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## NOTHING MORE THAN AN ANIMAL

LATTER DAY APOSTLES OF IRRELIGION NEVER TRY TO PROVE ANYTHING

Mr. Arnold Bennett who has attained a certain celebrity by morose fiction depicting English "middlefiction depicting English class" life, feels impelled to tell the world that he has small respect for dogma. To quote his modest statement : "In my opinion, at this time of the day, it is absolutely impossible for a young man with a first class intellectual apparatus to accept any form of dogma."

This sentence is valuable, not because of any truth it contains, but because it is a faithful record of the mind of the man who made it, one who belongs to a type very common among the so called intellectual classes today.

Mr. Wells, another novelist, belongs to this type of mind. He has recent ly written a treatise on God accord ing to Wells, under the caption, "God, the Invisible King."

Both these writers are the darlings cendancy would be impossible. of those who consider themselves advanced thinkers," that is people who for reasons of their own refuse work for any other equally certain to agree with anything that mankind way to the same end. as accepted for many centuries. The great idea of such minds

This age is religious, because the great d free majority of the Nationalists are nt so. Catholic and the great majority of is what they term "freedom." This includes free-thought, unlimited free speech and free love. They want society organized without rules or sanc tions and are particularly bitter is by no means clear cut, for there against what Messrs. Bennett and are Catholic Unionists and meny Wellscall"dogma," anything connected with divine Revelation.

Christianity is founded on Revealed Doctrine and is rigid as bodying forth God's word to man. It has a right to speak in an authoritative way and proves that right. But the type of educated man, represented by Wells and Bennett, speaks far more authoritatively than Christianity, yet when you seek the reason for this rigidity, you find nothing more than "in my opinion."

Both these gentlemen are popular novelists. They possessed the art of writing stories; they have never given evidence of study into religion or the history of mankind, and doubt less for this reason no sage or scholar, Christian or otherwise, ever wrote with such confidence and air of con viction. In "their" opinion, man-kind has been all wrong in this matter of religion and that is the end of the matter.

Another fact most noticeable is the dogmatic tone of these two novelists and their admirers. No Christian can rival the infidel in the dogmatic finality with which he rejects Christianity and decides that its followers IRELAND

probably fully known to your readers. You have very correctly condensed and stated all that is essential in my

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the very end. Thrilling and instructive as this

the broad Nebraska uplands seems

pages, giving the story that atmosphere which has made his books so popular.

FORM HABITS IN THE ARMY

Ottawa, Sept.—One of the strongest To the Editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD: recommendations for military life, Sir,-It is not without hesitation I in the opinion of men back from the front, is that it tends to give one trespass on your space, but a marked copy of your paper of September 15 settled habits of living. The soldier been sent me by a prominent Catholic Irish Canadian, showing that your kindness in giving publicity to my views has not been without result.

existence quickly. It is a tradition of the race that the easiest way to go through life enjoying oneself is to form good habits, such as regularity in rising, going to bed, eating, shaving, and the like. All these are learned by men in the

suggestion. A single house, composed of an equal number of Nationalist and army. Their duties are so ordered that they may perform the day's tasks with the least possible delay Unionist members, with in the first place a coalition government to avoid and without confusion. deadlock, and to ensure that the foundations of future legislation Furthermore, the discipline main tained in the citizen armies which should be well and truly laid with are fighting in the present War is by even handed justice, is all it amounts no means like that of former times to. May I respectfully ask to what when harshness and severity were considered essential. It has been found out by those who did not obvious objections this is open. It would give Nationalists self-government for an undivided Ireland, and Unionists full protection from any realize it at once that the men of the present Allied armies work and fight possible domination. Under it Asbetter when treated as self-respect ing individuals, each one possessed have shown how such a house could of his freedom if willing to observe be assured, but am quite ready to discipline for the good of the

whole.

DEATH AND THE PHYSICIAN

the Unionists are Protestant, but it The son of a Catholic home and the graduate of a Catholic college, Lieutenant William T. Fitzsimmons Protestant Nationalists. In no conof Missouri, sailed last spring with the troops that went to France. His stituency in Ireland would the Catholics voting alone return a Catholic work was to save life, not to destroy Unionist against a Protestant Nationalist, nor would the Protesit, for he nobly bore the noble title of physician. Well did he play his tants voting alone return a Protes tant Nationalist against a Catholic part in the never ending fight against death, until the hour when a Unionist. Therefore the parliamen. bomb, dropped from a German aero-plane, stilled the merciful hand fortary division is clearly political and Home Rule for an undivided Ireever. God's mercy searches out the land must be by consent to have any soul that has known "the greater value, and it is the consent of Protestant Ulster that is required. It is a true Catholic, and, because of his estant Uister that is required. It is extremely unlikely that a House of Lords would be there accepted as an efficient safeguard. Uistermen have little reverence or consideration for

little reverence or consideration for rank and titles, as was shown when ican's sacrifice is heightened by the Lord Perrie was pelted with flour and action of a body of men, calling the eggs at Larne. It seems almost beyond the wit of man to form a satisfactory Upper House. In these democratic days the inevitable,clash of the upper we have been experience. of the upper and lower houses can the murder "of the aged, and of have only one possible result. The infirm or suffering persons who age old power of the Westminster desire death." In other words, these House of Lords passed away when false physicians propose to introduce they attempted to obstruct the will into civilized life, practices once common enough among barbarians, of the people with a lightly ex-

pressed contempt for the conse-quences. To start Irish self govern ment with a House of \*Commons Inter the self govern There is little reason to suppose are dupes or ignoramuses. The theo logian writing about religion gives arguments to prove what he states and arguments make hard reading. The latter day apostles of irreligion never try to prove anything; they simply write interesting stories in which their views are set forth in

