Some Theories Regarding the Attitude of the Great English Statesman Towards The Church.

Reminiscences of the Early Spiritual Troubles of the Grand Old Man.

Innominato, in the New York Sun,

The death of the Grand Old Man has caused keen emotion among those surrounding the Holy Father and has made a deep impression on Leo XIIIhimself. Between the 'eternal young man of the Vatican' and the old man of Hawarden there was a similarity of fortune, of age, and of mind, which, instead of bringing them together, perhans contributed to keep them apart from each other in decisive circumstances. Mr. Gladstone, tike Leo XIII., possessed universality of knowledge and of mind. A theologian, a writer, a statesman, a critic, an exegetist, an orator, he embraced in himself all branches of intellectual activity. Like Leo XIII., he took up and retained power at the period when men give up business. He conceived at the end of life great plans and vast thoughts. Like Leo XIII., he had that divine, incomparable flexibility of mind which gives to its privileged possessors eternal youth, the uninterrupted giving out and adap tation of the principles that were the guiding stars of their existence in the contingencies and new conditions of each period. Leo XIII might be called, in more than one respect, the Gladstone of the Papacy, just as Gladstone deserves. in a manner the surname of the English

Universal and ever young they have been able to lend their genius to all the transformations of the century and to retain the higher direction of the chief currents of history. Why, then, in spite of this kinship, have the two men hardly understood each other?

Mr. Gladstone, from 1840 on, was a man of a deeply religious nature. He managed to preserve the fervor of his faith into extreme old age. A few days ago he was discussing with his youthful suppleness the pains of hell and the hardest theological problems. The friend of Mauning and Newman, he had followed the Oxford movement with fruitful sympathy. His friends counted on his conversion. But his intellectual relations with Lord Acton and with Döllinger closed the paths of the future to the great statesman. At the time of the Vatican Council, the head of the Munich Old Catholic party, already won over to Herr von Bismarck's views, exer cised a disastrous influence over Gladstone. With his historical knowledge Parliamentary Party with the object and his diabolical obstinacy Döllinger of arranging a basis of reunion. instilled day by day into his friend his That it be a condition that in bitter hatred against the primacy of the Pope, and against his infallibility. In the heat of opposition he came to decry the whole supernatural mechanism of the Church's government. Dr. Döllinger to the heads of the Parnellite Party." nment. Dr. Doninge: inoculated Mr. Gladstone with the preju dices against the Holy See and against Catholicism, which he preserved in part to the tomb.

Thanks to the Bismarckian theologian. Gladatone looked on the Vatican Council as a conspiracy against the independ ence of nations and against the rights of States and of society. His "Vatican ism," published after that great event, was nothing more than an echo of his talk with Döllinger, the wrathful cry of a man who, close to the sanctuary, felt all the illusions with which he had filled his soul melt away. The book on "Vaticanism," it may be remembered, took the proportions of a political act. Manning, Newman, Ketteler, Fessler, all the theologians of Catholicism, proved to the noble dupe how unjust his pamphlet was and how incorrect his thesis. At Rome the scandal was great. All his life long Gladstone suffered for his mistake. It was not known to every one from what a height Gladstone fell and of what a mystification he had been the Victim. Leo XIII. absorbed the passions of that excited period, and, despite the suppleness of his mind and the loftiness of his soul, could not rid himself of recollections burned with fire into

When Mr. Gladstone, in 1882, sent Mr. Errington on a confidential mission to Rome, Leo XIII.'s mistrust awoke once more. Could be count on the loyal assistance of the author of 'Vaticanism'? Through his imprudent acts and his lack of tact, Mr. Errington increased the natural uneasiness of the Holy Sec. At that time Leo XIII. was beginning to place confidence again in Cardinal Manning, who, in renewing his mental prccesses and his methods of work, warned the Holy See against traps. Manning was one of Leo XIII a secret advisers. He sent Leo XIII. in those days of un certainty reports containing incomparatly lofty views, not only on the Irish question, but on the new direction taken by the Holy See and by Catholicism.

