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also, as in this case, an alumnus of Harvard, there was an added reason for the crowd which packed the chapel itself, as well as the vestibule and

doorways.

Father O'Callaghan first read a brief Scripture selection (I. John v. 4-9,) mentioning that it was the Epistle read in the Mass of the day.

Then, making the Sign of the Cross,

the preacher spoke as follows:—
"Thy testimonies are become exceedingly credible."

St. Augustine affirmed that he be-lieved because that which he believed was incredible ("Credo quia incredi-

I once heard an eminent professor analyze these words of St. Augustine and try to show how impossible it was to believe the incredible. This professor could not have been familiar with St. Augustine's style, of which this sentence is thoroughly character-istic. It is always absurd to treat an eloquent exclamation as an exact state-ment of opinion. No doubt if the word incredible be taken in its most rigorous and extreme sense, it is impossible to believe that which cannot be believed. That which contradicts reason cannot be accepted by a man of reason. St. Augustine would not be likely to hold to anything so foolish as what this

professor would have him mean.

The evident meaning is that truth about God must of necessity be so ineffably sublime that reason can never fully grasp it. "He that is a searcher of majesty shall be overwhelmed by glory." "Oh, the depth of the riches wisdom and of the knowledge of God! How incomprehensible are His judgments and how unsearchable His

St. Augustine wished only to repeat in another form the words of the Psalmist: "Thy testimonies are wonderful, therefore my soul hath sought them

THE SOUL'S NEED OF GOD. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the conviction of things which appear not." The necessity for faith comes, not from the weakness of reason to grasp its proper objects, but from the infinite character toward which faith must be directed. God is the object of faith. I do not say that reason is incapable of knowing God by its native powers; all I would say is that unenlightened reason cannot know enough of God to satisfy the cravings of the human soul. The soul is like a banished child king, who knows he has lost something great, but cannot understand the value of the nature of what he has lost until he has faith as that natural and healthy confi-received it back again. God made man in His own image and likeness, faculties and in the testimony of our and breathed into him a soul which was the reflection of Himself.

Man seeking to be as God, became a sinner and the origin of evil. "Man when he was in honor did not understand, he is compared to the senseles

beast, and is become like to them."

But in that banished soul there is an ever-present invitation to return to its lost treasures. Many times the soul may not appreciate the value of that It may be that only after it has tried all things under the sun, when it will be ready to admit that all

is vanity.

But whether at the expense of its own sad experience, or from the teach ings of wise men, it must sooner or later feel the truth which St. Augustine has expressed so beautifully, "Our hearts were made for Thee, O God! And they are restless till they find their rest in Thee." Faith is the evidence of those things which appear not—the things of God which lead the soul to its true and proper rest in God. Faith is the beacon light which guides the soul to safe anchorage. It holds out to the soul God as H3 never could be shown by reason. It speaks such awful truths that words cannot be shaped to its meaning. Divine revelation is as essential for supernatural faith as knowledge is for intelligence.

Rationalism, as generally under-stood, is a technical term designating that doctrine which teaches that reason has been man's only guide to truth, and that there has been no such thing as Divine revelation. But all that is not rationalism is irrational. If ration-

matter how the extreme sceptic may seek to disprove the reality of the external world, or, rather, to show the flaw in the evidence for such realityno matter how much he may sneer at Dr. Johnson's quaint proof of the existence of the outer world — in ordinary dealings of life he will jump out of his solipsism—he will return to common sense. Although faith, strictly speaking, is an act of acceptance of ruth upon the authority of another, the word is also used to designate and confidence in anything. In this sense we may say that the solipsist makes an act of faith in the evidence of his senses, when he jumps out of his solipsism. It would be a symptom of a disordered brain if a man persevered for any length of

dream, and he the dreamer. But if we go further back into the beginning of our reason and examine its very roots, we shall find much of

time in the conviction that all is a

the quasi faith even there.

THE UNREASON OF SCEPTICISM. The ultra sceptic destroys his posi-tion by scepticism. He would prove the unreliable character of human reason by means of that very reason whose trustworthiness he tries to ques tion. The absurdity of this position will drive him out of it. Let him only associate with men. Let him only breath the fresh air and eat the wholesome food of robust manhood, and he will be forced to make an act of confidence in human reason. For him not to do so, would be a symptom of insanity rather than the opinion of a philosopher. We are forced by an unavoidable necessity to put confidence in our reasoning faculties. We must accept them in confidence. The axioms of human truth cannot be proved; they came to us with their credentials upon their face—we must put our faith in them; to do otherwise would be madness. It would seem as if Providence would force us into the true way by closing every door save one, and that door of faith. We must walk in at that door. We must trust the light we have, and follow under its guidance. Providence would seem to say to us: Seek not to be more than you are. Seek not to be as God. Live the life I have put into your hands, a life of faith in Me. Listen not to the tempter. He is the father of lies, and he lies when he tells you that if you eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, you will become as God. Touch not the forbidden fruit. Have faith, and I

will make you true and wise. Of course we have been speaking of faculties and in the testimony of our senses, and in the testimony of our fellow-men. No doubt it is the same thing as supernatural faith. Supernatural faith, asthename implies, has for its object that which is above nature, object a help which does not come from

the powers of nature.

