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Sabbath Day is to be punished by death in a poor, simple person, and the seeking to subvert the Go-pel of Christ not to be worthy of punishment in a notable person?" Another Senator pointed out "how wisely proceeded Solomon to punishment in putting to death his own natural and elder brother." Again, "How much those magistrates were commended who had Mast, in Ireland and in France, grow daily more interesting. In The Bookman for January there is a good paper dealing with the literary output for 1903. Steven Philip's peems were noted. Philip is an Eng-lishman, and one of the very few poets who has made a fortune. His peems are musical, but not cheering. They are nesimistic in the extreme.

are pessimistic in the extreme. On Feb. 29 Mr. White, principal of the Normal School, will deliver a lecture on "Some Old Ideals of Education." The Idyl "Merlin and Vivian" was the subject for literary study. "Mer-lin" is the historic wiseman. All nations seem to have had the idea of a man wiser than his fellows who would be a sort of mediator between God and man. "Vivian" second to the second process of the subject of a second process of the subject of the subject of the subject of a second process of the subject of the subject of the subject of a second process of the subject of the subject of a second process of the subject of the subject of the subject of the subject of a second process of the subject of the subject of the second process of the subject of the subject of the second process of the subject of the second process of the subject of the subject of the second process of the subject of the subject of the second process of the subject of the second process of the subject of the subject of the second process of the subject of the "Vivian" seems to stand for all man. "Vivian" seems to stant for an that is evil. How strange that so wise a man should have trusted her, and yet there is an explanation. B. DOWDALL. that behalf left us in the Sacred Scrip-tures doth appear." This fourteenth Parliament advised Mary's execution.

STRAY THOUGHTS ON THE MIS-**READING OF THE BIBLE."**

REMARKABLE LETTER FROM AN ULSTER PROTESTANT AND MEMBER OF PAR-LIAMENT.

The following letter published in the The following letter published in the Belfast News Letter, under the above quoted title, and from the pen of Mr. Samuel Young, an Ulster Protestant and Nationalist M. P., has excited considerable interest in England: Sir-Is the common use of the Scrip-

private interpretation, is the modern Divine healing theory so successfully worked by Rev. John Alexander Dowie at Zion City, Illinois, near Chicago, who professes to be Elijah the Restorer, and addresses many thousands every Sunday in Shiloh Tabernacle, and who circulates his views weekly in a publica-tion called the "Leaves of Healing," in which Switchne toxts abound to prove tures of the Old and New Testaments not a danger without guidance from those who are authorized to teach? Is the indiscriminate perusal of ancient complex literature to the common man of untrained mind of any real benefit as a guide? Here are a number of books of antiquity, about sixty-four bound tohis healing art by prayer and faith. If private judgment be allowed, gether, pronounced canonical, produced at different periods by different writers, Rev. Dowie has as good a right to be-lieve and propagate his views by quot-ing texts for faith healing in medical under different circumstances and written in different languages, and, as regards the New Testament in tradi tional form till nearly in the second a delusion. It is well known to the police and law courts that many people scattered up and down the religious would being the victims of private century, and never really in much circulation till after the discovery of printing in the fifteenth century. Does the unlettered man of the twentieth the unlettered man of the vehicle century know anything of the habits, customs and imagery of these early times, and is he fit to interpret writ-ings which have puzzled so many of the oducated? After what is commonly called the Reformation, those who joined that movement refused any longer to accept the Church as the infallible reide, and were obliged to cast about elsewhere for a standard, and for the first time the Bible was chosen as the arst time the Bible was chosen as the only infallible guide, and the right of private judgment in its interpretation was propounded as a dogma. What happened? Just that which

been expected from the night have free use of writings so involved and so much beyond the comprehension of the inlettered. New sects sprang up until the present, when there are about 112, fanaticism, spiritual pride, the defying fanaticism, spiritual pride, the derying of the human judgment, the tyrannous imposing of private opinions on others, and worse than all, the repudiation to an alarming extent of all the cardi-nal doctrines of the Christian religion to which I may refer as contained chiefly in the Apostles' Creed, which was in existence before the New Testa. ment was written. Of course, this is a logical issue if every one has a right think and interpret for himself in the region of the supernatural. To such an extent has this theory carried

such an extent has this theory carlied matitudes down the inclined plane that thinkers, in alarm have gone back and are going back into the Church of anthority. These sacred books are widely circulated at home and in foreign lands without note or comment. One Ohristian society alone during last year

Onristian society alone during last year issued upwards of 9,000,000 copies. That this should continue is worth con-sidering. I see Pope Pius X., when Patriarch of Venice, was the supporter of the "Societo di S. Gerolano," the object of which is to circulate the Bible, and signs he have been have more have one have

THE CATHULIC RECORD

and always ready to meet Him. --Bishop Colton in Buffalo Union and At a recent meeting held at Nor

IN CATHOLIC SPAIN.

Times.

