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" THE SHEPHERD OF THE NORTH '

fallen on the Rev. Richard Aumerle Maher, O. S. A., of Havanna, Cuba.

This novel-whose title we ventured to call unattractive, even repellant-has been published in book form by Benziger under the title of The Heart of a Man." In this story we have a vivid picture of the conditions which make for Socialism and lawlessness and at the same time that call imperatively for the healing spiritual influence of religion.

Here Father Maher deals with a concrete condition — "a condition little better than slavery itself, to quote Leo XIII.-in a concrete way. There is no theoretical denunciation, no empty-handed destructive criticism, none of the abstract orthodoxy that leaves the real problemthe cause of Socialism-untouched. No; he makes God's priest go down amongst his people and face squarely the problems that enter into their very life-blood. There is no shirking the awful fact that their condition is little better than slavery itself. With Father Maher it is no abstract question of to be free. It is real life with real life tragedies; the human heart pulsing with all the human passions and emotions. And all held in the relentless grip of the up-to-date Ebenezer Scrooge-the modern captain of industry, acting entirely within his legal rights while depriving his workmen of every human right, even the right to live. Thus Father Maher comes to

grips with realities; but if he does not theorize about principles and dogmatic truths he is far from shirking the much more difficult task of their practical application.

The eternal and spiritual are supreme; but the temporal and material are as actual and insistent in his pages as in real life. Man does not live by bread alone but he must have bread.

This strong and fascinating story

the humblest ranks of labor. Indeed it is characteristic of the own taxes, they would be entirely wholesome, optimistic belief of willing to let the French run their Father Maher that he paints no evil own schools in their own way.

character in unrelieved colors. Clifford W. Stanton, who controls the Orangemen don't want that ; and the railway interests, like John Sargent directly interested French-Canadians in the earlier story who controlled won't have it. Nevertheless our the mills, has the heart of a man. Interwoven with the lives of those

the "Irish Separatists" and the whom the reader comes to love is the "Orangistes" alike, ring the changes secret of the confessional - that on the Prussianism of Ontario which tremendous seal of secrecy that can will not allow them to "educate in be broken for no consideration on their own language their own chil earth

dren in their own schools main-Rafe Gadbeau dragging himself up tained by their own taxes!" to the bare rocks where the Bishop In Ottawa where there are two sets and Ruth Lansing have taken refuge of Separate schools our modest and from the appalling devastation of ill-used French-Canadian friends are the forest fire, confesses to the determined to control the English

Bishop that he had shot Rodgers. Ruth standing as far away as pos- the special difficulty at the Capital. A year and a half ago in reviewing sible over-heard the dying man "Socialism or Faith," then running shriek out this part of his confession. question. The well-informed people as a serial story in the Ecclesiastical Jeffrey Whiting, whom the Bishop of Ontario are quite clear on the Review, we expressed the belief that loves with a father's love and Ruth matter. They believe that the the mantle of Father Sheehan had loves with the love of woman, is French-Canadians of Quebec are charged with the murder. using the school system to consoli-

We shall not attempt a resumé of date and extend the French-speaking which develops. Suffice it to say Ontario, where the French Canadians of their constitutional leaders. that with his intense and unques- by their language are segregated tioning faith in the spiritual, with from the rest of the population. While holding that French has his knowledge of the human heart in all its natural human weakness, but equal rights with English, not only his knowledge, too, of its super- in Quebec but in every province of natural strength, the priestly author Canada, the advocates of bilingualism realistically portrays the situation

which any Catholic-and perhaps bent on controlling Ontario, or any only a Catholic-can readily understand.

Clean, wholesome, full of action and full of human interest; the spiritual always unobtrusively dominating and explaining the material, 'The Shepherd of the North" is far and away more true to real life than the novel which makes the joys and griefs, passions and emotions of the human heart the ultimate motives of human conduct.

