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Dear Father,

I enclosed you a few
extracts (Prot.) & think over, if
you want more, even a hundred or
two, I can send them, no trouble at
all, simply the mechanical labor of
copying. You ought to see Geo. Booths
book, "Darkest London" read. Why, what
I have given you is mild! Catholic
countries are in no such condition
as England & Germany, they are at
most infinitely better off, & I can
prove this by gov. statistics & literally
hundreds of Protestant writers, travellers,
historians & statesmen, the Catholic coun-
tries are just as superior to the Prot.
in every thing but congested wealth

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Lester's "Glorious & Shame of England"

"It has been well said by an Englishman himself that to talk of English happiness is like talking of Spartan freedom - the Helots are overlooked. Just in proportion as the higher classes advance in wealth power & influence are the poor depressed, what is gained by the few is lost by the many. If the land holder grows rich, his pockets are filled by the odious & unjust tax upon the necessities of life, If the manufacturer amasses a colossal fortune, it is because his dependent operatives, do not receive a fair compensation for their labor, If the bishop rolls in wealth, his luxuries are the price of the hunger & nakedness

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of thousands of his diocese, & a Lord-lieutenant of Ireland throws up his commission, after a month's administration, & retires to a chateau on the Continent at \$5000 a year, this sum is wrung from the starving peasantry of that misgoverned land" x x x x "The ignorance, vice, disease & deformity & wretchedness of the English operatives as a body almost exceed belief, I am persuaded the physical miseries of the English operatives are greater by far than the West Indian slaves before their emancipation. They are too ignorant to understand their rights, & too weak to assert them" x x x x "the talk of the liberty of the English, & they talk of their own liberty, but there is no liberty in England for the poor, they are no longer soled with the soil it is true; but they can not quit the soil if there be any probability or suspicion that age or

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infirmity may disable them, If in such a case they endeavor to remove to some situation where they hope more easily to maintain themselves, the overseers are alarmed, the intruder is apprehended as if he were a criminal, & sent back to his own parish. Whenever a pauper dies, that parish must pay for the cost of the funeral; instances, therefore, have not been wanting of wretches in the last stages of disease having been hurried away in an open cart upon straw, & dying upon the road. Nay even women in the very pangs of labor have been driven out, & have perished by the way side, because the birth place of the child would be its parish," x x x "It matters

not how much they declaim from the
pulpit about the mercy of God, & His
regard for the poor, the poor are told
that these men are the heaven descended
ministers of this religion, Men who afflict
the poor, who shoot widows sons & get
their tithes, & at last become infidels." x x

"It is a government of privileges & mo-
nopolies, the few are bow booted &
spurred & ride over the many, the
working classes are degraded & oppressed,
all but the privileged classes are taxed
from their birth & their death, all are
taxed & pamper a haughty aristocracy, a
political church, & the privileged orders."

"The great crime of England lies in
sustaining a system which oppresses,
starves & brutalizes the masses of her sub-
jects, the gov. of England makes the poor
man poorer & the rich man richer, the
worst attribute in African slavery has been
this - forcing men to work hard & keep

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them from starving, this is all England has done for hundreds of years. She has millions of her own people who know no more about Jesus Christ than about Mahomet or Confucius. I therefore say that there is no population can be found on the face of the earth who live so near Christianity, & know so little about it, that see so much luxury, & have so few of the necessaries of life, that dwell in such filthy holes & dens, & that bask so little in the sun light of heaven, who made this system? Who keeps it up? What good is the Established Church of the 39 articles, when you come to the question of bread & butter? The Established Church came to tax them & enrich a prelacy."

