NO GOD FOR THE CHILD

Out in Michigan, an aggregation of individuals with an avowed fondness for the "social uplift," are plotting against the peace, dignity, and con-tinuance in good order, of the Pen-insular State. Their efforts will probably fail, yet their schemes should awaken at least a passing show of interest among American Catholics. The association in question was founded to give the good people of Michigan a ready and easy means of promoting the welfare of the State, by securing desirable constitutional amendments. It proses to promote this welfare, first of , by taking God out of the heart of the child, as far as an education purely secular can attain this desirable end. How a Godless generation will benefit the State of Michigan is a question as to which the association has given no answer.

The plotters repeat some ancient and some long discredited strata-In this there is no danger. lics, in some respects, are sluggish folk, yet once bitten, they are twice shy. But some of the devious devices employed by the Michigan association foreshadow a dangerous campaign against the welfare of both Church and State. For the plotters are determined that no longer shall American children be allowed to reverence and worship without exception, Jew and Gentile, agnostic and atheist, are to be herded in State Schools, that is to say, in schools from which Jesus Christ would be summarily expelled, did He enter to teach the saving doctrines given Him from on high by His Eternal Father. To keep God

ages of five and sixteen. petition, that all wisdom begins and ends in the public schools, or even that they impart a training of so inferior a kind that they must be suppressed in justice to the young. Nor, apparently, has attention been directed to the trifling circumstance that the parochial schools, besides is impossible to satisfy them all." giving all that is given by the public schools, and more, represent an annual saving of several millions of dollars to the opulent citizens of Michigan. In fact, the case of the Catholic schools is not discussed at To the gentry urging the proposed constitutional amendment, the case is closed. The parochial schools are founded on the principle that Jesus Christ, and not a secular-ized State, must take the first place in the heart of the child. further need have we of testimony You yourselves have heard the blas-

phemy."
The Michigan attack may be clumsy, or again, it may hope to carry all before it by its very boldness. Hitherto, it has never been held good public policy in this country, so to strengthen the State as to destroy what few rights modern social and religious conditions have left within the parental domain. No denies that the State has not only the right, but the duty, to care for the education of the child when or unable to fulfil this function; but the law which makes the child merely the ward of a secular State is

Only time can make manifest whether the plan of taxing the parochial school out of existence, a proposal which finds favor in the East, or the bold Michigan scheme to bring up all children as wards of the supreme State, or in the mephitic atmosphere of godless schools, will put God out of the heart of the next generation more quickly and more completely. Meanwhile, even in these days of stress, Catholics will do well to keep a watchful eye on all legislation affecting education. The atheism which would ruin the faith of the children whose fathers died for France, is active in our country. The plotters are not Indiana, U. S. A., or from the Cathoenrolled in their country's service; LIC RECORD, London, Ont. therefore are they free to extend their nefarious designs against Christ and His mystical Body, the Church. It would be fatal to suppose that they will spare the little ones left at home, when American soldiers lay down their lives on foreign fields, that liberty, even liberty of conscience, may be made a reality among the nations of the

BRITISH MINISTER TO HOLY SEE

(C. P. A. Service)

London, April 4.-Much nonsens is being written about the British minister to the Holy See, Count de Salis, who has been away from Rome now for about three weeks. The simple truth is that he asked for a short leave to go to Switzerland on his own private family business, and the British government asked him to

extend the leave, if he could be absent from Rome, a short time longer, and come to London. He did so, and, one presumes, his chiefs have so profited by personal conversation with him that his leave has been extended over three weeks. That is easy to understand. It is indeed fairly obvious that even the political matters in which the Holy See is interested are not so well known in London-where there is only three years' record—that conversation with the representative on the spot, who really has got a full grasp of them, must be very valuable. And further, before coming to Rome Count de Salis was minister to Montenegro He was there through the Balkan wars and only left when the Austro German invasion came. He knows more about the near East than most people and the near East is in the thoughts of the Allies just now. So his experience should be very valuable to the foreign office. Indeed, a hazy fear was suggested to the writer a short time ago that the foreign office might keep him and promote him to a post of responsibility just on account of that expert knowledge. If anything of the sort were to occur it would cause sincere regret at the Vatican, for anyone who goes up there can tell you that he has gained the confidence and appreciation of the Holy See to the full, and never more than in the rather difficult dip lomatic times through which have been passing lately.

FROM THE MISSIONS

Sister Marguerite, Nyeri, January 31st, writes: "This year in addition to the sad consequences of the long and terrible War which are felt everywhere, we have to bear the out of every department of education disastrous effects of an incessant the Michigan plotters are circulating rain which has lasted almost the ena petition for an amendment to the tire year. It has rendered absolute Constitution, which will make ly impossible the cultivation of the attendance at the State schools fields which is the only source of obligatory upon all children between riches the black man has, as well a his sole means of subsistance. At It is not urged in support of this present it ought to be hot as summer with us, preparatory to the rains which come in April and May. On that, supported as they are by puone that, supported as they are by puone funds, the State schools have scored an unqualified success in the difficult rential rain which sweeps away all the hopes of the unhappy natives. 'Ngaragu' . . 'Ngaragu' . . 'I am hungry' . . 'I am hungry,' is what one hears on every side.