LANGUAGE NOT RELIGION Commenting on the introduction of bilingualism into the debates of the doctrines of Karl Marx and the the House of Commons, Toronto have unity of view in its guidance, dogmas of the Church. His people Saturday Night asserts that it is a and abundance of instruments in live and toil and suffer and struggle question with which Protestants carrying it out? The wisdom of the have only an indirect interest as it is essentially a dispute between "two and Russell, the county of Nipissing, branches of the Roman Catholic and the territories of New Ontario are completely conquered to our Church."

> the same subject says in effect the same thing and further declares that it originated with Bishop Fallon. There may be differences of opin-

ion on the importance or on the merits of the bilingual controversy, it may have been right or it may have been wrong to bring it within the purview of federal politics ; but there can be no difference of opinion as to the necessity of being informed as to the facts before dis-

We have stated these facts before. Nevertheless the statements of the papers cited above-and others need of restating them.

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the foremost leaders of capital or in with bilingual schools-were given the case of new districts to stay the exclusion of God from His own question to the fore again and given laud him and others like him to control of their own schools and their away. The terms "invasion" and "conquest" are appropriate.

This it is that makes the bilingual if not denied. No doubt there are ated, may ever be arrived at on the school question a language question many individuals, outside of the body subject, but it is important neverthethat affects all Ontario irrespective of the Church, who still cling to less that the attitude of so profound of religion.

THE NATIONALIST MANIFESTO Sane, dignified, forceful, convincing is the manifesto of the Irish Parliamentary Farty to the people of Ireland.

"Either Ireland is to be given over to unsuccessful revolution and anarchy, or the constitutional movement is to have the full support of

the Irish people and go on till it has completed its work.' Calmly, without exaggeration, in victories won, the reforms achieved by constitutional means. Whatever and anti-clericals of the Sinn Fein might have in the past, in the light of their recent futile and infantile recourse to physical force, the Irish people may be trusted to respond the intensely dramatic situation districts they already hold in whole-heartedly to the solemn appeal

T. P. O'Connor's letter will throw some light on the situation both as regards Irish and English opinion.

It is hard to see how even a section of the people of Ireland could for a time fail to recognize that the Irish Party have achieved the greatest triumphs in the parliamentary history of the world.

In the editorial, "Ireland, Let us Face the Realities," from the Chronicle, London, England, we have evidence that the people of England are fully alive to the anomalies of the Irish situation, and it is well that Irishmen everywhere should realize that it is a grievous mistake to hold England, as a whole, responsible for what the best judgment of the overwhelming majority of Englishmen

A SECOND SPRING

Judging from the signs on the religious horizon of to-day, the great popular cult of the next period in the Church's history will be devotion to the Holy Ghost. As an evidence of this we might point to the increase of zeal with which both clergy and laity are entering into the spirit of the Pentecostal novena. When Leo XIII. ordered this novena to be made. his instructions did not at first meet with a very enthusiastic response It is true that the people, unlike those to whom St. Paul preached, believed in the Holy Ghost ; but their knowledge was too vague to call forth any spontaneous outpourings of the heart. This was due to at least two causes. First of all this devotion is so purely spiritual that it appeals solely to faith, unaided by any natural impulses. We can form conceptions of Our Lord or His Blessed Mother. "After having assured its positions we can idealize them because they in the Province of Quebec, our colonizing advance-guard did not rest satisfied. It invaded the English possess our nature ; but the Holy Ghost, being a pure spirit, does not

emotions. Again, is it not true, that the feast of Pentecost has often been let pass without any adequate explanation of its religious significance ? Coinciding as it does with the month of the Sacred Heart, pastors were prone to lay stress upon the devotion that "At the same time since the con- they knew would appeal to the people rather than upon the one which they deemed perhaps too spiritual to be adapted to the capacity many priests will admit that the obligation imposed upon them by the decree of the Holy Father, to prepare the people by special devotions and the principle of "docendo discimus" opened up new vistas in their own

creation. Outside of the Catholic renewed zest to the enquiry. the very skies as saints and heroes. Church the supernatural is ignored, Nothing definite, as we have intim

tions beyond this world of sense; but subject of religious belief should be It is not in any sense the property of speculation. He saw the crumbling

