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THE CATHOLIC TRUTH CONVENTION

The Catholic Truth Society of Canada, under whose auspices an important Catholic Convention will be held in Ottawa the last week of September, is obviously of the same nature as its parent organization, the C. T. S. of England. The English society, established by Cardinal, then Bishop Vaughan, and Mr. James Britten thirty - nine years ago, has as its main purpose to produce and circulate cheap Catholic literature and defend and explain Catholicity in the secular press and on the public platform. Of these four means of spreading Catholic truth, one, its defence in the secular press, is of its nature ephemeral. A gross misstatement of Catholic doctrine or practice appears in a daily paper. A courteous and timely correction is forwarded and usually published; and, as a rule, the offence is not so readily repeated. Far more important than casual controversy of this sort is the positive and permanent result obtained by producing and circulating Catholic literature. It is scarcely an exaggeration to say that one half of the principal writers on Catholic matters in England today were first brought before the public by the Catholic Truth Societyl The publications of the English C. T. S. compose a series of pamphlets and booklets on devotional, doctrinal, historical, apologetical and controversial subiects, as remarkable for their accuracy and brevity as for their cheapness in price and greatness of For from occasional lectures the organization of annual Congresses of a very imposing nature. Those Canadians who had the pleasure of assisting during the first decade of the century at one of the annual vivid impression of the strength of Catholic thought in Protestant England. So important became these Congresses that it was decided in 1910 to turn them into National last month in Birmingham.

The Catholic Truth Society was too excellent an institution to be school of religious thought is confined merely to England. It had not existed seven years before branches were established in some Canadian cities, notably in Toronto land. organization was attempted till exhaustive analysis of the move-1918 when the members of the Toronto society obtained Dominion | that it had its genesis in the Oxford this month it is Ottawa's turn.

order that Catholic ideals may hold expression. their own in the Canadian commonspecial problems which are not and local circumstances and sentiment. Finally the only manner of producmany as possible capable persons to Church. write. There are plenty of priests, sisters and lay men and women in our own midst who are quite capable of writing pamphlets and booklets equal to those published by the English C. T. S., if they try hard

enough and often enough. One of the most useful results of the coming Convention of the C. T. S. of Canada, and, we understand, one that is seriously contemplated. would be to establish a competent Catholic Truth Publication Committee composed of persons who both know Catholic doctrine and purpose of this Committee would be to choose writers, to suggest subjects, to correct manuscripts and then to publish them. The formation of such a committee properly financed would go a long way towards the formation of an English Canadian Catholic literature. Its financing would not require a large

Another object that the approaching Catholic Truth Committee might | read the other day. The Anglican well undertake is the organizing of Bishop of Zanzibar, it will be rethe society throughout Englishspeaking Canada. Here the English model cannot be slavishly followed. If the Catholic Truth Society is to function in centres as far apart as Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton and Vancouver-to mention but archiepiscopal cities-it is evident that a considerable amount of autonomy must be allowed each local branch. There can be only one Head Office-and that is in Toronto-and only one Publication Committee, and only one Constitution. Apart from this necessary amount of unity, the Society, it would appear, can be most productive of good in Canada, the freer each diocese is to develop its own branch on its own lines. This surely is a subject which will be carefully considered at the Annual Convention as the revision of the By-laws of the Society is on the agenda.

We heartily recommend those of who can do so, to attend the Cath-Archbishop of Ottawa points out in God." his gracious letter of invitation, the 'large number of his venerable colleagues from all parts of Canada circulation. So much for the take part and the well known Indeed, since the Eucharistic Con-English C. T. S. proceeded to the gress in Montreal in 1910 no such a distinguished group of English speaking speakers at least, has been brought together in Canada. The wishes to the Catholic Truth Con-Catholic Truth Congresses obtained a vention Committee and expects great things of it.

THE ANGLO-CATHOLICS

Amongst both Catholics and non-Catholic Congresses, the latest of Catholics opinion is sharply divided which was held with great eclat as to the tendency of the "Anglo-Catholic" movement in England. Elsewhere, also, this interesting found; but nowhere else has Anglo-Catholicism the magnitude or vitality that it has attained in the old

and Ottawa. No national Canadian Without attempting here any ment it is well to recall the fact Letters Patent constituting the Movement of nearly a century ago. Catholic Truth Society of Canada a which gave life to the dry bones of body corporate. In 1921 it held in Anglicanism-life that for a time Montreal its first Annual Conven- waxed vigorously then waned but tion. Last year the Catholic Truth never died out. Its present day Convention was in Winnipeg and manifestation is the Anglo-Catholic

