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### THE PAPAL ENCYCLICAL

The summary of Pope Leo s latest newspaper despatches as a testament to the world has been very imperfeetly made. The complete text of the latter will be waited for with profound interest by the Christian world more or less remote from Rome, that has rejoiced not less than Rome herself in the celebration of the present illustrious Pontifi's Jubilee

In identifying the underlying causes of the social unrest of mankind at the opening of the 20th century, the Holy Father, in this message to Christianity, presents to all a most comprehensive view of the great work of re-union among the churches The question is taken away from projudico into open ground where all may see that kings and presidents are alike impotent to check the evil tendency of the times, and that it is only when the nations recognize the Papacy they will have found the true key to the hoped for fature in which social and religious anarchy will alike cease from obstructing the cause of God and man.

#### THE C. M. B. A.

It has been our custom year by year to summarize the general showing of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association from the report of the Dominion Government Inspector of Insurance. We would be glad to have the opportunity of doing the same in regard to our other Catholic assessment insurance companies but the C. M. B. A. is the only one of the number included in the official report.

The total amount paid into the C M. B. A. by members during the year 1901 was \$334,618. The number of certificates taken was 1,700, repreof certificates in force at the end of the year was 15,975, representing a met amount of \$22,357,000 insurance in force. The amount paid in claims during the year was \$217,033 and not | land went to war with Russia or a single claim was resisted. The Association bolds no real estate, no: has a dollar been loaned on real estate. Not a dollar has been loaned to policy-holders or on stocks, bonds or debentures. The financial position simply is that there is a sum of \$125,165 in the banks in cash and the total assots are only \$155,658. This meens that the strength of the C. M. B. A. rests entirely in the character of its membership. There are practically no liabilities, the sum of \$35,000 in this column appearing to be due on account of general expensee. The excess of income over expenditure in the year amounted to

We have closely compared the C. M. B. A. with the Commercial Traveller's Mutual Benefit Society, one of the assessment companies the management of which appears to be conducted on a conservative plan and appeals to us accordingly. The membership of the former is about seven times that of the latter and the comparison of assessments, fees and dues is slightly tavorable to the C. M.

We have therefore found in the Goverament report a great deal that is distinctly creditable to the administration of the Association.

## CEXCIL RHODES.

Cecil Rhodes is dead and the floodgates of imperialistic adoration have been opened. When a man has passed beyond the reach of human reproach, it is natural enough that writers should prefer to look around to find the good to had done. In the career of the South African millionaire such a search would present unusual difficulties, withough he, like tin common two of humanity, must have had some redceming qualities. The next generation may manufacture a concrete excuse for his limitless and remararless ambition, or else extruck grantention from the redoction

unsatished Whilst the war rages in South Africa, however it would be vain to say that Mr Rhodes died a his own phrase was to "paint all that red - indicating the Dutch South African states on the line of drawn down through a map of the Colonial Office, which is that Canada Pars Continent "All that" has been painted red with several coats of the test blood of Briton and Afrikander during the past thirty months, and the painters have not yet got through with the job

Was Mr Rhodes responsible for the war? Most people are of that opinion, but many who entertain it do not blame him as much as they blame Mr Chamberlain Mr Chamberlain went into the Jamieson Raid with Exerciscal, which is alluded to in the Mr Rhodes, but the episode ruined only one of the partners. Until hissecret parliamentary investigation Rhodes dead will be condemned less than Chamberlain living

#### AN AGGRESSIVE MOVE.

If the Jingoes of Ontario who are clamoring against Sir Wilfrid Laurter because he has refused to the Canada up to an Imperial military defence scheme, could manage to reflect intelligently for five minutes upon the significance of the whole question at stake, even they might put a bridle upon their reckless tongues "The Patriotism of pigs" is the language hurled from an Ottawa pulpit against the responsible legislators of the Dominion.

It is the patriotism of Confederation that binds the Government as well as those members of the Opposition who deny the right of irresponsible preachers to upset the constitutional policy of the united Canadian provinces.

The spirit and freedom of the union of the provinces was not limited by the mere concession of our present institutions. The Act of Confederation was accepted by all the provinces as a guarantee of our protection from Juture disturbance by foreign wars. The military force of Britain in Canada was immediately got rid of, except at one or two coast bases From that moment it was not contemplated that the soil of Canada should be regarded as an Imperial battle field.