the sect to which they claim allegi- of the ancient fabric of Belief and ance. The only lodestone that will the rise in its place in the England draw men out of this slough of which he loved of almost universal materialism into which they have doubt. That he was sensible of the blindly sunk, and in which they are preciousness of the heritage which tearing at each other's throats and had thus ruthlessly been cast away vainly groping for peace and light, is at the bidding of a licentious king his that Spirit of Truth, that Spirit plays abundantly prove, and that he Ye Dead!" which a contemporary sober language they recount the of Charity, that Supernatural found his highest inspiration in the characterizes as "a series of appalling Power that came down from Catholic ideals of the past no thought- revelations," and which may well be heaven on the day of Pentecost. ful student of them can deny. But accepted as such in face of the success the poets, dreamers, socialists That was the first springtime of the that he was himself what we call a statistics furnished as to the progress. Church. The earth was void and practical Catholic is by no means so of race-suicide in Scotland generally empty of virtue, of charity and of certain. truth. But the Spirit of God breathed upon it, through the lips of those

THE LATEST contribution from a tongues of fire, and the face of the subject which has grown up in

recent years, is that of the Domini-May we not hope that a second can Father, Thomas M. Schwertner springtime of grace is near at hand, in the Rosary Magazine for April. that the winter of national hatred, the clouds of doubt and despair, the His conclusion, we may say at the bleak, chilling winds of greedy outset, is adverse to the poet's Cathmaterialism may give way before the olicity, at least to his practical Cathkindly warmth of that Spirit that olicity. In support of the view that still dwells in our midst though he was a Catholic there is, as the many know Him not. If men but Dominican calls to mind, realized what the Church is, they undoubted fact that both his parents would go to her for light and consol. were so, and faithfully practised ation. Armies, weary of slaughter, their religion. There is also the cry out in anguish "If Christ were rather significant fact that seventy but here we would go to Him, we years after the poet's death, a cerwould listen to Him, we would tain Protestant divine called Davies, obey Him; but we cannot go declared that Shakespeare "dyed a ficed half its children in 44 years. It to an institution, however venerable. Papist" - a statement which may It must be an individual." That is well have represented the popular precisely what the Church is. It is tradition about him.

a Person. It is the Incarnation per-

earth was renewed.

BUT ON THE other hand, as Father petuated. It is the mystical body of Christ, animated by the Holy Ghost, Schwertner judiciously avers, a man the writer in the Scotsman, "France Who is its soul. It was the Holy may "die a Papist" without having was often quoted as a solemn warn-Ghost Who foretold the Incarnation, lived as one, and the evidence in ing of the depths to which atheism by the mouth of Isaias. It was the existence is not propitious to the and materialism bring a nation. To Holy Ghost, Who wrought the Incar- supposition that Shakespeare lived day Scotland as a whole is only four nation in the womb of Mary. It is as a Catholic. Perhaps, adds the points behind France, and the city of He Who perpetuates the Incarnation writer referred to, if we are to take Edinburgh has outstripped even through the ministry of the priest- Davies literally we might conclude France, and though this policy of hood, who receive from Him power that the great dramatist after living the silent nursery and the empty over the real body of Christ in the a life of indifference to religious cradle is a policy of racial doom, the Eucharist and power over His mysti practices, was vouchsafed the land of the Covenanters and the cal body, the members of His Church, inestimable grace of seeing a priest capital of Presbyterianism have in the Sacrament of Penance. As a before his death and of making his made it their own. They have outwriter has beautifully expressed it: peace with God-which presumption heroded Herod." 'What the dove was at the Jordan, is in full accord with his known what the cloud was on Thabor, that reverence for things Catholic and his the visible Church is now viz., the family antecedents. That he had, the same writer, in another year or external sign of the presence of the what the Dominican writer calls "an two Edinburgh will be a dying city, Holv Ghost.

