

A PLACE FOR DR. M'GLYNN

MAY BECOME A PROFESSOR IN THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.

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An authority high in the Catholic Church has advanced an ingenious plan by which any friction on account of Dr. McGlynn's reinstatement may be done away with. The gentleman stated his views in the premises as if he thought the plan would be the one adopted by the Church authorities.

According to this gentleman's views it is quite probable that Dr. McGlynn will be offered the Chair of Sacred Oratory, which it is expected will be established in the Catholic University at Washington, D. C. It is asserted that in that position his surroundings would be entirely congenial both to himself and to the other members of the Faculty. Bishop Keane, President of the university; Dr. O'Gorman, Dr. Bouquillon, and others of the Faculty are among Dr. McGlynn's close friends, and such an assignment would be agreeable to all concerned. Dr. McGlynn's very recent visit to Washington is cited as an indication that the above plan is at least receiving consideration.

"If Dr. McGlynn's exact status in the Church to-day were better understood," it was asserted by the same authority, "so much nonsense would not be published about him, and this move with regard to him would be looked upon as a very diplomatic one. So far as is known, his reinstatement, or so-called 'restoration,' is only partial and incomplete. Beyond the right to say mass in solitary privacy no other sacred functions of the priesthood have been restored to him, like that of celebrating mass in public before a congregation, hearing confessions, administering certain rites of the Church, &c. It is not possible for him to assume charge of a parish until all disabilities are removed. In that event, even, it is hardly likely that he will be assigned to a parish for a long time to come. I do not believe that he would accept a parochial charge at present, for opposition would spring up against him at once, as it did a day or two ago in Baltimore, when it was reported that he had been selected for a vacant rectorship there. To place him in a professor's chair, therefore, would be a happy way out of the difficulty."

In regard to Dr. McGlynn's right to say mass, a layman of prominence severely criticised Father McGlynn yesterday. He said the manner in which the reinstated priest said mass in Brooklyn last Sunday showed great disrespect for Bishop McDonnell of Brooklyn, in whose diocese he resides. According to this layman it would have been only formal and even scant politeness for Dr. McGlynn to have notified Bishop McDonnell of his desire to celebrate mass on Christmas, and to have asked his permission. Instead, it is asserted, he celebrated mass at the chapel of St. John's College without any such notification. The fact that Dr. McGlynn addressed the meeting of the Anti-Poverty Society Sunday evening was another thing which has raised much criticism against him.

The fact that, apparently, Dr. McGlynn has not been completely restored to his priestly functions has led to many conjectures as to his real status. It is probable that no one, not even the Archbishop of this diocese, knows exactly what the real terms of his restoration are. The Archbishop excommunicated Dr. McGlynn. Now Mgr. Satolli, the representative of the Pope, has reinstated him, of course under conditions. It is equally certain that these conditions and a report of Mgr. Satolli's action have been sent to the Pope. In time these conditions will be made known to Archbishop Corrigan. This view has been stated by a Catholic priest and is held by many prominent Catholics in this city. According to it the Archbishop is still unaware on what terms Dr. McGlynn was restored. It may also account for the uncertainty existing as to Dr. McGlynn's future.

The opposition to Dr. McGlynn, which sprang up in Baltimore, is a result of this uncertainty. If it was known just what conditions have been required by the Holy Father, it is extremely unlikely that any opposition to Dr. McGlynn would arise in any parish. In view of the fact that the Pope's position in the matter will be fully known as soon as the terms of reinstatement are understood, it is regarded as very injudicious for any ecclesiastic or layman to take a decided stand. If any does, it is the opinion of many, that he may wake up some morning and find himself arrayed against the Pope. Even Archbishop Corrigan would find this an uncomfortable position. In view of this explanation of the present embarrassment in the case, the radical talk of the friends of both Dr. McGlynn and the Archbishop has moderated.

The leaders in Catholic thought are advising a more amicable feeling in those friends of the Archbishop who wish him to treat Dr. McGlynn with all the rigor of the law. This is especially noticeable in an editorial which will appear in the *Catholic Sunday Union*, which says:

"Suppose they succeed in their superserviceable zeal, is it the Archbishop whom they will serve or benefit? Suppose the cry for making a condign example of McGlynn results in his being forced out of this Archdiocese, will that be in any way better than would be his amicable settling down here as a grateful friend of our Archbishop, whose generosity would conquer his heart?"

"It is not forgotten, that already the exemplary punishment of McGlynn in the five years of his bitter exile has been noted and weighed in Rome, and by Rome judged ample expiation, and by Rome ended. Bishop Keane of the Catholic University declares that this McGlynn case was specially committed by the Roman authorities to Archbishop Satolli, who received before his departure from the Eternal City special powers and instructions to dispose of it. Surely if Rome itself is satisfied, a Catholic in New-York is not called upon to be more Catholic than the Pope. * * *

"Let superserviceable friendships, at least in this holy season, refrain from fomenting strong feelings and harsh thoughts, but rather cultivate the spirit of healing so that unity and happiness may dwell among us."

In another editorial the same paper sounds this note of warning:

"Mgr. Satolli clearly is an agent. Insults or imputations addressed to him will inevitably be taken as addressed to his principal, the Pope. Take care of the Satolli question; it is like an edged tool."

No one in authority could be found last night to deny or affirm the story of the Washington professorship for Dr. McGlynn. The latter was, as usual, invisible at his Brooklyn home, 699 Willoughby Avenue.