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acveity of that present began to wear off, the cumping Angus brought forth a new treasure, a musket made to suit the height of the royal child, and "That is well," replied the Cardinal, adding kindly, "Now, my man, go and rest yourself; you need it." When alone once more, the Cardinal cried: "Cessford! The Cessford worthy of his acceptance, its chasing being richly wrought in gold and silver. Here was a new pleasure for the Prince,

clan! And Sir Parkhead has taken Sir Andrew Kerr into his pay. There Here was a new pleasure for the Prince, whe looks upon Angus as a species of geod angel, always ready to divine his slightest wish. But Douglas, prond as he is, has stooped still lower. Wishing still further to ingratiste himself in the young King's affections, he has in vented games for his amusement, and does not disdain to play with him—yes, Avran, actually shares in his games. Every morning before the assembling of the Council he is to be seen squatting as the carpet with the King playing at is no room for doubt. Angus must have found out that I was sending a messenger to Dunbar, and he wished to know my plans. Oh, that letter—that letter to Antony d'Arcy ! If that letter is now in the hands of Angus, he will use it as a weapon against me. What shall i do —how act for the best? I can no longer reachan on that how "'h a con -how act for the best 7 i can no longer reckon on that boy," he con tinued, walking up and down for some minutes plunged in deep thought. Suddenly the clock struck and re-

on the carpet with the King playing at bones or catch ball, the two favourite called him to himself.

called him to himself. "We will attend the Council," he said aloud, in a tone that showed his mind was made up as to the plan to be pursued, adding, "Look well to your-self, Lord Archibald Angus." Then, " By St. Dunstan ! is it true, uncle?" said Arran, laughing loadly. "Ha ! ha ! ha ! I would give my best horse to see yon rude warrior in that position. Ha ! ha ! And what does he hope to calling for his litter, he was conducted to the palace. gain by returning to the games of child-heod ? Ha ! ha !"

TO BE CONTINUED.

MASTERLY EXPOSITION OF THE FRENCH QUESTION.

LECTURE BY REV. W. J. MCOOLL, OF PETERBOROUGH. Paterborough Daily Review

"You need not laugh, Arran, for he has an end in view. By all this, Angus hapes, I feel sure, to win the confidence of the Prince, in which he has already half succeeded. This once gained, he will persuade the young King to take up his residence in one of his castles. Then, do you know what he will do next, nephew? Having the King in his power, he will proceed to make him-Nearly one thousand people, repre-senting all classes of the citizens of Peterborough, including several of the his power, he will proceed to make him-self Regent. That is the end he aims at, and until it is accomplished the Earl will take care not to raise an army or city clergy, were present at the lec-ture on "The Crisis in France" given by the Rev. Father McColl in the Grand Opera House last evening. It was a notable event and the large and attack us ; but once his end is attained, if we continue to oppose his power, he will show his teeth, and the misfortune is, Arran, that he will succeed in overrepresentative audience was an evidence of the interest taken here in the throwing us, crushing us with all the weight of his usurped authority." great struggle now going on between Church and State in the French Republic. The meeting was presided over by Rev. Dr. Torrance in a most "But, my lord, that must be pre-vented, even if it be necessary to assume the offensive. We must throw capable manner. Rev. Father McColl treated his subject in a broad and liberal manner and showed a most comourselves on the Douglas and annihilate "You most-yes, Arran, you must be ready to defend yourself in case of need, but do not take the initiative. Leave me to act, for I have it quite as prehensive knowledge of the topic on which he was lecturing. His address was an able exposition of the conditions that have led up to the present trouble much at heart as you to prevent Angus from carrying out his plans." and went to show that the Catholic Church in France was only asking for non-interference by the French Gov-ernment in spiritual affairs. " But, my lord, do you think you can succeed ?"

"I may, and by a process which at least has the merit of not employing brute force, such as you, dear Count, propose. As it is by lowering himself and by playing games with the King that Angus has won his goodwill, I wish to oppose to him a formidable rival, not to be to become a child will have In introducing the speaker of the evening Dr. Torrance said that the subject of the lecture was one of in-terest not only to the Catholic Church but to the Christian people throughout the world. He felt that when the history of the present century had been written, this controversy in France would occupy an important part in the record.

to oppose to him a formidable flval, not one who, to become a child, will have to go against nature, which always causes awkwardness, but a real child, who will naturally be a more skilful player at knuckle-bones and catch ball than Lord Archibald, and who therefore will soon efface the favor with which the King now looks upon Angus." "Upon whom has your choice fallen,

