the secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, with headquarters in New York. The whole purpose of Mr. Speer's trip to South America and of his subsequent talse and calumnious books and lectures was to arouse Protestant enthusiasm for the evangeliza tion of the benighted Catholics of South America and the securing of grounds for this belief, South America and the Mr. Speer grounds were the uncontradicted appearance of the quotation from the would have been far more fittingly employed in protecting the funda-mental doctrines of Christianity amongst his own associates than in slandering the Catholics of the South American continent, the latchet of whose shoes he is not worthy to loose

3.-It took Mr. Speer only a few months to discover the defects of the Catholicity of the whole continent of South America. He needed, how-ever, more than two years prodding before publicly admitting that he was engaged in the industrious circulation of fraudulent documents He had been notified on October 18. a professor in Yale University, and by Dr. Ward, editor of the New York papal encyclical to be "a palpable fraud and forgery." The alleged reply to the archbishop of Chile to the papal letter would necessarily likewise be a forgery and a fraud. And of this fact Mr. Speer was him-self informed by his South American agent and friend, the Rev. Webster E. Browning, who wrote to him as follows: "I called at once on this gentleman" (the forger!) "and stated the case to him, and, without a word, he arose, went to his safe, unlocked it, and brought out a book of clippings of his articles contributed to tion were forgeries." These are all the press since 1878. He at once turned to the two articles—the pseudo letter of the Pope and the reply of the archbishop—and stated that he had written them both . . . and laughed at the whole matter as a huge joke." Mr. Speer cannot get away from the record now by mixing or respect to the crucifix and to the

Through the publishers of that book regard to the concealment of the (Acts xix., I learned that the alleged encyclical name of the forger. He is technical xxviii., 18). Through the publishes of state book larger of the forger. He is techni-had appeared in a Chilean news- cally right, but he is shamefully

the rotten forgery which he circulated. He merely co operated effectually in the concealment. The Rev. Webster E. Browning was the agent and friend with whom Mr. Speer communicated in South America, and Speer appropriated and published in his book these words of Mr. Browning: "At his request (the forger's) I kept his name secret, but you are authorized to use my letter and statements as you think best. The author of the letters claims that the mother of God; but we never the statements are all true, even give her supreme or divine bonor, Mr. Speer is welcome to today." any comfort he may derive from the fact that these are not his own words. But in the minds of unpre judiced readers, he will scarcely escape his share in the guilt of his chosen attorney. The effect of the failure to disclose the name of the forger has been evident in the course of the local controversy, for one correspondent stated that the forger "presumably a Roman Catho-while another went the length of declaring that he was " a Roman Catholic priest." In view of the secrecy surrounding his identity, and scrupulous care taken by Rev. Mr. Browning and Mr. Speer not to give the public his name, I should be

5.—The evidence of the forgery was given to the press not by Mr. Speer, but by the Rev. Father Martin, who for two years had been insisting that Mr. Speer should either justify or retract his references to this coarse and fraudulent papal encycli-cal. On May 12, 1912, Father Martin wrote to Mr. Speer: "I am taking the liberty of turning over our corres pondence to the editor of The Catho lic Universe."

quite justified in assuming that the

torger was really one of Mr. Speer's

South American friends and con

6 -The view held of Mr. Speer in Chile is well illustrated by a letter under date of June 27, 1910, written by Mr. C. E. Spencer, of the firm of Spencer & Waters, Chilean importers. Mr. Spencer writes with regard to the calumny against the Catholic clergy The author, a Mr. Speer of Chile: whom I had occasion to know some years ago, is one of those persons who qualify all who do not have his be-lief as a bad kind, as though his belief was the only correct one. I am a North American who has lived in Chile for 45 years, and though educated a Protestant, have always been taught to respect the beliefs of The Catholic clergy are a others." body of men to be highly respected, and it would be well if the author of the calumny would take lessons from them instead of defaming them. I would not desire to change places with Mr. Speer, who has made futile attempt to calumniate a body of men who are so evidently his

superiors." -Mr. Speer reproaches me with a lack of courtesy and invokes the words of Dean Stanley: "Let us never impute to our opponents in tentions which they themselves disclaim, nor fasten upon them opprobrious names which they themselves repudiate." This is the same Mr Speer who in his book, "South American Problems." published years ago, wrote the following sentences: 'The great mass of South American people have not been given The central Christianity. . . . The central place is Mary's. Mary is the central religious person. . . . Mary, not Christ. And Mariolatry is the religion of the land because the Church has taught it as true Christianity."

