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## Current Comment

The Liverpool "Catholic Times" of May 11 gives the following specimens of horrible impiety winked at by the British non-Catholic press.

M. de Lanessan, whom the English press treats as a serious person, in one of his speeches, delivered on the 18th June, 1905, M. Huysmans point, declared that the "danger is not clericalism, but God Himself, Who is absolutely infamous." M. Aristide Briand, in a speech delivered at Poitiers in the beginning of the present year said, "We have driven God (Nous avons chassé Dieu) out of the army, the navy, the schools, the hospitals, the madhouses, the asylums, the law-courts, the wayside, and now we must kick Him out of the State altogether. He is infamous; even more so than Christ." These are a few samples of what is going on in France at the hands of a Government which the "Times" constantly praises as one of the strongest France has ever known. The "Times" ought, of all papers, to be consistent in accordance with its traditions. Surely it is ridiculous to claim to be a sincere friend of Christianity, and at the same time to praise such anti-Christians as M. Combes and M. Sarrien. The British public should at least be informed of the real sentiments of the men who are assailing the Catholic Church in France.

What our Liverpool contemporary says of the British press may be said also of most of the secular journals in Canada and the United States. They praise the French government and call its wholesale robbery and persecution an enlightened manifestation of true liberty. Whatever injures Catholicism is admirable in their eyes.

An indirect but very telling proof that the "Catholic Times" is right when it says in a vigorous editorial, which we reproduce elsewhere: "Anglicans, Catholics, Jews,—we are of one mind, and all moving in opposition" to Mr. Birrell's Education Bill, is afforded in a letter written by the Rev. Herbert Hensley Henson to the "Spectator" of April 28. Canon Henson is well known as one of those latitudinarian freethinkers whose continuation in office as Canon of Westminster Abbey and Rector of an Anglican church is a standing reproach to a supposedly Christian body. His testimony is, therefore, all the more valuable, since it is that of an enemy within the beleaguered city. Writing to the "Spectator," he expresses his surprise that the Church of England has assumed an attitude of "organised, impassioned, indiscriminating, unhesitating opposition to the Education Bill root and branch."

Alarm is the attitude of Canon Henson and the other opponents of denominational schools in view of the increasing opposition to Mr. Birrell's bill. "And they are showing their alarm," says the "Catholic Times," "by threats and bluster. Mr. John Morley, whom we regret to find among the Philistines, tells us that if we will not accept the facilities offered by the Bill we must face the secularisation of all schools. Well, we will face it, but before we do, the members of Parliament who pass such a law will have to face the electors with consequences more serious to them than to us. So far as Catholics are concerned, we would rather have secular schools than Nonconformist schools. For if in the former our children would be taught no religious truths, they would not be taught religious error. Nor, in that case, should we have to pay rates for the endowment of Nonconformity. Nor would the Nonconformists be privileged to have their religion taught at the ratepayers' expense. If there is no other choice, let us by all means have secular schools. But that is not likely. The Nonconformists have got the pie in their hands and their fingers itch to take out the plum. But they are not

going to satisfy us with the crust. We have rights, as well as they, and we can fight for them. Before this battle finishes, Mr. Morley and the whole Ministry will have regretted their surrender to Dr. Clifford and Mr. Lloyd George."

Canon Henson's main contention in his letter to the "Spectator" was that the Church of England, by opposing the Bill, would seem to be animated by a desire for a Conservative party success rather than by sincere anxiety for the preservation of denominational education. To this specimen of the ordinary political tactics of the British Liberal papers, the "Catholic Times" replies "that as a party the Conservatives must feel in championing this cause that they are acting in accordance with the wishes of masses of the electors. Whatever the organs of the Government may say of the speech in which Mr. Wyndham opened the debate, it was a powerful indictment of the unjust, illogical and one-sided policy of the Bill. He sounded a keynote to which the utterances of the other Conservative speakers have been attuned. The Catholic cause was put forward with skill by Mr. T. P. O'Connor and the arguments used were forcible and convincing. Mr. Belloc's speech was not equally satisfactory. Whilst demanding concessions for the Catholics, he declared that he accepted the Bill as 'just and liberal' and stated that he would vote for the second reading. We have received several letters commenting unfavorably on the course pursued by Mr. Belloc. The writer had hoped for something better from his ability and his firm adhesion to Catholic principles. So far as the Catholic position is concerned, it is one of uncompromising opposition to the Bill and we are happy to say that this attitude will be made clear by the vote as well as by the speeches of the members of the Irish party."

Of these Irish speeches perhaps the most interesting to us Canadians is that which the Hon. Edward Blake delivered on May 9, too late to be noticed by our Liverpool contemporary's issue of the 11th. We quote freely from this eloquent discourse those passages which plead for fair treatment of minorities as against Mr. Birrell's brutal consignment of them to inevitable suffering.

