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CHRISTIAN FAITH AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE

THEIR HARMONY SPOKEN OF TO A CONGREGATION OF SAVANTS.

FATHER HALPIN, S.J., and Father Ryan address the Members of the British Association at the Cathedral on Sunday last.

Many of the members of the British Association for the Advancement of Science attended High Mass in St. Michael's Cathedral on Sunday morning. The celebrant of the Mass was Vicar-General McCann. Dr. Tracy being deacon and Mr. O'Donohue sub-deacon. The sermon was preached by Rev. Father Halpin, S.J., of Manhattan College, New York.

Father Halpin took for his text

"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world and all they that dwell therein." —Ps. xxvii.

He said: This declaration is applicable to only one kingdom, the universe; is made fittingly of only one ruler, God. It is an imperial declaration carrying authority with it. It proclaims unmistakably that the Lord has rights and that we, as subjects, have duties towards Him. Our obligations are equal with all our waking moments, and reach the very depths of our being. We call them the law of our being, regulating our actions towards ourselves and towards others. The paths which all deliberate rational energy must travel, until the burden of life is laid down and we stand in the presence of our Ruler, to give an account of our stewardship, are therein mapped out. Stewardship differ, and among them is one exceedingly noble, I mean the stewardship of culture, intelligence, the stewardship of science. What account does God expect of science? Just now this is an opportune question. When you are welcoming in your hospitable city men whose names have become household words, and are members of an association which the world over is synonymous with highest culture, intellectual progress, undying suffering, untiring patience, unsullied aims, indomitable labor, which has lent lustre to the unparalleled reign of your Queen, and been the focal centre from which the whole world has been irradiated and the fountain-head from which benefactions copiously flowing have enriched the human race, when this great fact is ablaze in your city, is it any wonder that a priest in the discharge of his function of breaking the bread of the word of God should make some endeavor to bring himself in touch with the intellectual activity now astir with in your gates?

Hence I am led to ask the question: in this world, which is the Lord's, what is the stewardship of science? The nature of that stewardship can be divined only by reading the laws which the Master has inscribed in the nature of things for the guidance of all His rational creatures. It belongs to the Master to dictate, to the steward to listen and obey. What is God's attitude towards science? That attitude will regulate man's position towards God. I am to speak now of God's message to science. I have nothing to say of the attitude of science towards God, that is historical, but of God's sovereignty over science which is ethical.

I feel that I am not called upon here to justify God's right to impose the law upon His creatures rational or other. I feel that I am not here expected to corroborate the existence of the Deity. The existence of God, His Creativeness as an assumption is the best founded of all assumption; as an hypothesis science never discovered a better working one; as a fact it is witnessed to by a testimony as old as creation, and as inextinguishable as humanity.

On the fact that God is us and that He owns, matter and spirit, rests His right to command and this command is imperative for the man of science.

The divine dictate proceeds to him embracing the totality of his nature and proclaims itself to his senses, to his intelligence, to his will.

Where God rules man directly there is no vasallage, there is only noble stewardship.

The first law I read is the law which is scattered to all created worlds. It is the law of Labor, the law which includes even the Divinity itself.

"The Father worketh and I also work." God wants scientists not sciolists. He abhors the superficial. The mind must watch, the mind must work, and the mind must wait. Labor with all that it means is the first law of the Celestial world. Only the toilers have pushed their conquests furthest in the water on land and sea. We have come to admit that genius is an enormous capacity for work, and the multitude goes out to every human mind as to every human hand: "Travail till I

This labor must be scientific in its nature, scientific from start to finish, scientific in all its processes. Study must be prosecuted with an over-abundant feeling of reverence for that qualified

the contemplation of substantial truth and the integrity of the Infinite Creator.

This brings me to my last consideration. There must be a principle of unity, a co-ordinating force, commanding and making of all the sciences a solid phalanx in defense of truth. I have said it. Truth is the centralizing but not the absorbing power of all science. We want a centralizing element that does not obliterate or destroy. If the cohesive agency is truth, where and what is truth? Years ago Christ said, "I am the way and the life and the truth." With St. Paul, I say that on no other foundation can we build save on that which is already laid, Christ Jesus. Jesus Christ yesterday and to day and the same yesterday.

I receive from the lips of Christ the message which he gave to his apostles, the message to every one to whom he gives a mission. The man of science has his mission just as truly as Peter or Paul did.

The mission I quote one sung by the angels in the mid-night skies, "Glory to God in the highest, peace to men."

This two-fold object of God's creation and the Messiah's coming is the test of true science. If science brings not glory to God it has labored in vain, if it disturbs the peace of man than it is its influence evil and it cannot be counted as a factor in the advance of civilization.

