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THE NEW ENGLISH EDUCATION BILL

While the cables bring but briefest announcement of the visions of the latest Education Bill introduced by the British Government, there is enough contained this announcement to allow Catholics to declare it unacceptable to the

mass of the Catholics of England. While the announcement also declares that the new bill is the result of a compromise, and that it has been prepared after consultation with the various interests concerned, we have it, on the authority of the Tablet, the authority best fitted to speak for the English Catholics, that the only parties consulted have been the non-conformists and a dissenting portion of the Anglican body.

Under such conditions, it is hardly likely, therefore, that the new bill will meet the primary requirement of the Catholic body, and one which must seem reasonable to all fairminded persons not blinded by bigotry. That in the schools built up and maintained in large part by the contributions of Catholics. the managers of such schools shall be free to choose the teachers, and in the second ace that they be free to teach the doctrines of their own re-

The Catholics are willing to allow the Anglicans and the Jews the same privileges, and if the Non-Conformists are satisfied with the Cowper-Temple clause schools, by all means let them have them, but they should, in return, allow the other It was the beginning of a new life.

denominations such schools as they He had taken His own creature into are willing to pay for. Of course the Non-Conformist argument is that such schools are paid for from the rates collected for the And why should they not obtain that portion of the rates which is contributed by the tholic citizens of the school district? And then they expect a portion of the grant. But there again, why should they not receive from the general grant for education such a sum as is justified by their numbers and by the assessment on their property. That system prevails in the province of Quebec, where the majority is overwhelming. ly Catholic, and we have not heard any of our Protestant fellow-citizens even Non-Conformists or their Canadian equivalent, clamoring for a change.

We are told that the Cowper Temple clause imposes no distinctive religious test. It ordains merel that a chapter of the Bible and the Lord's prayer be recited at the opening of school each day. But version of the Lord's prayer is different from that taught to Catholic children, while the version of the Bible prescribed contains passages that we are taught are not in accord with the original, and has been was the adoration in spirit and

shorn of portions which form a ba sis of a portion of Catholic belief. Under such circumstances, how car reasonable men expect Catholic pa rents to submit their children to such exercises? Would the Protestant population of this province accept the recital of the beads at the open ing of class as a full substitute for all the privileges they now enjoy? To ask the question is to show how ridiculous such a proposition would be. Yet it is not one whit more preposterous than the conditions laid down by the so-called lo vers of liberty, under the leadership of Dr. Clifford, to the people of England.

The dignified but uncompromising and strong attitude of the clergy and laity of England when the first bill was under consideration, as instanced by the monster meetings addressed by the laity in Albert Hall and the pilgrimage of thousands, of brave Lancashire miners to London to protest against the suppression of the schools they had built up with their hard earnings are sufficient warrant that such indignity will not be allowed to be perpetrated. The frish members the House of Commons, allied with the English Cathours and the Anglican churchmen will endeavor force such concessions as may obtained, and if they fail in this. the House of Lords may be expected once, more to reject a bill which would work injustice to a large and important section of His Majesty's loyal subjects in their dearest and

ADVENT.
What a beautiful season is Advent! Not so penitential as Lent, it nevertheless impresses upon us the neces sity of filling up the valleys making straight the paths of life and heart that we may be the better prepared for the approaching feast of Christmas. It is proper and fitting also that the mind of the Church and her children should be more earnestly centralized upon the mystery the Incarnation. It is the centre of many other mysteries-in fact of all the mysteries. The Incarnation is the fulness of revelation-illumining them all and opening them up to our reverential faith and loving admiration, as they should never otherwise have been revealed had not the Word been made Flesh. Blessed Trinity. Precious Immortal Church and a thousand ac companying mysteries, lights from out the dark, rivers from the mountains rush in streams upon kindled children of men. And what is the Incarnation to life's problems and the soul's philosophy but sweetest completion, the dearest pledge and the brightest solution? about it. It has rung the changes of

