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THE IRISH SITUATION

Perhaps it is but natural to find so much interest manifested in the situation in Ireland.

dissatisfaction with the Anglo- bellion. Irish Treaty the vote of the Irish justification for active opposition The verdict of the polls was emphatic, unmistakable, unequivocal. The Treaty was approved by an overwhelming majority in the final court of appeal. No form of democratic government is possible where the clearly expressed will of is meant when they are told that the people is flouted and set aside they are slaves in "chains of mental as of no account. Yet this is and religious bondage." We go keen his mind has become, but what precisely what the self-styled about our daily work with a sense Republicans are doing. Unques- of mental and religious freedom. tionably a small minority of the Certainly there are laws to be in the fundamental principles of property, trusts, wills, contracts, impose their will on the vast major- all kinds, life insurance, education, ity of their fellow-countrymen! social relations, trespasses, naviga-This is tyranny pure and simple; in tion, and a host of other things in no sense better than the ruthless addition to the criminal code. Not crushing of the people by an on that account can people claim hereditary aristocracy. Indeed it that they are in a state of bondage. is more intolerable because done, or Similarly, there are ecclesiastical attempted, by those professing the laws about worship, fasting, Sacrademocratic principles of the consent ments, religious societies, etc. of the governed and majority rule. Does the lay Catholic feel that On what other principles could these laws bear harder upon him they found and carry on a than do the civil laws? Not at all.

was one thing and one thing he says with conviction in the only to be done. The Government chosen by and thoroughly repre- Holy Catholic Church?" Sincere sentative of the Irish people must faith in the teaching of the Church perforce indicate the authority with which, de jure and de facto. it is clothed. To temporize with country. There is nothing forced rebellion, to condone vandalism, about either. very plea in so many words.

Collins realizes that such com- see, not hands and hearts. promise would be the doom of Irish national hopes and aspirations.

In his reply he said: their men see fit to obey the wishes schisms. British and the Irregulars sending procession. in their arms to the peoples' government to be held in trust for the

approving of the Government of the "Republicans:"

"The political claims of the Restrong denunciation, while their thing to do with the matter.

ambushes, destruction of bridges, "ZEAL IN THE CLASS-ROOM" nothing new in either the nature or deception, all the appeals to time, suggested that before making offer condolences on the Pope's

shall conclude with the expression the sole purpose of training our are, are old, old lies. All the at the polls. of our absolute conviction that to young boys and girls in the knowl. garbled long long ago. the vigorous and successful asser- edge and practice of their religion. tion of its authority by the Irish | During the summer our Catholic Government, putting down with a papers and magazines have been strong hand vandalism, arson, rob- filled with the excellent papers that bery and rebellion, establishing have been read, papers treating of security for life and property, there every subject in the school curricis but one alternative: the resump- ulum. In all these discussions, tion of British rule in Ireland.

Queenstown harbor, the cutting of are secondary in comparison with cables uniting the eastern and the teaching of religion. western hemispheres, the danger It is, therefore, with a great deal that continued chaos in Ireland of pleasure that we are in receipt of would be to the already unstable a new publication by Rev. M. V. European civilization, all render Kelly, C. S. B., entitled "Zeal in the imperative the triumph of the Class-Room." This book deals Provisional Government in Ireland, entirely with the spiritual training The world is not and cannot be in- of the young, and, although primdifferent. Premier Collins has put arily intended for teachers in the case in a nutshell: the choice is boarding · schools, the principles Whatever ground there might definitely between the return of the which are enunciated, together with have been before the elections for British and the suppression of re- their practical application, are of

Will the Irish people cooperate people removed the last trace of loyally and fearlessly with their the preface, written by the Most own government to make their experiment in self-government a success?