The French Government openly pro-claim that their Separation Bill is but "Upon a young Frenchman, very courageous, and with his wits about bien, in spite of his youth. He is the sen of Antony d'Aroy de la Bastie, who, as you know well, Arran, is de-voted to our cause. For more than a year I have had that child watched, and, from all I hear, he is eractly the an honest endeavor to sever the ties of Church and State in France, to divorce Church and State in France, to divorce politics from religion, and to grant to all her subjects absolute freedom of worship. I think, however, that a re view of French history for the last twenty five years, and a study of French Legislation for the last five, prove the very opposite to the case. Instead of granting freedom of religion, their intention is to evaluate the Chris for him." Perilous !" echoed the Count, ghing. "What danger is there in

their intention is to enslave the Chris tian Church, and by separating the Church from the State they mean the banishment of Christ and the Christian tanghing. "What danger phaying knuckle bones?" "One," replied the Chancellor, "and "One," replied the Chancellor, "and that is to play better than Angus. Bat, seriously, the real danger is that religion from the French dominions. For the last quarter of a century these atheists have shouted their beliefs in Angus may fear the boy is frustrating his plans, and therefore try to remove him, and you know that to a Douglas the market place. Gambetta's motto was "Behold clericalism the enemy." In 1885 Fernand Faure declared. "I amy. I

all means are just." "And has La Bastie consented ?" maintain we must eliminate religious influence in whatever form it may ex-press itself. The triumph of the Gali lean has endured twenty centuries. The God liar has died in his turn. He is "As yet I do not know. I sent my trusty servant Percy to him yesterday, trusty servant Percy to him yesterday, accompanied by several men. He carried with him a pressing letter he the Chevalier, and, I hope, will return with our young champion. But," he added, "it is now time for Council, so I must out of the Gal lean has endured twenty conturies. The God liar has died in his turn. He is sinking in the dust of the ages, with the other Divinities of Asia, Egypt, Greece and Rome," Briand, the pres-cessions to the State, particularly in ent minister of Public Worship, speakent minister of Facila Worship, speak-ing at a Congress of Teachers, said : "The time has come to root up from the minds of French children the au-cient faith, which has served its purpose, and replace it with the light of free thought; it is time to get rid of the Christian idea. We have hunted Jesus Carist out of the army, the navy, the schools, the hospitals, insans and orphan asylums and law courts, and now we must hunt Him out of the State altogether."

THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

in place here. There are many pre-liminary questions concerning the treatment of the Church by the French State, which demand exposition, if one is to have a full understanding of the situation. The French State has un duly interfered with the liberty of the Church, ever since the reign of Louis XIV. This powerful monarch usurped all the powers of the State for the all the powers of the State for the Crown and established, in defiance of the old constitution of the kingdom, the old constitution of the kingdom, absolute monarchy, which, as long as man remains what he is, can be in prac-tice only despotism. Having virtually suppressed the States General, he left to organized check on his arbitrary will except the Church. So long as the great hedy of the people of any comptex great body of the people of any country hold the Catholic faith, absolute mon-

hold the Catholic faith, absolute mon-archy can exist only in name, if the Church be left free, and her Bishops and clergy independent of the State in spiritual matters, and responsible only to their own spiritual chief. Louis could affect his purpose, and establish the absolutism he adored only by destroying the freedom of the Church and the independence of the French clergy. He attacked the Church with the same recklessness as he attacked foreizen nations, and endeay.

attacked foreign nations, and endeav-ored to transfer to himself the spiritual jurisdiction which belongs solely to the Church.

Church. Louis XV. proved more arbitrary even than his predecessor in dealing with the Church. He banished Arch bishops and Bishops, exiled priests, who were faithful to the Church and condemned meany to the callers at the condemned many to the galleys, at the same time that he gave perfect freedom to such infidels as Voltaire and Rousseau to propagate their infamous doc-trines. The corrupt morals of the King and his Court and their extravagance, combined with the abominable doc-trines inculcated by these two chiefs of the army of satan had an immense influence in weakening the hold of religion on the hearts of the multitude, in corrupting the manners and morals of the people, and in giving to the revolution its special tone and character.