This thoroughness which is labor's best reward rises to a higher plane and is better equipped for success when it holds a second mandate of the Divinity. Labor must not only be scientific but it must be consecutious. It must follow the light which illuminates every man coming into the world.

The scientific man must be untrammeled in his work, all his acts must be under the control of exact science. He must be persuaded that the end he has in view is truth only. He must go his way scorning prejudice and not bending under the yoke of the meaner passions. Jealousy and envy, personal importance, self in its most undesirable forms must disappear. Conscience forbids all preconceived opinions. Special pleading is a cancer on the body scientific.

Conscience lifts up the soul of the scientist and makes him walk erect, up with light feet from narrowness, with a clear, sound, lofty purpose, makes it clear to him that his bounden duty is to discover truth, no matter how much thoroughly he may be the loser, no matter if an ingrate world brings him back in chains and throws him into a dungeon. Conscience prescribes loyalty to truth; loyalty in all circumstances, the loyalty of living for and the higher and crowning loyalty of dying for the truth; for here, as in every realm professed over by conscience, the bloom and blossom of fidelity is martyrdom.

Labor and conscientiousness elevate the scientific man; but another quality is needed to pinnacle him on his topmost height. God is the Father and it is His will that the soulship of man should blend in one vast fraternity. Herefore it is deducible the final legislation of the church.

AT VESPERS.

FATHER RYAN ON SCIENCE AND THE CHURCH.

A large number of the members of the scientific body attended vespers at 7:30, when Father Ryan, the rector, preached in substance as follows on the attitude of the church toward science.

As the Father sent me, I send you, go ye therefore and teach all nations. And behold I am with you all days even to the consummation of the world.

The words are taken from the 18th chapter of St. Matthew. I believe you are aware why we have had some special features added to our services to-day. The reason is as you know that we are being honored by the members of that very learned body, the British Association for the Advancement of Science, who are the guests of the city at present.

The local secretary of the association asked us if we could not help to make the visit pleasant and of course we were very happy to do so, for it is always a pleasure and a gratification to us to unite with our fellow citizens of all creeds to uphold the fair fame of the city of our adoption. We wish to welcome all who care to come to our church and we are prepared to tell the members of the British Association and those who are engaged in scientific pursuits that they will find themselves at home in the Catholic Church. And this brings me to the subject of this evening's lecture. Here, however, I must claim your sympathy. The subject has been announced—perhaps unfortunately for me—"The Church and Science." Science is perhaps, you may think at first a dry subject and it has been treated in various forms, and of course in the most perfect manner during the past week. When you have read so many able and eloquent addresses you may be inclined to say, we have had enough of science and should get a rest on the Sabbath day. But I am particularly unfortunate because an old and very dear friend of mine, Father Halpin, himself an eminent scientist and eloquent preacher, anticipated my subject and spoke of science from the pulpit here this morning. I will endeavor to be as impartial as I can. Of course for several causes of course we heard this morning of the Divine Message to man. I would supplement that thought and speak to you of the Divine Messenger. If you have a message you must have a messenger, one who must be capable of taking the message intelligently and of effectively imparting its importance. If God sends a message He must select a messenger who will carry that message to its destination infallibly as well as affectively. Now the Catholic Church is the messenger of God to man, bearing and giving the message of truth. We will consider the Church's attitude towards science, and we will assert that, this the Church's attitude towards science, that she encourages science and is always ready to welcome science. The assertion may seem a little strong, especially because nowadays popular literature hear a great deal about the quarrel between the Church and science, and particularly between theology and science. In a series of articles now in book form put before the public by a man of scientific ability that of the heavenly spheres. Each star shines in its own brightness, moves in its own orbit and altogether the stars make that harmony of the world which in solemn moments means us from lower things, till we lose ourselves in