In dealing with Mr. Speer and his imitators I throw courtesy to the winds. I ask no quarter and give none.

+M. F. FALLON. Bishop of London. London, April 16, 1919.

THE CATECHISM AND THE HONEST

INQUIRER

To the Editor of The Advertiser: With no desire to prolong or add to the recent controversy over the Catholic devotion to the Virgin Mary but in a spirit of good-will toward the inquirer, I beg leave to submit these extracts from the Catholic Catechism which may be had for 5 cents, or from a Catholic friend by any non-Catholic desirous of definite and authoritative information on the subject. The language is plain, straightforward and untechnical, and Scriptural warrant is given for each answer. The writer studied this little book fifty years ago as a child. and got quite a definite and intelli-gent grasp then of distinctions which seem to puzzle learned adults today.

First Commandment? A. To adore one God and to adore but Him alone. (Matthew What is forbidden by the First

Commandment? A. To give to any creature the honor due to God alone. (Deuteron-

omy xxviii., 14.) Q. How do Catholics distinguish between the honor they give to God and the honor they give to the Saints, when they pray to God and to the

Of God alone they beg grace and mercy, and of the Saints only ask the assistance of their

pictures of Christ and His Saints? Yes; because they relate to Christ and His Saints, being representations and memorials of them. of the (Acts xix., 12; 1 Par. Chronicles,

we then pray to the

the Saints? A. By no means; for they have neither life, nor sense, nor power to hear or help us. (If Kings xviii., 4). Q. Is it 'awful to honor the Virgin Mary?

A. Yes; whereas God Himself so much honored her and the Scrip-ture says all nations shall call her (Luke j., 48). What honor do we give our

Blessed Lady? We honor her more than all the other Saints because she is

which belongs to God alone. (Philip

pians ii., 19; Romans ii., 10. Theology like every other science. has, necessarily, its technical terms clearly and unmistakably defined If one unskilled in chemistry, and regarding that science as a superstitious development of Egyptian black art, were to attempt to teach chemists the meaning and menace of their own terms, he would-to use 'discourteous language' of Shake speare, and exception being made for females of the species-write himself down as an ass.

GOOD-WILL. London, April 8, 1919.

FROM A FORMER HIGH CHURCHMAN Toronto, April 11th, 1919. Editor CATBOLIC RECORD

Dear Sir .- I have read with great interest the letter of "High Church-man" written from Woodstock to the Free Press, and incorporated with editorial remark, in the current number of your excellent jour nal. I can corroborate all that he says of the practices and beliefs of High Churchmen, both in England in America. Canon need go no further afield than the ground afforded him by the bounds of his own religious body, to find abundant scope for his warnings against what he conceives to be dangerous error. Let him then begin at home. But perhaps he is one of those who rejoice in the "glorious freedom" in the domains of belief and practice, which is accorded to her children by the Church of England.

More than half a century ago being then resident in London in close touch with High Church workers and their activities. I was acquainted with the late Dr. Little-dale, and have been a guest in his house. I hold no brief for Dr. Little dale, nor for the arguments of his book "Plain Reasons" so well and so ably refuted by Father Henry Ignatius Dadley Ryder, of the Ora tory; but I can assure Canon Tucker that Dr. Littledale, whatever anti-Catholic prejudices he may have bad. and they were many, would have had no part nor lot with the school of Anglican theology yelept "Evan gelical" to which it may be assumed Canon Tucker belongs. Why Dr. Littledale denounced the Reformers both English and continental as utterly unredeemed villains" But I suppose that notwithstanding their glaring incongruities these men will go on singing

"We are not divided All one body we One in hope and doctrine One in Charity."

What-to go no further - about the Real Presence, Baptismal Regen-eration, the use of the Athanasian Creed ("Quicunque Vult") -as to all of which a man may believe or disbelieve, practice or not practice teach or will and be a member of the Church of England.

Let the Canon get these things set right before he attacks the faith of his neighbors and (does he ever thick of it?) of his forefathers for multiplied g

Yours truly, One who was once A HIGH CHURCHMAN.