Whatever may be the shortcomings of Spaniards (and there is no doubt that they are slack in some matters), they are never wanting when it is a question of respect to the Blessed Sac-Parliament advised Mary's execution, which, however, did not take effect till the twenty-eighth year of Elizabeth's reign. No one can read "The Crom-wellian Settlement" in Ireland by John P. Prendergast, cr the history of Cromwell by Morley, without being shocked by the cruelty and crime committed under the name of that religion which, by private interpretation, Crom-well believed he had found a sanction for in the Scriptures. A remarkable instance of imposture and fantastic tricks before high heaven, arising from misuse of Scripture by private interpretation, is the modern

which Scripture texts abound to prove

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and death. Holy Church would have us enter into our Divine Lord's thoughts and there see revealed His love for every one of us by the atonement He makes in our behalf and the infinite graces He lays up to save us. She bids us realize that as long as we call upon Him to save us by the application in the Holy Sacraments of the infinite merits of His passion, He will heed our call. "It is true," says St. Chrysostom, "that in Heaven, seated upon His throne of glory God gives His care to His angels and saints' and to the grand designs of His wisdom and sanc-tity." But in your home, and within the sanctity of your soul, where you are alone with Him, His one thought rests upon you. His providence and love are intent upon what concerns you and no other. He is all-loving, only to be loved by you, to win your confi-Our Lord's life on earth was indeed a hidden life. For thirty years He lived in the obscurity of Nazareth, and to be loved by you, to win your confi-dence and to induce you to tell Him Patriarch of Venice, was the supporter of the "Societo di S. Gerolano," the object of which is to circulate the Bible, and since he became Pope has encours aged the housebolders of the poor in every part of Italy to possess free copies of the New Testament, but with notes and comments in regard to the correct

awaited with considerable interest. At a recent meeting held at Norfolk House, the Duke of Norfolk pre-siding, in aid of the Cardinal New man memorial church fund it was stated that \$14 000 were in hand or promised. The Archbishop of Westminster said that one of the most encouraging things was the great response from the United States. The Holy Father's devotion to Our Lady has tound still another expression. One of the Immeniate Conception is to be a rich crown of gold with twelve stars of precious stones to be placed on the termone nicture of the Madumas

Official.

LENTEN CIRCULAR OF HIS LORDSHIP THEAL LENTEN CIRCULAR OF HAS LORDSHIP THEAL INSHOP OF HAMILTON. To the Reverend OL rgy of the Dincese: Very Reverenda nd Everenden Fathers - The holy season of Leat, now near at hand, should be observed by all the chiltern of the Church as a time specially devoted to prayor penance and good works. It is also a flying time to direct astention to certain duties that should be performs, as well as certain dangers that are to be avoided. Duties To Be Performed. 1. The Easter Daty is of series obligation

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climaxed this spirit of seclasion and retirement by His forty days' prepara-tion for His suffering and death. Did He not do all this to teach us and get us to imitate Him? He needed no solitude to bind Him to His Father,

and surgical cases as the scientific world has in holding the theory to be

scattered up and down the reingroup world, being the victims of private judgment in the interpretations of several passages of Scripture, depend en-tirely on Divine interposition to hear all physical maladies and refuse medical as-

istance to the danger of the health of

the community. Again, what has pro-duced about 312 forms of religion but

private judgement? Can it be that Divine guidance is granted to every

form 2 in our daily intercourse with the people of the world we hear all sorts of absurd views, with a text of Scrip-ture to buttress them up. Left to them-selves, are the people not in a fog, a

maze, an indescribable state of un-certainity as regards the supernatural? Yours, SAMUEL YOUNG. Derryvolgie, November 27.

THE LENTEN SEASON.

Soon the Church will clothe herself

ing the passion and death of our Lord and Saviour. To the wilds and the sol-

itude of the desert she will lead us in

spirit and ask us there to behold our beloved Lord fasting forty days and nights in preparation for His passion and death.

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Mrs. Thos. MORKIN, LONDON. There passed away, in this city, on Feb. 20d, one of L ndon's cidest residents Mrs. T. Mor-bon in county Tippenary, Ireland, in 1830, com-ing direct to London with her parents when but ten years of age. Her maiden name was Mary Cooney. In 1855 she married Mr. Mor-stran, who survives her, also her six some who are to a pailbarrers at the functial which 'ook place to S'. Peter's cemetery on thin inst. Rev. Father Emery efficiated at the High Muss of areary forty years on Richmond street. The sons are 'John of Milwaukee': Edward, of Windsor, and Thos. J., Martin, William and Joseph of this city. May she rest in peace!

NEW BOOKS.

"Letters from the Beloved City," to S. B., from Philip. Published by Longmans, Green & Co., 39 Paternoster Row, London. Price, \$1. by the price to be annoyed by point in the source of the source of

Echoes From the Pines.

Echoes From the Pines. It is to us always a pleasure to receive this charming publication. Echoes from the Pines, The number just to hand is as is everything that emanates from the pene of the gifted puplis of the followers of St. Ursula, repiete with good things. We copy in another column, an article written by Miss Spereman, a daughter of Mr James Sperman of the Customs Department, on the ordination of, Father Laurendeau.

We grow like what we contemplate; let us then contemplate the beautiful and good.