ned

esti-

to

lace

will

such

nany

The

acles

are

ough

ere is

of the

s that

holics

ion of

faith

ation-

y, the

ought

slong

sion of

not a

unt of

ome to

not it

nce we

ere has

ciently

n, Eng-

ecisely

of the

belief.

ild. be

d the

t it is a

niracles

r places

ed only

miracles

only in

ar came

nd that

rabians"

onverted

ough the

liate oc-

wrought

in their

converts

Syrian,

rotestant

ould be

ld : " Go

Jordan,

alth, and

Naaman

lty which

scoffers

her Prov

e prophet

er he ex-

dded that

etter than

wash and

not made

actly the

able. We

why it is

y wrought

irgin and

possible to

this should

eive that it

e and ap-

d invoked,

But inde-

e must be

as He offers

h we have

ve that they

assailed the

St. Anne's

its, are com-

on by using

cary both to

of whose

in another

iliar figure

twenty-five

f time he has

Catholics of

y sacerdotal

llegiance to

ocation. As

College, as

Dr. Harman

's Cathedral,

great energy

tive ability.

white flower

words more

of any priest.

gentleman to

tulations and

Jubilee may and strength Holiness the with the title

igs, v.)

١.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE last census of Switzerland taken on 1st December, 1888, has only recently been published. It appears thereby that the Protestants have a small majority of the whole population. In the return of religious beliefs there are said to be 1,716,548 Protestants, 1,183,828 Catholics, 8,069 Jews, 9,309 unclassified. The whole population is put down at 2,923,334. There is a discrepancy of 5,580 when the totals are added, arising out of the number about when the census was taken, whose beliefs could not be ascertained. The absentees are set down at 22,360. Zurich and Geneva, which are the birth-places of Zwinglianism and Calvinism-two forms of extreme Protestantism-have now a Catholic majority. In 1860 the population of Switzerland was 2,510,494.

Up to the moment of going to press the result of the British elections is doubtful. There is every reason to believe that the Liberals will have a majority with the Nationalist vote, but it will be considerably smaller than was anticipated. It is thought now that the majority will be about fifty. They have obtained thirty seats. As the Government had a majority of sixty-eight, four more gains will make a tie, and after gains will give a Liberal majority. Hon. Edward Blake is opposed by a Parnellite, but it is expected that his opponent will withdraw. His election is, however, considered certain. So far 1,100,248 votes were cast for the Government, and 1,903,616 for Home Rule candidates.

Another meddling Methodist parson, named Rev. C. O. Johnson, gave a political address in Kingston on Sunday evening, 3rd July, wherein he ap- VISITING THE MONKS AT OKA. proved of the folly and falsehoods uttered by Rev. Dr. Douglas at Tilsonburg recently. Mr. Johnson spoke of the political trickster, Haman, who has his counterpart in Canada steeped in rascality and bribery. General talk like this is very indefinite, as it is the usually impossible to tell who is meant. Mr. Johnson has evidently more Falstaffian discretion than Apostolic courage. But as he styles Dr. Douglas taking the splendid steamers of the "the Mordecai of Methodism," it is easy to read between the lines that the object of his attack is the same statesman whom Dr. Douglas reviled because he is a Catholic, namely Sir John Thompson. It is no wonder that respectable Methodists are so thoroughly disgusted with these political parsons gospel of salvation.

chists, Francois and Meunier, who the traveller drives from Oka towards police, left London on an emigrant winding path which leads it to its sum-Salt Lake. These are the two who blew up the Mons. Very's restaurant that the boulders have been carefully at Paris in revenge for the arrest removed from some of the fields and of the murderer Ravachol, who was made into solid stone fences or walls, captured by the police on Mons. Very's information. The French detectives traced them to London, and succeeded in finding out their departure for America. They are just the material which will make good Marmon Danites, if the Danites are still in existence, but is to be hoped that the United States will not be over-anxious to retain such citizens, but will deliver them to the French authorities to be tried for their crimes. This will be the proper course under the Extradition treaties which provide for handing over murderers to the authorities of the country where their crimes were committed.

