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## LONDON, SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1914 THE MAN AND THE OFFICE

Writing to the Mail and Empire a correspondent who signs himself Anglican" raises a question that in these days of loose writing and looser thinking may be worthy of some consideration. Anglican gives the Catholic Encyclopedia as authority that Innocent VIII. was a man of abominable private life. After the triumphant citation of this "Romanist" authority he disposes with complete satisfaction to himself the Catholic claim that the Pope is the Vicegerent of Christ. It is not of great moment but yet of passing interest to note that Anglican misquotes his "Romanist" authority. The Encyclopedia does say that the future pope lived licentiously in his youth and had two illegitimate children. Even Anglican probably knows that the same is true of the great St. Augustine whom Anglicans delight to honor.

But no Catholic cares two straws about the fact that some of the Popes, even after their elevation to the Chair of Peter, lived far from edifying private lives. The long and illustrious line of successors of St. Peter counts scores of saints to every immoral occupant of the Holy See. That again is of no great importance, but it is of great interest. Christ founded His Church on men, not on angels. Priests and bishops and popes are men with all the frailties of human nature. They are selected by other men divinely commissioned, it is true, but not free from the limitations of human judgment in making such selections. It is. God's plan that His Church should be governed by men. These men may be good, bad or indifferent in their private lives, for they still retain their free will; but they are clothed, nevertheless, with divine authority to govern God's Church and they enjoy the solemn and inviolable promise of Jesus Christ that He will be with them even to the consummation of the world. That other glorious promise also is theirs : "Behold I will send the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, to teach you all things and to abide with you forever." Every Catholic

#### that Christians would have us believe is the Word of God ! It is very superficial, very silly,

but it is very Protestant when it helps to score a point with ignorant prejudice against the Catholic Church.

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The great Eucharistic Congresse that have developed during the last quarter of a century are now events attracting or compelling the atten tion of the world. In addition to these general congresses there has been a marvellous growth of priests' Eucharistic leagues, and diocesan or provincial gatherings which have had a potent influence in deepening devotion to our Eucharistic Lord. Last week the Eucharistic League

of the diocese of London held their annual congress in the episcopal city. Though to some extent the interest in such an event is local, its object and informing spirit must concern intimately every Catholic. One of the most touching features of the celebration was the Children's Hour, when all the children of the city gathered at the feet of Jesus in the tabernacle and, who can doubt, learned to realize more deeply and fully than ever before His special and fathomless love for the little ones. Suffer the little ones to come unto Me." This alone would justify all the energy expended by Father Valentin the zealous director of the League and guiding spirit of the Congress. Through the deepened sense of trust and by confidence in their loving Master, the influence of Love's Prisoner may, through loved and loving little ones, reach hearts

grown cold in God's service. "A little child shall lead them." The utility of the Congress by no means ended here. Crowds thronged the cathedral ; priests gathered from all over the diocese; everywhere and all the time there was outward and visible evidence of faith and love and

serious purpose. The Conference at which His Lordship the Bishop presided was a feature that deserves special mention. A large number of priests together with the seminarians, their future colleagues, assembled in St. Peter's Hall to hear carefully prepared papers read on different phases of the priests' work in spreading and deepening devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. These could not fail to be helpful and suggestive. But what made the conference eminently practical was the partici-

following the reading of the papers We feel sure that in the city, in the diocese and in each parish thereof man. the effects of the Congress will be felt in increased love and devotion for our dear Lord in the Sacrament of His love.

