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## **OPPORTUNITY**

Never in her whole history was there opened to the Church a fairer and more inviting field than there is today to show what she can do for the peace and the prosperity of the present life. This most wondrous age of industrial development and of intellectual enlightenment has brought with it problems of momentous importance. The bonds of society are relaxed; cion as a peril to the stability of traditional principles and uses are government and of social order. losing their sacredness; perilshitherto unknown confront and affright humanity. Men are conscious, as representations of her principles never before, of their rights in the and her mission, and blind prejusocial organism, and are determined, as never before, to secure them.

the calumnies of past days, continue But in the battle for their rights to endure. Even they who are they forget often their duties. bitter opponents will listen to her They have the ambitions of giants and if she speaks the language of order they labor with the resolve of and of liberty, of justice and of giants to satisfy them. But, madcharity, of intellectual enlightendened in the battle, they are tempted ment and of social progress ; even to set aside the laws of justice, to they will greet her with gratitude think solely of self, and in the if they see her actively at work idolatry of self to trample ruthlessbringing into visible form, in truest ly all else under foot. And thus there are the wars of classes, the armies of anarchists; individual pride and sensuality clamor for unbridled license; the shrines of the families are desecrated; the very walls of the social fabric are underto satisfy them. mined and made to totter. It is beyond a doubt that the forces. intellectual and physical, which modern developments create and foster, while they hold within themselves mightiest potencies for good if properly directed, are fearful youthful in heart and strong of menaces to humanity's holiest interests if given over to the service of unchallenged pride and passion. And pride and passion are in the arena, seeking victory, emboldened for the strife by the opportunities in an unwonted manner the riches for victory which present conditions of her divine life to embellish seemingly lend to them. It is no wonder that the prudent thinker takes alarm and anxiously asks whither are we drifting?

The supreme need of the hour is strong principles of order and of tian civilization is the issue. righteousness, and a strong organized power to proclaim those principles and to enforce them upon the consciences of men. Such strong principles are found in the teachings of the Church ; such organized

see the Church in a most unfavor- room "had been set apart" for the able light, believing her to be the purpose. enemy of modern society and of its With gratuitous, even contumalegitimate aspirations and hopes. cious irreverence the reporter Strange this is ; but strange, too, added : were the calumnies sent forth in the

"When Dr. Moore made his denial early Christian centuries as in the last few hundred years, especially only about six persons thought it worth while applauding." English - speaking countries, against the Church and her most If this thing goes on we

have some chiel among the brethren cherished principles; and strange is the enduring force of prejudice takin' notes of even graver matters; and faith he'll prent it if it is anywhich such calumnies have fostered. For ages she was in the van of thing short of the unforgivable sin progress, and yet she is looked upon of 4.4 !

as the promoter of inertia and the APATHY A PUBLIC DANGER ally of reactionary movements ; she By THE OBSERVER

rescued human dignity from lowli-In the election for President of the United States in 1920 only 52% of the men and women entitled to vote actually voted. What the rest of the qualified electors thought about public matters no one can say, for schools and universities, and turnthey gave no indication. Probably ing her cathedrals, her monasteries, they did not think about public into so many centers whence matters at all. At the presidential radiated art and learning, and election of 1924, a slightly higher yet she is styled the enemy percentage voted : due probably to of knowledge; she consecrated the fact that there were three rights of legitimate rule, candidates, and that public interest and yet she is regarded with suspiwas consequently increased.

modern life as compared with life When one considers the abstena century ago voted that people tion of so large proportion of those were happier in 1825 than they are entitled to exercise a choice of

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now. representatives, and when one con-

siders further that of those who IN COMMENTING editorially upon actually did vote millions did so this, "we remain unconvinced," says without any care and without any the Toronto Star, and then proceeds definite knowledge of what they were doing, one sees at once that democracy, as a guarantee of good government, leaves much to be desired. Public apathy is more dangerous than public ignorance : for ignorance, if it be accompanied by a desire to learn, is only a light, the ocean cable, the telegraph, tion. temporary obstacle, but apathy the telephone, the radio, the phonoimplies a moral fault, a shirking of graph, the moving picture, the country to have a large number of ignorant people who were willing to sewage system of cities, running as the champion of the essential sanctity of Truth." scores of other things must have so

greatly improved human conditions within the past century that the average person must be happier."