The defence of our seaboard from different kind. Canada could not boon may soon be realized unting \$1,978,000. The total number hope for generations to be in a position to ma...tain a serviceable navy, and our statesmen foresaw from the beginning that some contribution to naval defence might loom up, if Eng-France But though this matter was candidly discussed by statesmen like Sir John Macdonald and Edward Blake, nothing was done to hurry events. Happily nothing has transpired in the history of Confederation to force the issue of a contribution to the navy; and if such a contingency should become visible, we may be assured that the demand will be made upon us in due time by England.

The scheme which Sir Wilfrld Laurfor has declined looks to the maintenunce of a Canadian section of the Imperial army. This would be tantamount to an invitation to whatever enemy England may be at war with to invade Canada. Putting aside altogether the ability of Canada to maintain a large standing army, her domestic concerns urge her now more than ever to keep her skirts clear of international entanglements.

The Republic to the South has already grown into a foremost world power. That development is certain to go on As far as it has gone it has been characterized by a friendly lic are. St. Michael's Hospital, Toand neighborly attitude towards the ronte; St Joseph's Hospital, Ham-Dotainion Its pivotal principle is the preservation of the Western Hemisphere from the horrors of war. This is the one principle over which it is possible to imagine such a monstrous

the United States. Is Canada prepared to become the aggressor against the continuance of this principle? The request made by the Colonial Office is that Capada tal, Sudbury; Hotel Dieu, Cornwall assume the role of initiating a new doctrine of aggression against the traditional policy of the United States. Sir John Macdonald would not have listened to such a demand, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier has abown himself worthy of the high and responsible position in which the people of Canada have placed him by declining it Had be done otherwise, he would have cast the constitution of Canada to the winds and made the future of British North America

that he died and left that ambition pawn in the first great conflict in St. Michael's, Toronto ... which England might engage It is St Joseph's, Hamilton all very well for the Ore-caters to Hotel Dieu, Kingston ... say that we are able to held our mere dreamer His wish, expressed in lown against any foe, and that the British I'mpire can face the world in arms Both propositions may be correct or they may not. In reality they his proposed Cape to Cairo ratiraed are wide of the issue raised by the raise and maintain a force ready at the call of the War Office to take the field in any quarter of the globe. The scheme is simply revolutionary from the Canadian standpoint In the sending of South African contingents the men were after all volunteers. We have yet to discover what sober second thoughts the logic of this volunteer militarism may bring home to us, when we have recovered from our present somewhat hazy consciousness of the facts But still between the volunteer movement and a tory clears up the mystery of the permananet military establishment for participation in all British wars. there is a wide distinction The Jingoes who howled for the one thing may fondly imagine that . . have but to howl again and they will obtain the other It would indeed be an unfortunate day for Canada when | tions a complete revolution of her constitutional policy could be accomplished by howling Jingoes in the pulpit or in politics

## PEACE RUNORS

While the air is full of rumors of peace negotiations proceeding in Africa between Lord Kitchener and the Republican generals, the British War Office is putting all its resources to the test, and Mr Chamberlain is straining the docility of the colonies in the work of rushing fresh reinforcements to the Cape The rumors may be largely of home manufacture The Chancellor of the Exchequer will in a few days announce a big addition to the national debt and a large increase of taxation Expectations of near peace would be a favorable condition in connection with the public reception of these latest burdens of the war, and the Government is not above deceiving the people at the moment when the budget of the third year of blood is being laid down Rumors of warlike preparations in Manchuria may also have something to do with the rumored British inclination to consider peace proposals anew. But whatever may be the incentive to peace all well-disposed perforeign assault was a question of a sors will fervently hope that the

## LEAFLETS FROM LORETTO

The Easter number of The Leaflets, which appeared last week, is a most creditable production A notable table of contents sets forth a variety of subjects, all treated with marked literary skill. Miss Mary O'Brien contributes a poem, "The Hymn of the Winds," so meritorious in form and sentiment that we take the liberty of reproducing it. The Leaflets reflect honor on the pupils and Alumnae of

CATHOLIC INFLUENCE IN CHAR-ITY.