Up to the present the Canadian There are those-and some of twenty London churches, not of the C. T. S. has devoted more of its them have come out from the city Church of Rome but of the Church energy to circulating the pamphlets of confusion into peace and truthand booklets printed by others than who stoutly maintain that souls producing many of its own. Indeed that might otherwise find their there are some who argue that this way into the Catholic Church England openly proclaim through tion at the hands of infidel governis the better policy. Why, they are held back by the delusion that pulpit and press that they ments, it will not be without its ask, write and print pamphlets in they are already Catholics; they Canada, when you have better are satisfied with the ritualistic Masses—which the articles roundly writers and plenty of pamphlets in imitation of rites, ceremonies, even England? Yet this would be a very of the sacraments and the Holy mistaken policy. Canada is already Sacrifice itself, never finding the a country with a considerable liter- living and life-giving realities of deceits."

ature in English and our Catholic which ceremonial and ritual are contribution to it is but slight. In but the appropriate dress and

name it has come subsequently to men is quite demonstrable. be known, has given us a continuous stream of converts. The two great Cardinals, Newman and Manning; Ward, the philosopher of the Movement, and indirectly his famous son Wilfrid: Faber, Dalgairns, Marshall, to name a few of the hundreds of the most cultured of England's aristocracy of intellect. A short time ago the names of three hundred and sixty - nine living convert clergymen from the how to write and publish it. The Established Church were listed without attempting to make the list exhaustive. That the stream is still flowing is shown by such names as Professor Phillimore. G. K. Chesterton and Sir Edward Elgar, to mention a few of the scores of present-day prominent English converts.

These reflections were prompted by a Canadian press cable we membered, was greatly perturbed by the condition which brought on the famous Kikiyu controversy of some few years ago. It was impossible to reconcile the official stand taken with his Catholic conception of the Church. It appeared to him to be an abandonment of essential principles. At the time it was judged from his public utterances that he would be forced into the Catholic Church.

At the recent Anglo - Catholic Congress the bishop, who knew of the period know, was carried something of both places, declared on with determination and with that London was as pagan as Zanzi- a clear conception of constitutional bar. Immediately there was a storm of indignant protest.

Wesleyan Conference in its address to the Methodist people makes almost an identical declaration:

"While there is much to encourage us yet, England still is largely fully stated the Bishop invited pagan. Unchristian standards still our readers, both clerical and lay, are being applied, almost unconsciously, to social and international dral, and this he did on a Sunday, olic Truth Convention in Ottawa, questions. Life is interpreted at High Mass, on at least one September 25th to 28th. As the in terms of mammon rather than

And the Methodist Conference gets away without trouble with the who have graciously consented to very thing that put the Bishop of Zanzibar in the pillory.

the Protestant instinct of England tendency of Anglo-Catholicism as the conclusions of those who have given themselves to a serious study of the movement.

of Sarnia gave the Derry Day celebrators this comforting assur-

"We are told by some that the Church of England will go over to the Church of Rome. They will never do that. They cannot do that because the church is built upon its articles, and 10 out of those 39 are written expressly against the heresies of the Church of Rome."

The optimistic Canon must know that the articles are but a flimsy barrier to that large section of the Church of England represented at the recent Anglo-Catholic congress celebrate Masses-even Requiem and unequivocally declare to be

NOTES AND COMMENTS

being a Protestant. That, however,

Marion, was about to dedicate its resurrection. new high school in 1918. They were looking about for a speaker for the occasion and the name of Senator Harding was suggested. It was doubted that he would come school, but Father Denning and the trustees invited him and to the surprise of many he accepted. When it became certain that the Senator was to be there, nearly all of Marion crowded to attend the Catholic high school dedication and it was found the building was far too small, so the celebration had to be held in the church and the speakers had to speak from the pulpit."

IN ILLUSTRATION of the fact that Catholic laymen have sometimes occupied a Catholic pulpit it will be sufficient for present purposes to cite the case of Hon. D'Arcy McGee. It was during the stirring struggle for Separate schools in dical recognition and Upper Canada in the fifties of last of such pre-existing nullity. century. Mgr. de Charbonnel, a prelate of great zeal and capacity. occupied the See of Toronto which then comprised the whole western half of the Province. The fight, as rights and the issues at stake. D'Arcy McGee had championed the case in Parliament, in the press name famous in Canadian annals. Wishing to give his people an opportunity of hearing the case McGee to discuss the subject from the pulpit of St. Michael's catheoccasion, the incident being chronicled in a contemporary diary now in our possession.