NATURE OF FRENCH CONCORDAT. "The breaking out of the French Revolution caused disorder in every branch of society, and the interests of Church and religion were among the first to suffer. One of the acts of the National Assembly of 1789, was to lay hold of all of the property of the Church, and place it "at the disposal of the nation." In the course of its one thousand four hundred years of ministry, the Catholic Church in France had duly become the possessor and titular of much property, consisting not only of its edifices for public worship but of residences of Bishops and priests, of mon-asteries and other religious houses, of bet in the record. He then introduced Rev. Father McColl who, with natural, easy de-livery spoke, in part, as follows: "The crisis which exists in France at the present time, is occupying the attention of the whole Christian world. The France Government opening the the gift of the State originally,

part, the gift of the State originally, for created from the public treasury, but as is the case in this country, came from the donations and bequests and offerings of the faithful. Their confisca-tion, therefore, by the revolutionary government, was neither legal, equit able, nor moral. As Mirsbeau said : "We have their money ; but they have preserved their honor."

"Napoleon, the first consul, was convinced that the State needed the aid of religion for a stable and secure existence. He decided therefore, to reinstate the ancient Catholic faith in reinstate the ancient Catholic faith in France. With this end in view he sought the co-operation of Pius VII., the reigning head of the Church, and made with him a solemn compact or treaty. This bilateral contract, signed July 15, 1801, by Napoleon and Pius VII., is known as the French Concordat. But the terms of this Concordat France By the terms of this Concordat France gave recognition to the re establish-ment of the Catholic Church in that the matter of its property taken by the revolution. "Articles XI., XII., XIII. and XIV. of this Concordat treat of these property questions. The Church had been claim-ing title to her goods of which she had been unlawfully despoiled, and much o which had been sold and transferred by the State, beyond the possibility of re turn. In the first place, the State agreed to restore to the Church whatever property had not already been irrevocably alienated to other parties. And the Holy See pledged itself to put an end to all contention concerning her other confiscated goods by surrender ing her legal rights to them, but in return the Government guaranteed or its part an annual payment for the needs of public worship as an indemnity or compensation to the Church, amount-ing, however, to only about 1 per cent. of the value of the property confiscated. "This solemn treaty, or Concordat, thus terminated an immense property lawsuit, as M. Etienne Lany has said. It regulated the relations of Church and State in France and helped in no and State in France and helped in no small measure to bring about the de-sired peace and security. Its terms have been observed with scrupulous loyalty by the Holy See at all times." "Other conditions of the Concordat, were that the First Consul shall make all nominations to Archbishoprics and Bishoprics, and the Holy See confer canonical institution. The Bishops shall have the right of appointing pa-tors, but shall select no ore obnox-ious to the Government. These re strictions to which Pius VII. consented in order to effect the restoration of re in order to effect the restoration of re-ligious passe in France were still fur ther aggravated by the "Organic Articles" against which the Caurch has never ceased to protest, but with the different Governments that have been in power during the nineteenth century have always considered a law of the State. According to these articles, no ball, no announcement from Rome, no decree of a council, even of a general council, could be published in France, without attheriza-tion from the Government. No Bishop

of Pablic Worship. They were forbid-den to hold a council or a provincial synod or to pass among themselves a common letter without the consent of

the Government. "These 'Articles' then, were never a part of the Consordat, and never con sented to by the Church. It is neces-sary to have a clear idea of the Concor dat, and of the 'Organic Articles,' in order to understand the crucial events, which led to the present conflict be-tween Church and State.

These events may be summarized as follows :

1. The dispute concerning the nominations of Bishops for the vacant sees ; 2. The journey of President Loubet to Rome ; 3. The resignation of the Bishops of

Laval and Dijon. Under the ministry of M. Waldeck Rousseau, the predecessor of M. Combes, the Pope deemed it necessary to reject several of the candidates for

Bishoprics, proposed by the French Government. Negotiations were about to follow concerning the selection of others, when Combes stepped into office.

The first act of the new ministry was to present to the Roman Curia the names which had been discarded both by the Papal Nuncio and the preced-ing cabinet. Combes declared that for the sees in question he could never scoept other candidates. He ventured still further and even sought to usurp the rights of the Holy See. The State had the right according to the Concor-dat to nominate, but the Pope also had the right to reject candidates he con-sidered unfit for so important a posi-tion. Combes then announced his in tention of compelling the Pope to accept all his candidates in a body. The consequence was that during his ministry no episcopal vacancy was filled. This explains why on the rup was ture of the Concordat fifteen Episcopal bees were unoccupied.