and by religion he means the Roman Catholic Church. Therefore it is popularly supposed that the Roman Catholic Church is opposed to science, condemns science, estranges science. I assert that this is the contrary of the fact. The Church encourages science, patronizes science and in every way that she can helps the advancement and progress of science. This assertion I might prove in many ways by appealing to the facts of history, what the Catholic Church has done for science in twenty-two universities which she has founded. If there was any other church to found a university, university means the home and centre of universal knowledge, taking all science and all learning. The universities of Oxford and Cambridge were founded by the Roman Catholic Church as well as all the European universities. It occurs to me, too, in regard to the British Association, that some of its most distinguished members have been children of the Catholic Church, some have been priests of the Catholic Church, some have been Jesuit priests of the Catholic Church. So I might prove my assertion by pointing to the scientific children of the Catholic Church. But this evidence is open to all of you who care to read without prejudice. For me this evening the shorter way to answer the charge that the Church is the enemy of science is to come at once to definition and explanation. If we have clear ideas of terms and understand our subject aright we shall make fewer difficulties. One of the difficulties connected with this charge against the church is that the people who bring up the opposition between the Catholic church and science misconceive alike what the Catholic church and what science are. They ought to know what they mean, as I know what I mean when I speak of the Catholic Church. I say in my creed, "I believe in the Catholic Church." I say I am ready to lay down my life for the Catholic church. I ought to know what it is. So they who say the church is the enemy of science ought to know what the Catholic church is. The Catholic church is a spiritual society, a supernatural society, a divinely founded, a divinely organized and a divinely preserved society for the salvation of souls. When I say, I believe in the Catholic church I do not say I believe in every member of the Catholic church, in every minister or priest, in every Cardinal or in the whole college of cardinals; or the sacred congregation of the Inquisition no, I do not mean even that I believe in the Pope, the Vicar of Christ, I mean I believe in the Pope, the Vicar of Christ, I mean I believe in the Catholic Church. My faith is not troubled or disturbed by what any member, minister, bishop or cardinal may say; the dogmas of my religion remain unchanged no matter what those others may declare; and it is only when the church over whom the Pope presides at the vicar of Christ, guarded and divinely preserved, defines and speaks to me about those truths that concern my salvation that I have God's guarantee when she so speaks it is absolutely impossible that she should err. Therefore when I say I believe in the Catholic church I know what I mean. I know that the difficulty of those who object to individual views or schools of thought is that they do not understand what the Catholic church is. There is an illustration in point of fact of the care with which the Catholic church, divinely wise as she is, proceeds in the matter of science. Many of the people of the Catholic church, at the time when the other churches, other but the Catholic church, thought the earth was flat, they also thought that the Church interpreted the scriptures in conformity with that belief. A very learned man, and a very holy man, began to teach that the earth was round, that people were standing at the other side, the antipodes. Some pious people asked the Pope to condemn that man as a heretic; but the Pope who was himself a very fair scientist, made the man a bishop. So he settled that question. Then again people thought the earth was stationary; that the sun went round it, and they also thought that the scriptures asserted such to be the case. In this latter case the Church did not decide anything about the solar system, she left science to its own work and when science found out the truth the Church said all right. Again people thought that the six days of creation meant six ordinary days. They might have been, God could have settled it all right, but the Church did not care to work the Church said, as far as the scriptures, of which I am the divinely constituted guardian, go, all the ages or periods you like, all the ages or periods you like. The scriptures deal only with the fact of creation. In the beginning God made the heaven and the earth. When we speak of science to-day we generally mean physical science, the science of nature, of matter, of body. Theology is the science of soul. Theology concerns itself with the salvation of the soul; physical science concerns itself with the life, growth and decay of matter. The discussions of the British Association stop short at physiology, the science that concerns the soul. Physical science, true conclusions from correct premises, and theology cannot conflict in their very nature. One is natural and the other spiritual, the other supernatural, with a divine mission. One is human and temporal, the other eternal. In the exhaustive and scholarly inaugural paper read before the British Association one principle was laid down that struck me very much. Discussing the subject of archaeology and paleontology the President made the observation that the further science advanced the closer interdependence is seen to exist between all branches of science. In the

very able and eloquent address of Mr. Bryce on economics a similar thought was implied. Economic science is the science of wealth, dealing with the relations of labor and capital, what we understand generally by the labor question. Where do we find the connection here with religion? Well, if you were to consider the laborer, the poor man, simply as a machine you would never solve the labor problem. You must also consider the human art, human feelings and sentiments, not only money as the price of labor but the relations between man and man that are in themselves essentially moral. For there is something in man that is worth more than his machine. It is written of that man who made the image and likeness of God, he made it in his own image and likeness of God. He has a living soul illumined by religion; and standing in her divine and imperishable attitude towards her children the Church of God says to the economic scientists, you can never solve this problem of labor and poverty if you concern yourselves only with the body of man, telling him how to work like a slave and die like a dog. Her attitude of the Church is that of a mother; she comes down in lowly reverence before the poor, for she has learned to do so from her Master; she takes her children by the hand, whispering Christian comfort to broken spirits and patience to men who have been robbed of their earnings. Here she speaks of faith and hope and the tender fatherhood of God. Her's is the power beyond matter, the power that takes hold of the spirit. You may say to me, "What things do you mean?" These are not so hard to understand as they appear. There is no need to say so in words, nor to make charges upon fact. Thank God to God, too, for the presence of the man of noble soul and tender spirit who are working in the army of physical science. We meet them every day at the bedside of dying men. It is there upon the threshold of eternity that the natural and supernumerary sciences most frequently meet. It is there, when natural science has exhausted all its resources that it makes its most magnificent admission to the minister of God. "Can't thou not minister to a mind diseased pluck from the memory a rooted sorrow?" This is the point at which physical science stops, and where the minister of the Catholic church clothing himself in the garb of his Master gives strength to the Christian soul to stand fast to face with his God. Here, where the physical and supernatural sciences meet we are able to realize their interdependence. We are able to realize that faith and nature cannot contradict each other. That book of God that is written upon the walls of the world and illuminated in the manuscripts of the skies cannot contradict and only confirms that other book written by the hand of God in the old and new testaments and believed in and interpreted by the Catholic church. The book of Creation confirms the book of Revelation. There is the answer of the Church of God to the charge that she opposes the investigations of science, there is the connection of the science of religion and the science of nature. She comes as God's messenger bearing God's message, she cannot contradict the glory of God's works in nature. As a teacher she is dogmatic, infallible and inexorable; as a Mother she is merciful, tender and kind. As a teacher and mother she welcomes her sons of science; she encourages all men of science; she is the mother of universities and the mother of science whom science knew not other patron. To-day she is the same. At this moment there is being held in the city of Freiburg a great Catholic Scientific Congress with the blessing of the Pope. That is her position to-day and always has been, not a conflict between science and religion but a union of science and religion, an inseparable because it is true. Where physical science stops, her supernatural science continues, comforting the sorrowing widow and family left lonely by the death of a beloved father, pronouncing re-united love beyond death and the grave, for those who knowing and loving the God of all science here are to be happy in His Vision hereafter.