THE REV. GEORGE MORROW, of Allegheny, Pa., a Christian Alliance minister, engaged in preaching for the Alliance during their camping out at Round Lake, N. Y., was requested on the 5th inst. by Major Chamberlain, President of the Alliance, to leave the grounds, as it was discovered that he had been guilty of gross immoralities, equally bad with those of Prince Michael, the long-haired false prophet of Detroit. Morrow not only admitted the charges, but claimed that he was inspired by the Holy Ghost to act as he had done. There are at the present moment seven or eight false prophets in various parts of the United States who claim to be acting under divine inspiration, and some of them to be the Messias, and who under these pretences commit the grossest immoralities while getting large sums of money from their dupes; yet strange to say also a fact worth noting that these dupes are always recruited from among those who are constantly boasting that these. The Trappist order is a branch of tures. The floors are bare but scrup-ulously clean. The chapter or chapel ulously clean. The chapter or chapel ulously clean. The chapter or chapel ulously clean. The trappist order is a branch of the main building, while the cloister where not even this time forth. When a Christian

they are not at all superstitious. Catholics, who are accused of superstition, furnished no victims to these impostors.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, speak ing recently at the 191st anniversary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, passed an unexpected eulogium on Mohammedanism and Buddhism. He said:

"We undervalued the importance to mankind of Mohammedanism, for example. Noble characters were formed under the influence, men of piety, justice and truth. It was not ministering to pride and luxury which made Mohammedanism so irresistible a faith, so impenetrable a citadel, so impregnable a rock. Then, it was startling to find that on the east coast of Africa the Hindoes were building temples in all directions, and their religion had a stronger hold on them in European spheres of influence then in their own Therefore let not Christians believe that any great religion which God had permitted to grow up ministered in itself to pride and lust and cruelty. It would be just as reasonable to attribute to Christianity the sins of London; and the mission which proceeded on such a belief would not succeed.

These sentiments were loudly applauded. We may next expect that some of the Christian sects which have adopted the theory that a difference of belief is part of the Divine will, and that true Christianity is composed of an aggregation of many such beliefs, will be proposing a new grand Christian Church which will comprise Mahometanism and Buddhism in its "Fedral Compact." This will be no buildings must have cost at least \$100,more absurd than several of the proposals for union which have already seen the light. Why now should Mormonism be excluded?

A Newspaper Man Receives Much Information About Them.

Ninety miles down the Ottawa is the

ancient and much discussed village of Oka, which has a history of its own,

apart altogether from the monastery of the Trappists (the Farmer Monks) which is located about four miles from

reached from Ottawa and Montreal by Ottawa River Navigation Company, which land passengers on the substan tial wharf built by the seminary. The monastery is twelve miles from St. Eustache, which is connected with the Canadian Pacific line by a short branch The road from Oka to the monastery has an up-hill tendency. Soon the old and now abandoned home of the Trappists comes in view. It is that they are beginning to despise a long three-story stone building, with them and their teachings, whereas they preach such stuff instead of the gospel of salvation. is rough and rocky and the soil is thin, though there are some fairly good
It is stated that the two French Anar-farms near the river. On the left as the monastery, there rises a sharp high ship for the United States with the mit, seven shrines or small chapels intention of joining the Mormons at have been erected, which are visited young orchards have been planted, the horses and cattle appear to be well cared for. There are evidences of skill and great industry in the farm work We are now upon the domain of the the presence of women in or near the The old monastery is no silent monks. establishment. longer occupied by the members of that order. Experience showed the monks that it was a bad location for a residence, being exposed to the cold winds from the Lake of Two Mountains, while the building is not very strong. More-over a better site, was discovered instover a better site was discovered just behind the mountains a few hundred yards to the north-east, where a small stream was found, sufficient to furnish water power for a grist-mill and a saw mill. The land in the valley behind the mountain was richer than that upon the slope facing the lake, and soon it was decided to abandon the first dwelling and erect a new one. This has been done, but at great labor and expense. The main building, which is a substantial stone structure in the form of an L, stands close to the roadway, just across the little stream, upon which the grist and saw-mill are located. Some distance up the valley the water of the stream was turned into a wooden sluiceway through which it is brought to the saw-mill, the grist-mill below being run by the water which has turned the power-wheel of the saw mill. Thus is water-power economized. Upon a high knell, to the left of the monastery, a shrine has been erected, which is reached by two winding foot-There are sixty-three Trap pists in the monastery, twenty-eight of whom are in Holy Orders, and wear paths. long white hooded cloaks, which cover The other them from head to foot. monks, the ordinary laborers, wear brown cloaks, which are removed when they are at work, the under-garments being of the same material. The monks are of all ages, some being boys between fifteen and twenty years old, others men over sixty. Besides the others men over sixty. Besides the members of the order there are about

