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Apostoltc Delegation Ottawa, June 13th, 1905.

Mr. Thomas Coffey
My Dear Sir—Since coming to Canada I hav
been a reader of your paper. I have noted with satis
faction that it is directed with intelligence an
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Yours very sincerely in Christ, Donatus, Archbishop of Ephesus, Apostolic Delegat

LONDON, SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1918

" A RESTRICTED VIEW OF HIS TORY "

II "

In our day it is a mark of culture and an essential condition of breadth of view to regard creeds as outgrown, and dogmatic definitions as the crude attempts of an unenlightened age to set impossible limits to human search for truth. " Modern Thought " (Hilaire Belloc considers the enithet equally inevitable and contemptuous) will not be cabined, cribbed, confined within such narrow limits.

At the same time there is throughout the whole English-speaking world, infinitely various in its manifestations, the deep and real longing for Christian unity.

It is then a natural and necessary consequence that serious minds should turn to the break with Catholic unity, to the beginnings of the present deplorable divisions. Both of the preceding considerations incline even serious and open-minded Protestants to cling tenaciously to what we last week called the great dogmatic fact of English religious history as viewed by Protestants. To attain the desired unity by going back to Rome, the centre of Chris tian Unity, is to impose on Modern Thought the intellectual fetters of the Middle Ages. Therefore the break with Rome must be justified, and good easy men must be left free to deplore a divided Christianity without any uneasy feeling of responsibility therefor. More comforting still is the conviction which they foster that the responsibility rests on Rome. In the words of the Mail reviewer, which suggested our comments, we shall restate the Pro testant Historical Dogma:

"But he (Abbot Gasquet) ignores the fundamental fact that to non-Romans the whole development of the Papacy had been following for false lines, and that the blame (if any) for the upheaval lay at the door of the Vatican itself. To speak of Henry VIII's divorce or of his quarrel with the Pope as the cause of the English Reformation reveals a peculiarly restricted method of interpreting history."

In the contention that Henry VIII's divorce and consequent quarrel with the Pope was the cause, the sole cause of England's break with Catholic Unity, and hence the indirect cause of the change of faith and subsequent endless sectarian divisions, Dom Gas quet is fully sustained by the most competent Protestant authority, living or dead, on this period of English history. Dr. Gairdner, with the quiet assurance of the scholar who knows the facts and all the facts, the Master of the Rolls who spent a life time editing the letters and papers which are the source of all authentic knowledge of the period, states simply yet modestly that he has found no evidence in support of the traditional Protestant belief with regard to the Reformation in England. Therefore the popular Catholic view is borne out by the historic documents of the period. This he states in his introduction as quoted by us last week; this he proves throughout the three volumes of his great work. The most copious quotations are quite inadequate to give more than a faint indication of how completely he shatters the accepted Protestant position on the history of this period.

In the heat of a controversy, with a particularly insolent English his-

orian, a famous Irishman defending like of the King's proceedings, and his countrymen flung out the stinging charge that the English people abandoned their religion "at the bidding of a lustful king." The contrast with the long drawn-out martyrdom of the faithful Irish made a telling point with a sympathetic audience. But there is more truth in the Catholic Englishman's defence of his forefathers :

"The English people did apostatize the faith was stolen from them." The author of Lollardy and the Reformation says practically the same

thing in his introductory chapter: "Who was 'the holy blissful martyr' whom Chaucer's pilgrims went to seek at Canterbury? who had resisted his sovereign in his attempts to interfere with the claim of the papal church. For that cause and no other, he had died; for that cause, and no other, pilgrims who went to visit his tomb regarded hin as a saint. It was only after an able and despotic King had proved himself stronger than the spiritual power of Rome, that the people of England were divorced from their Roman allegiance; and there is abundan evidence that they were divorced

from it at first against their will. "What then was the true nature of the struggle between papal authorand secular authority which Bishop Creighton would have us regard as a struggle for national inde pendence? We shall see some other instances as we go on. But we may say simply, in a general way, that it was essentially the same as it was in the days of Becket. It was a con test, not of the English people, but of the King and his government, with