OLD TIME INSOLENCE

Catholics can! only wonder what Both kinds help him to lead a law-In the circumstances there abiding life. Is he a slave because Apostles' Creed: "I believe in the of Christ has no more of slavery than has sincere loyalty to one's

looting and murder, were treason | Last Saturday the Toronto Globe the world that Ireland is indeed new or disturbed nations of Europe people, heart-sick of bloodshed and broken from the old Church, and what neglected. as yet untrained in the stern duties particularly in northeastern Europe and responsibilities of free citizen- both priest and people have left the ship, will consent to compromise old Church, hundreds of thousands with the rebels, to look upon them of them," all because they met rather as brother Irishmen than as | Protestant chaplains at the front traitors to Ireland. Last week the during the War and "Bibles found Cork Association put forth this their way into many hands and hearts that had never seen the Book We are glad to see that Premier before!" It is usually eyes that

In these days, when the need of Christian Unity is so keenly felt, it what we all know to be true, is is remarkable to find a daily paper 'When the Irregular leaders and rejoicing in the production of new

of the people as expressed through It is well known that organizatheir elected representatives and tions are being formed in Ontario surrender their arms and cease and movements planned to turn the depredations on persons and pro- Protestant horse into a political perty of Irish citizens, then there hack at the next Dominion election, will no longer be need for hostili- and thus "put those French Can- in our schools, will derive an State raising the war-whoops of

there were indications of serious defections from Catholic ranks in And the Irish Trade Unions in some countries of Europe. Deep their annual Report, while not fully political upheavals are at times the occasion of schisms, revealing dispolicy, give out this clear-headed orders previously unseen. But the criticism of the claims and methods danger is now averted. The defections have proved to be of no public importance, and it is only an old the Church which aroused Protes- olic schools? That question is now in Parliament that "tide" should Church in 1053 has been exceedingly scraper or a bridge, is it not the publicans are irrational; their woman's tale that Protestant mili- tant bigotry to so fierce a flame to be voted on at the polls; under be substituted for "mas" in such bitter towards the Roman Pontiff, foundations that are the great methods of warfare are deserving of tary chaplains and Bibles had any- during the Know-Nothing agitation all the circumstances of excitement words as Christmas. O'Connell, sent a delegation to the Apostolic source of worry? And when the

while very good and even necessary, Ireland's invincible ally in her scant attention, if any, was paid to heroic struggle for freedom was the religious training. The same can active sympathy and good-will of be said of our educational periodthe world. If chaos be the result | icals. Literature.mathematics and | of Know-Nothingism. of her attempt to govern herself, science, are treated in a pedagognot only will she have forfeited that | ical and learned manner. The best sympathy and good-will, but world methods to be employed for the opinion will compel England to step | better efficiency in teaching these in, restore order and establish subjects are fully discussed. But, peace. The looting of ships in as it has been said before, all these

> untold advantage to all teachers, including parents. To quote from Rev. Neil McNeil, D. D., Archbishop of Toronto: "Father Kelly sees danger in the tendency of other interests to become dominant in the minds of those who are responsible for the training which the students receive. The most vital question about a graduating student is not how much he knows or even how he has learned to admire.

Knowledge is important, and development of mind is more important; Irish people, presumably believing obeyed. There are civil laws about but more important than either is moral and spiritual character. democracy, the rebels set out to partnerships, money transactions of Such is the thesis of the first part of the book. . . . In the second part the author dwells on the practical means of spiritual training."

That Father Kelly has struck the right note, no one who has thought at all on the tendency of our schools will dispute. In the keen desire to see that our Catholic pupils are thoroughly instructed in the various secular branches of learning, and in public examinations cause, there is at all. Malicious bigotry is not to sentatives to communion. But the danger that success in these subjects is the be-all and end-all of schools or boarding-schools. There vote of the people at the polls by a of themselves. In the light of years ago he intimated that there binding in youth no less than in our schools, whether they are dayis a tendency to relegate to a very referendum, in accordance with the events of recent years it is not too subordinate position, both as to the time given and to the importance attached, to religious teaching. Re- Constitution is not at the mercy of Mohammedan, or a Buddhist to giving the shibboleth of the "Bible tells us what to do, and not these the curriculum for entrance to the Imperial Parliament; and that will to Ireland; and would proclaim to rejoiced that certain groups in the High School, nor is it a subject not be done except upon a demand YET NOTWITHSTANDING that the placed on the curriculum either for made by practically a joint vote of Church of England is founded incapable of self-government, were "breaking the chains that Matriculation or entrance to What do the rebel leaders hope to brought mental and religious bond- Normal School. In consequence it provincial constitutions can be ations regarding the Mass, thoughtgain by their insane course? Just age," and that "many a priest of is almost inevitable that religious this: that the easy-going Irish the Roman Catholic faith has teaching, to say the least, is some-

