

WINNIPEG, CANADA, SATURDAY,

MAY 3rd, 1913.

# CARDINAL GIBBONS DEMANDS RETRACTION

Truths Attacked by Sir Wm. Osler

## SLIGHTS UPON RELIGION

Not the First Occasion on Which the Aged Cardinal Has Been Obligated to Put Would-be Scientists Right

When part of the speech of Sir William Osler at the dedicatory exercises of the Phipps Psychiatric clinic of the Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, was read to Cardinal Gibbons, the prelate exclaimed:

"I am shocked."

Sir William, who is professor of medicine in Oxford university, said in part:

"Primitive views will prevail everywhere of man's relation to the world and to the uncharted region about him. So recent is the control of the forces of nature that even in the most civilized countries man has not yet adjusted himself to the new conditions and stands only half awake rubbing his eyes.

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*Cf. W.O.'s writing on reverse of this - "a fake etc."*

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"What do the things that Dr. Osler preaches stand for anyhow? Fifty years hence all his teachings may be overthrown by new discoveries. His whole doctrine is based on theory.

"Fifty years ago, the scientists of that day imagined they knew all that was to be known of medicine; yet today their conclusions are overthrown by later discoveries.

#### Church Not Founded on Theory.

"The Catholic Church is no founded on theory, and whereas the whole world is informed of its doctrines, the conclusions of Dr. Osler are known to comparatively few. The world at present is alarmed by the condition of the head of the Church and changes in his health are of great interest--more, perhaps, than that of any scientists whom we know."

Dr. Osler when informed that the Cardinal regarded his reported utterances as an attack on Christianity, appeared to be greatly disturbed.

"I am no enemy of the saints," he declared. "I will talk to my friend, the Cardinal, about this as soon as I get back from New Haven."

Sir William made it clear that he regretted the exception taken by the Cardinal to his remark and that he intends to see the Cardinal about it. He mentioned the Cardinal's name in a way that indicated that his feelings towards the prelate are kindly, and that he is eager to have an opportunity to settle the difference by a heart to heart talk.

Sunday masses: 7, 8.30, 9.30 and 11 a.m.

**ST. JOSEPH'S (German)**  
493 College Ave., near Powers Street.  
**REV. P. HILLAND, O.M.I.,**  
Pastor.  
Sunday Masses: 7.30, 8.30, and 10.30 a.m.

**SACRED HEART (French)**  
Cor. Bannatyne and Lydia St.  
**REV. F. X. PORTELANCE,**  
O.M.I., Pastor.  
Sunday Masses: 8, 9.15 and 10.30 a.m.

**ST. NICHOLAS (Ruthenian)**  
Cor. Stella and McGregor St.  
**REV. A. FILIPOW, O.S.B.M.,**  
Pastor.  
Sunday Mass: 10.30 a.m.

### Church Calendar

#### MAY.

- 4.—St. Monica.
- 5.—St. Pius V.
- 6.—St. John before Latin Gate.
- 7.—St. Stanislaus.
- 8.—Apparition of St. Michael, Arch.
- 9.—St. Gregory—Fish.
- 10.—St. Anthony—Fish.

#### SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION.

Epistle. I Peter iv. 7-11.

Dearly beloved: Be prudent, and watch in prayers. But before all things have a constant mutual charity among yourselves for charity covereth a multitude of sins. Using hospitality one towards another without murmuring. As every man hath received grace, ministering the same to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God: If any man speak, let him speak as the words of God. If any man minister, let him do it as of the power which God administereth; that in all things God may be honored through Jesus Christ.

THE GOSPEL. John xv. 25, 27. xvi.—You shall give testimony, because you are with me from the beginning.

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: When the Paraclete cometh Whom I will send you from the Father the Spirit of Truth, Who proceedeth from the Father, He shall give testimony, because you are with Me from the beginning. These things have I spoken to you, that you may not be scandalized. They will put you out of the synagogues: yea, the hour cometh when they will kill you, will think