I may excuse myself for addressing the House by saying that I happen to have a somewhat prolonged experience upon this subject. For forty sessions, in three Legislatures, in different countries, I have witnessed and taken some part in the discussion of problems which arise in their concrete form by the association of a Protestant majority with a Roman Catholic minority. Long ago I found and took my ground upon general principles, and having adhered to that ground I was rather pained when I heard from the lips of the Minister of Education the other day a statement with reference to

The Rights of Minorities, which I am afraid was susceptible to another, and what seemed to me in the connection in which he used it, the natural and obvious interpretation. Speaking of the question between Roman Catholics and Jews, as the case might be, and the various Protestant denominations, he said: "all minorities must suffer, it is the badge of their tribe." Well, sir, some suffering may sometimes be inevitable in the carrying out of some measures of a great public policy, which the majority of the nation believes to be essential to its progress or its existence. That suffering ought as far as possible to be avoided, but for my part my belief is, as I expressed it twenty years ago in a Protestant community, somewhat different from the tone and sentiment of the Right Hon. gentleman. I may venture to quote it, because it represents the ground I took long before, and which I maintained ever

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## WEDDING AT SACRED HEART

Nuptials of Miss Lauzon and J. H. J. Murphy Solemnized

(Free Press, Corrected)

The church of the Sacred Heart was the scene of a very pretty wedding at 8.30 Tuesday morning, when Miss Albina Lauzon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lauzon, Athol avenue, became the wife of Mr. J. H. J. Murphy, of the Royal Crown Co., Ltd. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Portelance, assisted by Fathers Cahill and O'Dwyer. The full choral service was used. The church was beautifully decorated with palms and flowers for the occasion. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very lovely in a beautiful gown of white silk organdie and chiffon over silk. The skirt was ornamented with bowknots of tiny pearls, the yoke being trimmed in the same way and finished by a real lace bertha studded with pearls. The long tulle veil was caught with orange blossoms, and instead of the conventional bride's bouquet she carried a prayer book bound in white, from which fell streamers of white ribbon caught here and there with clusters of lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid, Miss Emma Lauzon, wore a becoming gown of champagne silk with hat to match and carried pink roses. Two little maidens, Miss Florentine Parelit, cousin of the bride, and Miss Kathleen Murphy, niece of the groom, wore dainty white organdie frocks, with quaint poke bonnets trimmed with pink roses and carried baskets of flowers. Master Ambrose Parent made a smart little page. Mr. T. J. Coyle acted as best man and Messrs A. Donnelly, F. E. Cantwell, W. J. Donovan and H. H. Cottingham were the ushers.

The bride's mother wore a handsome gown of blue silk, trimmed with point d'esprit, and a hat to match. Miss Adeline Lauzon, a sister of the bride, was prettily gowned in pale green. The groom's gift to the bride was a ring set with rubies and diamonds, to the bridesmaid a pearl brooch, to the flower girls fleur de lis pins and to the best man and ushers, heart-shaped scarf pins set with pearls. After the ceremony the wedding party consisting of the immediate relatives returned to the residence of the bride's parents for breakfast. In the afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock a reception was held, the house being beautifully decorated with bride's roses and other lovely flowers, and an orchestra discoursed sweet music. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy left on the St. Paul flyer for the south and are visiting New York and other eastern points before returning. It is expected that they will be in New Haven, Conn., to attend the international convention of the Knights of Columbus, to be held there next week. The bride wore a becoming travelling dress of navy blue silk, with a handsome long coat and smart hat.

## Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury

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It is not by regretting what is irremediable that true work is to be done, but by making the best of what we are. It is not by complaining that we have not the right tools, but by using well the tools we have. What we are and where we are is God's providential arrangement—God's doing, though it may be man's misdoing; and the manly and wise way is to look your failures in the face, and see what can be made out of them.

## Persons and Facts

The stone and brick gateway to St. Boniface College grounds is now being built.

The walls of the vestry at the east end of the new cathedral are now twelve feet above ground.

The Sacred College at present numbers 57 members. Twelve Cardinals have died within the past three years and only six have been created.

Mother Julia Billart, declared Venerable by Leo XIII. seventeen years ago, was solemnly beatified in St. Peter's, Rome, on May 13. She was foundress of the Congregation of the Sisters of Notre Dame, and was born in France. The characteristic virtue of Blessed Julia was her boundless charity.

A novel work of Catholic literature has just been completed by Father Robert H. Benson, in the shape of a collection of the prayers and hymns of our forefathers, rendered in modern form and spelling from the archaic style of the originals. Father Benson began the work, called "A Book of the Love of Jesus," while still in the Anglican fold.