CAN REASON ACCEPT THE SUPERNATURAL?

The fact that there is a supernatural world hardly needs proof. There are few maintain that nature is the all. We cannot be convinced that our little world of nature is all there is of real ity. We feel as certain of the reality of the unknown and the unknowable as we do of that which comes within the range of our experience. And to call all things nature is simply a

quibble over words.

To prove that we, who are a part of nature, are also sharers in the supernatural, would require more than one discourse. Without proving this evening the fact of our relation to the supernatural, and the reality of supernatural grace in our souls—supposing the fact of revelation of the supernatural-can the acceptance of it be in any sense, rational? Can there be any rationalism in faith?

Faith, I have shown to be in reason, is a confidence in thought, to which we are driven by the very necessities of thought. If we would think at all, we must profess confidence in our thought. It is conceiveable that a man might lead a brutish life without feeling the need of any confidence in his thought; he might not care what logic de-

ists are testimonials against rationalism. To eradicate the effects of religion upon humanity would be to brutalize mankind. No man can measure exactly what is, directly or indirectly, due to the influence of religion. But if we cannot measure its exact amount it would be the height of absurdity to question its universal and almost omnipotent influence. We need God, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in God. There is a thirst in our souls which nothing earthly can satisfy, which must be slaked in that living water which, if any man drink he will never thirst.

If the need of reason can demand

he will never thirst.

If the need of reason can demand faith of us, why cannot the need of a spiritual life in us demand that which alone can fill such a life? And if our acceptance of reason—our act of confidence in reason—was a reasonable act, because it was necessary for our progress, why is not our acceptance of the supernatural, our act of faith in God and His Revelation—also a rational act? Perhaps this communion with God may not be desired by some. There may be those who are so some. There may be those who are so much of the earth earthy that they allow nothing spiritual to trouble them. The lives of these are analogous to the lives of those unthinking mcn who care for nothing more than pleasing sensations. There is no way of reaching such men. Reason can do no more than present itself, relying upon its charms for captivating men's souls. For who can convince a man that refuses to accept the anxioms of guish all the fiery darts of the most

preparation for it.

reasonable, because necessary for the realization of the soul's highest aspiration. Faith appeals to us by the presentation of its object to our souls. If the faith which we have found in the necessary acts of our reason be a rational faith, the supernatural faith of the Christian, although superrational, is not the less rational.

I am not considering the credentials which the Christian faith presents. I do not say that those credentials are sufficient; I simply assert that if they satisfy the aspirations of the soul the acceptance of them is no weak sentimentality, but indeed an eminently rational act.

THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

I have purposely taken for granted that the Christian faith alone can satisfy the aspirations of the soul, though I am fully conscious that I have not proved this. "Without faith it is impossible to please God."

To St. Paul Christianity was the

only faith. "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, am convinced that Jesus is the only Master to whom the world will bend its stiff neck, if it bends it at all.

The act by which we accept the life of faith is a rational act, because it is an act which is necessary for the ful-ness of our life. It makes us whole ness of our life. It makes us whole—
it rounds us out. "Amen, amen, I
say unto you, he who believes in Me
hath everlasting life." Faith is the
life of the state manded, as long as his sensations were laised did not insinuate too often that is irrational sentimentalism, we might allow a mere name to go unchallenged. But because rationalism vould too frequently wish to have us hink that it monopolizes the rational. The man of faith — his whole mental life depends upon many acts of limits that it monopolizes the rational. The man of faith — his whole spiral faith and cannot be reason which would put a hole to evide the man of faith. The man of folish that it monopolizes the rational in faith.

FAITH AND REASON.

Too often we hide beneath a name further of the worlde beneath a name further of the worldes beneath a name further of the monopolizes and shallowness. We bundle together many processes under a single name, and when we last some aspirations toward God — that aspiration may be sometimes about it. What is this bundle is manded, as long as his sensations were pleasant. But the man of thought it is it is the highest rational schools did not not exist there by law hat only by practice or custon, the lamblest there has been and holy as sociations build up the edifice of sancting manners, 'holy thoughts and holy as sociations build up the edifice of sancting manners, 'holy thoughts and holy as sociations build up the edifice of sancting manners, 'holy thoughts and holy as sociations build up the edifice of sancting manners, 'holy thoughts and holy as sociations build up the edifice of sancting manners, 'holy thoughts and holy as sociations build up the edifice of sancting manners, 'holy thoughts and holy as sociations build up the edifice of sancting manners, 'holy thoughts and holy as sociations build up the edifice of sancting manners, 'holy thoughts and holy as sociations build up the edifice of sancting manners, 'holy thoughts and holy as sociations build up the edifice of sancting manners, 'holy thoughts and holy as sociations build up the edifice of sancting manners, 'holy thoughts and holy as sociations build up the edifice of sancting manners, 'holy thoughts and condition af life eternal, and because it is such, a life of faith is the highest

CATHOLIC SERMON AT HAR-VARD.