A FUTILE METHOD?

pation of the priests in the discussion

"It is for this reason that the conas a dead letter." demnation of the Index seems to be so futile. But it is very sad as well, This is another case of self-complacent ignorance posing as doctor for it shows how entirely the Church in Israel. As a matter of fact the Rome misjudges the true method of meeting error. By all means let Index permits the use of the classics. us oppose Maeterlinck and everyone else who takes a similar line in opancient as well as modern, though not free from immorality, in conposition to Christianity, but to be effective it must be done in some sideration of the elegance and purity way altogether different from that of the Index. In case of adults with personal responsibility error is not to be met by mere prohibition, but of their style. For teaching purposes, however, only expurgated editions are given to students. There are passages all too numerous by the presentation and protection of in the classics that our Anglican truth. friend would not dare to read in a With this assurance of condescendlanguage understanded of the people ing pity for the obsolete methods of in any public hall in Toronto. If he the Church of Rome" the Canadian did so he would come into collision Churchman concludes an article on with Mr. Banks. The Church, while the Index of Prohibited Books. The not depriving her children of the Anglican reader who previouslyknew classics, does not permit their wallownothing definite about the Index ing in the filth of ancient Rome or would know just a little less after modern France under the specious perusing this illuminating article pretext of studying classical literawhich is not inappropriately entitled "a Futile Method." But he ture. The Churchman writer thinks that will feel a glow of self-satisfied Dante, Milton, etc., are on the Index. superiority when he contrasts the The Index is a list of books, not of up-to-date Anglican methods of the authors. Moreover, the preface to the presentation and protection of revised edition, which has the same truth." That is the type of reader, authority as the text, expressly states we may assume, the writer had in that the phrase Opera omnia in conmind when, not troubling to inform nection with an author is intended to himself of the history, purpose, or include only those works which treat working of the Index, he prepared for of religious matters or have othera religious weekly his superficial and supercilious bit of misinformation. wise been proscribed by name or by the general rules of the Index which The censorship of books is not embody the natural law. confined to the Congregation of the It is useless to follow and correct Index. Censorship of books did not the amazing amount of misinformaeven originate with "the Church of tion the Anglican organ deals out to Rome." It was practised by the its readers on the question of the Jews and even by the heathens be fore the time of Christ. Every de-Index. But let us take an example. There cent father, whether Christian or not, is an Anglican theological work prohibits books to his children. called "Foundations" against which And "in case of adults with personal the Anglican Bishop Weston vigor. responsibility" there is, we underously protests. And he asks : "If of making any attack on the Church. His love of obscurity and suffering. Episcopacy, Sacraments, the Bible; And in this apology or disclaimer She was as a reproduction of our stand, a censor deputatus in Toronto with power to prohibit absolutely and the Lord Christ Himself are on he stated that Catholics "are crucified Redeemer. and effectively plays which he con-

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tion of Toronto. There is, or was recently, even a Congregation of the Index in Toronto, a Committee of Forty, self-appointed, to aid and abet the official censor, Mr. Banks, in prohibiting plays. And if plays, why not books ? We believe they did ex. tend their jurisdiction to books too.

So futile, and so very sad as well. Educated Catholics, quite well inormed and quite as widely read as their Anglican friends, are very glad, indeed, to have the guidance of the Index in choosing their books. The laws governing the Index, as might be expected, guarantee a full, fair and impartial verdict. Only revisors well versed in the particular language and branch of learning are entrusted with the duty of examination. The book is not condemned on the verdict of one revisor, not even when all the consultors agree with him. Only when a second revisor's verdict agrees with the first

are both reports referred to the Cardinals for final decision. If, how ever, the second revisor be of the opinion that the book ought not to be prohibited, a third shall examine both verdicts as well as the book itself, but without knowing the names of the other revisors. If the opinion of the third agrees with the

first, and with the general vote of the consultors, the case may be passed to the Cardinals. Otherwise the consultors are again to give their votes, whereupon the matter is put before the Cardinals for final decision.

Now of the making of books or very conceivable subject, even on very phase of faith and morals, there is no end. It is not childish. nor futile nor foolish for one who wishes to read up some medical subject to get the opinion of a well-read medical friend on the choice of the work or works to read. On a legal subject even an adult will not forfeit their personal responsibility if he follow the counsel of a legal authority who informs him that the work he is thinking of reading up is not only indifferent in merit but positively misleading. On the contrary it is quite sensible and quite reasonable and quite useful to be so guided. So educated Catholics are not deterred by the cheap sneers of those who believe no good can come out

of Rome from accepting gratefully expert advice on works that treat of faith and morals. Our Anglican contemporary finds it "a curious thing that educated Roman Catholics" pay no attention to the Index. That would be a curious thing if it were true.