Father Kelly in his book deals with almost every detail of the pupil's life. In practical and concrete form he shows how religion should dominate every moment of the school-boy's life, and maintains in his thesis that as religion is the most vital factor, it can in no way

be dispensed with, or neglected. "Zeal in the Class-Room" is an unusual book from the fact that presented to us in such a simple, practical way that we are surprised that we never thought of it

before. being impressed with the practical Catholic schools in Oregon, for inspirituality which every page mani- stance, was brought about by a few obnoxious word." fests. Parents, as well as teachers ultra bigots who went around the

FRESH ATTACKS ON THE CHURCH

By THE OBSERVER

there are such men, it will do to continued or abolished. Wouldn't gesima Sunday. "Next Wednes- expressing the idea of a dissipated take these organized campaigns that be a lovely state of affairs? day," announced the rector, (the life, of years uncontrolled by any many broad-minded Protestants lodges would have to do would be Ash Wednesday and the ashes will the "initiated," it always carries there are who are ready to come to to get a certain number of people to be distributed in this church. Let with it the underlying notion of a schools in the States of Oregon and Oklahoma. In Oklahoma there are, the question before the electors at ant friends should tell you that it interpretation, therefore, it is a according to the United States rethe poll. What a perfectly beautisis of no use, don't let that keep you phrase that is used to condone ligious census, only 47,000 Catholics ful time the Orangemen and the away; and if your Roman Catholic offenses against God, to minimize and in the State of Oregon there are only 49,000 in a total population of 800,000. These figures show only too clearly to what extent the Catholics of those two States are dependent upon the good will of their Protestant fellow-citizens.

The immediate question is, in Rome." Oklahoma and Oregon, the amendposal takes no account whatever of the fact that the Catholics have paid and are still paying, for the up-keep of the Parochial schools, nor of the fact that they are also saving a vast come of no value.

the face of the competitions which | count, with bigots, for just nothing | cal, and refused to admit its repre-Oregon are to be submitted to a and common sense may take care trinal views were not those of fifty directly against the law of God, States. In Canada, the Dominion Anglican rector would admit a ligious teaching in our primary a popular vote. That constitution his spiritual privileges for the sake schools is not a subject placed on can be changed only by an act of the of making a show. the Canadian Parliament. The upon its blasphemous declarchanged within Canada, but only by ful minds amongst its sons pulsory referendum.

schools are protected by the Consti- thing. Hence so many efforts, in tution of Canada. No change can their very nature futile, on the be made in it except by the British part of a school of Anglican clergy, Parliament, and the British Parlia- especially in England, to call back ment will not act in the matter the Holy Sacrifice. A recent inwithout a practically unanimous stance is that of the Vicar of vote of Parliament. Such a vote is Masham, an ancient Yorkshire not likely to be given hastily, and village, who writes that "if the the responsibility for bringing about word 'Mass' is to be expunged as such a change is placed upon Parlia- objectionable I am afraid Christment.

Now, in Oklahoma and Oregon, No one can read the book without ently. The present crisis for the question before the electors.

Now that the summer vacation is the method of the attacks. The passion, which are usually to be the change members should them-death, this being the first occasion tantamount to war on the people drawing to a close and our teachers heretical sects, great as is the seen at election time; and in this selves set the example by first in the nine hundred years of the and certain to hurt the civilian have had ample opportunities by number and the variety of their case the subject to be dealt with is reforming their own names, and schism that such exchange of population more than military means of conventions to discuss the religious errors and vagaries, have one on which people are divided by that the mover of the resolution courtesies has taken place. Definite various phases of education, it nothing new to offer to a credulous religious feeling; which, of course, should drop the name Thomas efforts have been made during the At another time we shall deal seems to be a very opportune time and prejudiced world in the way of makes the matter so much the Massey and be known henceforth as last three pontificates to bring this At another time we shall deal seems to be a very opportune time with other phases of the perplexing to call attention to the fact that the with other phases of the perplexing to call attention to the fact that the worse, and greatly prejudices the Mr. Thotide Tidey. That settled it. unhappy division to a close, and Irish question; for the moment we Separate schools are in existence for the lies they tell, numerous as they chances of a fair and just verdict