To those of our readers unaccus tomed to realize the totally different conditions that obtained in ages past, who may quite naturally think of England's separation from the unity of faith in the light of subsequent developments, we would say that there was at first no outward change of religion at all. That the power of the King in Henry VIII's time was unparalleled before or since. The House of Commons had no real power whatever; and the Lords, weakened by the Wars of the Roses, and terrorized by executions of the highest and noblest amongst them, were equally

Priests said Mass as usual; indeed the statute of the six articles asserted : (1) Transubstantiation and for its denial the penalty was burning at the stake,(2) the sufficiency of communion under one kind (3) clerical celibacy, (4) the validity of the vows of chast

ity, (5) the excellency of private

Masses, and (6) the necessity of the Sacrament of Penance. If those unread in history will keep these things in mind, and make the further allowance that it was the belief of the majority that things must right themselves in time, they

will better appreciate the quotations which follow: "Such was the feeling for the first martyrs of the new Act, even before the further butcheries of More and Fisher. Yet in England men could say nothing. The King's power was irresistible; and if he insisted on vindicating his ecclesiastical supremacy by such savage methods what was

"It was a perplexing question." A whole nation could not be expected nd Hale, and the three Carthu priors, and Bishop Fisher, Sir Thomas More. How sian many could calmly face the prospect of strangulation, the ripping knife, the block, to yield their testimony to the fact that there was a law above the laws of Parliament and the will of a despotic king. The great majority could still retain that belief, yet give a qualified oath with which the authorities were content. Even More's noble-hearted daughter, Margaret Roper, did that, and would have persuaded her father to do it too. What was compulsory surely could not be wrong, especially with the

eservation 'as far as lawful.' Besides, royal authority, as well as papal, had always been regarded as sacred, and it was hard to leave it to the individual to draw the line be-

tween them. "So when the King's authority came in conflict with the Pope's, very serious and perplexing questions vere raised, even in regard to ethics Prior Houghton himself sought the est advice and Father Fewterer, the head and confessor of the great monastery of Sion, was entirely against his yielding to royal supremacy. But when he saw the result of the counsel he had given him, Father Few-

terer deeply reproached himself. "'I beseech you to forgive me, most gentle brethren,' he said on his death-bed, 'I am guilty of the death of your reverend Father, of which I was the cause; for I encouraged him in his resolution to die in the cause for which he suffered, and for which you are brought hither. Now, however, I am of another mind, and I perceive the cause is not one for

which we are bound to suffer death.' Again, after describing the execu tion of the Marquis of Exeter, a grandson of Edward IV, and Lord Montague, representative of the in private conversation expressed dishoped to see a change, our author says : "There was no independence any

where. The nobility had been cowed

ever since the execution of Buckingham; the Commons were as yet no power in the state, though the king could use them and even advance their pretentions to suit his own purposes. . . . While in England Bishops and clergy were sworn to the supremacy, and monasteries were dissolved and saints unsainted by a new authority in such matters, and bulls from Rome forbidden, and any acknowledgment of the old spiritual jurisdiction declared treas nearts of men, and especially of good men, longed for nothing so much as a reassertion of that spiritual jurisdiction which was acknowledge all neighboring countries, and which alone could emancipate them from a demoralizing and insufferable thral-If England had been so dom. emancipated with foreign aid, even at the cost of civil war, she would, it may be safely said, have been more grateful for foreign interference than she was even when the father of her present tyrant, with French tance, put down Richard III."— Vol. ii, Bk. iii, Ch. iii.)

It is difficult to refrain from further quotations bearing directly on the point at issue; but we have chosen some passages which may help Catholics to understand the methods by which England was robbed of the Faith; and which show at the same time the utter fallacy of the Protestant contention that the Henry VIII's divorce merely provided the occasion of the break with Rome, an occasion welcomed by the English nation.

