

#### CATHOLICS NEARING ANGLICAN TOTAL

Is the time within measurable distance when the Catholics in England will be equal numerically

Only a short time ago Cardinal Bourne told the boys at the Jesuit College at Stonyhurst that their generation would see a more wonderful advance in the Catholic osition than had been seen in the past fifty years.

BISHOP OF DURHAM'S FIGURES

The Protestant Bishop of Durham in the columns of the Morning Post, has been taking the Anglo-Catholics, so-called, to task for many things of which this modern-istic prelate heartily disapproves. Among other things, this bishop says that the Church of England, meaning the Anglican Church, has no less than two and one-fourth million communicants. If the figures are reliable, they

are an interesting revelation. To realize the true significance of these figures, one needs to look back a little over the past history of the National Church. Brought into being by the revolt against Rome and foun ed over the prostrate and outraged body of the ancient Catholic Church, this creation of the State started in life with every conceivable advantage. It enjoyed the ancient Catholic cathedral and parish churches with the pious endowments given through centur-ies by Catholic benefactors. Num-erous Acts of Parliament were passed to its advantage, with the intention at the same time of temping out ond uttale doctors. stamping out and utterly destroy-ing the Catholic religion. No imaginable privilege of the law was omitted. Yet today, on the state-ment of one of its own bishops, it counts very little more than two and one-fourth million practicing adherents.

On the other hand, what is the Catholic position? For more than three centuries the Catholics were **Don't Throw Your Old Carpets Away** the victims of legal persecution and political propaganda ordained to their extinction. Less than a hundred years ago they were practically outlaws, being deprived of their rights as citizens until

Today, the Catholics in England and Wales number just under two million. The statistics taken for 1921 gave their exact number as 1,965,787—there is no reason for doubting that at the present moment they have reached, and possibly passed, the two million mark !— H. C. Watts.

#### ENGLISH CATHOLICS FORM ASSOCIATION

London, Nov. 12.—A new Catholic association has just been started in London which, while in no way comparable to the great Catholic athletic and gymnastic societies of the Continent, such as the "Eagles" of Cranche Slowskie, in set a starting of Czecho-Slovakia, is yet a step in this direction.

The new organization, which is to foster sport among the Catholic parochial clubs, is to be known as the Catholic Athletic Association. The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster has so far approved of this organization, that he has consented to take office as Patron.

Russell, a Lord Justice of the Court of King's Bench and son of the late Lord Chief Justice, Lord Russell of Killowen, is the presi-

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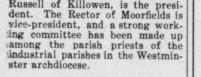




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