a similar state of affairs in the ridiculous, and in their feverish They have not even the advantage Ontario, they will see at anxiety to be "Catholic," at least which their fathers and grand- once what it would mean for in appearance, Anglicans not fathers had, of having a public them and for their Separate school infrequently strikingly exemplify market for theirs wares in which no system. Imagine what would be its truth. We were ourselves witquestions were ever asked and no the situation if the Separate school ness of one instance of this some doubtsever expressed as to the value system of Ontario were at the years ago in St. Albans, High of what they had to vend. For now mercy of bigoted demagogues, who Holborn, perhaps the most extreme there are men to be seen in the Pro- had the right, under the Constitu- ritualistic church in England, and incalculable amount of harmtestant ranks who do not hesitate to tion, to bring before the electors of the theatre of the late Mr. "sowing wild oats." It is applied speak out boldly against the revival Ontario at the polls, whenever they Maconochie's well-meaning but to youth, generally with a limited liked, and as often as they liked, misdirected efforts to foist Catholic application to growing boys and It would, however, be a great the question whether the Separate practices upon the Anglican Church. young men. What does it mean? mistake to suppose that because schools of the Catholics should be It was at "High Mass" on Quinqua- It is supposed to be a polite way of

would have no choice but to place on that morning. If your Protest- In its practical application and large number of Protestants who friends tell you it is of no use, sin, to make light of impurity, to can always be depended upon to don't let that keep you away." join with them when the "No-Popery" cry is raised, would have

to compel all children to attend the what our Catholic brethren in those chial schools. This iniquitous pro- greatest possible danger that the bigots will succeed.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

An Anglican rector in Toronto amount of money to the Protestants | boasts that he is furthering the by relieving them of taxes to that cause of Christian Unity by perextent; nor of the further fact that mitting Mass to be said in his while the Catholics pay the whole church every Sunday by a priest of expense of the Parochial schools, the Russian Orthodo: Church. Of they pay also their proportion of the course it is quite immaterial that cost of the Public schools, nor of the the Church of England in its further fact that the Catholics have official formularies has stigmatized at their own sole expense erected the Mass as "a dangerous deceit valuable school buildings and equip- and blasphemous fable." And as a ment, in a legal manner, and in participant, the Russian priest strict accordance with the Constitu- ignores the fact that notwithstandtion, which property will, if the ing civilities to the Archbishop of abolition measure goes through, be- Canterbury under stress of afterwar complications, his own Church All these considerations of course, has tabooed Anglicanism as hereticonstitutional procedure in those much to assume that the average

legislative enactment, and not by a are coming more and more to popular vote of the people. There realize that it is the Mass after all is no such thing in Canada as a com- that matters, and that in turning their backs upon it their founders In Ontario, the Catholic Separate parted in substance with everymas, Candlemas, Lammas, etc., will have to go too, and even the ibly derivable from the same

ties. The choice is definitely adians in their place." The Globe increase of zeal to instil into the bigotry. In the Oregon case they first person to "strain at a gnat only in annihilation. All of which business of farming. Do you ever between the returning of the seems to be preparing to join the minds and hearts of their children got the necessary number of signa- and swallow a camel." He is but is no cause of rejoicing to Catholics, notice the successful farmer beginand pupils a greater knowledge and tures, which is 30,000 in one day. following in the footsteps of a but rather one of melancholy reflec- ning his cultivation by letting weeds For a year or two after the War love of God from reading its pages. These signatures being secured, it considerable section of his clerical tion. became, under the constitution of brethren for the past seventy or Oregon, compulsory for the auth- eighty years. We are reminded of orities of the State to place the one of the earlier attempts to death of Pope Benedict XV., over- his land. He watches every inch of That question is, shall all the from English speech. In the early place between the Holy See and the of his land set aside for a wild-oats In several of the American States | children in the State of Oregon be | years of last century a member of Orthodox Eastern Church. The | crop. there is at the present time a compelled to go to the Public Parliament—a Protestant zealot, Ecumenical Patriarchate, which recurrence of the bitter attacks on schools and give up their own Cath- Thomas Massey by name—proposed since its schism from the Universal When the plans are made for a sky-

In such a case, all that the Orange late "Father" Stanton "will be of the Ten Commandments; and, to sign a petition, and the authorities | no member of this parish be absent | bad life.