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worthy; third, a critical way of

looking into the statements of those

country of free institutions.

care how our country is governed.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

THE DEGREE of intelligence exer-

cised in the make-up of the average

newspaper is exemplified by an

Ottawa paper in printing a portrait

of the late Father Bernard Vaughan

as that of the venerable Cardinal

AN AUDIENCE of women in Eng-

land after listening to a debate on

Archbishop of Quebec.

WE HAD thought that the seat of happiness was in the mind. Better a contented mind, says Scripture, itself and to reduce Christianity than the riches of Solomon. Then there is the parable of Dives and a share and a duty in public affairs Lazarus, which can hardly be said to endorse the Star's finding. Indeed, serious thinkers are beginning any good. A man who turns his to question whether all the material improvements for which this and ally and for a passing moment can- the preceding generation are distinguished, tend after all is said of Protestantism. his representatives are doing or and done to the welfare of human- at that time Doctrine was to many ity. Are we not all familiar with a Protestant the whole of Religion, laments over the destruction of the Works of no avail. Now, on the The remedy, so far as a remedy is home, the decay of belief and of contrary, Protestantism often

affairs at all times, not merely at election time; to listen and to watch; to talk shout polities with others

There are still, indeed, those who in his circumspect denial that a To fit a man for judging a political the services of the Church in them- elapsed between Pentecost and the case, then, three things are neces- selves constituted an education in sary : First, a real desire to know that which is the most important of the truth ; second, observation and all knowledge-the knowledge how that have passed since then.

inquiry in sources that are trust- to live and how to die."

AND, TO continue the quotation. to the general council this morning who are or may be interested in "On the whole, one is tempted to humbugging us. These three believe that the Dark Ages were not things will not guarantee us so very dark, nor our own times so against being of the wrong opinion very full of light as some would after all ; for there is no such guar- have us believe. Men lived simpler antee to be had. But this much we and rougher lives, but it does not ought to try to do, if we count our- follow that they led less happy ones. selves worthy of citizenship in a It is doubtful whether the influences of the nineteenth century (to

Apathy-the feeling that we do an increased degree, also the twennot care, we ought to put away tieth) do not tend to degrade men from us. It is distinctly our duty to rather than to elevate them. The individual withers, and the State is more than more. There is scant opportunity for prayer and repose in the restless commonplace age in which we live. The whole atmosphere of these later times is fatal to that spirit of faith which is the motive power of all real progress. Yes, the individual withers! He becomes more and more but a cog in the great machine of modern materialistic civilization. Of the few and of the many it is still true:

Man does not live by bread alone." CHURCH IS WITNESS

TO THE TRUTH

At the celebration of the 16th Centenary of the Council of Nicaea this, "we remain unconvinced," says the Toronto Star, and then proceeds to show that the people of this generation must of necessity be the happier, since they enjoy so many creature comforts unknown to presses itself "in a tolerance of all former generations. "The railway, shall thereby learn to get on pleasthe steamboat, the trolley, the antly with one another on a basis motor car, the aeroplane, electric of feeling rather than of convic-