"Indeed," continues the Church as the Index includes every classic of French literature it would seem impossible for French Roman Catholics to attend school, to pass public examinations, or even to receive a Degree if they trouble them-selves about ecclesiastical prohibi-The only apparent way out of tion. the difficulty is to regard the Index

siders unsuited to the moral condi- the official list of Open Questions, what is there left in the Deposit that we are here to hand on to the Africans ?" "Foundations" is not on the Index, not at any rate by name; but if the authors were Catholics a tithe of the wholesale denials of the fundamental truths of Christianity would have secured it a place on the list. And that would end its evil influence so far as Catholics are concerned. There are a great many Anglicans who think with the Bishop of Zanzibar that the failure of the Anglican Church to prohibit by the course. exercise of competent authority such theological teaching within the

Church of England makes that

Church "merely a society for shirking vital issues." Really the Anglican who finds the methods of Rome so futile and so very sad as well, should suggest something a little less vague than 'the presentation and protection of truth" as an effective substitute. There might be something in that protection of truth" if made just a little more definite that would bring peace to troubled hearts and hope to lespairing minds within the Anglican fold, and at the same time give an up to date idea or two to the old fogies of the Congregation of the tion of the writings that claimed to Index.

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ducement would be held out to

pupils to take advantage of the teach.

ing of the home, the Sunday school

may be provided by their own relig-

Bible is phenomenal."

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES ity by rejecting, eliminating and Before the Public School Depart ment of the Education Association, recently held in Toronto, Dr. John Seath, Superintendent of Education, dealt exhaustively with his proposed plan to make Holy Scripture a call the Bible. bonus subject at the Entrance exami-

nation. In view of popular miswould necessitate an answer to the understanding of the proposal he question : On what authority do we very properly emphasized the fact receive the several sacred books as that it was not proposed to have the the inspired Word of God? That Bible taught in the schools ; in fact might lead to awkward consethat such teaching is expressly forquences for an honest, studious and bidden. But by giving to the Scripanprejudiced teacher. tures a bonus value on the examina-

and of any other agency or help that A GREAT SERVANT OF GOD

Noble deeds impress the imaginaious denomination. This inducetion and tend to purge us of low ment will naturally be a great aid aims and self-gratification. The and stimulus to pastors, parents and men who brave the dangers of the Sunday school teachers. If adopted, waste places of the world and spend Dr. Seath's well considered plan themselves in order that they may should, so far as it goes, do much to add to the conquests of sciences, lift remove from the province of Ontario us out of the rut and set us upon the the reproach of ignorance of the highway where we can feel the glow Bible. It does not appear that any of excitement, of noble striving, of one resented this reproach as un courage and unwavering fidelity. merited. Dr. Seath emphatically But our most human feeling is given stated that "the ignorance of the

to those who bear themselves in a heroic manner in the fight against 'The word 'phenomenal,' said evil, who enlarge our ideas and inspector McIntosh, of Madoc, Was not strong enough in referring to shame our indifference. The exignorance of the Bible in Ontario; ample of the servants of God cleanses If the appalling ' was the word. us of sordidness, and inspires us and hurch is not doing its duty the teachers should do something, or there is a bad lookout for the counwe do not know half enough.