BLAZINGLY INDISCREET

"Blazingly indiscreet" is the expressive English characterization of our dear friend and fellow-countryman Andrew Bonar Law.

Andrew had been unfortunate, and on his own unique and pet specialty, the Tariff. But an opportunity occurs to redeem himself, and this opportunity is provided by Premier Asquith, who wants to ask the Leader of the Opposition a question. Here is the chance; Bonar Law will pit his serpentine cunning against Asquith's dove-like simplicity, and retrieve his reputation.

The Premier blandly puts the question to the Leader of the Opposition, his well modulated tones failing, however, to conceal from the eagle eye of Bonar Law his evident trepidation.

Besides his comprehensive grasp of Imperial questions, his almost Carson-like knowledge of Home Rule in all its bearings, his instinctive understanding of the mind of the British electorate, and the Tariff of course, Bonar Law has a keen intuition of Asquith's thoughts, and a capacity for rapid thinking himself.

The question: Mr. Asquith wants to know whether in the event of Home Rule receiving the endorsation of the electorate at the polls, His Majesty's Loyal Opposition would consider itself bound still to oppose it?

This is where Bonar Law's facility for rapid thinking stands him in good stead. He sees the cause of to imitate the example of Reynolds, he is afraid to go on with Home Rule without consulting the people. This is Bonar's chance to lead the guileless Asquith on to dissolution. So Bonar Law, who had promised Unionist aid in the coming Ulster Rebellion, gently answered that in the event of the electorate's approving Home Rule, Unionists would no longer oppose it. But, he thundered, if the government attempted to force Home Rule through without such approval, the Rebellion would go on as announced, and more than that, he would sympathize with Ulster's determination, in certain eventualities, of seeking annexation with Germany "the greatest Protestant nation on Earth !"

No one but Bonar Law could have seized the psychological moment for bringing out this brand new edition of the German Peril. Added to the Ulster Peril it ought to have made Mr. Asquith quakingly dissolve Parliament forthwith. But somehow it didn't. Bonar may have reflected, perhaps I have overdone it in being doubly subtle with this simple chap; has he forgotten my gentle promise to leave Ulster to her fate if the electorate approve of Home Rule? Perhaps I should have promised to break up the German Ulster alliance

But if the terror-stricken Asquith forgot, Bonar Law was soon reminded that his fellow stage-managers in Ulster had not; and they querulously told him that with Germany's aid they would go on with the play without him. They were so loyal, that House of York, and others, for having if they could not be loyal enough subjects of the British King, they

would be more than ever loyal to the nore Protestant Kaiser!

Though no one has said so yet, the real cause of all this trouble was the disregard of L. O. L. petitions in the matter of the Accession Oath.

Some of our Canadian editors saw in the famous question clear indication of Asquith's determination to take advantage of the "temporary disunion" of the Unionists and bring on an election. They cannot think so rapidly as Bonar Law, but give them time and they see things very clearly.

One thing must be very consoling to Bonar Law; though he opposes Home Rule for Ireland so bitterly, he has no more ardent well wishers in his time of trouble than Irish Home Rulers at home and abroad. hope that the disunited Unionists will not turn back the hands of the clock of Progress and replace the Imperial Bonar Law with the insular Balfour; if we must have a change, let us keep right on; give us Lord Hugh Cecil!

LOCAL OPTION

We are in favor of Local Option, and we are in favor of the Local Option law just as it stands with the three-fifths clause and the three years interval.

Just now the results of the recent oting are reviewed and commented upon with one eye on the temperance vote and the other on party politics. Just as a cross-eyed man, in spite of appearance, may see straight, these cross-eyed comments may sometimes be honest; sometimes they are not.

We are prepared to give some nonpolitical reasons for the hope that is

Though the three years' interval between Local Option votes has not yet been attacked, it no doubt would be if the clamorous demands of unthinking temperance advocates and interested politicians were granted in the matter of the three-fifths clause.

There is just the same reason. It restricts the liberty of temperance people in their efforts to change the existing order of things.