In his lucid report upon the hospitals and charities of the province covering the year 1901, the Provincial a large amount of statistical infor- ceremony of June 26 mation of interest to all supporters of our Catholic charities We summarize below some of the figures, which are spread over a dozen tables

of comparison The Catholic charities of the province receiving government aid on the same hasis as Protestant institutions, all doing the work of the pubilton; Hotel Dieu, Kingston; Roman Catholic Hospital, Ottawa; Misericorde Hospital, Ottawa; St Joseph's Hospital, London; St Joseph's Hospital, Guelph; St. Joseph's Hospital, calamity as war between England and Port Arthur; St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, Brockville, St. Joseph's Hospital, Peterborough; Hotel Dieu Hospital, Windsor; St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham; St. Joseph's Hospi-

> In these various institutions 32,year 1901, St. Michael's Horpital, were relused them on landing. Toronto, having by far the largest number, 2,437, the Ottawa Catholic Hospital coming next with 1,494, From the table relative to the income every part of our province. We give the following statemen' of subscriptions and incidental accepts from

Catholic Hospital, Ottawa 1,313 Miscricorde Hospital, Ottawa 8,160 St Joseph's, London St. Joseph's, Quelph St Joseph's, Port Arthur St. Vincent de Paul Brockville 3,357 St. Joseph's, Peterborough Hotel Dieu, Windsor St Joseph's, Chatham, St. doseph's, Sudbury ... ... 2,588 Hotel Dicu, Cornwall

From this we see that the suin of \$28,701 was donated by Catholics to hospital charities last year. This is nearly one-third of the entire subscription under this head to all the Ontario hospitals of every description, public, Protestant and Catholic, and it so ws that our people are doing more than their share according to proportion of the general population As statutory aid is granted by the province to all hospitals upon the same basis, it is unnecessary to go into the figures of the Government grant, which is in round numbers about five times the amount received from private dona-

There is one leature of the statistics, however, which we must refer to as corclusive evidence of the economic administration of Catholic hospitals. Comparing the average cost of each patient per day in different parts of the province we have the following facts In the General Hospital, Toronto, the average cost per patient is 95c, and in St Michaels 79c In the Miscricordo Maternity Hospital, in Ottawa, the cost is \$1 and in the General Maternity Hospital \$1 54 In the General Hospital, Guelph, it is 77c and in St Joseph's Hospital, in the same city, 65c In the General Hospital, Rat Portage, the cost is \$1.85, and in St Joseph's Hospital, Sudbury, 97c.

Taken altogether the Provincial Secretary's report should give satisfaction to all who have the progress and efficiency of Catholic charities at

### EDITORIAL NOTES

A marked copy of The Orillia Packet has been sent us containing a letter signed "P Fitzgerald," which is a farrage of furious fictions about Mr John Ditton. The writer is not worth notice He talks with ostentatious familiarity of the Bishop of Limerick, to whom he gives the name of "Ryan," while his professed knowledge of Mr. Dillon is still more wildly imaginative. Mr Dillon, who belongs to one of the best families in Ireland, who is married to the daughter of one of England's most eminent judges, is doubtless well enough reputed even around Orillia. to need no defence against the rayings of The Packet correspondent

It is remarked, says The London Tablet, as a curious fact that Westminster Abbey now reverts to the care of a Catholic. The Duke of Norfolk, as a matter of fact, from now until King Edward's Coronation will be the historic Abbey's custodian, and have it, so to speak, at his sole dis-

A cable despatch on Tuesday said. "Westminster Abbey is closed to public The Duke of Norfolk and the Board of Works officials to-day take charge of the sacred edifice, and the necessary preparations for the coronation will be commenced without delay. Alterations on a most elaborate scale will have to be made in the abbey in order to provide accommodation for the numerous guests who Secretary, Hon J R Stratton, gives have been invited to witness the

Forty athletic Protestant young women who don't know a word of Dutch are being sent out from Canada to South Africa at the instance of the Imperial Government to teach the Boers how to forget their mother tongue. The plan is borrowed from the American policy in the Philippines, where it has not worked well at all It is calculated to accomplish even less among the Boers than among the Filipinos. The Globe, in describing the qualifications of the school teachers now ready to start for the Cape, says they are "handsome, athletic - specimens," "a bevy of handsome girls," "proficient in of nancsome gives, pour ship-equitation and swimming," "a ship-load of charming girls," "calculated load of charming girls," to strongly attract the mascultue faculty," "steamship company may be inundated by a rush of male passengers," so on and etc. There was similar gush about the American teachers who went out to the Philippines, with the result that the heads of the girls were turned and some of them acted so badly on shipboard \$29 persons were treated during the that certificates of good character

Our worthy contemuorary, The Hamilton Herald, assumes too much in its reply to our observations upon the recent suspension of Mr. Dillon of these hospitals, it is seen that in the House of Commons. In the Catholic tharity is happily active in litts place it assumes that only Irish members voted against Mr. Dillon's suspension. As a matter of fact there were not many Irish members in the House at the time, and private individuals serveing the year: English members who went into the