So we thought as we read a sketch This is interesting if not edifying of the life of Emma Galgani, by Rev. reading. It is safe to predict that it Philip Coghlan, C. P.

seldom allowed to see a copy of the Her life, written by her confessor, Father Germano, has had a wide cir-Index, as they are seldom permitted culation. The first edition, in 1907, to see a copy of the Gospels.' was soon exhausted. New editions Catholics get used to this sort of thing and cease to feel indignant; were called for and the work was read

not merely in Italy but also in most but we should not be surprised to foreign countries. Through his Cardi. learn that the writer was in good faith. Nor should we be at all surnal Secretary of State Pope Pius X prised if in this province where has expressed the highest admira ignorance of the Bible is phenom. tion for the servant of God. A proof enal and appalling the insulting of the widespread devotion to Gemma statement of the ignorant if not is shown by the fact that several Catholic societies have placed themmalicious scribe would be accepted selves under her patronage. Among in many quarters as a matter of these may be mentioned the Pious Union of Roman priests who, under The coupling of the Index with the her protection, endeavor to promote Gospels suggests another considerathe glory of God, the splendor of tion which is also quite relevant to divine worship and the good of souls our subject. At a very early period there was in the Eternal City. Critics and ungreat mass apocryphal Scriptures.

suspicion on the wonders of Gemma's St. Iraeneus referred to them in the second century. Warnings against life, but they succeeded only in atfalse teachers we find in the tracting attention to them. The inspired writings of St. Paul, St. Peter and St. John. The apocrypha doubt. When the Provincial of the were in many cases the writings of Passionists came to Lucca he felt inclined to regard the wonderful things the false teachers. Clearly the related of Gemma as the mere delu-Church of God must have the authorsions of a woman. When, however, ity to decide, to accept, to reject. So we owe to the very principle which he saw her rant in ecstacy, and so transformed that she appeared like gives authority to the Congregation an angel, the blood flowing from her of the Index the selection or rejechead, face and hands, he exclaimed : This is the finger of God." The be inspired. In establishing the testimony of such a man is peculiarly Canon of the Holy Scriptures the Church exercises her divine authorvaluable on account of learning, virtue and prudence. Concerning Father

censuring the spurious rivals to the writings which she and she alone was competent to declare were en. titled to a place amongst the sacred books which make up what we now Teaching the Bible intelligently

pire a prayer which he delivered last Sabbath evening " for the defeat of Home Rule for Ireland, together with his answers to certain questions, which had been asked of him in regard to it. The terms of the prayer, in which he lectures the God of the Boyne, the God of Mar. tin Luther and of John Knox," on his duty to Ulster prove, to demonstration that the 'oofs' and the 'umphs' are not all dead yet.

THE GOVERNMENT of Bengal recently turned over to the Anglican officials in India the famous Hastings House at Alipeer, once occupied by Warren Hastings. The gift was intended as a domicile for a school founded for introduces us to a world of which the benefit of Anglicised Indians, on lines somewhat similar to Eton. Orthodox Bengalis were not, it seems,

pleased with either the scheme or the gift, their objection to the latter MAY 16. 1914

wrote: "I observed a short poem among the proffered contributions to our journal, very different, as I thought, from the shoal of verses perpetually setting through the office of such a periodical, and possessing much more merit. Its authoress was quite unknown to me. She was one Miss Mary Berwick, whom I had never heard of : and she was to be addressed by letter, if addressed at all, at a circulating library in the Western district of London. Through this channel Miss Berwick was in formed that her poem was accepted, and was invited to send another. She complied, and became a regular and frequent contributor. Many letters passed between the journal and Miss Berwick, but Miss Berwick was never seen." But Dickens goes believers have endeavored to cast on to say, "my mother was not a more real personage to me than Miss Berwick, the governess (as he facts are beyond the suspicion of a supposed her to be) became."