BISHOP INVESTS TWO LONDONERS

VICAR GENERAL O'CONNOR AND MR. POCOCK HONORED

London Free Press, April 21 Following the celebration of Solemn Pontifical Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral yesterday morning, His Lordship Bishop Fallon conducted the formal investiture of Right Rev. D. O'Connor, Vicar-General of the Diocese of London and director of Peter's Seminary, and of Mr. Philip Pocock, chairman of the London Public Utilities Commission, in the high honors recently con-ferred upon them by Pope Benedict O. What is commanded by the Father O'Connor has been made a domestic prelate to His Holiness, while upon Mr. Pocock was conferred the dignity of Knight of

st. Gregory the Great. In commencing the investiture Bishop Fallon said: "It is our very great privilege today to give formal effect in this cathedral to the wishes of our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XV., with regard to one of our dis-tinguished priests, Father O'Connor, vicar-general of this diocese and director of St. Peter's Seminary, and likewise with regard to one of our devoted laymen, Mr. Philip Pocock, who has been long and favorably known in this city for his Catholic

ity and for his fine public spirit.' Rev. Father Brennan read to the congregation, both in the Latin original and the English translation, the brief from His Holiness, formally conferring the honor of domestic prelupon Vicar-General O'Connor that creating Mr. Pocock a Knight of St. Gregory.

authority and symbol of his new distinction Bishop Fallon spoke in glowing terms of Father O'Connor's serv

ices in this diocese "In handing you these official tokens," he said, "I wish to say to you that our Holy Father has mitted me to say to you in his pres ence that as vicar-general of this diocese and as director of the diocesan seminary you are most diligent in the exercise of your duties. I have never appealed to you, as I often have to do, without receiving a gen-

erous response."
Similar sincere praise was given by His Lordship in officially conferring upon Mr. Poccek knighthood in the Order of St. Gregory the Great.

"Mr. Pocock knew absolutely nothing until four or five weeks ago of the papal recognition that had already come to him," the Bishop told the congregation.

I would be frank enough to say that knowing him as I know him I did not dare to speak to him of my intention to ask the Holy Father when I visited Rome last August to confer this honor upon him. I knew how much he shrinks from public notice and from the advertising of his acts of charity and of his acts of devotion to the Catholic Church.

But there comes a time when these acts in the glory of God should be known. So it was that in audience last August with Pope Benedict I asked him to create Mr. Pocock a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory.

Bishop Fallon added to the expressions of appreciation of Mr. Pocock's services in connection with the Diocese of London contained in Pope Benedict's official letter, his personal gratitude. "There has been nothing I have had to do," he declared, "that "There has been nothing could not find in you ready sym pathy and assistance. Therefore it is a great joy to me to confer upon you this honor, which comes from the highest power on earth.

A GENEROUS CATHOLIC

BROAD MINDED PROVISION FOR HOSPITAL

Leaving an estate of about \$6,000 00, Thomas O'Neil, the well known merchant and real estate developer after provisions for his widow, planned in his will for the establishment of one of the most unique country, a new Loyola College and a new Cathedral. The will was offered for probate in the Orphans' Court today and bond in the sum of was given through the Fidelity Trust Company.

LOYOLA'S GREAT GIFT

All the bequests made by Mr. O'Neil show an unusual interest in seeing that his fortune after his death shall go for the real comfort and betterment of his fellow-man. In addition to the \$200,000 which he had given in his life to the Associated Professors of Loyola College, he now, by his will, gives \$300,000 more to be used for erecting a church.

His earnest desire is excressed to have his great retail store turned in-to a corporation, in which his employees will become stockholders. and carry on the business which he built up in his lifetime.

The hospital is to be founded after the death of the testator's wife. He gives to her by the will an annuity of \$25,000 and gives her the right dispose of \$250,000 of his estate. directs the trustees during the life of Mrs. O'Neil to accumulate the surplus income.

HOSPITAL WITHOUT HIS NAME At Mrs. O'Neil's death he gives to Baltimore, the then pastor of the they accept adoption to the Western First Methodist Episcopal Church of dioceses requiring their services. Baltimore, the then pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Balti-men, our realers are requested to more, and Michael Jenkins, Charles contribute generously to the Catho-Joseph Bonaparte, John J. Nelligar, Bishop John E. Gunr, of Natchez, Miss.; Judge N. Charles Burke, Dr. J. Albert Chatard, Hammond J. Dugan and Ferdinand C. Dugan, the purpose being to erect and maintain a hospi tal in Baltimore city or Baltimore county, but he enjoins upon them that the same is not to bear name. He provides that not more than 40 per cent. be used or ex pended in the hospital buildings, and that out of the yearly income some portion of it should be laid aside for the erection of other hospital buildings.