the order was received by DeRance, a godson of Cardinal Richelieu who was consecrated Abbot of La Trappe, in Seez Cathedral by Oliver Plunkett, an Irish Archbishop. From the name of the monastery founded by DeRance the order took the name of Trappists. There is only one other Trappists.
There is only one other Trappist
monastery in the Dominion—a small
one at Tracadie, Nova Scotia. There
are also small establishments at Dubuque, Iowa, and Gethsemane, Kentucky. The original home of the Trappists now located at Oka was at Bellefontaine, France. The monastery at that place was closed by order of the French Government in 1881. monks were dispersed, Four of them came to Canada and founded the monastery at Oka. Afterwards they were joined by others. A grant of 1,000 acres of swamp, mountain and rocky soil was obtained from the domain the Trappists are now laboring. Their methods of tilling the soil are being imitated by the French-Canadian farmers in the neighborhood much to the benefit of the latter. The monastery at Bellefontaine was re-opened in 1883, but meanwhile a large number of Trappists had emigrated to Canada.

They have no sources of revenue but the farm, the mills and the creamery. Heavy incumbrances had to be placed upon the property to obtain means to put up buildings, procure stock, etc. The land which the monks have undertaken to clear would not be accepted as a gift by the ordinary farmer. Yet now raise large crops. 000. The great majority of the monks are natives of France, but some Canadians have joined the order. years ago a number of orphan boys from a Montreal home were placed upon the monastery so that they might learn farming, but the arrangement did not work well. A few boys elected to become workers in the order and the remainder were sent to the home. The Trappists have in ten years

All the work necessary to the carrying on of their operations is done on the premises. They have 120 cows and 40 horses besides a great number of the village, on the road leading to St. Eustache and Montreal. Oka can be The Trappists rise at 2 o'clock every morning in the year. They go to bed at 8. In the summer they are allowed to sleep one hour in the middle of the day. They never speak to each other or to strangers while at work. Prayer and devotional exercises occupy the time which is not spent in work or sleep. When meeting the Trappists sleep. When meeting the Trappists salute each other with the solemn "Momanti Merit" (Remember Death). Their food is of the plainest descrip-tion. They eat neither meat, fish, eggs, butter, cheese nor any other animal product. Home made bread, vegetables, soup made from vegetables,

cleared several hundred acres of land,

built saw and grist mills, barns, etc.

water and sometimes home-made cider are the only things of which they partake. They sleep in small cells, one man in each, which are built in two rows in the centre of a large room. Each monk has a small straw mattrass. The Trappists are noted for their hospitality, and a special portion of the main building is set apart for visitors. A monk, usually Father Peter, a young French-Canadian who speaks English well, is appointed to communicate with visitors, and to see that their w are complied with so far as possible. No other members of the order are communicated with, unless the Abbott Father Antoine, wishes to speak to hi visitors. One of the most strict rules of the monastery is that which prohibits