The Catholic population of Milwaukee is 105,000, or one-third of the entire population, 315,000.

Cardinal Logue, in opening a Carnegie library at Drogheda, Ireland, stated that the proposals tending towards the banishment of God from the schools in England was the first sign of material decay in the country. "What has happened in France will happen elsewhere," he said. The town corporation, in its address of welcome, made reference to his declaration that the Irish people would defend the denominational principle in the schools with all their might.

John Murphy, millionaire banker and philanthropist of Pittsburgh, Pa., invites 1,000 families, who are homeless in San Francisco, to the Pennsylvania metropolis. The families will be given houses free of rent for one year, employment will be furnished and even their railway fare will be defrayed. Mr. Murphy in a recent statement said that there would be plenty of work in Pittsburgh for the refugees, as buildings to the value of \$20,000,000 would be erected during the summer.

The exact site of the martyrdom of the first Jesuit missionary killed in either Wisconsin or Michigan, Pere Rene Mennard, has been established. After long researches Father J. J. Holzknicht, of Pulaski, Wis., has announced that the martyrdom took place at or near the site of present Crystal Falls, Mich. He says: "Careful study of historical records has revealed that the place of the martyrdom of Pere Rene Mennard, who departed this life, August 10, 1661, was at or near the site of the present city of Crystal Falls. Apparently it was here that Pere Andre had his St. Michael's mission, which, together with his home was burned, as referred to in the history compiled by J. G. Shea. Pere Mennard reached the mission from St. Theresa Bay, Keweenaw, Lake Superior, via the Sturgeon river, entering the Menominee river, after making a portage of the iron range."

The membership of the 86 councils of Knights of Columbus in the state of Pennsylvania totals 13,000, according to the reports received at the recent state convention.

The Vatican has definitely settled the question of the division of the money—\$7,000,000—paid by the United State for the friars' lands in the Philippines, having decided that the interest of the

amount shall be divided into three separate sums and be distributed yearly by the Vatican, one to the Philippine dioceses, according to their need; another to the institutions erected by the religious orders in the Philippines, and the third to the orders, largely for their missions in the Far East, and also to support the aged friars who were in the Philippines.

Paul Tardivel was recently appointed manager of La Verite, Quebec, to succeed to the vacancy made a year ago by the death of Jules Paul Tardivel, its founder. Wm. Omer Heroux will continue to edit the paper.

Rev. Joseph F. Hanselman, S.J., has just been notified from Rome of his appointment as provincial of the Jesuit Order of the eastern province of the United States, succeeding Rev. Thomas J. Gannon, S.J. The position carries with it the control of all the colleges, schools, churches and other institutions east of the Alleghenies, the most important of which are Georgetown and Frodham Universities. Father Hanselman will make his headquarters at St. Francis Xavier's College. He lately resigned the presidency of Holy Cross College.

Bishop Ludden, of Syracuse, issued positive orders directed towards the Syracuse Lodge of Elks, forbidding the members of that body from entering the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception recently in a body to attend the funeral of one of their members, Robert Emmet Drake. The Bishop also ordered that under no circumstances must the Elks conduct any funeral ritual at St. Agnes cemetery. He said that the Elks could assemble at the Cathedral but they were not to wear the badge of their order or enter the church in a body. They would have to enter it and leave it as individuals. The Bishop's orders were obeyed to the letter.

Archbishop Bruchesi of Montreal, has started a crusade with a view of stopping the sale and exposure of indecent postal cards in the stores of his episcopal city. Two priests represented him in court recently in an action against two shopkeepers. The offensive cards were displayed, and were admitted to be samples of nudity and vulgarity. The case was continued. The Archbishop of Montreal is taking an active and vigorous part in every movement for civic betterment. He not only protests; he acts. This sending of two of his priests into court for the sake of public purity and decency is a characteristic sample of his methods.

Irish history is now an elective study in the High schools of Boston, and has been appointed for supplementary reading in the grammar schools, through the efforts of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Cardinal Richelmy, Archbishop of Turin, Italy, has accepted the presidency of an international committee which is being formed in Italy for the commemoration of the fourth centennial of the death of Christopher Columbus, on May 20, 1906, by the erection of a monument in the Vatican to the great discoverer of America.

Since the census of 1900 was taken nearly 200,000 Irish emigrants have settled in the United States, the year ending with July, 1905, showing a larger number than any year since 1895. A new impetus has been given to Irish immigration within the past two years, a turn which is quite perplexing to those native Irish societies which have been unsuccessfully attempting to stop the great national leak for so many years. The unrest among the young native Irish element is still wonderfully strong.

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