..\$3,079 ()pposition lobby appear to have laid aside altogether the consideration of order in the House and voted solely upon the point of Mr Chamberlain's character for veracity. Mr. Labouchere made this very plain in an address to his constituents the following day, when he said "When it came to a livision on the question whether Mr Dillon should be suspended he did not feel justified in soing into the lobby against Mr Dillon, because there might have been a mistake It might have been thought that he was not voting to maintain order in the House, but that he was expressing his opinion that Mr Chamberlain was not a liar" The Hamilton Herlad will find the speech reported in its English exchanges of March 23 It was delivered at Northampton.

> A contemporary alluding to news-paper paragraphs on the Jubilco of Popo Leo points out that they are circulating one historical error It is asserted, or assumed, that the fact of Plus the Ninth of blessed memory having reigned more than twentyfive, in fact nearly thirty-two, years, falsified the traditional saying, supposed to be addressed to every Pope on his election: "Non videbis annos Petri" ("Thou shalt not see the years of Peter") Now, this is all a mistake St Peter was Head of the Church for 37 years and 2 months and some days True, his time in Rome was but twenty-five years. But his Chair had been seven years at Antioch, and it was five years after the death of Our Lord when Ilis Vicar temporarily made this his seat St Peter was crucifed on the 29th of June, in the year A D 66 of our chronology But this chronology is wrong by four years It should be 70, as can be easily shown if anyone questions the statement As Our Lord was 33 years and three or four months old when to died, a simple sum in subtraction will give St Peter's reign as thirty-seven years I write this for the sake of historic truth, and also through reverence for an old traditional belief, which, although unsanctioned by authority as a binding prophecy, yet deserves respect. The poetry of piety should not be lightly scoffed at When one sees a fair plant intertwined with the queen-flower of his garden, he ought to be certain that it is a noxious weed ere he proceeds to pluck it out Else he may burt the root and fibre of his favorite.

> When the advisers of the King cancelled the proposed Irish visit a little while ago, it was alleged that His Majesty was not a party to the transaction, which was inspired by a partisan motive However this may be, King Edward appears to have taken the first opportunity of publicly separating himself from the bias of his Ministers He sent a cutious message to the Irishmen of Jamaica, who telegraphed their congratulations on St. Patrick's Day The King in fact went out of his way to add his belief that their sentiments are shared by the "whole Irish nation This distinctly dissociates the King personally from his Ministers in relation to Ireland. It is absolutely safe to say that towards the King personally there is no ill-feeling in Ireland. His message to Jamaica has caused considerable annoyance to the Government, and is even taken exception to as being in excess of his prerogative, inasmuch as it goes behind the constitutional responsibility of a Ministers.

Two curious statements have appeared in this regard in two British Jingo papers - The Daily Mail and The Birmingham Post. The former, through its Jamaica correspondent, announced that at a banquet in the capital of that interesting island on St. Patrick's Day the following telegram was composed and sent to King Edward VII.: "Irishmen celebrating the seventeenth loyally greet their King." And the King wired back "The King thanks the Irishmen of Jamaica for their loyal greeting, and is sure that the whole Irish nation really joins in this greeting." The London correspondent of The Birmingham Post declares. "It is, I am told, the desire of the Court to allow no information to leak out as to the route to be followed by the Victoria and Albert during the King's Easter trip. His Majesty hopes to attend services ashore on Easter morning, and a premature disclosure as to the locality chosen for that purpose would make an immediate dislocation of the holiday arrangements of the public at large. It is by no means improbable that the Royal yacht will be moored off one of the smaller islands in the English Channel during that period. As the King travels 'en garcon,' it will be easier than it would otherwise be for him to parry the attentions of sightseers. The fihabitants of the coast towns of South and East Ireland-are cherishing some hope that they will be embraced in the itinerary, but there is no intention displayed by the King of breaking through the rule laid down by the late Queen that no Royal visit should be made to Ireland incognito or unpremeditated.'

This loyal chronicler would seem to indicate a fear that after the Ministern had cancelled the Irish visit the King might make it on his own responsibility.

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## Progress of the Church in a Hundred Years.