THE FOREIGN Missionary Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in ment. We take it, therefore, that outlined by Rev. Dr. Mackay the state of affairs is as follows: A system of espionage has been estabsenses the Catholic in the Anglo- lished by the Roumanians in Hun-CATHOLIC RECORD extends its best Catholic Bishop of Zanzibar. And gary, particularly obnoxious to the this may throw as much light on the latter people. Spies from Roumania between persons baptised or be are in constant attendance at the Hungarian services, and whenever anything is uttered which they can construe as being contrary to the Roumanian Government the Hun-A short time ago Canon Newton garians are forbidden to hold meetings. Under this system one minister was prosecuted for repeating the Lord's Prayer, because the phrase occurs, "Thy kingdom

THE WHOLE system, declares the Doctor, is contrary to the provisions of the League of Nations, and came up for discussion and denunciation at the sessions of the conference of the Eastern section of the Presbyterian Alliance at Zurich. Switzerland, from which he has just returned. The existing state of affairs, if correctly reported, is of course reprehensible. We have no comment to make upon it save to when it was openly advertised that say that if on the part of the movement within the State Church. Confessions would be heard in clerical body concerned it leads to a better understanding and saner appreciation of the causes which of England. And thousands of Catholic Church from time to time have brought upon the priests of the ministers of the Church of bitter enmity and active persecugood effect.

at his bedside to see that his re- in really judicial affairs. Therefore ments.

mains were laid beside those of St.

Aloysius Gonzaga, the angelic which the judge gives in them constitute some precents of truth which it is necessary to obey, so MUCH PROMINENCE is being given Aloysius Gonzaga, the angelic which in Catholic papers in the United youth whose confessor the Cardinal Others, quite as well equipped States to the fact that the late had been, and whose ministrations wealth of letters Catholic Canadians by experience, look upon the Anglo- President Harding once spoke from he had received at the hour of must write. Again, Canada has her | Catholic movement as doing a great | a Catholic pulpit, and the incident | death. Three centuries have come work in familiarizing vast numbers, is characterized as an "almost and gone since then, and it is only cannot be treated except by a Cana- indeed the whole public mind of unprecedented honor for a layman." now that the wish of Blessed Bellar. dian thoroughly familiar with the England, with Catholic truth It is not altogether without prece. mine has been accomplished. This through the rite and ceremony, and dent as we shall presently show, has been brought about by direct thus preparing the way for the but may be considered as such in act of His Holiness, Pius XI. The ing good writers is by inducing as ultimate reunion with the Catholic the President Harding case, he translation took place on the feast of St. Aloysius, 21st June, when the However this may be, the occasions have arisen where the remains of the newly Beatified were Oxford Movement, by whatever pulpit was opened to Catholic lay- carried in procession through the streets of Rome from the Church of the Gesu to that of St. Ignatius, IT MAY be well to give the facts where St. Aloysius is entombed. as to the Harding incident, and we fore, so closely associated in life, no value because it is without exchange: "St. Mary's Church, now lie side by side awaiting the

DISPENSATIONS OF MATRIMONY

to speak for the Catholic high HOLY FATHER ISSUES DECREE DEFINING METHODS OF PREPARING CASES

By Mgr. Enrico ducci

One of the most important recent egislative acts of the Roman Curia is the establishment of the new pro-cedure to be followed in the grantng of dispensations of matrimony 'ratum non consumatum."

As is well known, cases of this kind-aside from the so-cal'ed Pauline privilege which applies only in the case of non-Catholics—are the only ones in which the Church has the faculty of annuling a true, real and valid marriage. All the other causes of annulment of marriage do not concern the dissolution of a real marriage but only the proof that in certain attempted marriages there was a defect existing from the beginning which rendered them null; hence they consist in the juri-

In the case of a marriage "ratum non consumatum," however, there is a true and real dispensation from the matrimonial bond contracted through a valid marriage, a dispensation which can be granted by the Aposall who have studied the history tolic See when that marriage, of the period know, was carried although valid in itself, has not been integrated by the consummation.

REGULATING PROCEDURE

The Holy See has now felt the need of regulating the procedure for these dispensations because this procedure has been developed in Now, the despatch tells us, the and on platforms throughout the the past more according to practice country, with that force and than according to fixed and set eloquence which have made his rules. The necessity for these rules was very great, inasmuch as the procedure for such dispensations was developed so far as all the preliminary stages are concerned, the various dioceses in which the petitioning parties lived and these diocesan investigations were always carried on in a sufficiently juridical manner. exact often been necessary to have recourse to supplementary inquiries which rendered the judgments uncertain and the proceedings very

In view of all these reasons the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments has established a new method of procedure and has made Catholic belief concerning the nature and consequences of the Catholic, would rouse keen resent. manian authorities in Hungary. As dispensation of matrimony "ratum non consumatum.

