REPLY TO CHARGES.

The Catholic Truth Society Answers the Methodist Council.

Post-Dispatch.
The Ecumenical Council of the Methodist Church at its session Thursday morning had for its special topic of discussion, "Romanism." Rev. M. T. Myers of the Primitive M. E. Church spoke on "The Present Condition of Romanism." He said that it was the boast of the Church of Rome that she never changes and was infallible in all her deliberations and doings, and that in two aspects she had shown wonderful tenacity, first, in her uniform opposition to the free circulation of the Holy Scriptures and, second, tion of the Holy Scriptures and, second, in her settled purpose and unscrupulous methods of propagating her own interests. The next speaker, Rev. Dr. H. L. Fiske, spoke on "Romanism as a Political Power." He said: "The Church of Rome is to be judged by the record she made in history. Viewed historically, she appears as Viewed historically, she appears as the most determined and at times the mightiest political power on the face of the earth. Palliate it as much as we may," he said, "hers has been a career of attempted usurpation of olitical prerogatives. In these political prerogatives. In these United States she has been persistent in her demands for a prorata share of our State school funds. At the polls and in the courts she has sought to eject the Bible from the Public schools, and then, under the plea that they

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Rev. Dr. Nicholas of the Irish Methodist Church delivered an address on "Romanism's Religious Work.

were godless, to destroy them."

He said, among other things,
"We must consider the results of Rome's teaching. Not denying that she has in different ages and lands done good work, her influence on the whole is and has been evil. She has given the nation a cheerless religious e; she has exalted asceticism; she has led many to scepticism, the natural rebound from superstition; she has produced a religion more devotional than moral, and has hindered the progress of humanity. In support of the view that Rome is moribund may be cited her inability to maintain her relative position in the mission field: the comparatively small number of her adherents in the English-speaking peoples; her loss of political power; the loss of numbers in the immigrants to the United States."

These are cited as the principal points of the discussion which have aroused the ire of the Roman Catholics. Mr. Conde B. Pallen, President of the Catholic Truth Society, has forwarded the following official reply to the charges and at the same time comments very strongly on the different attitude of the Council at Baltimore and the more recent Catholic Congress at Buffalo, at neither of which was the Protestant Church criticised.

St. Louis, Oct. 16, 1891.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch : In the Post-Dispatch's account of the proceedings of the Methodist Convention at Washington yesterday, prominence and considerable space was given to that body's denunciation of the Catholic Church. We beg to trespass upon very much less space in correcting some statements in the report of the convention's proceedings in its discussion of "Romanism."

church to the private or unlicensed interpretation of the written word of God. With St. Peter the Catholic Church declares: "No prophecy (or explanation) of Scripture is made by private interpretation" (H. St. Peter. private interpretation" (II. St. Peter, and two out of the three having Mass i., 20). In which are certain things hard to be understood, which the to keep the Catholics together if some unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also other Scriptures, to their own destruction" (H. St. Peter, iii 16) It is the powersien of iii., 16). It is the perversion of the word of God which the Catholic Church forbids, and not the free circulation of that word. This is quite another thing from Rev. M. T. quite another thing from Rev. M. T. be many; among others, Catholic youths and girls would be thrown count for her immutability in preserving the word of God from vagaries of the unstable, the unlearned and the impious. The second ground upon which this reverend gentleman based the unchangeable attitude of the Catholic Church was "her settled purpose and her unscrupulous methods of propagating and promoting her own interests." That she has a settled purpose we admit, but we can only brand the latter part of the gentleman's declaration as a rash and sectarian falsehood, prompted by malice or It is an uncharitable. rash and false accusation against the more than ten million Catholics of this country to accuse them of propagating their own interests by "unscrupulous methods." Attacking Catholics and their Church by denunciation breeds enmity and distrust and violates the

Power," said: "Palliate it much as we the rest. may hers (the Catholic Church's) has en a career of attempted usurpation of political prerogatives." What is to be gained by flat assertions plainly contradicting history. The very reverse of this gentleman's statement s the truth; the historical career of the Catholic Church has been a struggle the Little Regulators. Only 25 cents the Catholic Church has been a struggle a vial.