when the Constitution itself gave truth of the saying occurred but overlooked, excused. Often enough the opportunity, and the public last Lent in another well-known we hear out of mouth of persons treasury bore the expense of their ritualistic church in London, who pose as connoisseurs of life onslaught on the hated "Pope-of- when on Ash Wednesday the such talk as this: "Oh, So-and-So members of the congregation, is wild, dissipated, a rake. But he This is exactly what is now taking according to an English ex- is only sowing his wild oa's. He'll ing of the State constitution so as place in Oklahoma and Oregon, and change, blackened their faces turn out well, settle down and be a Public schools, which would auto- States have to fight against during munion rail, and were told by the The effect of this teaching upon matically close the Catholic Paro- the next few months. There is the Vicar that they would find soap and the growing boy is deadly. He water and towels in the vestry if hears it lightly said that what he they wished to wipe their faces thought was hideous and disgracebefore going home. The incident ful is not so bad after all. He is later was the subject of a stormy practically told that impurity is the debate at a meeting of the National usual preliminary to the real work Church League, during which Sir of life, a stage of growth through William Joynson Hicks abused the which a boy normally goes, a pre-Bishop of London for permitting requisite to right living, a dissuch goings-on

trinal chaos in the Church of Eng- everybody builds. And the listenland, a speech of the Archbishop of Canterbury's a few weeks ago may fallen, but struggling to get up be cited. The Archbishop was from the mire. He hears this replying to a memorial addressed to phrase, an encouragement to him to himself and the other Bishops on go ahead with his sin. The devil this subject of faith and doctrine, puts the catch word into his hands and appears to have with his usual as an excuse for his habits: "Go success agreed with both sides. At on. Sow your wild oats. You'll any rate, he shifted the whole be all right in the end. You'll matter on to the shoulders of the settle down later." And the youth laity asking them to suggest what goes on. be reasoned with. The proposed there is nothing like putting on they wanted. While admitting in Now, is this right? "No," you amendments in Oklahoma and appearances. Logic, consistency one breath that present-day doc- will tell me, "it isn't right." Bible stories with a grain of salt. in the end. From our earliest to Yet, says a correspondent, while and the Bible only," a shove into experimenters with virtue. the deep waters of controversy, the to the Book of Common Prayer." Book were not matter of centro- spark of ordinary prudence in such second only to the Bible itself!

THAT THERE is a more conservative views with dismay the present trend towards doctrinal anarchy may be readily admitted. Some of mean? It means that about the the Bishops themselves are of the early part of your life you needn't number. The Bishop of Ripon, for care. "Go ahead at any pace you example, declares publicly that choose. Follow passion, be anythere are in active operation three thing you like in thought, in word. lines of thought, any one of which in action. Be impure, obey your has the capacity to split the Church of animal instincts. All will be well England from top to bottom, that later on. You can easily stop whenjust indicated among them. A lead- ever you have a mind to. ing clergyman voicing the conservative aspiration writes that the laity don't want to give the Bishops a throw away the early beginnings of lead, but to get it from them. your life, your youth, your young the matter is arranged very differ- name of my own parish, Masham And, lacking this, another writes strength—and the rest will be all (originally Massam,) which is poss- that modern teaching and writing right—is this business? are leading to the formation of Put the idea into any business THE VICAR is of course not the directed along these lines, can result as we are talking of wild oats, the

expunge the memory of the Mass tures having real significance took it all the time. You will find none about seventy years ago. There is and with all the accompaniments of who also was in Parliament at the Delegation at Constantinople to building begins, do you not see that

signs have not been wanting since It is often, as it has been well the War that they will in God's own

BOY LIFE

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ON SOWING WILD OATS

Here is a phrase that has done an

pretend that uncleanness is a necessary thing in every young life-a A MORE glaring example of the thing to be expected, tolerated,

cordant yet necessary overture to the harmony of manhood's years, As indicating the existing doc- the common foundation on which ing boy is weak; perhaps already

was some excuse for those who took age. And it is certain to be cursed our latest years God is the one who

But even apart from our faith, is Archbishop urged all to be "loyal there a single grain of reason in this advice to sow wild oats? Is As if the contents of the Prayer there a shred of business sense, a versy in the Church of England a method of going about the great affair of our soul's salvation? Saving our soul is a business proposition. Is there anything like a element amongst Anglicans which business proposition in a boy's sowing wild oats?

What does the wild-oats idea

I say there is not a particle of business sense in this idea. To

loose hordes of Christians, and that you happen to think of, and see the efforts towards re-union, how it works out. For example, grow all over his farm? The farmer nowadays is looked on as a MEANWHILE, ON occasion of the fool for neglecting any corner of

In architecture and building.