PRIVATE FREE ROOMS Mr. O'Neil requests that the hospi-

tal should be under the management of the Sisters of the Bon Secour or the Sisters of Charity, and that at least 20 private rooms shall be set aside and be for the free use of A Friend, Kitchener. persons in moderate circumstant and enjoins upon the board of trustees that such free rooms shall be carefully guarded as a secret matter and that the persons occupying these rooms shall be treated and generally regarded in the same manner as if they were paid patients. and the fact that they are free patients is not to be divulged. He recommends to the trustees of the nospital that they should never borrow money by mortg ge upon the hospital or securities or other prophospital or securities or other prop-erty owned by it, as he believes that the income will be sufficient for the ordinary running and maintenance of the same. — Baltimore Star, April 11.

In handing to the former the THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF CANADA

HOME PRODUCTS

One, among many, of the important duties of a bishop is to provide for a zealous and efficient body of priests for his diocese. As chief pastor of a section of the vineyard of the Lord one of his most pressing responsibilities is to supply the means by which the souls committed to his apostolic care may be refreshed with the living waters and fed with the bread of life. To undertake this task and to perform it alone is an utter impossi-bility. Priests, his representatives before the people, are called to the work of assisting in the planting and gathering of the spiritual harves

We, situated in well organized dioceses, know of the many and various activities occupying the spiritual rulers of a diocese and the enormous amount of labor thereby Our institutions for the various re ligious works are so necessary that we cannot think of our dioceses without them. We look upon them as religious essentials. Yet, it would be impossible to maintain these fruitful sources of religious life unless we had a sufficient body of priests and religious helpers at hand. the need of priests but is it because we do not think enough and thank God enough that we do not realize to ourselves, the blessings we have and the deficiencies necessarily experi enced by other Catholics in less favored sections of our country?

In the years before us we are sure to witness the influx of population to the Great West. Many new settlers will come from the United States, many will go West from the Eastern part of Canada, as in former years, and no doubt the European immigration in time, will set in again towards the vast plains of our Western Prov-inces. When this happens, how will we supply the spiritual needs of the We are unable to cope now with the requirements of the West. What then will the supreme pastors of the Western dicceses do in the future? The problem must be solved now; priests must be prepared for the work and such supply as to adequately meet the

We can no longer look to Europe for assistance. This is evident. The Church in Europe will have enough to do at home. Why can't we get our entire supply of priests and religious helpers here in Canada? Wouldn't it be better and more in accord with the spirit of the Church to have our own Canadian priests, men racy of the soil, to look after the new comers to our Dominion? Wa are all agreed on this. It rests then with our Canadian Catholics not to be too jealous of their offspring. them encourage them and offer them willingly to the Canadian Church. In the past Catholics have willingly given their children to well organized dicceses but the Church had look to other shores for young men and women to sacrifice themselves in the desolate parts of Canada. Such a condition must not endure. The Catholic laity of the East, en-couraged and aided by their pastors, must take a more Catholic outlook and view their responsibilities from a different angle than that confined by the provincial or parochial boundaries. Then, and not till then, are we sure that the Catholic problems of the future are certain of solution. Thanks to God, our Eastern Sem-

inaries today are preparing for the priesthood a goodly number of young men for the West. This is a begin ning and it is to be hoped that the number will increase as time goes

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FORMER SENATOR BAILEY ON IRISH FREEDOM

Washington, D. C., March 27 .-Former Senator Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas, at the mass meeting of 10,000 Friends of Irish freedom, held last week, at Liberty Hut in Washington, said :

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He enlogized the Irish patriots. who, generation after generation have striven and suffered for liberty He tredicted that Ireland would vet take her place among the nations of the earth, and that Emmet's epitaph would at last be written.

FATHER FRASER'S CHINA MISSION FUND

Almonte, Ontario Dear Friends,-I came to Canada to seek vocations for the Chines Missions which are greatly in need of priests. In my parish alone these are three cities and a thousand villages to be evangelized and only two priests. Since I arrived in Canada a number of youths have expressed their desire to study for the Chinese mission but there are no sunds to educate them. I appeal to your charity to assist in founding burses for the education of these and others who desire to become missionaries in China. Five thousand dollars will found a burse. The interest on this amount will support a student. When he is ordained and goes off to the mission another will be taken in and All imbued with the Catholic spirit of propagating the Faith to the ends of the earth will. I am sure, contribute generously to this fund. Gratefully yours in Jesus and Mary

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