Municipalities have other business and councils are selected and elected for other purposes, besides that of the regulation, control or suppression of the sale of intoxicating drinks. The three years interval prevents the obtrusion of this question into every municipal election, and, therefore, secures for important and essential business matters adequate and undivided consideration. The regular municipal business would not receive proper attention if Local Option were thrust into every elec-

To those who confound the cause of temperance with temperance legislation the three-fifths clause may appear unjust. Legislation however, has but a small though important part to play in the temperance cause. Its part is to hold the ground already won.

Unless such a law is strongly sup-Asquith's ill-concealed nervousness; ported by public sentiment, a public sentiment that recognizes its justice as well as its desirability, a sentiment that will impel the ordinary citizen to exert himself in its enforcement at least to the same extent as he would in cases of the violation of other laws, unless such a sentiment is behind Local Option (or any other temperance legislation) it becomes much worse than useless. It does not do away with the abuses of liquor-selling; it often aggravates them. It adds to the old abuses, hypocrisy, law-breaking, and contempt for law in general. Experience proves all this.

The three-fifths clause ensures this necessary public sentiment in favor of the law.

Perhaps the greatest benefit derived from the Local Option movement is the temperance education that it necessitates, an education that blesses those who give and those who receive. The result is the promotion of the virtue of temperance which is far and away more important than temperance legislation Where 60 per cent. of the people will not vote for Local Option they still need that temperance education. The abolition of the three-fifths clause would deprive them of this education in just that measure that the Local Option movement provides

The principal object of temperance legislation, of any kind, is, we believe. to hold the ground already won by moral suasion; legislation should never be a substitute for moral suasion.

When Local Option is won under complete, at any rate decisive. The great emergencies.

results are nearly always permanent Those interested in the liquor traffic recognize this; the war is over; there is peace.

If a narrow majority could turn the scales either way, there would be no peace, at best an occasional truce in a state of intermittent war.

It is our conviction that Local Option would never have made the solid and permanent progress that it has made in Ontario, were it not for the wise, sane and prudent provisions known as the three-fifths clause and the three years interval.

ST. CATHARINES AND THE

CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA "St. Catharines, Jan. 9.—The St. Catharines separate school board last evening resented the Library Board's action in refusing to permit a Roman catholic encyclopedia to be placed in

use at the library.
"On motion of M. Brennan, county crown attorney, and M. J. McCaron, parrister, it was agreed that it would be useless to appoint separate school epresentatives to the library board. The board will therefore decline to e represented.

Sheriff Dawson and M. Shea represented the separate school in this year and fought vigorously but in vain to have the encyclopedia placed in the library. The library board voted the proposition down at its last meeting.

There is not a secular paper of any standing in North America that has not paid the tribute of well-deserved praise to the great work of The Catholic Encyclopedia. Few if any of the denominational papers have withheld expression of their appreciation. Ministers of various denominations have borne generous testimony to its fairness and impar. tiality.

As is said in the Preface to the Encyclopedia:

"Even the writings of the best-in tentioned authors are at times disfigured by serious errors on Catholic subjects, which are for the most part due, not to ill-will, but to lack knowledge. It would be fatuous to hope to call into immediate existence Catholic English literature adequate to supply this knowledge and correct errors.

The Encyclopedia, therefore, the most convenient means of doing both, enabling as it does, the foremost Catholic scholars in every part of the world to contribute articles in the condensed form that appeals to the man of action, and with the accuracy that satisfies the scholar."

The work, if carried out along these lines, must be of such great utility as to be indispensable to all who desire to be accurately informed on Catholic subjects.

That it has been done in a fair, cholarly, impartial, and eminently useful manner is evident from the testimony of innumerable non-Catholic scholars, Protestant ministers, secular and denominational publica-

The only conclusion is that the en lightened majority on the St. Catharines Library Board do not wish the patrons of the Library to know the truth on Catholic subjects.

To commemorate the great fire of 1666, the Corporation of London erected a monument. It bore an inscription in which Catholics ccused of being the authors of the calamity, a monstrous assertion for which no shred of evidence, even of the Titus Oates' variety, was ever adduced.