The music of the Mass was under the direction of Rev. Father Rohdeker and the solo (Wm. Weber) were sung by Mrs. Kubert, Messrs. Stark and McNaughton. The offertory solo was sung by Mous. F. X. Mercier. The musical services were assisted at by the same artists.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN.

In the morning and evening the Knights of St. John supplied a uniformed guard of honor in the cathedral, under the command of Col. Katz and Capt. Farley. The Knights presented a fine appearance at the Saint-Gardon Party Lieut. Norville and Sergeant McGuinn were in command.

St. John's Grove Garden Party.

A Garden Party will be held at St. John's Grove, St. George's St., on the 1st August, the proceeds of which will be devoted to redecorating the pretty church of Our Lady of Lourdes. We hope our friends will give us their hearty support. Thanks to the exertions of the indefatigable pastor, the debt on this church has been very materially reduced, and it is hoped that, with a little more effort on the part of the congregation, the liabilities may soon be entirely cleared off. When that has been done, it may be found possible to make considerable alterations and improvements. I would especially ask the assistance of the Children of Mary for the

Catholic Order of Foresters.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 24.—The annual session of the Provincial Court of Ontario, Catholic Order of Foresters, opened here this morning, when the provincial officers and delegates from the subordinate courts of the province marched to St. Columban's church, accompanied by the members of the local courts, and headed by Fleck's Independent band. The Rev. Father Campbell sang High Mass, and the Rev. Father McPhail preached on "Faith."

The convention adjourned this afternoon, and various committees were appointed and set to work. Mayor McBeth and Deputy Reeve Gravely called the convention, and extended a formal invitation on behalf of the Town Council and the citizens, after which they took the delegates for a ride over the Electric Street Railway Company's line, and down to St. Lawrence Park. They were also shown through the Toronto paper mills.

The next meeting will likely go to the west, and among the places spoken of are Brantford, Chatham, Windsor and Hamilton.

To-morrow afternoon the local courts will entertain the delegates with a trip to Stanley Island and a banquet at the Algonquin Hotel.

Emerald Court, No. 231, of Ottawa, has won the handsome laurel offered by the Provincial Court to the subordinate court initiating the largest number of new members. Emerald Court initiated 86; St. Anne Court, Ottawa, 23; Baywater Court, Ottawa, 27; St. Basil, Brantford, 19; St. Anne, Tecumseh, 19; St. Columba's, Cornwall, 16. Emerald Court continues to be the banner court of the province, with a membership of 325.

The St. Catharines Lyceum.

There is now approaching completion in the city of St. Catharines a building that will be by long odds the finest club-house in any provincial town in Canada. This is the Canadian Lyceum and Athletic Club, and it is to the fine public spirit and tireless energy of Dean Harris that St. Catharines will owe the new institution. The building will house the local athletic and literary clubs, and will also be used on occasions for public receptions and social functions of more than ordinary dimensions. The basement contains a fine bowling alley and gymnasium with elegantly fitted laboratories. On the ground floor are the reception rooms, two very spacious apartments, and the cloak rooms; also a room which will be occupied by the council of the local C. M. B. A. On the first floor is a fine billiard room to hold three tables, with a couple of small rooms for chess and checker players, also a commodious smoking room and handsome library. The material used in the building is pressed brick with cut stone dressings. The formal opening will take place sometime in the beginning of October. Dean Harris has set an example that other cities in Ontario might profitably follow. The architect of the St. Catharines Lyceum is Mr. Arthur W. Holmes of Toronto, to whose ability the appearance and solidity of the building do credit.