Thus, he continued, it is particularly fitting today to pay honor to the Council of Nicaea, an assem X-ray, the good roads, the abolition bly which " stood before the world

sewage system of cities, running water in houses, ventilation and whose ancestors persecuted ours are hygiene, the use of antiseptics, the now prone to look on us with kindly germ theory of disease-these and eyes on the plea that difference of belief does not really matter since we are all serving God in our several ways," Dr. Ryan continued. "And even when the Church is attacked, the underlying motive is by no means infrequently a desire to get rid, not of this or that doctrine, but of all doctrine, a desire to undermine the dogmatic principl to a vague, colorless, sentimenta system that will somehow render life quiet and pleasant by gratifying religious emotion without arousing the intellect or searching the heart. The situation will be more clearly apprehended if we contrast t with the bitterness and fierceness of theological controversy that rent ers

the world during the earlier In fact, available to the average citizen, is to take a steady interest in public morality, due to the latest developments in physical science? ent. The wheel is coming full circle. and that very heresy or group of

first Ecomenical Council, and the continued so to be through the vicissitudes of the sixteen centuries that have passed since then. The "Leo XIII. Bank to the Agricultural Syndicates, the "Comfirst Ecumenical Council, and has

patent than on the occasion of that great assembly which was convened one thousand six hundred years ago this very month, the first of that ong and imposing series of assemolies wherein the entire Ecclesia Docens may be beheld performing its apostolic function of witnessing to the Truth.

### TRUTH IS UNCHANGEABLE

Ryan continued, in answer to those who would say "What can it all matter ?" "And even supposing that in a particular doctrine of that in a particular doctrine of that in a particular doctrine of Christianity no practical bearing were discernible, still a denial of that doctrine would be of itself an affront to God. But such a case is impossible. Touch one of the re-vealed truths of Christianity, even the most subtle and abstract, and this generosity extended to every agent or propagandist of Catholic action. Missions and pilgrimages found in him a generous friend. Was an object of his interest and munificence. Not content with structure of Morals will begin to totter. The evils raging outside paper that found itself in difficult financial conditions and among the that are corroding married life, are they not 'practical ?' And yet we find them rampant among those to the distortion of doctrines every whit as 'metaphysical' and 'unpractical' as that which Constantine sought to banish to the domain of the merely academic. "This, then, is an outstanding

lesson taught by the Council of Nicaea to the world of today. And one of the proofs that the Church of our time is organically identical with the Church of the Fourth Century is the fact that she alone continues constantly and consist-ently to inculcate the same lesson. is built on the rock of doctrine, Sh and not on the shifting sand of sentiment. Her whole life, moral and liturgical, rests on the basis of Truth. And while she has always manifested a due readiness to make concessions to human frailty in other departments, in matters doctrinal or intimately associated with doctrine she stands unmoved and immovable. For the God who dwells within her is the God of Truth, and can be served by those only who love the Truth

# SPAIN'S FOREMOST CATHOLIC LAYMAN

A MULTI - MILLIONAIRE WHO SPENT LIFETIME SECURING LEGISLATION TO BENEFIT WORKERS

#### By Rev. Manuel Grans (Madrid Correspondent, N. C. W. C.)

of the Catholic.

ocean liners known in every port of the world under the name of the "Compania Trasatlantica." Don Claudio Lopez continued and enlarged the great undertakings of bis father and soon came to be the leader in Spain's industrial life. On the death of his father in questions were put to them 1883, the second Marquis de Comillas undertook, in extending his busiintroduce ness ventures, to social reforms which Christianity advocates for the purpose of achiev. ing an intimate and equitable collaboration of capital and labor. "FREE THOUGHT" THE NEGATION OF The first laws for the benefit of working men passed in Spain were not only inspired by him, but it may be said that they were applied before they were passed, for in addition to presenting the plan, he pointed out by his example the path which the legislator should follow.

vided law-priced houses and pen-

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illas Pontifical University," splen-didly endowed, a national seminary which is a model for institutions of the kind and the great "Casa Social Catolica" of Madrid deserve special mention among the manifestations of his munificence.

# CONSISTENT FRIEND OF PRESS

The Church found him always not merely a convinced and fervent Catholic but a generous benefactor. "Truth is inherently holy," Dr. There was no Catholic work or yan continued, in answer to those religious order that did not receive it is but an affair of time when the Catholic papers of his own, he was the first to come to the aid of any objects mentioned in his will the Catholic press came first.