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Governments—from the usurpation of the Roman Emperors to Bismarck's vain assault upon the Church in Germany. The grounds of this supposed political power the reverend gentle-man declares to be her "denial of the gross misrepresentation. Substitute for private judgment, perverted judgment, and for free thought, unlicensed thought and the phrase will be nearer the truth. It is true that the Catholic Church has sought to evelude the Pro-Church has sought to exclude the Protestant Bible from the Public schools. This she has done on sound principles, for the Protestant Bible is synonymous with Protestantism, according to the Protestant declaration of faith, "the of Protestantism by our Government at the expense of Catholic tax-payers, at the expense of Catholic tax-payers, obtains perfect repetition. justly do we protest as a violation of the fundamental principle of our free institutions. Favor to none and free-

territorial possession alone guarantees. Americans, above all other people, should acknowledge the principle of the Pope's temporal power, acknowledging the same necessity in their own

tension to be disputed.

In conclusion we have but a word to say in reply to Rev. Dr. Nicholas' tirade against the "evil" done by the Catholic Church. "By their works ye shall know them." It will be sufficient to limit ourselves to our own eith. to limit ourselves to our own city. Contrast the work that Methodism and Catholicity are doing in St. Louis. In educational work we have colleges and convents, almost as old as the century. We are educating twenty thousand children in our Parochial schools, and paying our Public school tax at the same time. Look at our charitable same time. Look at our charitable institutions; point out, if you can, a single charity which we neglect. See our hospitals of all kinds. We care for the orphans, black and white, the Magdalen, the old, the blind, the home-less, the poor. Now, what is Method-ism doing in these lines in comparison with Catholicity? But lift your view to the whole world over and the con-trast is more startling. Yet the Rev. Dr. Nicholes has the value its the Dr. Nicholas has the audacity to slander the Catholic Church in the face of facts and deeds that give the lie direct to his words. Truly by their fruits ye shall know them and not by their words. THE CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY.

one family would let it be understood tance would be welcome to recite the Mass prayers together, say the Rosary and sing the lovely Catholic hymns? (Faber's, etc.) The advantages would together; by degrees they would learn to understand their Holy Church, and thereby become fervent instead of lukewarm members.—"L. C. G." in

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Fiske, on "Romanism as a Political Description of the rest of the re

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man declares to be her "demial of the right of private judgment," and "the suppression of free thought." This, like Dr. Myer's charge of opposition to the free circulation of the Bible, is a more prisepresentation. Substitute

On Sunday last a grand range marked by religious pomp and cerement with the present of the cathedral of the cathedral of the cathedral of the right of the present of the cathedral of the right o On Sunday last a grand function marked by religious pomp and ceremony was carried out at the Church of day: Son, of London, and is encased in pitchpine of simple design, being divided into great swell and pedal organs. The connection between the keys and sound-producing parts of the instru-ment is made by the Messrs. Bishops' patented tubular pneumatic action, by Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing and elastic as that of a piano, and remains the same under all circumstances. The action is noiseless and

Solemn High Mass was solemnized at 11 o'olock by the Very Rev. Father Francis, O. S. F. A grand procession institutions. Favor to none and freedom to all.

The evident misconception of the character of the temporal power by Dr. Fiske warrants a correction. The temporal power of the Pope means simply the sovereign independence of the Holy Father upon territory free from the jurisdiction of any earthly power. This is required by the necessity of his universal spiritual jurisdiction of the followed by Mgr. Munro, D. D., the Very Rev. Father Lawson, S. J., the Very Rev. Father Lawson, S. J., the Very Rev. Father Cuthbert Wood, O. S. F. (London), the Lord Abbott of Fort Augustus, in mitre and cope, attended by his chaplain, and Archbishop Eyre, in full pontificals, accompanied by Canon Maguire, V. G. tion over the Catholic Church throughout the world. An analogous case is found in the sovereign independence of the Federal Government of these United States within the District of Columbia. Here, as in the case of the Holy See, not mere territorial acquisition is required and acknowledged, but that sovereign independence which territorial possession alone guarantees. Americans, above. sands on the seashore." Great and stupendous as were the beauty and wonders of the stars, yet they were surpassed by the beauty and wonder of the merits of the spints. A content of the spints of the the merits of the saints. A great variety, they were told, existed in that great abode of the blessed, and not two the Pope's temperature of the Pope's temperature of the same necessity in their own Federal Government, even as against the states themselves. That the dogma of the infallibility has any bearing or politics, as Dr. Fiske declares, is a chosen him to be, as it were, his has chosen him to be, as it were, his congrator in the life of perfection. He was one of the four saints whom they might call the Evangelists of the spiritual life — namely, SS. Basil, Augustine, Benedict and Francis. They had founded and drawn up rules of life on which all succeeding ones were grafted. They recognized the glory and greatness of St. Francis in the Order he founded. Let them first take a glance at the religious life, and Children's Guild. Our good priest then at the life of St. Francis. Might the Queen of the Rosary cause to fructify his words and their thoughts. Ave Maria! There was a time when the name monk was a synonym for all that was hateful, wicked and despicable. To speak the word was to imply bitter persecution and to conjure up the greatest malice and wickedness. If they would but visit the monasteries would see for themselves how the monk's life was devoted to and spent in the service of God—they would learn how the monks in former ages cultivated learning and created wealth in the country; but let them penetrate deeper country; but let them penetrate deeper and look on this matter in the light of faith. What was the religious life but the life founded by Jesus Christ and laid down in the Gospel. Before they could become religious they were required to part with their possessions, to leave their best or required to part with their possessions, to leave their best or reduced by the second statement which I learned when a child, and the fuller and deeper its meaning becomes, "What is the chief end of man? To glorify God and enjoy Him forever."—Thomas Carlyle. in its discussion of "Romanism.