Although these documents have never been published, I have had the good for tune to see them. The reports were the final results of the experience of the great convert, and the brief outline of a new conception of the part to be played by the Papacy and the Church. He deweloped in them the master thought that the time of the dynastics is past and that the future belongs to the peoples; that in this transformation the Papacy has a broader mission, that it must give up the form of government created through an agreement between the moral power and the dynasties, that is, the nunciatures and the embassies; that the true and only intermediaries between Rome and the peoples are the must be the goal, the new ideal of O. bolicism. Manning carved these sides into short luminous formulas, like Bishops; that Christian democracy

the inscriptions on medals. The best part of the substance of these reports has passed into the social and political patrimony of the present pontificate.

The Anglo-Roman understanding, at the cost of Ireland, whose liberty and improvement Leo XIII., in spite of appearances, was seeking, did not come to pass. Gladatone fell from power. With his astunding flexibility he conceived the idea of home rule. Like Manning, he had reached the final climacteric of his life. He, too, saw that England had reached the end of her liberal conservative career, and that democracy was to be the law of the world. Home rule became in his thoughts the Irish expression of his new creed. He travelled through Italyin 1888 and 1889 bearing this new world in his vast brain. He foretold a rapid decline for the Quirinal on account of the old liberalism which was the foundation of the "third Rome." From Florence he requested the honor of an audience with Leo XIII, in order to explain to the "White Man" his plans for the future of Ireland. But the Tories were on the watch. Like the courts of Vienna and Berlin they have powerful retainers at Rome-cardinals, prelates, foreign colonies. These go-betweens be-sieged Leo XIII., they revived his former mistrust, spoke of Gladstone as an old revolutionist, added to the threats of the Conservative promises for the future and for an understanding, and, in fine, managed so well that Gladstone returned to Hawarder without having seen Leo XIII.

The friends of the two great old men have always regretted these misunderstandings. Some thought with a future before it would certainly have resulted from a prolonged interview between tuem. Who knows but that Mr. Gladstone would have passed over the invisible boundary that rose between him and us! Gladstone's last effort with Leo XIII. failed as the others had. It is well known that in the matter of the validity of Anglican ordinations Gladstone had joined in Lord Halifax's attempts. A fatality hung over the woodcnopper of Hawarden. As the negotiators for an understanding with Rome opened their preliminary negotiations by unluckily asking Rome for a dogmatic decision, Leo XIII. was obliged to speak to Mr. Gladstone and his friends in the tone of a doctor instead of using that of the politician.

Gladstone is dead but his ideas are ripening. Beyond the artificial barriers of politics we see Ireland recovering her independence and England taking on a democratic form. Like Leo XIII. he was, at the age when most men are decrepit, a pioneer and an innovator.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The amendment to the resolution was a most important one and was carried unanimously:

That we invite the Parnellite Party to accept the repeated invitations which have have been addressed to them to confer with the members of the Irish

Before the Convention adjourned it was decided to make arrangements for a visit to Ireland. "God Save Ireland" brought a brilliant meeting to a close.

CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE. ECHOES FROM LONDON.

Cross-bearers and acolytes, a statue of the Madonna and large crucifixion, with bands, banners and bannerets, were con spicuous, but excited no remonstrances or remarks from the Protestants. Hymn singing was er couraged in the procession when the bands were not playing. Lancashire is one of the most Catholic parts of England, and Catholicity flourishes in all its larger cities and towns. At Preston, one of the largest towns, for the fifty-sixth time, the Catholic Guild par aded all the principal streets on Whit-Monday, making what is described by the local papers as a gorgeous display. The most perfect order existed throughout, and all onlookers seemed fully impressed.

Lieutenant Dugmore, whose brave conduct with his Nubians in Unryo, is said by Bishop Hanlon, in a letter addressed to the Tablet, to have saved all the Europeans in Uganda, is a Catholic and an old boy of the Oratory School, Edghaston. "The Oratorians," says the Bishop, "should be proud of their boy's heroism."

The Liquor and Drug Habits

MONTREAL, July 14th, 1897. MR. A. HUTTON DIXON:

Dear Sir,-Since using your treatment all desire for liquor has gone I have now not the least crave. I was run down so that my family were in despair of me. I had often tried hard to stop drinking of my own accord, but could not do it. I thought I could never get over the crave for liquor. But when I took your treatment I was the most surprised man you ever saw. Even with all your strong testimonials and all I was told by friends about your cure I could not believe it possible that anything could have the power to effect such a change in me as it has done I now feel just as I did

when I was a boy. And the change in my home is worth ten years of my life. Instead of heart-broken and anxious faces there are now smiles and gladness. I tell you no pencan paint the picture so

as to show the difference. I know there are hundreds of victims who want to stop drinking and who have squarely tried many times, as I did, without success. To all such I would say, "Use the Dixon Cure," for it is only by using it faithfully that anyone can be made to believe what wonderful good it will do. I or any of my family will be glad to answer any ic terested enquirers. Wishing you God-apsed in your good work,

Yours very truly, Rev. Father Strubbe, Vicar of St. Ann's, Vouches for the Above: I have been acquainted with the case described in the foregoing letter and I testify sincerely to the contents.