"No ladies admitted here" is the notice posted over the carriage en-trance by the roadside. "It may be supposed that our rule with respect to supposed that our rule with respect to strict silence is not always observed." said Father Peter, "but it'is. We never speak to each other. In the fields the foreman or director of the work gives orders and they are obeyed When it becomes absolutely necessary to have conversation the head superio or one of the deputies is communicated with, and through him necessary ex planations or instructions are given. When sales or purchases are to be made to or from outsiders, or when laborers are to be paid, one of the Friars acts as business manager. At night it is what we call dead silence. Not a word

is spoken, not even by the Abbot. The rules are observed as rigidly by him as by the youngest boy in the place. We all live in exactly the same way Only in case of extraordinary emer gency can a word be spoken at night and then only to the head superior Please keep as quiet as you can while here; because the occupants of rooms adjoining yours may be visitors making retreats, and they may be an-

noyed at the noise." Visitors to the monastery are well

entertained. The humblest wayfarer is treated just as the highest in the land would be. When the Archbishop of Montreal visits the monastery he is treated as an ordinary visitor. Guests of the Trappists are not given meats or fish of any kind but they can have eggs, vegetables, tea, coffee, cheese, eggs, vegetables, tea, coffee, cheese, bread, butter and sugar, and apples. Neat and comfortable rooms are set apart for them. The walls are either bare or ornamented with religious pic-

a word is ever spoken even by the chief superior, is a long corridor running of the Christian faith and tolerates the the Cistercian Order, which was origin-ally established at Montague, in south-ern France in 1140. The monks are superior, is a long corridor running almost the full length of the two wings ern France in 1140. The monks are noted for their great industry, their noted for their great industry, their of the building, with windows looking of doom is near at hand. Meanwhile, out upon the rear of the establishment, out upon the rear of the establishment. In this cloister, at any time outside the monastery was plundered during the working or sleeping hours, monks in praying before the Stations of the praying before the S Cross, studying their books or in silent meditation. Along the floor by the Along the floor by the wall are ranged rows of boxes about eighteen inches square each bearing name of a member of the order, and containing a few books and tracts-all the worldly possessions of its owner. These boxes serve as seats for the monks during the hour of meditation, the Abbot having a special wooden

THE PROTESTANT SITUATION IN NEW YORK.

chair near the centre.

A Great Secular Paper says the Sects are decaying in the Metropolis.

According to statistics presented to the Baptist pastors on Monday by the Rev. Leighton Williams, the influence rocky soil was obtained from the seminary of St. Sulpice, and upon this clining in this community. Their membership has not kept pace with the growth of the town, and specific churches which were large and power ful twenty years ago, are now of much

less consequence.

The reasons for this discouraging state of things Mr. Williams confessed himself unable to explain, but they are not hard to find. The Baptists of New York may have done somewhat worse than the Methodists and the Presbyterians, but none of the three denominations is as prosperous, compara tively, as it was a generation ago. The Episcopalians undoubtedly have gone ahead faster, and as they have gained the others have fallen back, for the Episcopalian increase has been largely at their expense. As the community has grown older, more prosperous, more luxurious and more exacting in its æsthe tic requirements, the Episcopalian form orship has become more attractive to the Protestants of the town, the more especially as meanwhile there has been among them a steady decay in doc-trinal conviction. Nowadays people do not believe strongly enough to be earnest partisans. They find it easy earnest partisans. They find it easy to run from one Church to another according as mere taste leads them; and it leads them most frequently to the Episcopal liturgy, for they find that service much more grateful to the sentiments than the barer worship of the other religious bodies.