the theory that while there is life

there is hope. Apart, however, from both sentiment and science, the case

can be reduced to very simple terms. God alone is the master of life and

death. Sickness confers no right to commit suicide, nor is any physician

or legislature justified in killing a man simply because he is "aged,

us the other day. 'With the aid of the sergeant of the companies, I re-

cruits. Out of the 700, 150 stated frankly that they had at one time

been Catholics and had fallen away from the practice of their faith.' Is

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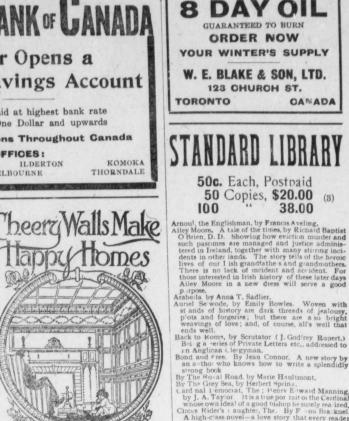
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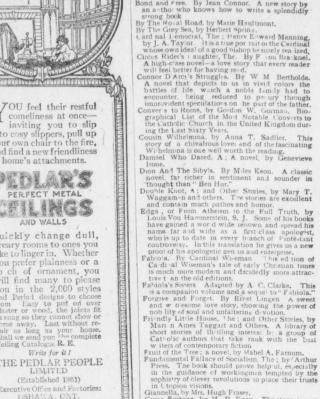
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has a regular round of daily duties, including lengthy periods for recrea-tion while in training, and he grows tion while in training, and he grows used to this method of ordering his up of fallen-away Catholics, what Five leading newspapers published in Toronto, Montreal and Quebec have given wide circulation to a card stating my proposition, and it is

which their views are set forth in a member of a single house than as sprightly conversation and in which sitting in an Irish House of Lords. religious people enact the part of the buffoon or the hypocrite.

ents of popular fiction have little more than any approval a clear claim to attention. It is not of much statement of possible objections. concern to the world what a novelist may think about Revealed Religion. In the nature of the case he is presumed to know very little about the subject.

Yet-and this is important-a certain kind of public opinion that is very active and influential in the book-world, accords him distinguished consideration and prints his random sensational remarks as important. Novel readers find it easy to obtain a smattering of "new thought" and attractive infidelity by amusing themselves with these literary favorites. Such readers rarely open a religious book, but are entirely willing to take their religious ideas out of a novel or the mouth of a novelist who is advertising his wares.

We heard some Catholic people enthusing over "Mr. Britling" and "God, the Invisible King." Apparently they considered these books very "intellectual." If they are in disposed to read Catholic literature impossible for a young man with a first class intellectual apparatus to accept any form of dogma."

Christianity has to suffer its enemies, the learned men and irreligious scientists who use every effort to prove that there is no supernatural and that man is nothing more than an animal, but at least these oppon ents are serious and give study to what they assail. But it is absolutely wearisome to the soul to hear these shallow purveyors of cheap and passing fiction posing in the places of the dictors, and even worse to note the silly zeal with which supposedly religious people read and repeat their nonsense.-The Pilot.

My great desire is that my proposition and suggestions should be cor-Looking at things in a serious rectly understood and carefully light, the utterances of these expon-

ED. HARPER WADE Quebec, Oct 8, 1917.

NEW BOOK

Benziger Brothers now have in press a new book by Father Spald-ing, S. J., entitled "At the Foot of the Sand Hills" (12mo with 8 illustrations, \$1.00 postpaid.)

This latest book from Father Spalding's pen is a wholesome and lively out door story for boys, in which a Chicago youngster, Walter Blakestone, goes out into the breezy prairies of Nebraska to visit Doctor Murt, a bosom friend of the family. The doctor is an enthusiastic hunter, as well as something of a natural ceived a report from 700 of the re scientist, so that Walter is treated to cruits. Out of the 700, 150 stated

enough hunting to last him the rest of his life. At the same time he of its file. At the same tails in the first its areat deal about the physic-al characteristics of the State. What youngster who is lucky enough to read of Walter's experi-young men! One fourth of this

might at least ponder a bit on the position Mr. Bennett's dictum leaves them in: 'In my opinion at this time of the day, it is absolutely will not thrill at the tense wait through the night for the return of "There are some who deprecate the

calculations that place a high numthe narauding wolf — and thrill ber for the 'failen aways.' Despite again at the vivid description of its the evident witness of conditions in end? Who among the youthful our large cities, they persist in say-readers will not enjoy the realistic ing that the number of Catholics description of Walter's first duck hunt; and laugh with the doctor at not large, and that the estimates are the hero's behavior on his first ex-perience with wild geese? And for that matter, what reader—young or old—will not enjoy and wonder at the description of the terrible sand-the more areas on of the wonders of the the set instead of being too high, exaggerated which show great num-parse. It is indeed likely that the estimates and of being too high, the description of the terrible sand. estimates instead of being too high, storm—surely one of the wonders of are in fact below the truth.

nature? "At the Foot of the Sand Hills" bas the spirit and the call of the wild. The exhilarating breath of

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Are you liable to be selected for service under the Military Service Act?

The answer to this question is Remember that the first class to be called includes only men between the ages of 20 and 34, both inclusive, who are unmarried or widowers without children, those married after July 6, 1917, being deemed single for the purposes of the Act.

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physical condition absolves you from the call or makes you liable for selection.

It is important that you obtain this information as soon as possible. A certificate of unfitness from a Medical Board will secure for you freedom from responsibility under the Military Service Act from any Exemption Tribunal. A certificate of fitness will not preclude an appeal for exemption on any ground.

In order that you may be able to plan your future with certainty, visit a Medical Board as soon as possible and find out if you are liable to be selected. Your family and your employer are interested as well as yourself.

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