Today the Church stands serene good knowledge of her teaching, and hardship of the past failed to do, the and undismayed, amid the clash of the "ideal mediaval man's reverence prosperity of the present will accomarms and the wreck of nations. for priest and friar" cannot be dis- plish. Race-suicide is thinning out She can say to her persecutors with puted. But whether it be right or the population in a way more thorinfinitely greater assurance than wrong, Father Schwertner affirms ough, more effective and more perthe King of the Belgians could say to that the view which denies him the manent than famine, pestilence or the Kaiser: "You have not conquered honorof being a practising or orthodox War. For these evils will terminate my soul ;" for the soul of that Catholic during his life, is the view but the habit of race-suicide once Church is Divine. The Church steadily growing into currency engendered, eats into the very vitals stands today the unswerving, infal- amongst unpartisan students of of a nation in a way that nothing lible witness of the truth ; because Shakespeare. But whatever may be else can do, and in the absence of

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REFERENCE TO Presbyterian in stability in this generation, calls to mind that Presbyterian Scotland is reveal tenets and who have aspiral and penetrating an intellect to the having its own share of anxieties and misgivings. The decay of dogma and theirs' is the remnants of a legacy examined in its relation to the times the decided falling-off in church left them by their Catholic forbears, in which he lived. Shakespeare attendance which has exercised the or a kindly gift from that treasure stood midway between the Age of minds of leaders in the Kirk and in house of faith near which they dwell. Faith and the coming age of pure the so-called Free churches for some years past show no signs of diminishing, and, on top of those evils. comes another most ominous one in the declining birth-rate. A prominent sociologist who has been pursuing investigations into the subject. contributes to the Edinburgh Scots man an article entitled "Stand Up, and in the city of Edinburgh in particular. Race-suicide, as it has come to be called, is shown by these upon whose heads had descended the Catholic standpoint to the very con- investigations to be the policy siderable body of literature on the deliberately adopted by a luxurious, selfish, and irreligious nation. A. few figures may serve to illustrate this unpleasant truth.

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FOR THE nation as a whole a birth rate of 35.6 per 1.000 in 1874. decreased to 33.7 in 1880: to 32.9 in 1886; to 30.4 in 1890; and to 23.8 in 1912. And Edinburgh has been leading the van in this process of sterilization. In 1871 there were 34 children born in that city for every 1,000 of its inhabitants; in the year of 1915 this number had shrunk to 17. In other words, the metropolis of Scotland has deliberately sacriis worse than France, which under the aegis of secularization has been pointed to as the greatest transgressor in this respect. "To puritanic Scotland a generation ago," says

AT THIS rate, continues in effect æsthetic love" for the Church, a and that which the poverty and she is the mouthpiece of the Spirit said in regard to his life, it at least, any fixed and authoritative moral

sound, and the instinct of Catholic

faith was always there to counteract

scout the accusation that they are considerable part thereof by peaceful penetration-and French schools.

Nevertheless a few years ago this openly avowed object was hailed with enthusiasm. Father Alexis, O. F. M., cap., writes in "L'Eglise Catholique au Canada ":

But the indirectly interested

French-Canadian friends who berate

" This ecclesiastical province (Ottawa) is established astride of the Ottawa River extending into the two provinces of Quebec and ic. At first sight such an arcivil Ontario rangement may seem strange; but condemns.

it becomes plain and seems providential, when we consider the needs to which it responds. In order to foster the pacific invasion of Catho lic (French) Canadians into Protest ant Ontario, was it not essential to plan has been proved by its success since, today, the counties of Prescott

faith, or are in a fair way of becom-The London Free Press discussing ing so.' L'Association Catholique de la Jeunesse Francaises (L'A. C. J. C.) was founded in 1904. In the Report of its proceedings in 1908 we find a

lengthy report of the colonization scheme as outlined by Mr. Amedee Deneault, editor of Le Pionnier of Nominingue and Secretary of the Cooperative Society of the Settlers of the North. Referring to the conquest of the Eastern Townships, Mr. Deneault goes on : cussing it publicly.

might be added-demonstrate the Province of Ontario, and in the appeal to the senses or to the eastern peninsula alone, in a quarter

schools as well as their own. Hence The whole question is a language

is doubtless known to most of our clerical readers. We recall it to their minds now because the Mac-Millan Company, of Toronto, has just published another volume, "The Shepherd of The North." from the same author's gifted and wholesome pen.