The text of the decree of the Sacred Congregation of the Sacra-

ments reads as follows:
"The Catholic dectrine is that tween one baptised and the other not, is annuled either ipso jure for the solemn religious profession, or for dispensation granted by the Apostolic See for just causes, at request either of both the parties or of one of them, even if the other is not consentient. (Cod, Jur. can

"However, in order that the Apostolia See may grant such dispensations, it is necessary that two things should be proved; that is, that the marriage has not been consummated and that there exists a just cause for granting the dis-

"Although the granting of the dispensation is within the legal capacity of the Roman Pontiff, the Holy See is in the habit of entrusting to the local Ordinary the pre-paration of the proceedings by which the truth of the facts may be ascertained as regards inquiries and proofs concerning not only the non consummation of the marriage, but also the legitimate nature of the

demand for the dispensation. 'From this two consequences of great importance are derived. The first is that such causes, not being provoked by a judicial action, contentious or criminal, but by the benign concession of the Holy See, but rather concessionary or Since. administrative. can legitimately use his supreme "blasphemous fable and dangerous Holy See, lay dying he asked those diligence not inferior to that used to the Congregation of the Sacra-

that he who refuses to obey becomes contumacious.

WHEN DISPENSATION IS VOID

"The other consequence, which must be deeply impressed on the minds of the judge and witnesses, and above all on those who ask for the dispensation, is that if things are in reality different from what the petitioning parties affirm, that is if the marriage rato was in fact consummated, but the truth, through the fault or negligence of the tribunal, or through fraud or negligence of the parties concerned or witnesses, is not revealed during the process, the pontifical dispensafoundation. The marriage, more over, in such a case, remains valid, so that if the parties think their marriage is annuled and contract another before the Church, this second marriage is really invalid and, therefore, those who are reputed husband and wife, and their children, will be implicated in a position almost inextricable from graver evils. This fact, therefore, must be forseen by the judge before the oath is taken and the parties solemnly warned, and it must be well understood and meditated upon by those taking part in such cases, especially at the moment in which the sworn replies, the attestations and the relations are respectively given by the parties petitioning, the witnesses and the experts.

'Therefore, so that the Ordinary inquiring into these causes can pr ceed more securely and more quickly ecording to the common law, the following rules have been estab-lished. They were subjected to careful examination by the Cardinals placed over the Sacred Congregation of the Discipline of acraments, and in the Plenary Meeting of April 27, of the present year. They were approved and destined to be promulgated if con-formable to the will of the Holy Father. Our Holy Father, Pius XI., in the audience of May 9th, granted to the undersigned Cardinal Prefect, deigned to approve and confirm the sentence of the Cardinals and in order that such rules be exactly and religiously observed by those who have the duty, ordered that they should be published in the Official Bulletin Acta Apostolicae Sedis, dated Rome, at the head office of the Sacred Congregation of the Discipline of the Sacraments, the day of May 7th of the year 1823. M. Card. Lega, Prefect, A. Capotosti, Bishop of Terme, Secretary."

This decree was published yesterday and together with the accompanying laws and formulae takes up the entire eighth number of the fears, his loves and his beliefs, are Acta Apostolicae Sedis.

RULES TO BE FOLLOWED

processes and the principal formulae of the procedure are contained in chapters comprising in all 106 noon-day brightness of pensation of "ratum non con-sumatum" are the married couples themselves, and the local tribunals despair is surpassed by Bertrand charged with the conduct of process must be constituted by the Ordinary authorized by the Holy See. Most exact an opportune rules follow about the exercise of "At the moment of writing with the series of t order of the process, the oaths and about the criterion to be followed in the examination of the witnesses forming the tribunal, has declared ganda. that he has no further inquiries to make, and after the parties have ther and further into Germany, been warned of this. All the acts, . . . Gradually the Germans will however, must be transmitted to the Congregation of the Sacraments, Bolsheviks.