That which served as a pretext for That which served as a product of the final rupture, and which Combes seized upon, was the cases of Bishops of Dijon and Laval. The Vatican White Book, "The Documentary Ex-White Book, "The Documentary Ex-pose of the Rupture of Diplomatic Re-lations between the Holy See and the French Government," leaves no doubt as to where to place the re-sponsibility. Grave charges, of an exclusively religious kind, were brought in Rome against Mgr. Geay, Bishop of Laval, and Mgr. LeNordez, Bishop of Laval, and Mgr. LeNordez, Bishop of Laval proved to be such as to Bishop of Laval proved to be such as to compel the Holy Father to connael the Bishop of Laval to resign his diocese, bishop of Dava to resign his dideese, and to call him to Rome in order to give an explanation of his conduct. Oa July 2nd, 1904, the Cardinal Secre-tary wrote thus: "As those arrange-ments remain in all their vigor, Mgr. Geay will be invited to present hinself in Rome within fifteen days, which follow the date of this letter, to appear in person before the tribunal of the said congregation with regard to divers accusations formulated against him, accusations formulated against him, under pain of suspension latae sen-tentiac ordivis et jurisdictionis, to be incurred ipso facto at the expiration of delay fixed." (Doc. viii.)

The case of the Bishop of Dijon is similar to that of the Bishop of Laval. On March 11, 1904, the Nuncio Apostolic wrote to him : "By order of our most Holy Father, I hasten to inform your Lordship that His Holiness desires that, until further crders from him, you, my lord, will suspend sacred ordinations." (Doc. **xvii**.) On April 24, 1904, the Cardinal Secretary summoned him to Rome. "The Holy Father has charged me to invite your most illustrious and Right Reverend Londonis to here and such the verend Lordship to be good enough to present ourself at Rome as soon as possible.' Doc. xiv.)

Combes the French Premier claimed that according to the Concordat, the Pope had no right to summon these prelates to Rome, or to depose them without the consent of the French Government and they meno forbidden one to regulating the administration ment, and they were forbidden

When the Parliaments of England When the Parliaments of England and Scotland were united in 1706, free-dom of worship was guaranteed to the Church of Scotland. In spite of this, by an Act of Parliament, 1711, the right to appoint ministers to vacant churches was conferred on certain landed proprietors connected with the narishes.

parishes The Church protested and the case was carried to the Civil Courts, which

threatened the Presbytery with im-prisonment.) The court also inter-dicted the General Assembly and Lower Judicatures of the Church from inflicting censures. It suspended the Church censures when pronounced by the Church Courts in the exercise of discipline.

As a result of this interference of the State in Church dissipline, 475 in 1843, withdrew and formed the Free Kirk, sacrificing \$10.000,000 in salaries. THE SEPARATION BILL.

THE SEPARATION BILL. The injury inflicted upon the Holy See by the abrogation of the Concor-dat is notably aggravated by the Sep-aration Bill. "When the State broke the bonds of the Concordat and sep-arated itself from the Charch," says Bung V in the cancelled Viewards Pius X. in the encyclical Vhemente nos, "it ought as a natural consequence to have left her independence and allowed her to enjoy peacefully that liberty, granted by common law, which it pretended to assign her. Nothing of this kind has been done." In fact, the French Government never intended to give the Church any share of liberty. The object in view was to crush the The object in view was to crush the Church, to stamp her out. To achieve this end the Separation Bill despoils the Church of her property and de-prives her of the very right to own property. It assigns the supervision of the Catholic worship to laymen. It subjects the Catholic clergy to an ex-contionally severe penal code. This ceptionally severe penal code. This three fold injustice of the new law makes it absolutely impossible for the Church to submit to it without giving up inalienable rights that condition her

existence. The Separation Law deprives the clergy of their salaries, allowing only a corregy of their salaries, allowing only a nominal ponsion to the more advanced in years. It moreover deprives the Church of all properties formerly donated for charitable purposes, for ex-ample, lands bequeathed to the fabrique of a parish for the erection of a school, homital seminary opphance or similar hospital, seminary, orphanage or similar institutions. The churches, together with episcopal and parochial residences were to be transferred to cultural associations, which would really disposses the Church of her property and even the right to hold property, for these associations are such as Catholics cannot consistently organize. We grant that the law declares that these wor ship associations should be in comform We grant ity with the general organization of the religion they propose to maintain. Nevertheless, the law gives to them a form and mode of organization, which is opposed to the organization of the Catholic Church, both in princlple and in practice, and which if carried out would enslave the Church instead of separating or liberating ber Instead of separating or liberating her from the State. These associations, (Act. 19 of law), were to consist of from seven to twenty-five persons ac-cording to the population of the com-munes in which they were to be organ-ized. The law does not specify any qualifications for membership except the vague requirement, that the asso ciations themselves shall be in conform ity with the religion they are organized ity with the religion they are organized to maintain. The members therefore need not be Catholics. They may even be atheists, Socialists or Jews, provided they profess the intention to organize associations for the express of the Catholic religion. Moreover these associations would be responsible to no one, but to the Council of State. They would have complete control not only of temporalities, but also of Church