In 1800 about 1,000 missionaries were distributed throughout the missions of the world. In 1900 there were 13,500 missionary priests and 4,500 lay brothers working in the various missions, and this is only part of the staff that modern apostolate has created. The other sex has also claimed its part, and it is the best part and what was mostly unknown to the former century We see it now - that is, 50,000 Europeans and 10,000 natives of the mission districts - employed everywhere in re-

lieving the poor and the afflicted. But how is that immense apostolate maintained? Through the alms of the poor, collected and distributed by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the Holy Inlancy Society to the amount of £400,000 per an-

In the Chinese Empire in 1800 there were only 187,000 Catholics. There were 1,000,000 of them in 1900 Indo-China numbered 320,000 Catholics in 1800. She counted 700,000 in

India from Afghanistan to China had in 1800 475,000 Catholics and only 22 missioners In 1900 there were 2,000 missioners and 2,000,000

Australia and New Zealand, where not a Catholic was known in 1800. had 1,000,000 in 1900, with an or-

ganized hierarchy. In the numberless islands of Ocean ia Catholic missions date only from

1880, yet in 1900 they numbered 100,-000 faithful. No priest could enter Japan until

1850. There are now 5 histops, 130 priests, and 45,000 Catholics. Algeria and Tunisia had only 7,000 Catholics in 1830 and Egypt 7,000 more. In 1900 these countries numbered 500,000 Catholics, 400,000 in

Algeria alone. South Africa counts 40,000 Catholics in eight dioceses

South America in 1900 contained more than 40,000 Catholics. In the United States in 1800 there were only 1 bishop, 30 priests, and 30,000 Catholics. There were, in 1900, 13 archbishops, 82 bishops, \$,000 priests and over 12,000,000 Catholics. In 1800 there were in Canada 63 .-000 Catholics. In 1900 there were 2,-000,000.

In Newfoundland the Catholic Church did not exist in 1800 In 1900 there were 72,800 Catholics.

England and Scotland had in 1800 6 vicars apostolic and 120,000 Catholics; in 1900, over 3,000,000 Catholics and over 3,000 priests

Germany numbered in 1800 6,000,-000 Catholics, dispersed throughout the country. In 1900 she numbered in a compact mass 18,000,000 Catholics. In 1800 in Holland no priest could celebrate Mass except in a guarded room There were only 300,000 Catholics, without a bishop, administered by an apostolic delegate. There are now in the same country 1,488,000 Catholics, governed by 5 bishops and 2,800 priests, enjoying the most per-

fect freedom. In Switzerland in 1800 the number of Catholics was only 422,000; in 1900 there were 1,233,000, with 6,000

priests and 5 bishops. In 1800 there were only 300 Catholics dispersed throughout Denmark, Sweden and Norway, in 1895 there were in Denmark 4,000 Catholics, with a Jesuit college, 1,145 Catholics

in Sweden and 875 in Norway In 1800 the total of Catholics in Roumania, Servia, Bosnia, Bulgiria and Greece was only 60 0 0, in 1900 it was 530,600.

CIVILIZING THE YOUNG FILI-

Mr Stephen Bonsal, who declares that he felt a thrill of pride when a thousand college-bred Americans of both sexes were rent to the Philippines as achool teachers, has been lugubeiously disappointed in the re-

sults The Filipino's thirst for knowledge is readily assuaged and the difficulty of getting him to persevere in his studies is enormous. Mr. Bonsal's observations, which are given in the North American Review, throw into high relief the success of the friars, who at least managed to teach the natives to read. Of the American teachers he writes:

"Before the transports even reached Manila it was found, as was to be expected, that a minority of the teachers so hastily gotten together were not qualified, at least in the important matter of character, to inculato American ideals in our little brown wards, and on one transport at least the behavior of eight of the selected teachers was such as to justily the authorities in refusing to allow them to land, and they were sent back to San Francisco. What legends would have sprung from these regrettable incidents had our frail educators of both sexes been friars! If but a few of the stories which are discussed in Manila, and even appear from time to time in the island press, are true, the casual investigation as to character which the unfortunate eight failed to pass might with andvantage have been extended and made more rigorous. Whatever may have been the faults of the religious corporations which, under Spain, had such a large share in the government of the islands, such mistakes as these could never be brought home to the friars, whose activity and efficiency, in one direction at least, even the radical Zorilla praised."

The praise bestowed upon the friars by Zorilla is a reference to his declaration in the Spanish Cortex that a single friar was more effective than a regiment of cavalry in preserving Spanish soveriegaty in the Philippines. Unfortunately, this was true, and for this reason the friars are hated by the leaders of the insurrector with undying hate. The American teachers will not be loved either. -The Ave Maria.

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