Didney Smith says "there is no doubt
 more misery, more acute suffering
 among the mass of the English people
 than there is in any Kingdom in the
 world, but then they are the great, un-
 washed, dirty, disagreeable, unfortunate
 people, there are thousands homeless,
 breadless, friendless, without shelter, rai-
 ment, or hope in the world; millions
 uneducated, only half fed, driven to
 crime, & every species of vice which
 ignorance & destitution bring in their
 train, & an extent utterly unknown
 to the less enlightened, the less free,
 the less favored & the less powerful
 Kingdoms of Europe." Later again,
 "the established rule of Irish landlords
 now is to drive out men, & turn in cattle,
 a regime not resorted to occasionally,
 but carried out almost every where, this
 a resort to barbarism, it is robbing civil-
 ized men of the natural right to live on

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the soil, going back to the primitive state, in which beasts & not men possess the earth. Never was such a people left to such an alternative, — total extermination or exile, this compulsory choice is fast leaving to Victoria what Elizabeth had in the same island — "little but corpses & ashes & rule over," Westminster Review "No thinking man, much less one who has the slightest idea of the sources of wealth & prosperity of a people, need to be told what must necessarily be the result of such a system, especially upon the people like the English, whose laboring classes have reached a point of degradation, unequaled in any civilized nations on the earth"

Joseph Kay's "Social condition & Education of the English people" - Kay was appointed a commissioner by the English gov. to examine into these matters - "Your committee has thus given a picture in detail of human wretchedness, filth, & brutal degradation, the chief features of which are a disgrace to a civilized country, & which your committee have reason to fear, from letters which have appeared in the public journals, is but a type of the miserable condition of masses of the community, whether located in the small ill ventilated rooms of the manufacturing towns, or in many of the cottages of the farming peasantry. In these wretched dwellings all ages & all sexes - fathers, daughters, mothers, sons - grown up brothers & sisters, stranger adult male & females & swarms of children - the sick, the dying & the dead, all herded together with proximity & mutual pressure which even brutes would resist, where it is physically impossible to preserve the ordinary decencies of life,

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where all sense of propriety & self respect are
lost" Journal of the Statis Soc. London
Vol vi p 17. " Out of 1954 families visited
501, containing a population of 2025
persons, have only one room each where
mother, father, sons & daughters sleep together;
562 families, containing a population of
2554 persons, have only two rooms each,
in one of which people of different sexes
must undress & sleep together, etc etc"
x x x " The infernal cruelties practiced
upon boys & girls in the coal mines, have
never in any age been outdone! Young
creatures, both male & female, 6, 7, 8 & 9 years
old, stark naked in some cases, chained
like brutes to coal canyages, & dragging
them on all-fours through sludge 6 & 7

inches deep in total darkness for 10, 20 & in special instances, 30 hours successively, without any other cessation, even to get meals, than is casually afforded by the unreactiveness of the miners.

One can not read this evidence without without being strongly tempted to quote the name of "Englishman," x x x

"Elizabeth Day, aged 17. I don't go to Sunday school, I can't read. Jesus Christ was Adam's son. They nailed Him to a tree, but I don't rightly understand these things.

Ann Egle, aged 18. I have heard of Christ. He died by their pouring fire & brimstone down his throat. 3 times 10 make 30. There are 14 months in the year, I don't know how many weeks I give you but two examples from the long, dreary list quoted from.

Mr Chamberlain M.P. "Fortnightly Review" (Dec 1883) "Never before in our history

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were wealth & evidences of wealth more abundant. never before was luxurious living more general or so wanton in its display, & never before was the misery of the poor more intense, or the condition of their daily lives so hopeless or degraded,"

"Essays Ecclesiastical & Social" W. J. Conway.

"It is a melancholy fact that the men who make our steam ships, our steam engines, presses & telegraphs, our clothing, our furnitures our houses, have now in a fearful proportion renounced all faith in Christianity"

"The revelations of the late census show that in England alone there are more than 5 millions who absent themselves entirely from all religious worship."

Rev T Hengo. The Times "The masses in

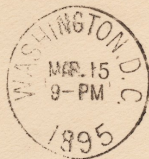
Lancashire & London are as heathen as those
of whom St Paul drew a picture in im-
mortal, but dreadful colors,"

Prot. Bishop of Rochester, "I lament that
dense, coarse & brutal ignorance in which
the toiling masses ^{who} have outgrown the
Church's grasp, are permitted to live &
die, of all that touches their salvation,
& explains their destiny"

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*Condition of England's
Looking Glass.*

*God. Elias Carr,
Raleigh,
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