The Holy See esteemed him as one bodies which owe their very being of its most illustrious and beloved sons, and of all the Catholics in the world he alone held both of the two highest papal decorations: the Supreme Order of Christ and the Golden Militia.

# IS FRANCE ANTI-CLERICAL ?

LEADERS IN LITERATURE, ART AND POLITICS REPUDIATE THE SUGGESTION

#### By M. Massiani (Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C.)

Is France anti-clerical? This is the question asked by the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris in an article published by the Revue Belge and answered by His Eminence with an emphatic negative. Taking up the subject again, a Parisian Review, La Renaissance made it the object of a wide survey in the course of which fifty persons prominent in different occupations-politicians. novelists, critics, lawyers, historians -have contributed their opinions. It was to be expected that the replies of the socialists would not agree with those of the conservative traditionalists. But there is one point on which all agree: none claims that France is anti-religious.

There is even a certain agreement as to the definition of the term "anti-clerical;" in the opinion of the majority of the persons consulted it With the death of the Marquis de Comillas, the Church in Spain has of a spiritual power in the temporal lost one of her most illustrious lay- realm. The point where opinions men. Don Claudio Lopez y Bru, second Marquis of Comillas, was the foremost business man in Spain. France can be accused of such But his great fortune and the vast intrusion. Advocates of the Herriot industrial enterprises which he policies reply in the affirmative and handled, merely served to bring into attempt to justify on this basis clearer relief the exceptional virtues what they term defensive measures, whereas the champions of the Cath

Born in Barcelona in 1858, he inherited from his father the title ures of systematic secularization, and the grandeeship of Spain, 500,-000,000 pesetas and a fleet of 14 and aggressive anti-clericalism.

his father and soon came to be the what answer the people of France would give if the following three

#### and best sense, those deep longings responsibility. It were better for a of the soul which humanity cannot country to have a large number of but worship, though it has often but vague ideas of their true meanlearn than a large number of people ing, and is taught by harsh experwho simply did not care, or could ience that it knows not of itself how not be bothered with discharging their public duty. Opportunity has come to the It is sometimes wondered at, that Church to make clear to the world public opinion is spasmodic and that her olden spirit and her olden

whimsical: that it makes a great power still remain, that she noise for a short time and passes is still the Church of ages, away leaving no trace. But what else can be expected under the arm, that far from fearing the circumstances above referred to? progress of the present, she hails People who only awaken once in a it with more than ordinary delight, long time to the fact that they have as its problems and conflicts but bring to her occasions to pour out cannot possibly be effective or intervene with any certainty of doing with new glories the reign of Christ attention to politics only occasionover men and nations. It behooves all those high in office and the rank not form any judgment as to what and file to realize that a great battle is impending in which Chriswhether they are serving him well or ill.

THE WAY OF THE UNCO' GUID IS HARD "Consternation !" The Rev. T. Albert Moore to talk about politics with others asked for "the ear of the press" to make an important denial. "A better than his own ; to read papers, clerical space writer" is the cause of but without being too ready to a horrified flutter in the W. C. T. U. and similar dove-cotes. "A clerical admit weaknesses in a party even space writer" might do anything. though he may favor it on the It has a bad, an ominous sound. Though a cleric he may tell the merits in a party even though he truth, still he must fill space. Cremay be on the whole inclined to dence should not be lightly given to a clerical space writer. And this oppose it. No man can hope to get at the particular abandoned space writer has "caused it to be flashed across the Dominion" that a room has been set doings of politicians unless he is at subject it may be worth while reheart desirous of getting at the peating it. apart in the Metropolitan Church in truth. The man who wants to be which delegates to the general fooled will find plenty of people to council of the United Church may fool him. On the other hand the

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ness and contempt, and stood with all her authority and all her energies between the oppressor and the oppressed, and yet she is called the foe of liberty; she taught Europe, covering the lands with

power is found in the ministry of the Church. What the Church is able to do, the history of her many centuries is the witness. Amid the ruins of the old Roman civilization she transformed the conquering hordes of barbarians into the ordered civilization of Europe. Never since then has there been greater peril or greater opportunity.