The hero is a big-hearted New England convert, Bishop of twenty thousand square miles of mountain country. His people, unlike those who swelter in the mills of a factory town, are people who live in the free air of the hills. Yet here, too, the ruthless tentacles of omnipresent big business reach out into the lives of these freedom - loving men and women. Iron is discovered in the mountains and a railway company, through the devious ways of practical politics, is determined without adequate compensation to dispossess the hill people of their homes for the sake of free access to the hidden wealth of the surrounding mountains. Foiled in getting from a subservient State Legislature the right of eminent domain over the farms by the fearless action of the Shepherd of the North the Railway Corporation employs the still more devious and ruthless measures-alas ate schools. Nearly all the bilingual all too familiar-of "big business" when the rights of humble folk of the province are Public schools. stand in the way.

Bishop Winthrop in all the dramatic of the North; true also—and this is centred there—and Protestants were Catholic. in great measure the secret of his only mildly and indirectly interested success-to the "gospel of his unbounded, unafraid faith in all true found. If the English-speaking Cathmen," whether Catholic, Protestant olics-and these include all of foreign

The bilingual question is not a Separate school question. It did not originate in the Separate schools, but in the Public schools of Prescott and Ottawa, it has succeeded in acquiring Russell. Two Reports of Commissions of Enquiry may be had from the Department of Education; one in 1889, the other in 1893. These Commissions had nothing to do with struction of the Canadian Pacific Separate schools; they dealt with opened up to their colonizing ambi-French (now called bilingual) Public

schools. The matter first engaged public attention in 1885. In 1886 it New Ontario, and established themwas the chief issue in the selves permanently. Already two Ontario provincial elections. But then, as now, there was so much ignorance of the facts that the campaign degenerated into a campaign against Separate schools. True, that ignorance of the facts of the question is not so widespread as in 1886. less to say that if the whole province was convulsed in an electoral cam-

paign over this question in I886 it vote at that election.

The bilingual question is not at the present time confined to Separ- (Applause.) schools throughout the northern part It is true that the trouble in

Ottawa, where the most noise is

-a solution could be very easily or agnostic; whether found amongst origin who will have nothing to do farmers to move elsewhere; or in It is the denial of the supernatural, of the Bard's death has brought the can shut their eyes to all that and out."

nitely two counties: Prescott and Russell, or rather three, with the new eastern division of the City of a controlling majority in a fourth, and has seriously cut Glengarry, into a fifth, with a double electoral constituency, Renfrew."

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tury it has conque

tion the northern part of the Prov-ince of Ontario the French Canadian pioneers came quickly and in force of their hearers. We are sure that to this fertile region, which they call counties. Ninissing and Sturgeon Falls, elect our compatriots as their members at Toronto, and in at least instructions for the worthy celebrathree others, Temiskaming, Sudbury tion of the feast of Pentecost, has on and Algoma, we form important minorities which will become, if we take the trouble, the majority before many mind, in which they viewed more years."

"We must have an organization, colonizing armies in the field; to reinforce and make assured our resent positions in Ontario, in Manitoba and even in the West ; and did not originate with Bishop Fallon. to proceed to new conquests neces-The Bishop was not old enough to sary to prevent the stranger from despoiling us of the best part of a patrimony, reserved by its very nature to the sons of the family.

In considering the present bilingual Catholic Church."

plans of French Canadian coloniza- licentiousness of modern life. What, tion by forcing English - speaking we may ask, is the great evil of to-day?