doctrine and discipline. They would select clergymen, determine their func-tions, name the time and condition of on to regulating the administration of the sacraments. Now even though the Bishops could waive the question

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The Earl departed, promising to ad-bere on all points to the Cardinal's ad-vice, and the Chancellor was about to sets out for the palace, when his con fidential valet entered the apartment,

showing signs of great agitation. "What is the matter, James? Who called you ?" asked the Cardinal, much supprised at his abrupt entrance. sarpri

My lord !

" Oh !" said his master, struck by

"On I" said his master, struck by the man's tone; "I did not notice you you were upset. What is the matter?" "My lord, one of the men who went with Percy has just entered the court yard covered with blood and with his clubber all tor" clothes all torn." "What do I hear ?" cried Beaton, in

"What says he? How did it

dismay. "What says he? How did it happen ?" "My lord, Percy was killed, and, as he is my relation; I declare the feeling that came over me prevented my hear mg the rest."

Bring up the man at once ; I desire yon to do so," said the Cardinal; and whilst waiting for him to appear he paced up and down the room with long strides, which betokened his impati " Well," said the Chancellor hastily,

"Well," said the Chandellor hastry, as the horseman entered, "what is it ? Why have you returned ? What means this blood ?" "My lord," replied the man, hardly

able to speak from exhaustion, "we were only about thirty miles from Dun were only acout thirty miles from Dun bar, whither Percy was conducting us, when we were assailed by a troop of ten or twelve men. Percy and two whers were killed, and I only escaped because they believed me also dead." "And my letters ?" said the Car-dian!

Of the Cessford clan, my lord. I am quite sure ; and I believe, too, that I am not mistaken in thinking that the shiel of the troop was Sir Andrew Kerr of Cessford himself."

Tais is the very language which suits the Socialistic party in the Chamber, one of whom, their leader, M. Jaures, said:

"If God Himself appeared before the multitude in palpable form, the first duty of man would be to refuse Him obedience, and to consider Him, not as a Master to Whom men should m men should submit, but as an equal with whom men

may argue." One of M. Briand's colleagues, M. Viviani, the Minister of Labor, who has taken possession of the residence of the Venerated Arthbishop of Paris, Monseigneur Richard, said also re-

conty: "All of us together, first by our forefathers, then by our fathers, now by ourselves have been attached t the Work of anti-clericalism and irreligion. We have snatched the human conscience from belief in a future life. Do

you think that the work is at an end? No, it is but beginning."

These blasphemous statements will give you some idea of the animus of the Athelats now ruling France, and of their hatred of everything Christian. We trust that a careful consideration of the facts we are about to present, will make clear to every impartial mind, that this so-called law of separation is

"And my letters?" said the Car-disnal. "Stolen, my lord." "Malediction on them !" angrily is mot one of equity and liberty, but one of injustice and oppression, and that the action of the Holy Father regard-ing it, was neither unreasonable nor arbitrary, but necessary in the defence of religion, freedom of conscience and of Christian worship.

The relations of the Church and State in France have no parallel in our Cana-dian or American conditions, and can not be judged by standards, which are

Government, and they were forbidden by Combes to leave their dioceses. They finally performed their duty, as Catholic Bishops went to Rome and tendered their resignations. The Pope rightly claimed, there was nothing in the Concerdat to prevent the Holy See without previous consent of the Govern ment, from counselling a Bishop to re-sign his see, or summoning him to Berne of the right of the State to appropriate sign his see, or summoning him to Rome to give an explanation of his conduct. The French Government then claimed the Bishop and priests with a few de voted laymen could in conscience form a cultural association, there is nothing that the Pope had broken the Concor-dat, and put an end to official relations with him. That the rupture was to prevent the formation of one or more brought about by the Holy See, is to use the words of M. Ribat, " a historcontesting societies. cal lie." tions, and provides for such a conting-

These events as well as what follows are very much similar to what happened in Scotland in 1843 to the Presbyterian Church.

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