Pope thus refers to it:

Where London's column pointing to the skies Like a tall bully lifts its head and lies.

For nearly two hundred years the tall bully lied to successive generations in the metropolis of the British Empire. Late in the nineteenth century the calumny was erased.

"The bearing of this observation lies in the application on it."

We are patiently, if not hopefully waiting for those leading papers which highly commended the Catholic Encyclopedia to express their views of the action of the St. Catharines Library Board.

We are also waiting, but more aopefully, for a public expression of opinion from the ministers in this province who have already had the courage to express their appreciation of this scholarly work.

WE ARE pleased to notice this week the Catholic Bulletin, of St. Paul, Minn., in an enlarged form. The Bulletin is one of the brightest and best of Catholic papers that comes to our sanctum. This sign of prosperity is pleasing to us, and we hope the subscription list of this excellent Catholic family weekly will continue to grow.

When Local Option is won under the three-fifths clause the victory is bothers and the worries and the humdrum of life than to meet its It needs more courage to fight the

IT DOES NOT WORK OUT

'In a country which is rapidly filling up with foreigners who can neither speak nor read our language and who may vote after a residence of three years, democracy without education could only mean in the end the boss and the rule of the mob." Ottawa Citizen. Why, bless you, dear contemporary,

you are but dreaming. Had you put religion along with education there would be a good rock foundation for your theory. The city of Toronto is once in a while paraded before us as the one place where education has attained a high degree of perfection, yet in that very same city the boss and the mob rule supreme. And the Toronto boss and the Toronto mob are educated people. Surely it must be within the knowledge of the editor of our contemporary that from the day upon which Sir Hugh Allan paid \$300,000 to debauch the Canadian electorate up to the present hour the said Canadian electorate, or, to be strictly just, a goodly percentage of it, farmers on the concession line and the workers in the city, await with pockets unbuttoned for the reception of a bit of money before casting their ballots. We believe in education of the right sort, but education without religion will in the long run give us something akin to a pagan community. Please bear in mind the fact that there are thousands upon thousands of native Canadians whose conduct at election times brings wonderment to the minds of the simple foreigners who have not passed through the schools.

CATHOLICITY AND SCIENCE To those apostles of Materialism who are forever proclaiming that re vealed religion and science are utter ly imcompatible, the Catholic Truth Society of England has issued a challenge by the publication of its recent volume, "Twelve Catholic Men of Science." The object of these biographies, writes Sir Bertram Windle, President of University College, Cork in his preface to this opportune volume, "is to demonstrate the fact unknown apparently to many critics of the Church, that there are numerous stars of science who were also devout Catholics, and found no difficulty in maintaining both positions simultaneously. It ought to be superfluous to maintain such a thesis, and it would be so if persons who propagate such accusations as are made against the Catholic Church would, first of all, investigate the facts of the case." But as a rule this is the very last thing such people think of doing. They will not admit the possibility of error in their conclusions. The charge has been made so often. It has been denied, it is true, but only to be renewed and, they mistake its very vitality as proof of its veracity. Since God is the Author of all

Truth there can be no contradiction between Science and Faith. But as the statement has been made, it is well to have some definite examples of the co-existence in the same individual of scientific enthusiasm and reputation, with a steadfast attachnent to the doctrines of the Catholic Church. The volume before us serves this purpose admirably, and issued as it is at a merely nominal price, if will prove a valuable offset to some of the rubbish which is inflicted on the reading public to-day. It does not purport to be anything like a complete biography of Catholic scientists. The editors set themselves a much more modest task, namely, to select from the bright galaxy of Catholic scientific stars twelve of the more famous as witnesses to the unity of Truth. The twelve biographies are those of Pasteur, Mendel. Galvani, Dwight, Lenacre, Vesalius, Stenson, Laennec, Muller, Corrigan, Secchi, and Lapparent. After penning such a list further comment is superfluous. It only remains to add that the writers of the various lives have succeeded in combining the scientific discernment with the purest literary style. The amount of information contained in the little volume is, indeed, remarkable. Not only is the man himself considered, and his life and work vividly portrayed, but, for the better understanding of these things, his time and his contemporaries are also placed under tribute. We bespeak for this little volume a hearty welcome. It is but one of the many valuable achievements of the English Catholic Truth Society for which Catholicity the world over is its debtor. COLUMBA.