Simultaneously FASHION HAS CENTERED IN THE EPISCO-

PAL CHURCH almost exclusively. A generation ago consequence in the world of society than they are now. Moreover, the Episcopal parishes are conducted with much greater vigor than formerly. They have followed the plan of the Catholics in employing a numerous clerical force for missionary purposes. The parish rector is now at the head of a parochial machine which engages the efforts of a considerable body of assistants and curates ceaselessly employed in its extension; and Sisters of the Church lend their powerful aid in pushing forward charitable and philanthropic enterprises which bring in recruits for the parish. They go out into the byways and hedges compel people to come into the wedding Church is better organized than the

In other words, the Episcopal others, and it has gained on them corothers, and it has gained or much com-respondingly. We hear much com-plaint of the political machine, but an analagous machine is necessary for the The Baptists and Methodists are less

prosperous spiritually than when they vere poorer materially. The grander their houses of worship have become, the less vital seems to be their religious spirit. With wealth comes luxury, spirit. and with luxury come social ambition and discontent with the plain and humble surroundings of those churches in the days of their glory. The old people may remain, but the young people want finer associations; and hence the resource from which a religious communion is always chiefly re cruited tends to dry up in the glare of worldly prosperity. The far greater worldly prosperity. The far greater proportionate increase in the popula of New York, which is naturally Catholic, than of that which subject to Protestant influences, also serves to explain the falling off spoken of by the Baptist pastor. In this com-

munity at this time THE CHURCH OF THE POOR IS THE CATHOLIC.

The Baptists and Methodists no longer have the sympathetic relations with the great mass of the people which they had fifty years ago. too many carriages drawn up before their churches. Their pews are too their churches. Their sumptuously cushioned. In their sumptuously cushioned. In their membership are included too many millionaries; and millionaires are not naturally in such folds. It is true that Mr. John D Rockefeller, one of the very richest men in the world, is a faithful Baptist; but how will it be with his descendants fifty years hence? In the day of their low estate socially both these denominations were vastly more aggressive than they are now.
The more they were despised the more they flourished, and the greater their worldly consequence the more they fell back. They need the spark of genuine religious faith and zeal to kindle them into activity, not the favor

The Presbyterians are a decaying body in New York. Briggsism and Parkhurstism are destroying their

most wanton violation of the essential of Catholicity of the centuries principles of Christian ethics, its day capable of perceiving and understand-ing the very genius of Christianity. The Protestant outlook in New York

will not be hopeful until the Protestant churches learn that only by changing the hearts of men can religious agen-cies be effective. They cannot bring about the requisite reformation transforming themselves into societies for the prevention of evil vice, and crime as auxiliaries of the police and of the human law; and so far as they make the attempt they will lose their power over men as divine and heavenly agencies. Their first need is that they shall really and sincerely believe in the system of doctrine and the way of salvation they preach. They need a revival of true and genuine and enthusiastic faith. -N. Y. Sun.

CATHOLIC UNITY.

Cleveland Universe.

There is a unity which is a mark of the Church of God, its principal mark and source of efficiency. God alone could preserve that uniformity of docwhich marks the centuries of trine Catholicity and causes us to note pre-cisely the same declarations in the Popes and Fathers of the early ages which are to be found in the prelates and teachers of our own times. is not that fundamental unity of doctrine which causes the great activity and influence of the Church. We must go further.

If we were to stop at this doctrinal unity we would find everybody hesitating, asking himself if this or that policy or declaration has about it the marks and characteristics which claim the assent of the individual. Instead of unity we should have constant dispute and dissension about every document that comes from the suprem authority of the Church, not to speak of controversy about the declarations of inferior authority.

Doctrinal unity underlies the sys tem. That which works and acts is the cordial adhesion, movement and action of the members of the Church. Without that active unity such as characterizes an army under its gen eral doctrinal unity would be an idle

The least reflection is sufficient to a recognition of this truth. But there is a consequence to which attention is not often paid. It is that we should not when directed to certain action by competent authority ask ourselves whether infallibility has entered into the direction. We ought rather to distrust at once those who raise such an ssue. In all the history of the Church those who have raised such a question have ended by despising even infallibility itself, or at least leading others