I. C. B. U.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 2, I.C.B.U., of Toronto, held on Monday evening, August 10, 1897, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

That whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove by sudden death the father of our respected Brother, Patrick O'Reilly, resolved, that the members of the above Branch hereby express our sorrow for the loss sustained by him and his family and extend to them our sincere sympathy in their sad affliction.

Also resolved that a copy of this resolution be inserted in the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to Brother O'Reilly, also to The Catholic Register and Catholic Record, for publication therein. J. A. Cronin, Pres. D. P. Cronin, Rec. Sec.

An Artistic Monument.

Mr. A. W. Anderson, Manager of the Toronto Granite Works, has just returned from Berlin, with his staff of workmen, who he has been for the past six weeks engaged in the erection of a monument in honor of the late Kaiser Wilhelm. The statue is of bronze, life size, and mounted on a large granite pedestal. The whole work cost 39,000, which was raised by subscription throughout the County of Waterloo. The committee and public in general are highly pleased with the monument, and Mr. Anderson has been warmly complimented over it. This is the first monument ever erected in Canada by electricity. About 4,000 people witnessed the unveiling, which went off without a hitch.

Ontario Children for Adoption.

The St. Vincent de Paul Children's Aid Society of Toronto have a number of bright Ontario children for whom they are anxious to find good Catholic homes. For the loss sustained by their agent, P. H. Hayes,

The Czar and President Kauk are just now leading in mutual administration speeches and attending theatrical performances.

The Corn Millers' Association of Elgin, Ill., has advanced the price of flour to 14¢ per sack, making 14¢ advance per sack in two weeks.

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Calendar for the Week.

Aug. 26.—S. Zephyrus.

27.—St. Joseph Calasancius.

28.—Augustine.

29.—St. Bartholomew.

30.—St. Ignatius.

Sept. 1.—St. Silvester Ab.

Political Attitude of Catholic
Citizens.

A Toronto evening attachment of the Tory party vehicle has been publishing a series of sensational reports concerning the formation, or proposed formation, of a Catholic League in Ontario. We do not believe that there is any foundation for those reports, and we are inclined to regard their circulation now as being inspired by no real sympathy with those Catholics who have lately been harshly treated by the Liberal managers of government offices. We have not heard of any responsible or intelligent Catholics who have associated their names so far with a defensive organization of the kind described.

A Dominion Government organ, professing Catholic principles, lately suggested a convention of Catholic Liberals, apparently to help in furthering the aims of a few individual partisans on that side of politics. But the plan found no support and died, we believe, abortive.

The Globe has been writing in the new "national" and "patriotic" strain against the notion of Catholics finding fault with existing political conditions. It is enough, we are told, to make the chief government organ "tired." But is it not selfish in The Globe to make so much of its own feelings of weariness? We presume to say that those Catholic employees of the government who were ousted in order to make room in the public service for fully identified P.P.A.'s feel a great deal more "tired" than The Globe. At all events they have more reason to complain of the peculiar strain of political conditions. Let us call the attention of The Globe to a few particular cases. A partisan commission deprived of their living the following Catholics who were on the staff of the Kingston Penitentiary before the change of the government: William Sullivan, deputy warden; P. O'Donnell, storekeeper; James Devlin, engineer. Charges had been made against these men as well as the warden; and it must have impressed them of course with the principle of "equal rights" upon which the public service is supposed to be run, when the warden was retained in his position because he was an Orangeman having a strong political pull, whilst they were sacrificed to satisfy the virtuous zeal of the government. If Senator Scott were what he poses for he certainly could not have allowed the dismissal of Mr. Daniel McAllister of Cobourg to have gone on without protest. After twenty years in the public service Mr. McAllister was dismissed without excuse or explanation. It was an act of such wanton injustice as to have provoked the indignation of the Liberals as well as the Conservatives in the district. We have in our possession the copy of a petition sent to the Minister of Customs, Mr. Paterson, on this matter and signed by all the representative citizens of Cobourg. This petition declares that:

The people of Cobourg are very indignant at the action of your department in retiring Mr. McAllister on a very small allowance which we know to be an act of great hardness, inasmuch as he has always proved himself to be trustworthy, diligent, courteous and competent officer and very popular with all sections of our community.

There were no charges, false or true, preferred against P. Hurley, caretaker of the dry dock at Kingston. Still he had to walk the plank, and no explanations were offered one way or another.

But the end is not yet. Let us continue the Kingston list. Sergeant Leyden and Sergeant Brogan at the Military College were dismissed without charges or explanations being made or offered. Both were first-class officers.