The destinies of nations as well a of individuals group themselves history as nothing else in the count less beats of time. That the Eternal should come to time, that Uncreated should seek a created home, that infinite Wisdom should build a house from the created time bers of His own creature, however pure,-these are the wonders of God's loving condescension. Why did th Consubstantial Son of God leave the bosom of His Eternal Father and come in this vale of misery, taking human nature in the chaste womb of tion of the Holy Ghost? Did He want anything in that eternal unchangeable home of His? Surely nothing could be lacking in the bosom of the Father. He will go forth from that home as a giant exulting in the way-to another home and to many homes since He starts forth, ed to all. The message was His plan. She had been prepared for her high calling. In due time had received the message. With free consent she bent her will and had become the Mother of the Incarnate Word. . The time of her delivery was drawing near. Who can narrate the glory of that new life which starting so mysteriously would close in such suffering and continue sacramental love? There was that new relation between the Son and the Mother different from his relations with her as Creator and crea ture. Then there was the union between the humanity and the divinity of our Lord-that espousal from whose wedlock would bring the sanc tity of a new earth and the lived race of many brethren. That hypostatic union was in a transcen dant manner the privilege and glory of Christ our Lord, but it was break our chains, to win adoption for us and restore our inheritance We may also contemplate the perfect adoration which the human soul of the Incarnate Word offered to Blessed Trinity. Who shall tell the length and breadth and height and

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hold, I come to do Thy will." Here

its intensity, its perfection?

mission of Christ's Sacred Humanity to its Creator; here was the deep worship springing from a sense nothingness of His Human soul. We cannot let Christmas spring right upon us without some such thoughts as these to serve as reminders what our preparation Still less can we forget that He came down to earth for us men and for our salvation. He was cerned about us from the first instant of His Incarnation. In adtime and in the secret of His mother's womb He was compassionating our miseries and taking with His huge measureless love our upon Himself. He was to be pilgrim and sojourner with us. We must walk with Him if we walk in light. Our life must be advent well spent if we wish to enjoy eternal Christmas in the heavenly Bethlehem.

THE CHURCH EXTENSION. Few movements have sprung into sudden prominence as the Church Extension Society, whose Congress was held at Chicago fortnight ago. Of the two branches, American and Canadian, the former is the elder, yet only by a couple of But it was just this last vears. ummer that the seed budded from Canadian soil. The new Archbishop of Toronto, Mgr. McEvay, is at the head of it-a name which will be security for its stability and guarantee of its success. As a general thing the Church has always been, and is to-day, missionary. The divine mangiven the Apostles was: "Go and teach." That this lesson was taught and His command obeyed is evidenced by the spread of the Church throughout all nations. There is also a strong organization in the divine constitution of the Church. which preserves the deposit, which administers to the children, and which forms the official messengers and pastors. We mean the papacy and the episcopate. Beyond those whom they can reach lie the scatter ed members whose distant homes call for the light of priestly ministration The Church is and instruction. accustomed to deal with its people through parochiat machinery that stray souls not coming within reach are most wretenedly situated. Some are too scattered, others are too careless. The ordinary priests of a parish have enough to do take care of those who are fairly attentive. Occasional missions bring in many of the backward. There are fields beyond these white unto har vest. People have come to our counry of various tongues and races They, at least many of them, have prought the old faith and religion: but they have no priests. It would be a cry to heaven if the older and better served portions of the Church did not show their sympathy in practical way, and help to save the situation. This Society is intended to foster vocations for as many of these foreigners as possible. other intention it has in view is provide cheap Catholic literature upon doctrinal and pious subjects. A third object is to bring into travelling chapels. The veteran missionaries who tramped the distant forest or sea-like prairies did this work in the last generation. This work is not over until the country will have been settled and parishes formed. Men are surely to be found whom God will call and charity will help continue this necessary service for souls. Then we must not forget, nor must we be ashamed afraid to own it: the Church is callevery nation. No one with zeal his heart can be indifferent to the countless number of those fathers left the Church and who wander in doubt and broken faith. If the truth were properly explained to them what, prejudices would die away-and many a one would find his way home. There is a still more throngs walk in darkness and the shadow of death. To all these the message is sent; for all of them was the Precious Blood shed, the sacraments instituted and the Church founded. What are we doing them? The Church Extension Soquestion. It is a somewhat different reply from that which has religious communities have worked along these lines. They have done glorious work in this respect. or more correctly speaking, saints. have left home and gone amongst strange people and served them with heart and mind and strength. We need not point to Jesuit martyrs in

Canada, or Franciscans in Califor-

nia or Oblates in the North-West

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the most enduring; their missions were the pioneers of a lasting civilization. However well-intentioned this new Association may be, or however zealously its constitution else than merely awakening. It is the dawn of