There is some help for all the defects of fortune; for if a man cannot attain to the length of his wishes, he may have his remedy by cutting of them shorter.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Canada's Minister of Militia, the one and only Colonel Sam, has invited the women to take part in forthcoming deliberations on the military outlook of the Dominion. Why not at once put himself at the head of a regiment of amazons and demonstrate to the Mother Country the channel through which suffragette astuteness and suffragist valor may find a fitting outlet? As proof of his own fitness for command, the Colonel once cited the fact that he had captained a lacrosse team. How better could he clinch the matter than by heading a petticoated brigade?

THE ANTI-CLERICAL press of Italy, we are told, is agitating for the establishment of a permanent and independent State in Palestine with the Pope as Sovereign. The occasion of this outcry is the message of Pius X. to the ambassadorial congress assembled in London to adjudicate upon territorial questions arising out of the war in the Balkans. This message was a prayer to the Powers to corever wrest the Holy Land from Turkish domination, or to guarantee permanent sanctity to the Holy Places and protection to Christian pilgrims-an aspiration in full keeping with the history of the past and with Christian sentiment the world over. This, however, is not the consideration, we may be sure, that weighs with the elements represented by the anti-Christian journals of United Italy. Nor is the aspiration of these journals in the present crisis in the least in unison with the representations of His Holiness to the ambassa-

THAT PIUS X, has any ambition to eign as temporal sovereign over the Holy Land is about as probable as that he has such ambitions in regard to Great Britain or Germany. Nevertheless, such a consummation as regards the land sanctified by the footsteps of the Prince of Peace, would be the longed-for answer to the prayers of countless generations of pious believers, and would seem to be the ushering in of the reign of Justice upon the earth. But we are not sanguine that it would commend itself to the jarring sects of Christendom, or be looked upon with favor by the Powers, for the most part destitute of sympathy with Catholic ideals, and ready to fly at one another's throats at the least intimation of the extension of the territorial boundaries of any of them. Least of all, interested suggestions to the contrary notwithstanding, would it find favour with the forces represented by the anti-Christian press of Italy, whose one ambition is to humiliate the Vicar of Christ, and to destroy the civilization which has grown upon the Christian revela-

THAT THE atheistic and anarchisticforces in Italy would rejoice to witness the expatriation of the Holy Father goes without saying, just as. the hypocrisy of their zeal for his establishment as a temporal sovereign in Palestine. The same spirit it was that inspired the Garabaldian revolution and brought about the fall of the Pope's temporal power in Italy. And that it still lives and intrigues for the destruction of the Church, contemporary evidence is forthcoming day by day. Forty years ago it was Mazzini; to-day it is Nathan that voices its ambition And were it not for the great worldwide strength of Catholic loyalty which awes even the atheism of the lodges, the Pope's position in Rome would be precarious indeed, and the permanency of the Eternal City as the capital of Christendom be anything but assured. That, at least, is the human aspect of the question.

TRUE CATHOLICS, however, will never loose sight of the truth that a higher than the human element is to be reckoned with, and that the Pope's position in Rome rests upon foundations that no mere earthly conspiracy can destroy. Stripped he may be in the future for a time of every prerogative of earthly sovereignty, just as, since 1870, such sovereignty has been restricted to the four walls of his palace and its garden, and even there been subject to every petty annoyance which malice could suggest. But just as Saint Peter settled him down in Rome as his predestined home, so, in the Providence of God, it must ever so remain to his successors in the Apostolic Chair, even though events may necessitate their bodily absence from it. That, at least, is our understanding of history, tradition, and