

Yet happily among Anglicans (there) have been found many men of real theological knowledge and historical lore, who have torn Littledale's collection of sneers into ribbons, and cast them to the winds of heaven. A perusal of Archbishop Casper's *Lectures and Replies* simply demonstrates this. Here we content ourselves with quoting (pp. 672-674) the verdict pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Frederick George Lee long before he sought refuge, from the tossing winds of doctrine, in the haven of Catholic unity. The learned Doctor tabulated as follows the errors which he discovered in Littledale's *Plain Reasons Against Joining the Church of Rome*—after the book had been corrected and revised over and over again.

**Errors:** Regarding historical facts 19  
 Regarding dogmatic facts 19  
 Inaccurate quotations from writers on history 29  
 and canon law 29  
 Historical and theological quotations half made, and often with remarkable omissions or qualifications 30  
 Quotations from Fathers, bearing an entirely different meaning from that of Littledale, but on which they are based 24  
 Confusing the opinion of some Catholics with the defined doctrine of the Church 17  
 Assuming that current opinions of theologians are, without doubt, defined dogma 21  
 Total under all heads 201

Had we remarks Dr. Lee, "a body of clergy with a sound theological education, such a publication must have been met first with a chilling welcome from those being duped, and then with a howl of execration, and will not directly excite more than that having carefully examined it in conjunction with others—the first edition of the last—we have found it to be manifestly unfair and altogether untrustworthy. I would that we could regard its compiler as unintentionally misled, and mistaken. Thus far Dr. Lee's Science provides an antidote for the virulent bikh poison of India, and for the deadly drug with mere pinhead doses of which Dr. Lamson severed the thread of life of his victims in the early eighties. Truth provides, too, a ready antidote for the venomous pages of Dr. Littledale—and one of the best preparations for the purpose is Dr. Ryder's admirable little book, *Catholic Controversy*."

**Catholics in America**

The once strong and virile Puritan stock that peopled the New England States in America have practically died of dry rot. They swept to extinction through the bull-pup and canary family, and the places of the degenerates have been taken by the more moral Irish, German and French-Canadian stocks. New England is now Roman Catholic—so far as it is anything in the way of church membership. Thus, recently wrote the Springfield *Republican* in the course of an editorial comment on the religious statistics published by the United States Census Bureau *Harper's Weekly* likewise dealt in a recent issue with the findings of the Census Bureau, and pricked their significance with many sharp questionings. Here are some of them: One striking fact is that the rate of increase in the Catholic Church has been 93 per cent, or more than twice that of all the Protestant bodies combined. What does this mean? That the United States is going to become a Catholic country. Surely, if this relative proportion of increases be maintained, although the data at hand are not sufficient to enable us to figure how soon it is probable that change in the teachings of the public schools. A Catholic president, perhaps. There should be nothing spectral in this outlook, says the Milwaukee *Catholic Citizen*, "to chill the marrow of our friends. The country has not suffered by the increased proportion. The *Ave Maria* for September quotes, from the Los Angeles *Time* (a secular paper) the following appreciation of the surprising growth of the Catholic Church in America. In the first place, Catholics are not given to race suicide in this or in any other country. The Church distinctly frowns on the practice in fact, it will not tolerate it. As a consequence, Catholic families are generally large families. In the next place, the enormous tides of immigration flowing into this country is largely Catholic. There was a time when this wonderful increase of Catholics in America would have caused intense uneasiness. But happily the American people have passed all that. Our Catholic fellow-citizens are good Americans, and the nation has not only nothing to fear, but much to expect

the Catholic Church in America stands like a stone wall against Anarchy and Socialism. The terrible evil and anarchy which have been ordered by these reasons alone in right-minded American men find cause for alarm in the growth of the Catholic Church in this country. No matter what Church he may belong to himself. This comment of the Los Angeles *Times* moves the *American* to remark, "The progress of the Church in the United States is hardly more remarkable than the change of sentiment in regard to it that has come over non-Catholic men in recent years. Less than a decade ago such an expression of opinion as was here quoted from the Los Angeles *Times* would have cost it numerous subscribers."

It looks indeed as if some of the Church's brightest triumphs are destined to be achieved in the great western continent, and that a fulfilment is being providentially provided for Bishop Berkeley's prophecy in a sense which the Anglican prophet never dreamed of.

Westward the course of empire takes its way;  
 The first four acts already past,  
 The fifth shall close the drama with the day;  
 Time's noblest offspring is the last.

**More of Barcelona**

Catullus weeping over his lady-love's dead sparrow; Sterne shedding salt tears over the grave of a kicking donkey, and the British echoes performing a great tangi or funeral lament over the corpse of the anarchist hero Ferrer: they are all instances of an emotionalism that laps too readily into bathos. It now turns out—as we had surmised—that the artificial hulla-ballo raised over the arrest and execution of Ferrer was engineered by the masonic-socialist-anarchist press of Continental Europe. (This has been amply proved by the newspaper files to hand in various languages, Ferrer as already stated in our columns) was notified by court-martial, and admitted to the sittings on the customary way, and stays the London *Tablet* of October 16, after a patient trial, Señor Ferrer was found guilty of complicity in the outrages in Barcelona. The court was unanimous in its judgment, and also unanimous in approving the sentence of death. Under the circumstances the Cabinet saw fit to refrain from interfering with the course of justice, and accordingly the man was shot on Wednesday morning. Assuming his guilt, which after the verdict we are bound to believe, had to rest on what ground a reprieve could have been granted. A number of poor dupes had already paid the penalty of their crimes—it would have been strange if the leader of the movement, whose responsibility was necessarily so much greater, had been treated with greater leniency. The execution has been followed by violent protests on the part of socialists in all parts of the world. It is not without interest to note the forms which these demonstrations have taken. In Paris and Montevideo it has occurred to the leaders of the anti-clerical parties that the most appropriate thing to do would be to organize a general strike and a resolution to do no work of any sort. In Paris a symbolic pathy with Señor Ferrer's teaching was taken. There were street riots and a determined attempt to sack a bank. In Italy priests have been insulted in several places, and at Vicenza the offices of a Catholic paper have been wrecked. In a recent issue of the *Saturday Review* quotes from the Paris *Review* of September 14 a paper which, one says, cannot be accused of clericalism—some specimens of the sort of teaching that was imparted in Ferrer's secular (revolutionary) schools. High praise is paid and labours in Barcelona. The outbreak of all these schools, says the writer, "no longer than the authority of the bishops, but the children have been told that the soldiers and officers are murderers, whose mission is to kill and to sack. The people are told that it is a symbol of tyranny and empire. Every year the Governments of Europe kill more a man and women for their simple pleasure than there are stars in the firmament. His property has been created by a pollution. Religion is an appalling falsehood; there is no God, no Christ, and no future state. Scribner has proved these facts. I see All things are monsters, who ought to be understood and punished for their iniquities as the kings of France and Old England were punished centuries ago. In the great revolution which is coming, we must destroy the middle classes and the wealthy; we must destroy everything so as to have a clear table on which to build up a new civilisation. If amongst the political men of the day there are one or two who pretend to sympathise with us, do not believe in their sympathy, but kill them when the opportunity occurs. We must abolish every existing

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