

wish. In process of time, moreover, there must, necessarily, be formed a fairly large class of Canadian Oxonians, with the result that success in this matter, by ceasing to be of rare occurrence, will assume its rightful proportions in the eyes of fond parents, proud teachers, et hoc genus omne. The little tin gods, in fact, will become so numerous as no longer to attract any special attention. Which will be good for the little tin gods, and no less beneficial to their over-zealous devotees—feminine or other.

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THE CHURCH AND THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

PART II.

TO-DAY'S struggle in France between the Church and the encroaching state dates back to the Revolution of 1789, when by the "Civil Constitution of the Clergy" it was sought to fetter Catholic consciences and to make the clergy mere tools of the civil power. Pope Pius VI, boldly defying the armed might of the infidel Republic ranged himself with the European coalition formed to protect the liberties of the Continental countries against the menace of French invasion. Followed in swift succession the triumphal march of the Republican armies across Europe, the captivity of Pius VI, the gradual growth and consolidation of a one-man power in the hands of Napoleon, leader of the Republic's own armies. The Republic itself had been rent asunder by its warring factions and was fast falling into anarchy. Into the gap Napoleon stepped at the head of his grenadiers and made himself the absolute master. He reigned with a rule of iron, he made his will his only law, he played fast and loose with the liberties of the nations, but he saved France from ruin as a distinct national entity. He needed the Church as a factor in his scheme of government, and the Church in France was weak from the storm and stress of conflict with the Jacobins, its property had been confiscated by the State, and, save in Brittany and the Vendée, its influence was little more than a tradition. Napoleon proposed a compromise to Pope Pius VII: the Church should give up all claim to its property