The duty of the Church is to show herself for what she is-the source of salvation to men in their present as well as in their future life ; the sure guide to salvation for the individual and for society. The words of Leo XIII. have smoke! no uncertain sound : "Is it not because society has lost sight of the principles of religion that it is now shaken to its foundations? To recall those principles, and to apply them earnestly, is the one means of establishing society on a safe basis, Moore's denial of the clerical space rights of the case. and of securing peace, order and prosperity.

And let it not be said that society thoughtful men call openly upon Sabbath.' the Church for aid. They see that that remains majestic in her stability and in her power : they recogize that she can effect what arms they are hopeful that she will renew today her good deeds of yesterday and save society as in ages past she saved it from imminent ruin.

man who wants to get at the truth Such news, the Rev. Dr. T Albert Moore avers, had "created will not always succeed, but his desire to know the truth does put considerable consternation."

him in a frame of mind where he And yet a reporter, after giving the ear of the press as requested, can weigh statements and facts with brutal candor follows up Dr. with some hope of finding out the writer's fabrication with this Deceivers are not always as suc-

paragraph : "There is a room in the basement will not hearken to the teachings of of the Metropolitan Church, on the by reason of prejudice, or partiality times were at least as well supplied

post-bellum demoralization.

A room may have been set apart for a lounge, several ministerial seeming candor and truth. One of than can be said of the bulk of our and legislation cannot accomplish; brethren may have puffed their the greatest amusements that the city populations nowadays. Nor was pipes therein, and even discussed unprejudiced observer of men and their ignorance so deep as was com-Rev. T. Albert Moore was justified them imagine are perfect.

coddled generation would deem as he pleased provided whose means of information are intolerable. Yet who with a were correct, now suffers a man memory going back forty years will say that they were any less happy believe all he reads ; to be ready to and contented.

It is a large question which cannot whole; and to be ready to admit be gone into fully here. But the comparison of the present with even the people of the Middle Ages recalls a quotation made use of in these columns on a former occasion. truth in regard to politics and the As a stimulus to thought on the

> "IT is doubtful," affirmed Dr. the past. "whether any population sweated workers of East London. Civilization has done much for the few, but it is questionable whether it has really benefited the many.

Shelter, food and clothing are the cessful as they think. They have three great bodily wants of men, their best success with those who, and the poorer classes in olden the Church and welcome her co- door of which is the word 'lounge.' are already half willing to be de- with these in the Dark Ages as they operation. Society is conscious of When a reporter visited this room ceived. To the man who really are now. They had no votes, nor its maladies. It is sincere, too, in he found several ministerial breth- wants the truth, there will third-class carriages, nor cheap its search of remedies. Whence- ren puffing their pipes as they always come clearly some perception newspapers (nor, let us add, no soever salvation is promised, listened to a brother seeking to jus- of the fraud. There will be exag- motion pictures, no radios, no thither does it gladly go. Already tify fishing and traveling on the gerations; and a too evident wish to electric lights) but they lived for fasten faults on the opponent will the most part in the open country,

Such cynical truth telling csn be seen often by the unprejudiced not penned together like swine in she is the only constructive power only be attributed to the general looker-on or reader when the parti- huge cities. They had at least fresh san has persuaded himself that his air, and pure water, and healthspeech or his article is a model of ful environment, which is more

thinkable,) and the confessional and during the three centuries that

his belief to believe as he pleases provided his conduct be correct. From 'Faith without Works' Protestantism is fast arriving, if it has not already arrived, at 'Works without Faith.'