DICKENS THEN RELATES the series of events through which Miss Berwick's disguise was penetrated, and she became known to him as Adelaide Anne Proctor, daughter of one of his closest friends. Byran Waller Proctor, celebrated in literature as "Barry Cornwall." Adelaide was at that time in her twenty eighth year. She had become a Catholic two years before, and her muse thenceforth was devoted almost ex. Germano the Rev. Philip Coghlan, C. clusively to the cultivation of Catho P., tells us that he was in every way lic sentiment and devotion, which qualified for the task of biographer. fact more than anything else tends to He had been her confessor and negative the prevalent idea that Dickens was by nature a bigot. That director and knew the inmost secrets of her soul. And what is of equal the author of the "Child's History importance, he was deeply versed in of England " is responsible for many physical theology, and, being of a harsh and untrue statements regarding Catholics in that and others of his publications cannot be denied, but that these were the fruit of ignorance rather than of malice seems clear from his attitude to Miss Proctor, and his friendship for the Little Sisters of the Poor-circum-

stances which need not now be enlarged upon, but which may form the subject of future reflections. Suffice it here to say that he continued the friend of Adelaide Proctor until her all-too-early death, and became her laureate after her demise.

IT IS TO be feared that the present generation is not as familiar with Miss Proctor's poems as the two which have preceded it. Twentyfive years ago her name was a household word, not only to Catholics but to the lovers of poetry and to the devout of every persuasion. That in this respect she should have suffered some eclipse in recent years is scarcely matter for surprise since she shares that lot with many greater names. But that the message which she delivered in such graceful terms to her own generation is even more applicable to the present must be apparent to every thoughtful mind familiar with her work. We may rest assured, therefore, that the period of neglect

through which it is passing is only

temporary and that with the dawning

of a less frivolous age Adelaide Proc-

tor will inevitably come into her

own once more, and that her popular-

ity with the better class will endure.

Above all. Catholics. especially

those to whom is committed the

moulding of the mind of youth, should

see to it that a body of poetry

so elevating and inspiring, and so

effective as an antidote to the frivol-

ity and speciousness of the age, is not

suffered to remain on the shelf un

"The crown must be won for Heaven,

My child, though thy foes are strong

dear, In the battle field of life :

used.

thoroughly scientific mind as his many learned works on archaeology and philosophy show, he was not likely to be credulous or to accept as supernatural manifestations those things which could be explained on natural Dr. Seath is right when he progrounds. ceeds on the principle that no teaching of the Bible shall be conducted NOTES AND COMMENTS in the schools. A BAPTIST preacher of Orangeville communicates to the Mail and Em-

nows that there is a human as well as a divine element in the Church. Every civilized person out of a lunatic asylum is accustomed to distinguish between the official capacity and the private life of judges, kings, policemen and others occupying positions of authority. The source of their authority is the same as that of the Pope. Their authority is from God. All power is from God.

Many Protestants, however, can not rid themselves of ingrained bias when considering anything pertain. ing to the Catholic Church. Though they admit in principle, precisely what they cavil at they are too intensely prejudiced to see their incon sistency.

For instance, these very Protes ants glory in their professions of reverence for the Bible as the Word of God. Well, David led a licentious life and was guilty of many crimes including adultery and murder. Solomon's was not an edifying private life ; he was even seduced by women into idolatry. And yet Solomon and David are amongst the inspired writers of the Word of God. Both were chosen instruments in God's hands ; and Holy Writ declares that David was a man after God's own heart.

Protestants - perhaps we Now should add the qualifying phrase-Protestants who read the Bible, are very familiar with these facts and yet they gloat over such arguments as " Anglican's " as triumphantly refuting the claims of the Church of God. The scoffer at Christianity might almost without a word's alteration adopt the Protestant's sneer at the disedifying lives of some of the popes of long ago. Paraphrasing the words of Anglican he might say : So much for writers of that book will not be the text for the serm

when the object is to collect funds for the "evangelization" of the French Canadians and South Americans. Even illiterate Catholics who have heard the regular Epistle and Gospel read and explained Sunday after Sunday, year after year, from childhood to old age, are very far from being in a class with those who can be described as phenomenally or appallingly ignorant of the Bible. But the Church in her prayers, her liturgy, her sacraments, her devotions, her catechetical instructions, impregnates the very souls of her

children with spirit and the letter of Holy Writ. If by some impossible chance every extant copy of the Bible were destroyed it could be reconstructed from the devotional dog-

matic and mystical literature of the Catholic Church. Apart from the direct study of the Bible, the Catholic in his religious life is immersed in Holy Scripture. And despite persistent calumny the Catholic Church does encourage the reading of the Scriptures. Pope Leo XIII. granted an indulgence to those who daily read the inspired writings for a quarter of an hour.