William Saunders, gardener at the Royal Military College, was also dismissed and a Protestant appointed in his stead. Mr. Saunders was an eminent and thoroughly satisfactory man at the work and no charge was laid against him. We recommend the tired feelings of those individuals to the consideration of the editor of The Globe. There are others. James McGlynn, fishery officer at Wolfe Island, was dismissed for offensive partisanship alleged to have been displayed in June, 1896, although there was no election in that county in that year. A Patron Orangeman was appointed in his place. The civil service law in the United States, a nation which according to The Globe is the home of disreputable and dishonest politics, declare that no civil servant shall be dismissed from office on account of political or religious belief. The law has been so interpreted by a legal decision in the superior courts, and President McKinley has issued an order to all branches of the service emphasizing the true intent of the law. Does it not make The Globe the least bit tired to reflect that Canada stands in so unfavorable a light compared with the United States on account of the corrupt and dishonest management of our civil service after a change of government has taken place?

If ever an epoch required to ask from science and oration weapons in defense of Catholic faith, that epoch is assuredly ours, in which the rapid advances made in all branches of civilization frequently furnish the enemies of the Christian faith with occasions for assault. The same forces must be devoted to repel their attack; the ground must be occupied before them and the arms snatched from their hands with which they strive to break every link between God and man. Catholics, thus strengthened in mind and endowed with suitable enlightenment, will be able to show by facts that faith is not only in no wise hostile to science, but is actually its portion; that, even in points at first sight appear incompatible or contradictory, it can harmonize and unite so perfectly with philosophy that the lights of both are mutually strengthened more and more; that nature is not the foe, but the companion and handmaid of religion; and, finally, that the inspirations of religion not only enrich all kinds of knowledge, but add strength and life to letters and the other arts."

In spite of the now born "nationalism" and "patriotism" of which The Globe makes a loud boast we are convinced that its professions are just as dishonest as the unfairness of the Liberal government in dealing with Catholics. This patriotic partisan declares:

The safe and just principle is that no man is to be either chosen or rejected on account of his religious faith.

The Globe knows that most of the dismissals mentioned above were ordered on account of religious faith, along with the fact that the nominees of Orangemen or P.P.A.'s covet the positions.

The Globe also takes occasion to remark:

We do not see what cause Catholics have for being discontented with a Ministry which contains such men as Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Senator Scott and Mr. Fitzpatrick.

As for Sir Wilfrid Laurier he is the Premier of this Dominion and the representative of no section or class of the people. The attitude of the Premier, in as far as it must be perfectly free from the suspicion of class influence, was made clear in the person of the late Sir John Thompson, whose views in this regard we think Sir Wilfrid Laurier shares. In the selection of the other members of the Government the principle of representation is always supposed to be followed, not only in Canada but in England. Mr. Fitzpatrick may be a recognized representative of a class; but Senator Scott most emphatically is not. Those who would regard Senator Scott as the representative of the Irish Catholics of Ontario or any other part of Canada are not the people supposed to be represented; and furthermore, if their regard is at all sincere, they must know very little about the Senator's peculiar claim to representative personality.

If Senator Scott were what he poses for he certainly could not have allowed the dismissal of Mr. Daniel McAllister of Cobourg to have gone on without protest. After twenty years in the public service Mr. McAllister was dismissed without excuse or explanation. It was an act of such wanton injustice as to have provoked the indignation of the Liberals as well as the Conservatives in the district. We have in our possession the copy of a petition sent to the Minister of Customs, Mr. Paterson, on this matter and signed by all the representative citizens of Cobourg. This petition declares that:

The people of Cobourg are very indignant at the action of your department in retiring Mr. McAllister on a very small allowance which we know to be an act of great hardness, inasmuch as he has always proved himself to be trustworthy, diligent, courteous and competent officer and very popular with all sections of our community.

If Mr. McAllister had been a civil servant under the government of the United States, as despised by The Globe, the law would have declared his vested interest in the office, and no politico-religious enemy could have forced the Government to deprive him of his livelihood without the Government being rendered pecuniarily responsible.

We venture to say that neither the Catholics of Ontario, who resent the harsh treatment Mr. McAllister has suffered, nor the leading men of Cobourg who protested against this unjustifiable instance of dismissal for partisan or religious motives ever thought of representing the case to Senator Scott. They would just as soon have thought of talking to the man in the moon or the President of the Canadian Pacific railway about it. In short if Mr. Scott insists upon posing in the pages of the government organ as the representative of the Irish Catholics of Ontario it will become the duty of a misrepresented people to show the very ridiculous position in which the hon. gentleman is placed by the editor of The Globe.