Each day the negroes come to us in numbers begging a little buck wheat or a few potatoes for an alms and it

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. . . Obviously, there is plenty of

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In these days when some twenty million soldiers, sword in hand, are showing each other what love of country really means it is of interest to hear the words of one of the most to hear the words of one of the most to hear the words of one of the most to hear the words of one of the most to hear the words of the Church is the words of the wor country really means it is of interest to hear the words of one of the most prominent Princes of the Church in Italy, Cardinal Ferrari, Archbishop of Milan, on the subject. In his recent pastoral His Eminence says: "Love of country is one of the most sacred duties imposed on us by the Author of nature. When, then, there is question of a country so beautiful as our Italy is, I would say love of fatherland should be particularly is convention in a Methodist church.

a kingdom for all nations and all peoples."—The Monitor.

FINDING RELIGION

The war is not all gloom. There is something else to record besides bombarded cathedrals and destroyed works of art. Physical suffering there has been in abundance, yet as the brighter side of the picture there is to be considered the fact that affliction has in a multitude of cases

brought men nearer to God. Looking at the matter from the coint of view of the Church we find that some fifteen thousand converts have been made since the beginning of the trench days. These are not random figures, rather do they fall below the actuality. The work of keeping account of religious condi tions in the army is well systematized among the English Catholics. The chaplains are required to report from their own experience and from their findings it is seen to what extent

there has been a revival of interest in spiritual things.

But the work of conversion has had success not only in the trenches and army hospitals. Over on this side, we have not realized the steadi-ness of the flow of converts back to the Catholic Church. It is not so

merely for these years of war.
For years past the number of converts has been remarkable. For a long time the average number of conversions has been more than eight thousand. The past year the number has increased to over ten thousand. And when one considers that in this great number are to be reckoned not only those who personally have been converted, but in most cases the many who in one way or another will come under their influence, and will eventually find the way back to the Church, one sees what reason there is for joy at the reviving glory of the Church in a country where not so many years ago it was a thing to be scorned.

What has done this? After the grace of God, which is always the great factor in conversion one must find that the way has been prepared by the War. The War has made people think. The thinking has not always been accurate. In some cases it has led to the inanities of Mr. Britling and his new god; in others to the attempt to solve all difficulties by spiritualism as with Mr. Conan Doyle. Both have tained a following. The two systems of religion are empty things. the one thing they do show is desire of many to get at the heart of religion. And surely it is a hopeful sign when in a world that was presumed to have declared that it could get along very well without God, there appears on every side an interest in the soul, even though those first strivings are weak. The world is learning the lesson of sacrifice and with that learned it is possible to speak of the things of God, His law

and His Love.

It has a lesson for us all. We that have the blessed gift of faith should burn with zeal for others to have it too. And in these times when men are forced to be serious minded there is good ground in which to sow the seed. Men are turning to God. It should be our effort to lead them the whole way to the faith which alone can solve the problems of their souls .- Boston Pilot.

PROHIBITION ON THE HUSTINGS

Quite recently the population of the peaceful city of Baltimore was the law which makes the child merely the ward of a secular State is conceived in a spirit of insolence and gross tyranny. It is a return to that paganism, set forth so eloquently by certain German philosophers of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, which would tear down God, to set in His place, a bureaucratic State, supreme in every sphere of human activity.

The peaceful city of Baltimore was increased by the addition of a man plant of much sweetness and light by flitting thence to Maryland for the sake of bringing salvation to the Orioles, through a prohibition bill. Both of the gentle creatures were of the Methodist persuasion: as a consequence they talked and talked and talked and talked again and then again, and their topic was as ever the iniquity of the measurement of the Methodist persuasion: as a consequence they talked and talked again and then again, and their topic was as ever the iniquity of the measurement of the Methodist persuasion: as a consequence they talked and talked again and then again, and their topic was as ever the iniquity of the measurement in peaceful city of Baltimore was increased by the addition of a man and as woman who deprived Albany of much sweetness and light by flitting thence to Maryland for the orion or the orion of the methodist persuasion: as a consequence they talked and talked and talked and talked again and then again, and their topic was as ever the iniquity of the measurement in case of the subjoined table of contents, some of these kindred topics are treated in the present volume, which will be found to be as "bright, edifying thence to Maryland for the orion of the method and the orion of the method and a woman who deprived Albany of much sweetness and light by fitting thence to Maryland for the orion orion or the mand has been killed. His head was increased by the addition of a man and a woman who deprived Albany of much sweetness and light by fitting thence to Maryland for the orion orion or the mand has been killed. His head and a woman who deprived Alba their topic was as ever the iniquity of interview and apparently forgot to allow his emotions to filter through his brains, for he dropped wisdom

intended for the elect only. Said he:
"We must have prohibition in order
to end this Catholic Church business. They cannot exist without booze. The streets of Baltimore are going to run with blood within a year, and it is run with blood within a year, and itis going to be over the question of this Mass business. Why, they are having Mass in the Y. M. C. A. huts. One of our members wrote us from Texas that Mass was said in the Y. M. C. A. huts at Camp Funston, and we have continued complaints from other sources. What is the matter with the Y. M. C. A.? I intend to find out, and we are going to keep the wine from going to those huts, if we can-not stop this Popish business in any other way. The Catholic Church cannot live without liquor. Their Mass goes to the dogs when the National Prohibition Amendment is written into the Constitution.

our Italy is, I would say love of fatherland should be particularly strong; embellished as she is with a great and singular glory, the daughter of Religion, of Science, of Art, Italy, according to the will of God, has the Center of that glorious, indomitable Kingdom which Jesus Christ came to found on earth so that it might be

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O'MARA.—At his late residence, 69 Dundas street, London, on Wednes-day, April 17, Michael Francis O'Mara, in his fifty-ninth year. May

his soul aest in peace.

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