Rev. M. T. Myers, speaking of the "Present Position of Romanism," accounted for her astonishing immustability, first, on the ground of her "uniform opposition to the free circulation of the Bible." We challenge the truth of this statement. It is the common slander of the enemies of the common slander of the enemies of the Catholic Church and grows out of the distortion of quite another proposition, the opposition of the Catholic Church and grows out of the distortion of quite another proposition, the opposition of the Catholic Church and grows out of the distortion of quite another proposition, the opposition of the Catholic Church and grows out of the distortion of quite another proposition, the opposition of the Catholic Church and grows out of the distortion of quite another proposition, the opposition of the Catholic Church and grows out of the distortion of quite another proposition, the opposition of the Catholic Church and grows out of the distortion of quite another proposition, the opposition of the Catholic Church—had got into the distortion of the Catholic Church—had teries, no underground passages.
They were willing for the utmost investigation to be made. Yet, though

> sympathy with and close interest in it, as history testified. WHO CULTIVATED THE LANDS OF OLD. civilized barbarous nations, educated and trained the ignorant, filled the libraries with wondrous tomes, brought religion to their country, and were now most zealous in propagating and spreading the faith farther and farther? The convents and monasteries were as enclosed gardens in the Church. that altar they beheld a beautiful example of union. The shepherd of that ancient diocese was in the midst of his Catholic Mirror.
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> Let every enfeebled woman know it!
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> There's a medicine that'll cure her, and
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> Turning to St. Francis, the Lord Abbot said that he had been called to be an example of poverty. He had nothing, not even a resting place for his head. He was the friend of the poor, and wished to see all happy and united. Were he living on earth now there would be an end of the social difficulty which was threatening to overturn society. Might the Order of St. Francis increase day by day. His sons were found the world over; let them listen the words of the Holy Father, who asked them to cultivate, as did the sons of St. Francis, the spirit of poverty. Then in despising riches they would be happy and great, and prepare to near the words addressed to them, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

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> hood as a rule will govern their who! Chiefly and supremely on their parents. The habits of children are probably never to be plucked up. goodness; if it be evil, then a harvest of evil almost surely will spring up; for a child's heart is like the earth; and the first seeds sown draw its earl

HAPPINESS OF PARENTS IS WRECKED many years were simply passive in the hands of their parents. Who gave them the first taste of intoxic be the homes and parents of the nex generation. For these and other temptation or even the taste of any intoxicating drink. Prevention is better than cure.

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tion of the future. The childhood of to-day is the seedtime of their after life. The first habits formed in child after life even to their death-beds On whom do their early habits depend formed, to a great extent, in the first years, before as yet they are respon-sible. And when a single seed is cast into their heart it will strike root it be good it may be raised and ripened into a manhood or womanhood full of

est strength for good or evil. THERE ARE FAMILIES IN WHICH THE by the intemperance of a son, and sometimes of a daughter. Who sowed the first seed of this bitter harvest—the parents or the children? Certainly not the children, who for so drink, out of which has sprung the fever trained up without so much as the taste of intoxicating drink the homes of to-day would be happy in temperance, parental authority, and filial affection. If the children of to-day are trained up in temperance such will be the homes and parents of the poxireasons, too many to give now, I earn-estly call on fathers and mothers to bring up their children without the

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