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'holic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ. "Truth 1

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Christianity in Japan.

Protestantism has not been making very great strides in Japan. The state of affairs among the sects, of which there are some 87 all told, is anything but oncouraging. They have gone into the progressive and quick-thinking little country, and not only created great confusion with their medley of teaching, but have, in addition with their theory of private interpretation, left matters in quite as bad, if not a worse state, than if they had remained at home. Agnosticism has crept in among their converts, as it must, of necessity, wherever a criti-cal examination is made of the tenets of Lather and his successors. As a result of the Japanese proneness to do a little thinking for themselves, and of their tendency to push premises to their atmost, we find open breaches between them and their teachers. One of the American Mission Boards will next month withdraw its only re presentative from the field, and will onceforth leave its work in the bands of native converts whom it will assist permanently and otherwise-mostly otherwise. A Japanese journalist, says the Catholic World, examined the roll of some of the Independent Pro testant Churches in Japan, and found that out of a total membership of 823 no less than 86 were marked absent. He was informed that of the remainder, 128 were Christian in name only. The average attendance was 77. This is but one instance of many, and goes to show the utter failure of Protestism in its work among the Japaneso. The regrettable feature of the whole have given the people a distaste for nave given the people a missae to.
Ohristianity or rather a taste for
materiatism and doubt. It would be
interesting to find out how much per
head it cost these societies to Christianize (?) their 40,901 nominal con-

No friction is to be found among the Catholic converts, and the total of 58,024 in 1889 is growing apade. Some idea of the work that is being carried on by the Church in Japan may be gathered from a few figures gathered from an article by Francis gathered from an article by Francis Penman of Japan in this month's Catholic World. The Church has, in this country, 1 archbishop, 8 bishops, 10 foreign missionaries, 80 Japanese priests, 180 catechists for Pagans, 150 catechists for Christians, 36 foreign marianite teachers, 2 Japanese marianite teachers and 8 novices, 28 for-eign Christian monks, 114 foreign teaching sisters, 12 Japanese teaching sisters with 29 native novices, 5 sisters who nurse lepers, 88 stations and districts, 251 congregations, 116 churches and chapels, 90 temporary districts, 291 congregations, 110 churches and chapels, 20 temporary chapels, 2 seminaries for clergy, 10 clerical students, 40 lay students, 8 student catchists, 318 pupils in colleges for boys, 8 boarding schools for circle with 25 pupils, 87 primary schools with 1,239 boys and 2,630 girls as students, 50 children in kindergarten, 17 orphanages containing 1,475 immates, 22 industrial schools for 100 patients, 11 hospitals for the agod with 85 immates, and 2 hospitals for the poor having 88 of this class to care for. During last vear 2,022 adults received the Sacrament of Baptism, while 1,600 children were given the same great privilege. Altogather with good from the connection of the c

A Loretto Abbey Omission

A regrettable omission in the Lo A regrettable omission in the Lo-etto Abbey prize list was made in the last laste of The Register. Omissions are always to be regretted, but this one is particularly so, inasmuch as the young lady whose name did not ap rilliant students of music that has ever attended that peculiarly musical centre. Loretto Abbey. The young lady, Miss Ceoll McKenna, daughter of Dr. McKenna, won the Gold Modal as a planist at the Abbey last year, and this year received the highest knonors in the Post-Graduate course

Da Costa on Criticism

The midsummer number of the "Catholic World" opens its series of articles very appropriately with an able sketch by Dr. D. F. De Costa on " The Place of the Bible in the Catholie Church." In these days of the much vacanted Higher Criticism." lie Church." the appearance of such an article is very opportune. Dr. Do Costa Las been through the mill and understands to a det just what is being done along that line among the Pro testant sects It is quite time that Oatholies should prepare themselves for the coming struggle against the infidelity which is the direct outcome of Protestantism and which is being forsted upon the world by the so-called orities. Protestantism is no longer a danger to Catholicism; it is killing itself and is drifting apace into infi-delity and agnosticism, against which forms of opposition the church must array herself with all the infallible teaching power that is at her com-mand. The sects are no longer striving to cope against the tide of infidelity which is sweeping through the larger cities under the guise of education and refinements—they are hurry-ing forward to the best of their ability are throwing themselves into the novement because they think fashionable. It is fashionable to doubt among them now-a-days, and they are furnishing Catholies with a spectacle of how far fashion and vanity begot of ignorance and error can carry men. The struggle is be-tween the Catholic Church and infi delity now; it is one or the other as it always has been among thinkers. This is no new movement but it has not hitherto shown such signs of growing strength among English-speaking people as it is doing at pro-sent. "Higher Criticism" is paving the way to infidelity, and it is against the latter that the Church must take the field. Dr. De Cesta's article is an excellent resume of the history of this oriticism and at the same time it conthorough refutation of the It is well worth an hour's careful study.