E. STRUBER, C.SS.R.

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MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA

Proceedings at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Address by Mr. Hague-Pesition of the Bank Explained-Discussion by Shareholders.

The annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Merchants Bank was held Wednesday afternoon, in the Board Room. Mr. Andrew Alian (President) was in the chair, and was supported by Messrs. Hector Mackenzie (Vice-Presi dent), Montagu Allan. John Cassils. J. P. Dawes, Jonathan Hodgson. Robert Mackay, and Thea. Long, (Toronto), members of the Board of Directors; G. Hague, General Manager, and Thos. Fyche, Joint General Manager.

There was a large attendance of shareholders, including Senator O'Brien, Messre. John Crawford, John Morrison, E. D Hood, Alexander McDougall, A. M. Crombie, A. F. Riddell, W. R. Miller, M. S. Foley, James Moore, J. P. Cleg-horn, Edward Rawlings, G. Strathy, G. Richard White, W. M. Dobell, Michael Burke, Jas. Williamson, Henry Burbeau, G. M. Kingnorn, A. T. Higgins n, A. C. Cumming, Charles Alexander, and Capt. Beryon.

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT. The report of the Directors was read

as follows:-

The Directors beg to report to the Stockholders the result of the year's operations, and a'so of the special examination of doubtful assets, securities and properties made by the Joint General Manager.

The ordinary profits of the Ban . have been diminished by pressure of compe tition, but the losses arising from failures of customers during the year have been small, with, however, one excep tion, arising from a very heavy shrinkage in value of the security held for an important account, necessitating a large appropriation out of the profits of the year to meet it.

The working of the business of the vear has, therefore, been as follows: -

Net profits, after payment of interest and charges, and providing for bad and doubtful debts, accruing during the year, including

the above named, were \$440,437 96 Balance from last year..... 141,717 22

Out of which the usual dividends were paid of eight

Leaving a balance of..... \$102,155 10 The special examination resulted in appropriations and adi'stm'nis at Head Office and Branches (after deduct-

ing Contingent \$408,941 30 And Bank premises and furniture were re-

44 372 00 duced..... **\$**453 **31**3 **30**

This was met by a transfer from Rest Account of.....

Leaving a bal-ance to be carried forward to next year of....

48,841 88 \$502 155 18 \$502 155.18

The Directors trust that there may be considerable recoveries from these ap propriations, but it has been deemed most desirable to make large allow

ances for contingencies.

The volume of business of the Bank has been well maintained, so far as Deposits and Circulation are concerned. but the diminished demand for mercan tile Loans and Discounts is reflected in the balance sheet. A corresponding increase will be found in the investments of the Bank in Bonds, Debentures and Call Loans.

The large developments of business in the Northwest have led to the consideration of favorable opportunities for business there, and branches have been opened at Portage la Proirie, Neepawa and Souris in Manitoba, at Medicine Hat in Assiniboia and Edmonton in Alb:rta.

The expenses connected with the opening of these branches have been considerable, and have added to the charges for the year. The Directors trust that hereafter they may prove a steady source of profit to the Bank.

The Bank already possesses the nucleus of a Pension Fund, but there has hitherto been difficulty in organizing it on a proper basis. It is, however, the R. Marler, T. B. Brown, Campbell intention of the Board to give attention Nelles, James Crathern, G. W. Robinson, to the matter during the coming year. and it is hoped that a carefully considered scheme may be presented for adoption at a future meeting.

Meantime the annual cost of the pensions allowed to various former efficers forms a part of the annual charges of the Bank.

The various officers of the Bank have lischarged their duties to the satisfacion of the Board. All respectfully submitted.

ANDREW ALLAN.

Montreal, June 9, 1898.

