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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.

But in the battle for their rights they forget often their duties. They have the ambitions of giants and they labor with the resolve of giants to satisfy them.

Opportunity has come to the Church to make clear to the world that her olden spirit and her olden power still remain, that she is still the Church of ages, youthful in heart and strong of arm.

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A room may have been set apart for a lounge, several ministerial brethren may have puffed their pipes therein, and even discussed fishing on the Sabbath; but, to allay the consternation the clerical space writer had created, surely the

There are still, indeed, those who see the Church in a most unfavorable light, believing her to be the enemy of modern society and of its legitimate aspirations and hopes.

For ages she was in the van of progress, and yet she is looked upon as the promoter of inertia and the ally of reactionary movements; she rescued human dignity from lowliness 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 schools and universities, and turning her cathedrals, her monasteries, into so many centers whence radiated art and learning, and yet she is styled the enemy of knowledge; she consecrated the rights of legitimate rule, and yet she is regarded with suspicion as a peril to the stability of government and of social order.

But as things are today, it will be the Church's own fault if misrepresentations of her principles and her mission, and blind prejudice, the unfortunate survival of the calumnies of past days, continue to endure.

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in his circumspect denial that a room "had been set apart" for the purpose.

With gratuitous, even contumacious irreverence the reporter added: "When Dr. Moore made his denial to the general council this morning only about six persons thought it worth while applauding."

APATHY A PUBLIC DANGER

By THE OBSERVER In the election for President of the United States in 1920 only 52% of the men and women entitled to vote actually voted.

When one considers the abstention of so large a proportion of those entitled to exercise a choice of representatives, and when one considers further that of those who actually did vote millions did so without any care and without any definite knowledge of what they were doing, one sees at once that democracy, as a guarantee of good government, leaves much to be desired.

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WE HAD THOUGHT THAT THE SEAT OF HAPPINESS WAS IN THE MIND.

Better a contented mind, says Scripture, than the riches of Solomon. Then there is the parable of Dives and Lazarus, which can hardly be said to endorse the Star's finding.

It is a large question which cannot 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.

Decivers are not always as successful as they think. They have their best success with those who, by reason of prejudice, or partiality are already half willing to be deceived.

To fit a man for judging a political case, then, three things are necessary: First, a real desire to know the truth; second, observation and inquiry in sources that are trustworthy; third, a critical way of looking into the statements of those who are or may be interested in humbugging us.

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AN AUDIENCE of women in England after listening to a debate on modern life as compared with life a century ago voted that people were happier in 1825 than they are now.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

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vided law-priced houses and pensions. The "Leo XIII. Bank" to facilitate the granting of loans to the Agricultural Syndicates, the "Comillas Pontifical University," splendidly 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. There was no Catholic work or religious order that did not receive help and donations from him.

IS FRANCE ANTI-CLERICAL? LEADERS IN LITERATURE, ART AND POLITICS REPUDIATE THE SUGGESTION

By M. Masdani (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.

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