We call reason? Why is it so strong when faith is weak and childish? Why is the one pure reason while the acceptance of the other is, at best, merely a conventional supposition of practical reason? In my college days, a classmate was very much worried over the seeming strength of the solipsist. He went to the professor and asked him how he got out of sufficient interest to attract a large concourse. But when the priest was also, as in this case, an alumanus of Harvard, there was an added reason.

THE TESTIMONY OF CHRIST. Jesus Christ is our preacher, and it

souls. For who can convince a man that refuses to accept the anxioms of human thought? A man may be a tool, but he is free to be such and we cannot coerce him into being something better. So in like manner the spiritual life—the life of faith—presents itself to the soul; it also must depend principally upon its charms to gain entrance into man's soul. It has an advantage of reason, inasmuch as reason is its handmaid to go before it and to sweep and garnish the soul in preparation for it.

wherewith you may be able to extinguish all the fiery darts of the most wicked one, and take unto you the belmet of salvation and the sword of the sorific (which is the Word of God)." Only by this Word of God — by faith and the divine revelation — can we be brought to the knowledge of God. God's wisdom is above human comprehension. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your ways My ways," saith the Lord. "For, as the heavens are exalted above the earth, so are My ways exalted above your ways are My ways exalted above your ways THE INSTINCT OF FAITH IN GOD and My thoughts above your thoughts."

NATIVE TO MAN'S SOUL.

"For that which appeareth foolish

> music learns to love it by patiently listening to it and trying to bring him self to the love of it. In like manner, if you have not faith, you must bring yourself to appreciate the loss you are suffering. "Thou mayst not know suffering. Thou mayst not know that thou art wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. But I counsel thee buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayst be clothed in white garments, that the shame of thy nakedness may not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve that thou mayst see." Pray, then, that thou mayst have the eye salve of faith, that thou mayst see. Seek it and you shall find it, for God will never be wanting to any honest seeker after true wisdom. THE VICTORY WHICH OVERCOMETH THE

WORLD. According to our faith will it be done to us. The more there is of faith in us, the more we shall see God, and the nearer we shall be brouget to Him. "This is the victory which overcometh the world-our faith.

Faith, then, is the condition as well as the guarantee of our progress. and in us all," and I might add that I Surely there is good and sufficient reason for accepting it. We stand in more need of communion with God than of communion with the world. "He has begun to be perfect," says one of the holy Fathers of the desert, who can say in his heart, God and

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an enthusiasm for its study—let us begin to think the thoughts of God, and we shall become veritable sharers in the divine nature. "Thy testimonies are wonderful, O God, therefore hath my soul sought Thee." "As the hard panteth after the fountains of water, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God. My soul hath thirsted after the strong, living God." "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after justice, for they shall be filled through faith—out of the rich treasury of God's ineffable truth.

May God grant to us much of that eye-salve by which we may see the blindness of our souls!

And when He has filled our hearts with the brightness of His veiled presence may He give us much grace to love Him! "If any man love Me he will keep My word, and we will come to him and we will make our abode with him." While He is present all will be well with us. And if we keep our hearts clean—"for the clean of heart shall see God"—the dark glass an enthusiasm for its study-let us be-

Ottawa Citizen, April 10.

Editor Citizen: — In your issue of Friday some comments are made on my criticism in parliament of the Judgment of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council on the Manitoba school case. You select the names of a number of distinguished jurists as "members who actively performed the duties of the Court" consisting of Lord Herschell, the Earl of Selborne, Lord Hobhouse, Lord Ashbourne. Lord Halsbury, Lord Field, Lord Shand, Sir Richard Couch, and the Hom. George Denman.

Your editorial conveys the impression that the gentleman named formed the Court that gave the judgment you refer to. Had the members you have named been present at the argument, and had they taken the trouble to understand the case, I have no doubt the judgment would have been the reverse of the one given. As a matter of fact, however, you are entirely in error in assuming that Lord Herschell, the Earl of Selborns, Lord Hobhouse, Lord Ashbourne, Lord Halsbury, Lord Field or the Hon. George Denman took part in the hearing or consideration of the case. Lord Shand, however, was present. He is a Scotch lawyer and was appointed to the Court to give the benefit of his knowledge of Scotch law. Sir Richard Couch is the only other judge on your list who was present.

