

very best, but we are of opinion that, in this instance his remonstrance is *ultra vires*. In the use of words of low or doubtful origin, we are amenable to the High Court of "Purity" alone, to which we shall try to make a satisfactory explanation.

True it is that the word "Varsity," in the theft of which "Propriety" tells us we are an accomplice of Toronto University, cannot boast of a long list of family pictures, yet we hold that, on account of the company it has kept since its arrival on this side of the Atlantic, it can fairly lay claim to the rights of citizenship.

An ardent lover of sound and genuine English, "Propriety" is not unaware of the change in meaning many English words have undergone. Through historical influences, combined with other causes, some have been degraded, others, elevated. A miscreant in Shakespeare's time was a misbeliever. Villain, originally meant a serf on the villa or farm of his Norman master; similarly, boor, "a farmer"; knave, "a servant" have acquired their present meanings.

A word may become improved in meaning by the lapse of time, and also, as in the present case, though respectability of association. The word "Christian" was originally a nickname invented by the people of Antioch as a term of reproach. On the page opposite "Propriety's" letter we noticed reports of meetings of the Y.M.C.A., and the Y.W.C.A., yet we do not for a moment believe, that the worthy young ladies and gentlemen belonging to these societies feel bound to "apologize" for the use of the word "Christian," in the titles; nor that they would be willing to admit that its use is an offence "against the good breeding and good English which Universities are supposed to cultivate."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Baron Nicotera, a distinguished mason, at one time Minister under Victor Emanuel, and later under King Humbert, and a revolutionist all his life, died recently, reconciled to God and the Church.

Writing of the life and labors of Pope Leo XIII, to extend the domain of harmony and peace, the Philadelphia *Record*, a Protestant paper, says: "Blessed, indeed are the peace-makers, and that blessing the world will, forgetful of sect, bestow upon the aged and fast-fading Roman Pontiff."

Lord Roseberry, Prime Minister of England, in answer to the arguments against disestablishment, declared that the right to the church property of England, so far as any right exists, rests not with the Anglican body, but with the Roman Catholics.

Rev. Mr. Dixon, a New York clergyman, in a recent sermon to his congregation, the subject of which was "The Savannah Riots and Religious Intolerance," made a remark which nicely applies to these ex-priests, monks and nuns, who are "doing the country," for what their miserable filthy tales, of the horrors of Popery, are worth. The Rev. gentleman said: "When a priest leaves his church and goes out into the world and vilifies it, there is something radically wrong with him."

Cardinal Moran is able to boast that, whereas, in 1882 the scholars in Catholic schools in New South Wales numbered 16,595, in 1892 they totalled 31,217. In the same period the attendance in Church of England schools went down from 11,927 to 3,221.

A recent writer in the *Revue Illustrée*, of Paris, pays the following telling tribute to the diplomatic and statesmanlike genius of Leo XIII:

"A sovereign who has no police to compel obedience from his subjects, nor any army which would enable him to give additional force to his opinion by the