The great intellectual and social activity of the present time, the extra-ordinary and rapid development of every moment call frequently for prompter action on the part of the supreme authority of the Church, and activity of the present time, the extrarompter co-operation on the part of the faithful than formerly. His Holiness Leo XIII. sees this need of our time and hence has called for this unity of action more than any previous Pontiff, and hence with a promptness that has seemed to some hasty and arbitrary has checked contrary manifestations. One hundred years ago a dispute or dissent might have occurred, a brilliant

union and yet the effect might be confined to a very narrow circle. Now when the telegraph and the daily paper are everywhere there is not a division or scandal in any part of the globe that is not reported throughout the whole Church, and that does not find sympathy in restless spirits in many places. Decision and action from the places. Decision and action from the centre of unity become all the more necessary.

The wide diffusion of reading and

writing in our times renders possible the speedy growth of a public sentiment, that is very powerful for good and for evil, and very often that public sentiment is not such as a calm, deliberate, intellectual mind could The world that is to be indores. impressed by Catholic teaching and led to embrace it is not a student of history and is influenced rather by what a theologian would consider the

minor details of Catholic force and unity than by what forms the symmetry

We ought to fear all manifestations of discord. Pious ears are always offended by it and pious persons are too, Episcopal prosperity receives a offended by it and pious persons are severe setback from the fantastic social all the rock-bottom of our strength and all the rock-bottom of our strength and unity, and the best pulse of our religious life.

T. F. MAHAR, D. D.

As a result of a recent crusade of the "Rev." J. G. White against Catholics at Lacross, Wis., a Catholic Truth society with one hundred and fifty members has been organized.

CONSUMPTION.

N its first stages, can be successfully N its first stages, can be successinly checked by the prompt use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Even in the later periods of that disease, the cough is wonderfully relieved by this medicine.

wonderfully relieved by this medicine.

"I have used Ayer's Cherry Pectoral with the best effect in my practice. This wonderful preparation once saved my life. I had a constant cough, night sweats, was greatly reduced in flesh, and given up by my physician. One bottle and a half of the Pectoral cured me."—A. J. Eidson, M. D., Middleton, Tennessee.

Tennessee.

"Several years ago I was severely ill. The doctors said I was in consumption, and that they could do nothing for me, but advised me, as a last resort, to try Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. After taking this medicine two or three months I was cured, and my health remains good to the present day."—James Birchard, Darien, Conn.

Darien, Conn.

"Several years ago, on a passage home from California, by water, I contracted so severe a cold that for some days I was confined to my state-room, and a physician on board considered my life in danger. Happening to have a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, I used it freely, and my lungs were soon restored to a healthy condition. Since then I have invariably recommended this preparation."—J. B. Chandler, Junction, Va.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral,

Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. So'd by all Druggists. Price \$1; six bottles, \$5

THE HURON AND ERIE Loan & Savings Company

ESTABLISHED 1864. Subscribed Capital, - \$2,500,000 Paid up Capital, - - - 1,300,000 Reserve Fund, - - - 602.000

President J. W. LITTLE, JOHN BEATTIE, . Vice-President DEPOSITS of \$1 and upwards received

at highest currant rates. at highest current rates.

DEBENTURES issued, payable in Canada or in England. Executors and trustees are authorized by law to invest in the debentures of this company.

MONEY LOANED on mortgages of real MORTGAGES purchased.

G. A. SOMERVILLE,

LONDON, ONTARIO.

Manufacturers of CHURCH.

SCHOOL AND HALL FURNITURE.

BENNET FURNISHING CO'Y,

London, Ont , Can.

Permanent Positions with good pay are

A FREE TRIP TO PARIS And a Valuable and Handsome Prize will be

The publishers of THE LADIES PICTORIAL WERKLY will give a first-class cabin passage to Paris, France, and return, with all expenses for a six weeks' sojourn in that city (or its equivalent in cash, France, and return, with all expenses for a six weeks' sojourn in that city (or its equivalent in cash, France, and return, with all expenses for a six weeks' sojourn in that city (or its equivalent in cash). The parish the passage to parish the passage to the passage to passage the passage of the pass