Just now, when we are having on this side of the ocean an echo of the shallow and scoffing attacks on the Congregation of the Index occasioned by its condemnation of the works of Maeterlinck, this bit of information by a correspondent of America is interesting :

A penny weekly, Everyman, hav ing been taken to task for such an attack printed a "postcript" in which the editor disclaimed all intention

The subject of this sketch born at Camigliano, in Tuscany, on March 12, 1878. She received the name of Gemma, which in English means "gem," a name significant of the future beauty and nobility of her soul. The biographer sketches her love of obedience and humility. Her of the word. She saw God present,

she spoke to Him and listened to Him. She was once heard to say in an ecstasy : " I sleep O Jesus, but my heart sleeps not: it watches with Thee through the hours of the night.

#### THE STIGMATA

Sometimes Our Lord appeared to her and showed her His bleeding wounds. But all the graces granted and !" Not to be outdone, an old Scot in the crowd retorted : "Ye

her seemed to be intended to premight be able to sit on the leek, an pare her and dispose her soul for the mebbe on the rose, but I tell ye, ye reception of the culminating proof canna sit on the thistle." The Bel of Our Lord's special love for herfast Unionist may sit on something the bestowal upon her of the sacred more formidable, even, than the stigmata on June 8, 1899.

thistle if he continues to heed the Her confessor, a man of acknowledged learning and tried prudence, counsel of Sir Edward Carson and determined to ascertain whether the his English Unionist masters. marvels he had witnessed might not

be explained on natural grounds. After three years of investigation and study he came to the conclusion that the manifestations in her case were from God. The career of this poor and humble maiden is a veritable treasure store of information and edification. She expressed in cal. Household Words, she made her her life Christ's humility and poverty.

ased upon the notion that the being be house is haunted. Which leads our contemporary, the Catholic Herald of India, to exclaim : "We have no objection to the gift of a haunted house for the accommodation of our orphans, and if government has one to spare we shall accept it with unsense of the presence of God did not speakable gratitude." The vulgar consist in a mere recollection of notion concerning ghosts is not ordinspirit, which anyone may have in arily a Catholic possession. It pregreater or less perfection : it was an vails most among those who are exercise of prayer in the strict sense loudest in their abjuration of the supernatural.

> WE ARE indebted to a Scots contemporary for the following. A football match was "pulled off" a short time ago at Belfast between teams representing Scotland and Ireland, the Ireland in this particular in-

and tried, He loveth the weak and small ; The angels of heaven are on thy side, And God is over all !" stance being North East Utster. During an exciting moment a home This is Adelaide Proctor's message supporter shouted : "sit on 'em Ireto humanity.

> OUR METHODIST contemporary, the Christian Guardian, tells of a "good Presbyterian brother," who, expatiating upon business honesty, had a little tale to unfold regarding a French Canadian Catholic. The latter had lost some sheep by dogs, and the municipality against which he had made a claim, agreed to pay two-

THIS YEAR marks the fiftieth annithirds of the value of the dead sheep, and had handed a cheque for the versary of the death of Adelaide amount to the claimant. "Hold on." Proctor, that sweet laureate of Cathsaid the French Canadian, "I forgot olic devotion and love of home who to deduct the wool." The wool was during her lifetime and for many worth something and, added the years after her death, ranked second narrator, "the man was too honest only to Tennyson in popularity. to cheat even a township council." Charles Dickens, in whose periodi-

debut as a poet, has left on record THIS INCIDENT is, perhaps, a trifling how that happy event came about. one, and scarcely a peg to hang a "In the Spring of the year 1853," he sermon upon as the Guardian editor