the marriage 103) that the dispensation takes effect from the which the Sovereign Pontiff, on the day of the audience, grants the dispensation, provided that at that death by starvation of the profesmoment the circumstances by virtue sional classes, and survival of a of which the dispensation was much-reduced population almost

still unchanged. The formulae include typical examples corresponding to the various phases of the inquiry which consents to the prayers of the and of the process as well as the supplicants, are not really judicial initial supplication to the Pope, the ionary or information asked for from the however, Bishops and the parish priests, the they tend to show that the Pope constitution of the tribunal, the can legitimately use his supreme wording of the oaths, the citations, power to grant dispensation of a the interrogation of the parties still something to save in Europe, When the great Cardinal Bellarmine, now declared blessed by the
Hely See, lay dring he asked these

PESSIMISM

We have had occasion to record, from time to time, the deep pessimism of politicians and publicists who discarded Christianity. seems that when one abandons religion, one abandons hope. If Christianity be a fool's paradise, as unbelievers maintain, it seems to us that even a fool's paradise is better than an inferno of hopelessness, and

Take, for example, H. G. Wells, who makes some claim to be a prophet, but certainly is not a "Prophet of the Better Hope." Addressing a meeting in Manchester England, some months ago, he said I would like to talk to you about what is going on in Europe and in Professor Weiss the world today. spoke about my having a vision of a better world. I wish I had, but at present the vision that I see before me in the world is not of a better world, but of a worse one. a conviction in my bones that things are going from bad to worse in Europe and in the world generally, and that at the present time we are only beginning to realize the extraordinary gravity of the state of the world's affairs.

"Just a year ago, I made a speech to the Labor Party in New York, and I said then what I am saying now: that the system under waich we have grown up, the system we call modern civilization, is heading very rapidly downhill towards disaster, and people living as we do, in habit, wont, and use, are not realizing with any strength of conviction just what that downward movement amounts to. A year ago I called attention to what is to me the most astonishing fact in my life: the fact that in Russia I had seen, visibly, a modern civilized system broken down. I saw railways falling out of use. I saw a great city visibly dying, houses tumbling down, roads falling into the drains below, all the methods of urban transport going out of use That process of collapse, which was going on in Russia last year, had already spread—was visibly spreading—into Austria, Hungary, and Poland. I said it would come farther and farther west—that it was an urgent matter. Today you can see the process of collapse laying its hands upon Germany: you can see Germany on the very verge of following Russia along the same path of disorder and decay."

But for pessimism of the deepest dye, we must leave H. G. Wells and ve recourse to Bertrand Russell. In the March number of The Catho-World, as our readers will recal . Watkin quoted Bertrand ssell as follows:

That Man is the product of causes which had no prevision of the end they were achieving; that his origin, his growth, his hopes and but the outcome of accidental collocations of atoms; that no fire, no heroism, no intensity of thought The rules to be followed in the and feeling, can preserve an individual life beyond the grave; rescribed for the different acts all the labors of the ages, all the devotion, all the inspiration, all the articles. They cover all the ele-ments and acts that may be brought the vast death of the solar system; genius, are destined to extinction in out during the course of the pro-ceedings and in the dispensation to achievement must inevitably be be granted. The rules provide that buried beneath the débris of a the only office competent to interest in such a subject and to grant if not quite beyond dispute, are yet the dispensation is the Congregation so nearly certain that no philosophy of the Sacraments, and that no judge can direct the process if he has not been given faculties from the Holy See. The only persons who have the right to ask the dispensation of "return persons" the Sacraments, and that no philosophy which rejects them can hope to stand. Only within the scaffolding of these truths, only on the firm foundation of unyielding despair, can the soul's habitation henceforth

despair is surpassed by Bertrand Russell in an article written for the New York Nation, of July 11th Witness these few sentences

'At the moment of writing, the the office of judge, the citation and French are in the Ruhr with the benevolent neutrality of England. depositions of the parties, witnesses and experts and their examination, listic aims in the Near East we are willing to see Germany annihilated. and the proofs. The process can only be closed after the defender of the marriage bond, whom the marriage bond, who mar

'The French will be drawn fur-Gradually the Germans will driven into the arms of the

together with the votes of the Bishop and of the lawyer defending who have lent to the Government he marriage.
The rules finally, declare (reg. will ultimately become indignant, and there will be civil war.

"We shall have 1914 over again, marriage ratum non consumatum with France in the place formerly in occupied by Germany. The end can granted, that is, the non-consuma- exclusively composed of peasants. tion of the marriage and the causes From that stage it will be possible which induced the dispensation, are to begin reconstruction, as in

Charlemagne's time. "It is possible for us to remain spectators and survive as a satellite of America, just as Holland survived as a satellite of England after her brief glory in the seventeenth century.

"The only question to my mind is whether American intervention shall happen now, while there is

"If America intervenes now and 'saves' Europe, will Europe be any