

those best qualified to assert themselves in connection with this subject. The members of the Corinthian Club were present in full force. The Masonic Lodges were well represented. Mr. J. C. Campbell, K.C., voiced the sentiments of the great gathering when he said that they would never let a Bull from Rome supplant the Roast Beef of Old England! They had been told that this new decree did not concern the Protestants. That was nonsense. (A voice—'What about the butchers?') Aye, indeed! Was that splendid industry to be allowed to decline because of a decree from Rome. Never! Ireland was an agricultural country, subsisting mainly on her trade in eggs and poultry. Was the consumption of these articles to be stopped by decrees from Rome? In the sacred name of Liberty he said—No.

Sir Edward Carson, K.C., said Ulster would eat, Ulster would have meat! Why, even Mr. Winston Churchill on his recent visit to Belfast had had his breakfast. If they had had the Home Rule the First Lord came to advocate, Mr. Churchill would not have been allowed to get that meal. Home Rule meant Rome Rule, and Rome Rule meant no more rashers! Well, he would tell them that no matter what happened, he (Sir Edward) would have his cut of mutton or his slice off the breast. Their forefathers cheerfully faced the stake for their convictions, and they, their descendants, would face the steak—aye, the beefsteak—for theirs. He had seen it urged in the craven newspapers of a priest-ridden press that this was no new decree. Well, it was the first he had heard of it, anyhow. It was further alleged that dispensations could be obtained. He thought they knew those dispensations. For his part, he would shed his last tear before he allowed Italian priests to dictate his menu.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR OF THE DAILY EXPRESS.

Dear Sir,—The recent decree re dietary has a subtle significance which seems so far to have been overlooked. It is well known that fish is good for the brain. In this simple fact we have the explanation of Rome's latest action. Papists—notoriously inferior to Protestants in intellectual as well as moral fibre—are to be put on a fish diet to stimulate their sluggish mental powers. This, I take it, is the meaning of the recent enactment. Shall we permit it?—Yours observantly,

ANTI-JESUIT.

Sir,—I am a vegetarian. Hence I cannot support the meat-eaters' campaign against the new decree re dietary. But a sprat is as much a brother to me as a sheep. Therefore I am with you in denouncing this last encroachment of Rome.—Yours perennially,

CAULIFLOWER.

Dear Sir,—The Papists rely on two arguments in defence of the new decree—(a) That it is not new; (b) that it affects only themselves. As regards (a) it is a lie; as regards (b) no people can exist without proper food. If the Irish Papists become weak from want of nourishment, where are we to look for our soldiers and sailors? *Verb. sap.*—Yours enthusiastically,

IMPERIALIST.

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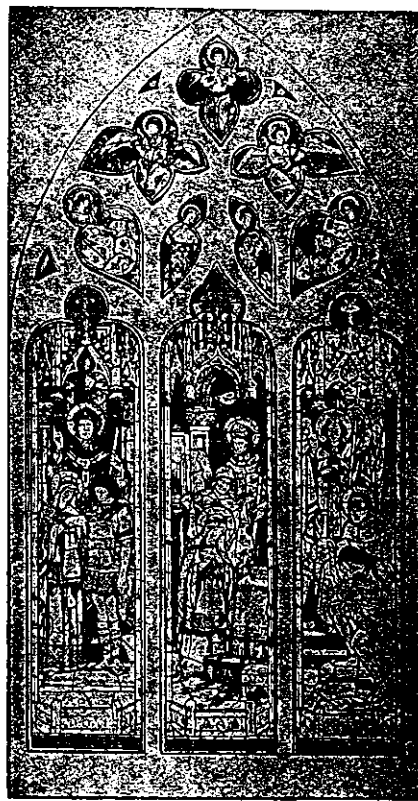
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Who sipped a sup from a common cup
Of a medicine pure (Woods' Great Peppermint Cure);
And who felt quite well, I am glad to tell,
And who went to his toil in the morning.



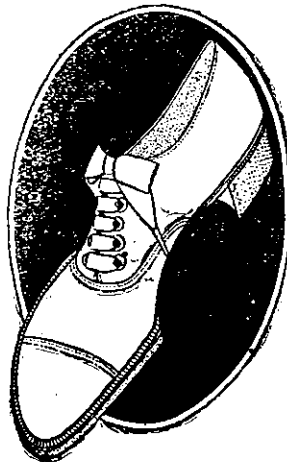
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