I do not propose to question either the ability or the integrity of the law Lords who decided this case. Their judgments on ordinary legal questions that come before them may be sound, but they certainly did not comprehend the true meaning of denominational or Separate schools as understood by those parliamentarians in Canada who have had to deal with those subjects during the last forty years.

Allow me briefly to state the case as it was understood by those who negotiated the terms, and by the Parliament that ratified the agreement.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

First, it is admitted that denominational schools existed for nearly half a century preceding the time Manitoba came into the union.

The delegates from Manitoba stipulated with the Canadian Government that th

the educational clause giving the majority the right to denominational schools. After a full debate Mr. Oliver's motion was deteated, the vote standing 81 to 34, and it is worthy of observation that taking the vote of the Protestant members only, there was a majority of 2 in favor of giving Manitoba Separate schools, so it cannot be said that the system was forced on that Province by Catholic votes.

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In the discussion the Hon, Wm. MacDougall pointed out that the effect of the
enactment if passed would be "to fix laws
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which the local legislature could not alter in future."

The fact that Parliament granted to the minority the right to establish Separate schools was commented on in the press, and I am not aware of a single protest. The Globe of 23rd May, 1870, ten days after Parliament rose, in commenting on the business of the session, states:—"It is especially enacted that "no law shall be passed by the Provincial Legislature injuriously affecting in any way denominational schools, Catholic or Protestant. An appeal against any elucational act that infringes upon the proviso will be to the Governor in Council, and if powers are required to enforce his decision, the Parliament of Canada may be invoked to compel due compliance by an act for the purpose."

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I could heap up evidence of a similar kind, but think I have said enough to show what Parliament meant, what the members understood and what the majority element in Canada by their representatives agreed to.

THE MANITOBA LEGISLATURE.
In the first session of the Manitoba Legislature. 1871, an Act was passed in terms of the Manitoba charter which had then been confirmed by the imperial authorities, denominational schools were established on the basis on which they existed before the Act of Union, and so continued without question or objection for nineteen years.

Between 1871 and 1890, the subject of the settlement of the Manitoba School Question was often referred to in Parliament as having been settled satisfactorily to all parties.

In drafting the educational clauses in the Manitoba Act special language was used to meet the conditions existing. As denominational schools did not not exist there by law but only by practice or custom, the language of the R. N. A. Act was placed to read

"It is not perhaps very easy to define pre-sisely the meaning of such an expression as

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The Cardinal Vicar of Rome on the

His Eminence Cardinal Parrochi. Vicar of His Holiness, delivered a very remarkable address at the closing of the Catholic Congress recently held in Rome, of which the following may be taken as an adequate summary: The social question is of such a nature that it comprehends all others, yet we hear nothing spoken of but politics. Everywhere, in all classes of society, there is the itching to pose as a politican and to give a solution of the problems connected therewith. Since 1848 it has been the only subject dis-cussed. No attention is paid to the well-being of populations, except to place it in a distant future that never NATIVE TO MAN'S SOUL.

If a man feels no need for this life of faith then is his soul in darkness and in the shadow of death. His soul must be sick unto death. It has lost its normal appetite for God. The appears as folly to us, then we are native to the soul. Supernatural grace comes only to intensify and transform that appetite into Christian charity. The need which humanity has shown for God ought to be sufficent to show to the disordered soul of the unbeliever the extent of its disease.

If we could go no farther than this it seems plain that the acceptance of a spiritual life which is self-consistent and well-authenticated is thoroughly reasonable, because necessary for the "It is we who are going to be rich, and you—you shall know what it is to taste of poverty." Nor can the propagators of modern Liberalism complain of this. After all, they are but reaping where they have sown. The principles they have preached are materialism in philosophy, atheism in morality, fatalism in jurisprudence, and voluptuousness in æsthetics. They have ruined the Christian family by the introduction of civil marriages, oppressed the Church by attacking her liberty, and undermined society by irreligion. The young author of the outrage at the Hotel Terminus in Paris—what is he but a product of their doc-

trines? What, then, are Catholics to do to conjure away the perils of the social question? The answer is clear. They must oppose to the pernicious doc-trines of Liberalism the theory and practice of the Catholic religion. Encyclical Rerum novarum is the grand character of the social regine. But to apply it, acts are required, not idle words. Look at the corporations of the middle ages, and the numberless other works of a social and charit able character established by Catholics. Work away then, work hard, and, above all, do not lose sight of the teachings of the Pope.

Those who have had the good for tune to listen to the well-weighed and learned eloquence of the Cardinal-Vicar will be able to understand the effect the above discourse produced in