The President then called upon Mr. Hague, General Manager, for a few remarks upon the report. It was moved by the President, and

seconded by the Vice-President, that the report of the Directors, as submitted, b . and the same is hereby adopted and ordered to be printed for distribution among the stockholders. Carried. Mr. Crawford moved "that the thanks

of the Snareholders are due and are hereby tendered to the President, Vicc-President and Directors for the manner in which they have conducted the institution during the past year."

Mr. James Crathern seconded the motion, which was carried. The Hon. James O'Brien moved, and Mr. Charles Alexander seconded, the

\$582 155 18 following resolution: That Messrs.

Michael Barke and James Williamson be appointed actutineers for the election of Directors about to take place, and media ely; that the ballot shall close at 3 o'clock p.m.; but if an interval of ten minutes elapse without a vote being tendered the ballot shall be closed im mediately. Carried.

Mr. Williamson moved, and Mr. Burke seconded, a vite of thanks to the Chair man for his efficient conduct of the bus iness of the meeting, which was carried by acclamation.

THE DIRECTORS.

The ballot for the election of Directors resulted in the re-election of the old Board without exception: Mesers. An drew Allan, Hector Mackenzie, Jonathan Hodgson, John Cassils, H. Montagu Allan, Jas. P. Dawes, T. H. Dunn, Root. Mackay and Thomas Long. The new Board met the same day, when Mr. Andrew Allan was re elected President, and 400 000 00 Mr Hector Mackenzie, Vice President.

THE GENERAL STATEMENT

Of Liabilities and Assets at 31st May, 1898, was as follows:-

LIABILITIES.

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Notes in circulation	0 900 981 78	2,000 010 00	2 554 992 9
Deposits not bearing interest\$	2 000,001.70		
Deposits bearing interest	9,895,205.90		8,765,341.5
nterest due thereon to date	71,157 96		78,565.3
Deposits of Canadian Banks keeping			
Accounts with this Bank	917,281 82		670,447.9
Account with the De-		\$13,693,007 44	
Balance due to Canadian Banks in Daily		710,000,001 11	
		6,923.83	1.431.3
Exchanges		0,020.00	
Balances due to Agenta in Great Britain	********	**********	373,089.0
Dividend No. 59		240,000.00	240 000.0
Dividends unclaimed	•••••	76 7.5 0	1,398
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2 —To the Stockholders.			
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6.000,000 00 3,000,000 00 Capital paid up......\$ 6 000,000 00 141,717.22 8,648 841 88 74,695.00 Contingent Account.....

\$25 425,413 65 **\$**24 259 340 58 ASSETS. 378 449 82 372 580 89 Gold and Silver Coin on hand..... 1 121,269 00 1,044,748 00 789 898 05 720,125 59 Balances due by other Canadian Banks in Account 173671 121 031 34 138,484 29 Balances due by Banks and Agents in the United 604 978.14

States.....

Dominion Government Bonds.... 1,181 623 99 1 355 866 64 937 007 32 Railway, Municipal and other Debentures..... 1 221,854 46 398,928 86 Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks..... 1,849,759.22 1,350 163.83 Total arsets immediately available..... \$7,989,441 48 **\$5,549 563.97** Time Loans on Binds and Stocks......\$ 492 430.35 555 574 (0 Other Loans and Discoun s (less reserv-16 894 136 61

147,454 89 vided o)..... 16,523,976 39 Deposit with Dominion Government for security of Note Circulation..... 159 312 70 159 312.70 Mortgages and other Securities, the property of the Bank..... Real Estate..... 48 137 20 26 897 18 Bank Premises and Furniture..... 532 945.04 559 848 70 Other Assets..... 27 662 11 - 14,036.42

In addition to the liabilities shown in this statement, the Bank is under obligation to pay \$12 031 yearly in pensions to retired officers, for which there is no special provision in the Amete.

G. HAGUE, General Manager. THIS, FYEHE, Joint Goneral Manager.

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ZMANANANANANANANANANANA 毫 NOTES ON FOREIGN CATHOLIC NEWS,

Holy Father still possesses was given recently when he went to the long and trying ceremony of consecrating Cardinal Precis as Archbishop of Naples in the Sistine chapel, the ceremony lasting over three hours. Cardinal Precis was the Spanish Academy of Art; the Duke much affected at being consecrated by the Pope's own hands, and when embracing him at the end of the ceremony he burst into tears.