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Let it not be supposed that Catholics are clamoring for salaried offices under the Government simply because they are Catholics. Nothing could be farther from the truth and a more deliberate misrepresentation of the facts. What Catholics object to is that they should be driven out of the public service simply because they are Catholics. No matter what plausible face may be put upon the affair the facts stand for the unprincipled motive at the bottom of this discriminating policy, which the Government would seem to have adopted from the P.P.A. Of course the P.P.A.'s were just as loud

shouters for the principle of "equal rights" as The Globe is today. But Catholics are not to be shaped into a political wedge like Orangeism or P.P.A.-ism without greater provocation than they have so far suffered. They are simply annoyed at the way they are being treated. Under the Conservative Government complaints of unfair treatment were not unheard of, but a profession was then kept up of proportionate share in public recognition. As a consequence, in the postal, excise, customs, military and penitentiary departments, some responsible, though never the best positions, were held by Catholics. In the city of Kingston under the new Government the asylum has come under Liberal regime and as a consequence there is not an office of any value held by a Catholic. This is but an instance of the general tendency. The Liberals are diligently applying themselves to remove from office every Catholic appointed by the Conservatives.

Pope Leo on Education.

The letter which Pope Leo has addressed to the bishops of Austria, Germany and Switzerland, commemo rating on the centenary of the death of Blessed Peter Canisius, the labor in the realm of knowledge of that great Jesuit priest, is a most important pronouncement on the Catholic position in education. The entire letter is rather long, and we need quote only those passages in which the Holy Father speaks to the entire Catholic world concerning religious education. He says:

"Now this practical work is in especial evidence in the education of youth, which is a matter of so much importance that it demands the largest share of their energies and care. For this reason, of all others, we strenuously exhort you, venerable brethren, imploring you to watch carefully over the maintenance of the schools in the integrity of the faith, or even, if need be, to restore faith in them, and to lavish your care as well on the schools founded by past generations as on those more recently established, and not only on children's schools, but on those called secondary or academic. As to the other Catholics of your country, they should, even at the cost of the greatest efforts, see that in the instruction of youth the rights of parents, as well as the rights of the Church, be restored and upheld.

"The principal rules to be observed in this matter are as follows:

"In the first place Catholics are not, especially for children, to adopt mixed schools, but should have their own schools, and should select for them excellent and well approved teachers. Very perilous is the education in which religion is either vilified or non-existent, and we see that in schools known as mixed either of these alternatives is frequently realized. Men must not allow themselves to be easily persuaded that instruction and piety can be kept separate with impunity. If it is true that no part of life, public or private, can be exempt from the duty of religion, neither is there any age when this duty can be less ignored than that early period when wisdom is lacking, when the mind is fresh, and when the heart is exposed to so many fascinating causes of corruption. To so orangize education as to remove from it all points of contact with religion is to corrupt in the soul the very seeds of beauty and virtue, and to bring up, not defenders for the fatherland, but a pest and a scourge for the human race. Suppress God, and what consideration can be alleged to keep young people to their duty or to call them back to it when they have turned aside from the straight path of virtue and are moving downward toward the abysses of vice?

"In the second place, not only should religion be taught to children at certain hours, but all the rest of the instruction should, as it were, exhale a perfume of Christian piety. Where this is not the case, where this sacred aroma does not penetrate and enlivens the minds of teachers and pupils, instruction, of whatever kind it may be, will produce but little fruit, but will, on the contrary, be often attended by very large inconveniences. For almost every science brings with it its own puerile which the young cannot escape if their minds and hearts be not held in check by divine restraints. The greatest care must be taken, therefore, that the practice of such essentials as justice and piety be not relegated

to a secondary place; that youth, impressed only by what comes under its eyes, should not be allowed to let its powers of virtue grow feeble; that while teachers are laboriously unfolding before their eyes the elements of some tiresome science, the young should not be permitted to have no care for that true wisdom whose beginning is the fear of the Lord, and to whose precepts they should conform every moment of their lives. Let, then, the transmission of the various branches of human knowledge remain conjoined with the culture of the soul. Let every degree of instruction, in whatever line it may be, be penetrated and animated by religion, and let religion so rule by its majestic and sweetest as to leave, as it were, in the souls of the young a stimulus to well-doing.

"On the other hand, since it has always been the intention of the Church that all kinds of studies should principally subserve the religious formation of youth, it is necessary not only that this branch of instruction should have its place and that this place should be the principal one, but, further, that nobody should exercise such important functions without having been judged fitted thereto by the judgment of the Church and confirmed in their office by religious authority."

Some Scientific Suggestions.

The very great variety of subjects dealt with during the week by the members of the British Association assembled in Toronto preclude the possibility of touching upon the educational influence of the numerous meetings except in the most general and fragmentary way. The public, however, have been deluged with lengthy, but often incomplete, reports of sectional meetings, the effect of which upon the reader of average intelligence was rather confusing than otherwise. It may perhaps be of some use to mention a few important points or suggestions not included in the trackless wastes of type that met the eye every lawful morning during the proceedings of the British Association.