clearly the wonderful beauty of the But so far as it goes it is quite as pernicious and less excusable. Needinstructions, accompanied by God's grace, have had a corresponding influence on the minds of the people, who have begun to realize that the great est gift of the Sacred Heart to man was the Holy Ghost, who have begun to understand more adequately the meaning of that synonym for Pentecost viz.. "The Birthday of the

agitation in the light of the above it Another proof that we may adduce must be ever borne in mind that the in defence of our thesis, is that God, French school-call it bilingual if in His Providence, has always raised you will-never affords an education up some particular devotion to struggle is true to the title by which made, is entirely within the Separate that will satisfy the parents of Eng- counteract a contemporary evil. he was known to all—the Shepherd schools. If the whole trouble were lish children, whether Protestant or Devotion to the Sacred Heart was an

medium of effectively promoting the Immaculate was a remedy for the

her. The Church stands today an world's greatest dramatist, living in this respect that Scotland is more unsurpassed example of unity in a the period he did and sprung from desperately situated than was France world of discord; because she is the good Catholic stock which we a generation ago. For, while France animated by one Spirit. In very know his forbears to have been, was in its public life and in its governtruth she is a Person. The same in his own person and in the product ment had apostatized from the Faith, loving, kindly, compassionating, of his genius the fruit of Catho- the heart of the nation remained Divine Person. That, through the licity.

medium of a human body, shed tears

at the grave of Lazarus and pardoned the penitent Magdalen, ance in the Mail and Empire on the under the awful scourge of War, today, through the medium of a subject of church union, as proposed mystical body, which is His visible between the Presbyterian, Methodist Church, continues to dispense His and Congregational bodies, "A graces through the ministry of His Presbyterian Laymen" refers to Spirit. God grant that the realiza- Milton and Cromwell as "men of God and His Church. Scotland has tion of this truth may seize upon the faith and matchless fortitude, foes to minds of men and usher in a new tyranny whether crowned or springtime of peace, of unity and of uncrowned, whether ecclesiastical or THE GLEANER. charity.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

THE QUESTION of Shakespeare's heroes of the past. That Milton was religious belief is one of perennial an Arian, and hence had no true interest as it is one of fruitful dis- conception of Christ's divinity, does cussion from time to time in literary not of course effect his status as a "man of faith" in the estimation of periodicals. Fruitful, in the sense of passing beyond the region of specu. this representative Presbyterian. And, putting aside for the moment lation the discussion can perhaps hardly be said to be, but the fund of Cromwell's part in English history. his exploits in Ireland, his violation antiquarian information which it has been the means of unearthing has of the most solemn compacts, the amply redeemed it from any imputa. massacre of Drogheda, and the pathtion of sterility. The subject cer. way of blood, ruin and desolation tainly is interesting in itself as which he left behind him there does everything relating to the great not of course invalidate his claim as others. The Catholic cause may be dramatistmustalways be, and it should a "foe to tyranny." We hear much going backward in France and Italy, be especially so to Catholics whose and deservedly in these days of antidote to the cold, chilling errors heritage embraces the whole history German atrocities, and "scraps of The school, then, becomes the of Jansenism. Devotion to Mary of England for over a thousand paper" but even the modern Hun has dread in many people which breaks years.

THE THREE hundredth anniversary these liberty loving Presbyterians

of Truth, Who guides and directs can hardly be questioned that the code, cannot be overcome. It is in

IN THE course of a lengthy deliverand to correct the evil. So that France exhibits at this day a regenerated country and a return of its people, long apathetic, to their highest welfare, to their allegiance to no such recuperative power within it except it cast aside its heresies and return once more as a nation lay." This is a good example of the to its spiritual allegiance. And in reckless and undiscriminating way the healthy expansion of the Cathoin which adherents of the sects are lic Faith in Scotland in recent years, accustomed to refer to their fancied so long banned and proscribed, lies the country's one solitary hope of spiritual and material rejuvenation.

ROMAN CATHOLIC ANCESTORS

"It is well to remember that some four centuries ago your ancestors and mine were Roman Catholic believers, says Rev. R. W. Boyton, a Unitarian minister, in the Buffalo Courier.

'That is the Mother Church, and whatever faults she may have had, we should not hurl abuse at our mother or applaud that course in England and the United This fact causes a contagious nervous failed to outdo Cromwell's perfidy out in angry opposition and misand rapacity in Ireland. And yet representation. It is like the attitude of children who are afraid 'The goblins 'll get you if you don't watch