The Holy Father's espousal of the case of Cardinal Ferrari, Archbishop of Milan, has led to infinitely greater re sults than any one could have foreseen. The Pope issued a letter, taking part with the persecuted prelate, and so great a commotion was caused by the discussion it gave rise to in the press of the country, that it brought about the downfall of the Italian Cabinet. This is another evidence that it is vain for any political administration to under take a campaign against the Church. Bismarck, on the one hand, and Crispi. on the other, have both realized this, and men of smaller calibre should have known better than to ignore the fact.

A couple of months since, the impression prevailed that there was some serious friction bet ween the Russian Government and the Holy See, but that idea is happily dispelled by the fact that on Tuurday, the first of June, a grand ban-quet was given at the Russian legation to the Vatican. The list of guests included four Cardinals, the Pope's Grand Chamberlain, the Pontifical Secretary of S are, the Austria, Spanish, Portuguese. Russian and French Ambassadors and many other distinguished personages. The utmost cordiality prevailed and speeches were made proclaiming the thorough harmony and concord which now exists between the Vatican and the Kremlin. The event gave great satisfaction to the Holy Father, and will undoubtedly be productive of bappy results to the Catholics of the Muscovite Em-

An humble Franciscan Friar, but one who nolds a high place in the affections of use people has been called to his reward and Rome mourns his loss. Padre Templici no died on the lat June, in the Hospice of St. Margaret, on the southern slope of the Aventine. This institution, with several others, he founded himself; it was his title to the esteem of the people of Italy as it will ever be a monument to his honour. In when making purchases, mention Italy those institutions, which are numerous in England and other places where the paper

weak and falling women are looked after, and induced, by humane treatment and kindness, to return to the paths of rectitude, were scarce. The Hospice of St. Margaret was founded or this class of women and it worked wenders in their reformation and permanent restoration to a virtuous mode of

The fourth centenary of the discovery of the Indies was made the occasion of a highly interesting gathering in the Grand Hall of the Roman Seminary recently. Cardinal Vannutelli deliveren an address in which he dwelt on the Inportant part played by Portugal at the end of the fifteenth century, when ; an human civilization. A number of cratters followed the Cardinal, and with recistion and music and poems in Latin, Portuguese and Syriac by Cardinale Jacobini and Parocchi, Moneigner Giobbi and others, a highly prefitable entertainment was provided and the commemoration of the discovery of the Indies was duly honored.

When the present Vatican Observatory was founded by Leo XIII., it was with the expressed desire on his part that it would become one of the most noted and useful in the world. It is gratifying to know that the landable ambition of His Holiness is being realized as fully as time and opportunity will permit.

At the International Congress of Billion liography, which has just terminated the sittings at Paris, the domain of asymomy was almost entirely reserved to a Vatican astronomer, Rev. Father B 3. cardi. The reports of this scholarly priest on astro photography were of the most interesting kind, and some of the photographs which he presented consined no fewer than 32,000 stars. Father Boccardi is still a young man. but he is already well known to scientists. A work compiled by him, and about to be published at the Vatican Press. is a catalogue of the orbits and specifications of 200,000 stars.

The birthday of the young King of Spain, the godson of His Holiness Pope Leo. was duly honored and solemn services were held at the Spanish national church S. Maria a Monseratto. The church was beautifully adorned and illuminated. In special choir stalls were their Eminences Cardinals Rampolla, Parocchi, Di Pietro, Vincenzo, Vannutelli. Satolli, and Agliardi. The High Mass was sung by Mgr. Adami Arch-bishop of Canarea attended by the Spanish Seminarists and accompanied by a select choir under Maestro Filippo Capocci. At its termination Cardinal Rampolla intoned the "Te Deum" and GRATIFYING evidence of the vigor the the prayer "Pro Pace," and afterwards gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A very large gathering was present. In positions of honour were the Spanish Ambassador to the Holy See, Senor Merry del Val; the Spanish Consul, Sener Zammit y Romero; Mgr. Merry del Val; Senor Vera, Director of of San Martino di Montalbo, the representatives of religious Orders in Rome, and many other Spanish dignituries, both ecclesisatical and lay. The Haly Father addressed the customary letter of congratulation to his young godson for the occasion.

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It is a wise child that goes out of the room to laugh when the old man mashes his thumb.



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