It would be a pity to treat the scientists in the "glad hand" fashion that Toronto has made a custom of towards Christian Endeavorists and all other convention folk, hurrying around them because they spend money in the city, and dismissing them without regret to admit the next batch of visitors in whose pockets is a surplus of currency.

The British Association came to teach us Canadians many things about our own country we did not know before. The little hand book supplied to the members was in itself sufficient evidence that much remains unknown. The young men and women of Canada have access to a vast supply of material for scientific investigation; and if the British Association had done nothing more than to encourage our young people to practical inquiry into the things of life and death in nature, the gathering here would have been a success from the Canadian point of view. Anyone who has attended either the general or sectional meetings could not fail to have been impressed by the real popularity of all the discussions. A child might understand Prof. Milne's explanation of earthquakes or a bicycle girl feel a glow of interest in something as slow of movement as a worm, when described by Prof. Miall. It would have paid the Ontario Government to fill Prof. Ravnstoin's lecture-room with school teachers in order to give them some idea how interesting geography can be made. The same note of popularity prevailed in all the departments, even to Mr. Bryce's elucidation of economics or Sir John Evans' conjectures regarding the wondrous antiquity of man.

This matter of popularity is all the more significant here in Canada where Government printing offices are incessantly turning out volumes upon volumes of blue books and reports, professing to deal with our animals, plants, climate, undeveloped resources of mine and forest, and all such common subjects of investigation for amateur and other scientists. Our shelves are loaded down with Government publications; but not one of them possesses a particle of interest on account of the tremendously technical style in which they have been thrown together. Paste and scissars, scissars and paste; and oh for the

touch of the unfortunate tax-payer's vanished cash! We are altogether too technical and statistical in these matters, and it is to be hoped that if our Governments persevere in producing an annual output of many tons of reports they may be converted at least from the error of wasting so much white paper.

It is the natural consequence of the endeavor to promote the popularity of science that so many of the field naturalists' clubs and philosophical societies in England are composed of working men. With the aid of modern photography and the diffusion of literature in the English language it is not out of the question for any man of common school education to accomplish valuable results in the field of biology or natural history, by devoting some of his spare hours to study and observation. In Canada the Indian and the Indian customs are vanishing from amongst us, and some animal life as well as the opportunity for recording it are going the same road. Popular clubs might indeed turn to the work of science in a hundred different directions.

One remark made by Sir John Evans in his inaugural address is rendered more noteworthy by the present rising of the Afridis in northern India against the Imperial Government. England some considerable time ago learned the error of trying to suppress the religion of conquered peoples by persecution. The Indian Government is now given credit for honest respect for native religious customs, and upon the results of this common-sense policy the loyalty and good will of the Afridis have horridly been relied upon. Now the Afridis are coming down the Khyber Pass in arms, and everyone is asking, What is in the air? The passage in Sir John Evans' address, to which we have alluded, may bear upon the point. Speaking of the establishment of a bureau of ethnology as a department of the Imperial Institute he said:

I trust that in considering the question it will always be borne in mind that in the relations between civilized and uncivilized nations and races it is of the first importance that the prejudices, and especially the religious or semi-religious and caste prejudices, of the latter should be as little as possible known to the former. If but a single "little war" could be avoided in consequence of the knowledge acquired and stored up by the bureau of ethnology preventing such a misunderstanding as might culminate in warfare, the cost of such an institution would quickly be saved.

Sir John Evans is not the first to say that the English do not, and we believe never can, understand their Indian subjects. The result is incalculable.

The observation made by Sir John Evans is, in a sense, not entirely inapplicable to Canada. Although there is no question of race prejudice between the people of this country and their neighbor in the United States, the papers on both sides of the border have been breathing a great deal of fire and fury at each other of late. It may become advisable to establish at Washington and Ottawa departments of ethnology to get at the root of the misunderstanding. They clearly want war on the Klondike. It was their thirst for blood and sensational "copy" that called upon Lord Aberdeen to say, after Sir John Evans had finished, that the Canadians truly love the Americans. His Excellency did not include the editors, perhaps, and we had better start the ethnologists upon their track without delay.

More Royalties for Ireland.

The Archduchess Stephanie of Austria propose to spend a few weeks in Ireland during the autumn, visiting Dublin, Connemara and Killarney among other places. The Archduchess is a very go-ahead lady, and evidently inherits her taste for travel from her father, the King of the Belgians, who is rarely at rest in his own country. Her visits to England, owing to the state with which she has to be treated, being the widow of the Crown Prince of Austria, have occasionally caused considerable bother at Court. It was said last year or the year before that when she intimated her intention of spending the regatta week at Gores it was conveyed to her on the part of the Queen that her presence would be inconvenient, but the Archduchess went all the same.

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