

THE CHURCH AND "NEW THOUGHT."

WE ARE CONFRONTING A MORAL HELL GATE WHICH THREATENS OUR SHIP OF STATE SAYS CARDINAL GIBBONS.

Discussing "New Thought" and other modern fads and fancies that are making inroads in some of the Protestant denominations, Cardinal Gibbons, a few days ago, said to a New York Sun reporter:

"The Catholic Church is no more encumbered with the recent-year 'isms' and excesses than that seem to thrive, each for a time in America, than it has been at any time during all the centuries since St. Peter.

"The position of the Catholic Church in reference to modern scientists, may be thus briefly summarized: The Church fosters and encourages every department of science; but, just because she is the friend of true science, she is opposed to all false pretensions of science.

"The pathway of history is strewn with the wreck of many and imposing scientific theories which once found favor in the opinion of man. And such will ever be the fate of those wild speculations and assumptions that impugn the truth of revelation.

"They may float for a time on the human mind like huge icebergs drifting along the ocean's current, chilling the atmosphere and carrying destruction in their path; but, like the false theories before them, they are destined to melt away beneath the effulgent rays of reason and revelation, while 'the truth of the Lord remaineth forever.'"

Asked what are the most serious problems confronting the American people at the present time, the Cardinal answered:

"The root of the commonwealth is in the homes of the people. The social and civil life shrinks from the domestic life of mankind. The official life of a nation is ordinarily the reflex of the moral sense of the people.

"We are now confronting a moral hell gate which threatens our ship of state, and which it requires more than the genius of a Newton to remove.

"We are confronted by at least three great evils—polygamy and divorce; imperfect and vicious systems of education, the tendency of our women to become more like men and less womanly, and a lack of appreciation and reverence for the real treasures of life.

"When I speak of polygamy I do not mean that of the heathen, I refer to the polygamy of divorce that exists in every state and strikes at the root of the family and society.

"Any divorced man or woman who is married the second time while having a wife or husband living, but 'legally' separated by the decree of some court, is a polygamist. According to the United States official reports, in the twenty years between 1867 and 1886 there were 328,716 divorces in the United States.

"In the same period between 1887 and 1896 there were 933,825 divorces granted or nearly 50,000 a year. The United States has granted more divorces than all the European countries combined. This is certainly a most awful blot upon our fair name."—New World.

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Christians on the other days of the week, when they busy themselves about their secular affairs. There is a Christian side to their business, and to their civil, social, political and economic life, no less than there is to their religious life, and in this sense, like medicine and surgery and pedagogy and engineering and journalism and literature and all arts and sciences, jurisprudence has a religious side.

"It would be tautologically absurd to say that theology or the Church has a religious side, but next to the great science of theology, of all sciences jurisprudence is nearer to religion than any other. And why? Because jurisprudence is the legitimate offspring, the first-born child of religion.

"From the time that Christ founded His Church down to more than one hundred years after the Norman conquest, or from the beginning of the Christian era down to the middle of the twelfth century, while there was much law, there were no lawyers in England the country from which we derive our common law, just as there was much law, but no lawyers in Athens at the time of Demosthenes. Down to that time law, or jurisprudence, was a part of theology, and was construed and administered by members of the clergy in ecclesiastical courts.

"Then came by gradual process the conscious separation of law from morals and religion as a result of the gradual arising of special conditions when certain ecclesiastics were assigned to give their attention to legal affairs, and through their special studies and labors came the development of jurisprudence as a science distinct from theology.

"Jurisprudence, then, may be defined as the science of law, and law for all practical purposes, may be defined as the sum of the rules administered by courts of justice, or the practical science of giving a wise interpretation to the laws and making a just application of them to all cases as they arise."—Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times.

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on public matters and political predilections, but brothers and sisters who are of mature age often assert a like freedom of thought; and the ultimate fate of "a house divided against itself" was perceptible to the eye of wisdom ages before the birth of popular suffrage.

"When we are in possession of the full text of the Holy Father's pronouncement, it is not unlikely we shall find that his answer took cognizance of the whole merits of the case for woman suffrage while laying down a general principle founded on the natural law. When that law shall have been so altered by a natural process that there shall be no physical inequality between man and woman to prevent them both from being drafted into the armies of the nation as soldiers, then, but not until or twodropped on their knees; one boy, at the end of the line, after a desperate effort at self-control, leaned against the wall, buried his face against his folded arms, and sobbed, "Oh, mother, mother!" then, the Holy Father's dictum will no longer hold good.—Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times.

Distinguished Convert Dies in Rome. Isaac Henderson, novelist, dramatist, and of recent years holding high official position in the Vatican in Rome, died there recently. The American press has given the death of Mr. Henderson a great deal of notice and the editorial tributes to his scholarship, his artistic ability and his fine social qualities have been many. Mr. Henderson was born in New York, Feb. 13, 1850. He was educated at a Quaker academy in Rhode Island and at Williams College. His father was a partner with William Cullen Bryant and John Bigelow in the ownership of the New York Evening Post. Isaac Henderson became the publisher of that newspaper, but was able to retire, in most comfortable circumstances, before he was forty. Then he

went abroad, intending to devote his life to authorship. In 1880 Mr. Henderson married Miss Marion Temple Brown of New York, whose family were Quakers. In 1893 the Hendersons closed their London house, and, with their two daughters, went to live in Rome, where, in the following year, Mrs. Henderson was received into the Catholic Church. A year later her husband entered the Church. His closest friend in Italy then and subsequently was Monsignor, now Cardinal, Merry del Val, the Papal Secretary of State.—S. H. Review.

Father Brennan Ill. Not only members of the Roman Catholic church in St. Mary's but citizens generally will regret to learn that Father Brennan, the esteemed priest of this parish, was compelled to leave for Montreal Hospital on Monday to undergo a more or less serious operation. On Sunday last Father Brennan addressed a few kind parting words to the members of his congregation. Before taking the 4 p. m. train on Monday he was presented with a purse from his people with the assurance that their prayers and deep sympathy would go with him and remain throughout his trying ordeal.—St. Mary's Journal, May 6, 1909.

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