NEED OF PRIESTS

Perhaps the most serious outlook for the Church in America is lack of priests. One of the bishops in the United States stated the other day that "the Church in the Republic could find work for fifteen hundred more priests." An increase in the number of conversions. large Catholic immigration and a multiplication of parishes are some of the causes leading to this deplorable state of affairs. Circulars sent. to the Bishops asking for suitable candidates for chaplains in the navy brought such answers as these: "I should be most happy, but I have actual need of twenty priests for diocesan work." Another wants forty more for his own diocese. An archbishop writes that he cannot spare any for the army as he has work for fifteen more in his dio-It is not so bad in Canada, although even here the prospect is gloomy enough. We may as well be candid, for honesty of admission in crises is the best policy. Our bishops have not looked far enough ahead. As soon as there was a supply of students for a couple of years they were stopped-there was no demand: young men had to look elsewhere. Years of scarceness naturally followed. Young men dropped out altogether-they neither went out as missionaries nor stayed home in the hope that they might be needed. Another serious mistake has been the antipathy to, and discouragement of, religious communities. wants were not only preferable to the needs of these regular clergy, but the communities were looked down upon as refuge for the weak and for men whom a diocese did not care to have. Both classes have suffered. Then again amongst our own people there are no efforts to cultivate vocations. It is not so amongst the French-Canadians or the German Catholics. There are plenty of vocations, proportionately, at any rate amongst these two peoples. We that the decrease of vocations takes place in the ranks of our own raceonce so proud to have a priest in men. each family. Priests themselves in charge of parishes are careless. They along well and receives the holy oil and thereby have priests to intered than the old pastor, though he did nothing more than watch events. Now it is the church that cries out for souls who will secrate themselves to the service of the altar. There are few vocations from families of wealth and culture. Here may we find a reason for the malediction which too often falls upon our rich homes. Mothers would sooner their daughters would marry any one rather than give themselves to God in religion. as for one of the boys becoming priest, both parents have spoiled that chance by gratifying every sual pleasure the lad wished and making him believe that money is the greatest aim and highest ideal of To quote a writer in The Ec clesiastical Review: "Time when every family paid its tribute of a boy and girl to the inner courts of the Lord. Kings and queens were glad to step down from their thrones and follow the steps of the Crucified One. We nowadays often hear from mothers the complaint that priests are such ordinary men: they have no culture. Such anothers ordinarily stand in the way of their own children going into the priesthood." Parents do not attend to the most serious part of their children's edu Seldom, if ever, do they ask cation. themselves the question: "What does God want this child to be?" send the boy or girl to school where

expresses its purpose, we pause for the work. Undoubtedly encouragement will be given, as it should be. We are confident that it will do unwill be brought to untold numbers who otherwise would have perished Its novel formation does not intimidate us any more than it should discourage its advocates. If it did nothing through the whole Church of this continent that those most deeply interested-all the children of faith-are waking up to the fact that they have a higher call and that they must be truer to it in the future than in the past, it would be the layman's zeal and service in the

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a special intuition in every attribute and action of the child-is the least consulted. The child receives a certain amount of catechetical instruction teaching him that he must love and serve God and obey the Church The personal relations between God and himself are never thought of. He is a child of a diocese, but none of his builders and educators-parents, pastors or pedagogues, ever out to him that God wishes him to do some special work in the diocese-consecrate himself to its Vocation has been dreadfully vice. neglected. It means so much for a boy to get into his right place. Too frequently the cube gets into round hole. The most sacred interests are involved in the earnest attention to the question of vocation which serves else to show God's special love of and providence over, the individual. Without vocation we cannot understand the working of the Church based as it is upon the eternal priesthood of Christ and its application through chosen souls to faithful of different ages. A long continued need of priests would bring about a distressing condition are deeply grieved to acknowledge of the Church. Our Lord's advice under similar circumstances was that the apostles should pray for work-Whatever prayer is our first duty, for it God who calls and it is His work do not foster this precious seed in which is going to suffer. We, as far hearts of the young. They as lies in our power, must not let watch a youth grow up. If he gets it suffer. We must loster vocations,

> THE WHITE PLAGUE. The attention of our readers another colprecautions to be taken against the art catalogue free. We want exhibit held in the Auditorium a personal interest in, not only as a means of learning how to infection, but also how to aid those who, having become infected, cannot or do not know hom to help themselves. Education, of course, going to act a large part in the campaign to be waged, and children are going to be instructed along these lines. Statistics of death yearly from this dread disease are alarming that we are forced pause and ask ourselves what is to be done to stay its progress. The worthy premier of this province, Sir Lomer Gouin, has interested himself and has promised to have measures introduced into the Legislature which would give the necessary assistance to those who are working so nobly for the sake of their fel low sufferers. It would be well. then, for parents to give this subject close attention, so that they may deal intelligently with their children, and as these are the more usceptible it is not hard to that if parents only exercise proper care the most important step in the right direction will have been taken

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