THOUGHT "Now allowing that theological controversy is an occupation so unattractive that the lover of Christ will be induced to enter thereupon only by 'a stern and painful necessity,' and with an entire abhorrence

of the sword as an instrument for the propagation of the Gospel, we are nevertheless constrained to admit that even religious wars are less undesirable than that state of Frederick Stokes, an authority on the past "whether any nonulation trouble about doctrines except to the past, "whether any population during the Dark Ages lived in more bitter and hopeless misery than dothe

encountered today. "Opposition to the dogmatic principle and 'undogmatic religion' (whatever that is) is advocated out-side the Church not by laymen only but by clergymen as well. And hence the person who undertakes to defend what he regards as the Truth simply through sheer love of the Truth must be prepared to hear himself called bigoted, narrowminded, behind the age, and the like. The fallacy will be apparent when we reflect that what we have here is on final analysis a negation of Thought, and any kind of thinking, be it ever so erroneous and so stupid, is preferable to no thinking

at all. Diametrically opposed this attitude has been that of the Church from the beginning, Dr. Ryan declared. The teaching of the words Truth has been patent in the and actions of the Apostles and the early doctors.

The dogmatic principle, the

AUTHOR OF LABOR BILLS

Spanish social legislation owes to him the practice as well as the letter of a number of legal decisions in favor of the working classes. As president of the Central Board of Catholic Action he drew up various bills which the government later passed, among them being the Workmen's Accident Law, the Law for the Protection of Working Women and Child Labor and the Sunday Day of Rest Law. During the last years of his life he had the satisfaction of seeing a Workmen's Pension Law passed which incorporated features of a plan which had long been in force in his own companies.

When the famous Encyclical of Leo XIII., on the Condition of Labor appeared in 1891, the Marquis de comillas had already applied in his factories and on his ships the doc-trine of the "Workmen's Pope." And great was the surprise of the venerable Pontiff when two years after the publication of the Encyc-

lical, the Marquis made a pilgrim-age to Rome with 18,000 workingmen whom he presented to the Pope. Leo XIII., upon beholding this army of working men was forced to exclaim: "Of all the pilgrimages which have come t Rome, this is the most important. Not content with paying high

fishing on the Sabbath; but, to allay the consternation the clerical space writer had created, surely the Box T. Albert Moore was justified them imagine are perfect to their globales so deep as was compared to their globales and created surely the space writer had created, surely the space writer had created, surely the tholes and created surely the same those who make their globales so deep as was compared to their globales and creates in arguments and as a thing unknown and un-is at the root of the Church's life to their benefit schools, stores, is at the root of the Church's life to their benefit schools, stores, the root of the Church's life to their benefit schools, stores, the root of the Church's life to the church's life cooperative associations, and pro- pretexts :

Do you want the religious to be again forced to leave the country Do you want them to continue to be deprived of the right to teach Do you want priests to be

bidden to come, outside of school hours, to teach catechism in the Public schools?

I am convinced," he says, "that if France were asked these ques-tions, all ostracisms contrary to religious liberty would be repudiated

M. Leon Berard, former Minister of Public Instruction states that France is not anti-clerical but that many politicians, under pretext of safeguarding lay rights preach a sort of dogmatic "laicism" which tends to destroy and to supplant the old beliefs! 'Laicism.' it must be admitted, has not yet found either its Descartes nor its Chateau-briand." he says. "If its ideas and briand," he says. "If its ideas and progress are studied attentively, it will be perceived that it tends to replace all known dogmas by the unbelievable most the unlimited and fatal progress of the human species. It believes itself to be rationalist and scientific : it is a creed and, up to the present, a rather inert creed. Can it develop any strength of radiation at least from its esthetic side? Alas! It is

'laicists' as though certain undertaken to justify the famous sentence of Bossuet on 'the inexorable boredom which forms the basis of human life as soon as Man loses the taste for God. It cannot be foreseen that 'laicism' can ever easily replace the Magnificat and the Dies irae."

### HAS TO BE CAMOUFLAGED

M. de Las Cases, Senator, furnishes proof of the fact that France is not anti-religious. When a thought is popular, he points out, the various governments inscribe it in their program and carry it out