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The War—Catholicism vs. Protestantism.

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The New York Tribune shows the absurdity of the opinion which prevails among certain classes that the war is an issue between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism, France being the representative of the former and Prussia of the latter. The large Catholic population that exists throughout Germany, and the fact that in France the Protestant clergy are alike recognized by the government, and alike supported out of public funds, ought to be convincing that the war has no religious basis. In Prussia 32 per cent. of the population is Catholic, and 65 per cent. Lutheran and Calvinistic, the remainder being made up of Jews and other denominations, all of whom enjoy the same privileges and are equally eligible to places of trust and emolument. Taking North and South Germany together, the population is thus divided:—Protestants, 24,673,333; Catholics, 13,258,440. In North Germany there are 8,131,136 Catholics, and in South Germany 3,960,995 Protestants. About two-thirds of the whole people are therefore Protestant and one-third Catholic. But Catholics and Protestants are alike united in opposition to French aggression, and the newspapers representing the former have been as earnest and hearty in arousing the national enthusiasm against Napoleon as any of the Protestant press. In Bavaria, which is three-fourths Catholic, the patriotic feeling of the people was so strongly developed at the first hint of war that the Government, which was chosen through clerical influences, was at once compelled to recede from its former position and make common cause with Prussia. Indeed, throughout Germany all thought of religious as of political difference is forgotten, and men of all classes and creeds are actuated by only one motive—the salvation and defense of "Fatherland." Then, if we turn to France, we find that while the Catholic population amounts to 36,420,664, the Protestants number 1,591,230 and include among them many leading statesmen and prominent personages of the Empire. The allowance made to the Roman Catholic clergy in the last budget amounted to 49,819,936 francs, and that of the Protestant Churches to 1,493,436 francs. These amounts, when compared with the population returns, show that the allowance per capita is about the same in the two denominations. It is equally true with regard to France as to Germany, that Catholics and Protestants are united. There may be due dissatisfaction with the Emperor, but there is no dispute as to the paramount importance and necessity of defending the country to the utmost of their power. The notion, then, that religious questions enter in any shape into the issue of the war may as well be abandoned.

The press in all parts of France resolutely denounces all overtures for peace until the Prussians are driven from the soil.

The CHAMPION RUNNER.—At the Toronto games last week a match was got up between Mr. J. Fraser, of Arthur, and Mr. E. Maher, of Brampton, who is a practical runner, and was never beaten, for 150 yards, \$25 a side, which was run on Tuesday morning. Fraser winning easily, and coming in eight yards ahead. A challenge was immediately given by Maher for the same distance, for \$100 a side, to be contested for on the Guelph race-course at the time of the Fall races, which challenge will be accepted.

The New York Times says: The extravagant prises brought by Mr. Dickens' ink-stand and book-jack seem to have sickened people of running after the novelist's "relics." Mr. Dickens knew what he was about when he ordered in his will that his property should be sold within a month after his death. He had not studied the disposition of the public for nothing. In the first excitement of feeling, an old inkstand will bring a fancy price, whereas, when the judgment gets a little cooler, people are inclined to look for the value of their money. The other day Mr. Dickens' house was up for sale. The auctioneer assured the company that the family ought to get at least twenty thousand pounds for it. He dwelt upon the merit of Mr. Dickens' works, and pointed out the manifest advantages of occupying a house in which the novelist had lived. But the company could not be induced to bid. At last the property was knocked down for £6,500—not a third of the sum the auctioneer asked—and even then the buyer was a member of the family. Mr. Dickens' ought to have directed his house to be sold within three days of his funeral.

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