Ontario Mutual Life.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company held recently showed the remarkably strong financial standing of this old and ably managed concern. The volume of business during the The volume of business during the past year showed a large increase over that of any other year in the company's existence. Some idea of the extent of the business done in this year may be gained from the following figures:—No less than 3,318 applicants for insurance were received whose total insurance value amounted to \$5,484,762; of that number some 2,806 applications, aggregating \$4,761,036, were accepted. The company now holds 18.819 risks amounting to \$26,046,441,20. Their total annual ocome from all sources is \$1,051, Their surpluses over all lia-896.19. Their surpluses over all liabilities on the Company's Standard Actuaries' 4 per cent., \$302,855.28; on the Government Standard Hm. 4½ per cent., \$491,894. The company during the past year has added to its \$127,451.54; to its reserve, \$185,265.70; to its surplus, \$31,-658.40; to its assets, \$527,429.97, and has paid \$76,860.28 in surplus t its policy-holders. These figures will give the public some idea of the prosprity and financial stability of this company, and will at the same time convey the fact that the more sound the cempany the greater volume of business it handles. With this as a standard the strength of the Ontario Mutual compares favorably with any of the other companies in Canada. The directors are to be congratulated on the eminently successful year just past. They have now entered upon their thirty-first year, and never before have they had such bright proposed of a successful year before them. A giance at the list of directors readily explains the success that has attended the company's efforts in the past and assures it of greater strides in the fature. erity and financial statility of this

The National Convention

On Tuesday, June 20th, the National Louventous opened in the Russell Room of the Review of the Revie

Inancial basis, or by the interested compliments of an alice Court; and that we hereby declare that the Irish Race, with all thoir influence at home dubt we hereby declare that the Irish Race, with all thoir influence at home and abroad, are, and must continue to be disaffected to the English power, and will embrace overy opportunity of giving effect to their detectation of English power, and will embrace overy opportunity of giving effect to their detectation of English power, and it is a state of the coverned is given over.

He said he thought he was merely expressing the sense of that magnificant satisfaction that the chair was taken by the Chairman of the frain Parliamentar Tarty, and he was also expressing the compared it is an an analyst and the compared of it should have been seconded by Mr. John Dillon (bear, bear). These resolutions set forth, he believed, the feetings that were uppermost in the mind and heart of every man in that great and representative gathlering. They were there copresenting free and from Doulou O'Groat's, assembled to put, ac to speak, the finishing touch to the blessed round in the same of the compared the same proper of the power of the

his prayer was that that state of things, might never be changed. (Cheers.) He hoped it would not be love account. might nover be changed. (Cheers.) Hehoped it would not be long before every
son of Ireland considered it his duty totake his position in the ranks of the recple, and impressed himself with theprinciple, and remember that ireland
expects every man to do his duty.
(Chicors).

Ms. J. A. POWER'S SPEECH.

Mr. James A. Power, High Sheriff City of Waterford, who was received with choors, supported the resolutions. He had the greatest pleasure in saying so now he had some experience of great and entiusiastic meetings that that meeting would rank with the very foremost of those that were just and pare in Ireland. (Cheers). Some weeks age they had the privilege in Waterford of Lobing the first to call a great convention apple from the product timpet tongued from the senth, as they expect convention apple transpet tongued from the senth, as they expect convention apple transpet tongued from the senth, as they expect convention apple transpet tongued from the senth, as they expect convention apple transpet to the most of the production of the programm and the other Lesgue that had teramifications extended to overy village and county in Ireland working, and working successfully. In the programme submitted to them that day they were asked to give their support to a United Irish League—(hear, hear)—and from the tone of that meeting he are yet a the it that they, were unaulmouting the are yet attent the tone that the Lange. (Cheers).

JOHN YEROUSON.

Mr. John Ferguson, Glasgow, who wass warmly received, also supported the resolution, and said a generation had passed away aloce last builtfed his voice in that hall on behalf of our suffering nation. Ryscontative Iriahmon like himself in other lands had to hang their heads in shame when taunted with the incommenced their countrymon to manage.