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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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Register of the Week.

War, famine and disease are at work depleting the crowded populations of the Orient. The Chinese and Japs are still engaged in slaughtering each other with Eastern barbarity; and to add to the evils, the people of poor Corea are starving, and the Black Death has broken out in China. Which will win? is the question that seems to agitate the correspondents, but the mere fact of war and its horrible consequences is to our mind the most important. Two mighty nations are rending each other and sacrificing thousands of lives for a nominal superiority over a land with which neither has anything to do.

This indeed offers ground for outside interference, but the great difficulty which presents itself is that the two nations, England and Russia, which have the best opportunity to intervene, are themselves suspected by the hostile nations of having designs on the country in question. The hope is expressed in the officialdom of England that Japan will lose, as the English fear that Japanese victory will mean increased Russian influence. It is the general opinion, however, that Japan will not lose. In America there is such a degree of ill-feeling against the "heathen Chinese" that Japanese gains are hailed with unmistakable joy. The Government of the United States, however, would be the best power to arbitrate in the matter, as it has less of private interest in its settlement.

In the United States the Tariff Bill is finally settled. The Senate has won all along the line, and their Bill was adopted without a change. The defeat of Senator Hill's motion to recall the Senate conferees showed the Representatives that any attempt to break down the bill would meet with determined opposition in the Senate. To cover their retreat the House passed a bill putting sugar, coal, iron and barbed wire on the free list, but this bill will receive cold welcome at Senatorial headquarters.

This outcome is a severe blow to the President. With all the assistance of patronage, the votes of the House and the moral force of the majority of Democrats outside, the Administration has been defeated in a contest in which all its strength had thus been put forth. The result we may expect from the bitterness thus caused is a movement for the election of Senators by direct vote of the people.

Early one morning last week 40 special police from Baltimore swooped down on the Coxeyites encamped at Highlands, Md., about 10 miles from Washington.

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army of commonwealers. The officers left five of the 108 men in charge of the place, with the warning that unless they vacated within three days they would be arrested. As the Coxeyites made their pilgrimage to obtain "Good Roads," they are to be given the privilege of making roads, as convicts, in the district near Baltimore. This is the irony of fate.

The Evicted Tenants' Bill has passed the House of Commons, and passed with its provisions regarding the reinstatement of the old tenants and compensation of the present land-grabbers. The Unionists made violent attempts to destroy the forcible reinstatement clause, but the task was hopeless, and the bill has passed. One of these warm mornings a few of the noble and kind-hearted lords of England will meet and dash this cup of happiness from the lips of the helpless poor of Ireland. And then they will run off to the gambling tables at Monte Carlo, or prepare for grouse shooting in Scotland, and write to the agents on their estates in Ireland for more money. These are the men to whom the Irish must look for justice.

That the Irish do still hope for justice is evident from the peaceful state of the country. The English police Ireland thoroughly, but if every Saxon of them all was a peeler, they could not keep Ireland quiet unless they offered to her some hope of justice. This is evident from the remarkably low percentage of crime in Celtic Ireland during the past year. In Wexford and Galway the Judges received the traditional white gloves, to show there were no criminal cases. In Fermanagh and Clare the docket contained only a few trivial offences. Thus does Ireland answer the charge that it requires the rule of a "strong" Government. We do not hear of white gloves in the "black" counties of the North-East, where all the salt and savor of Ireland are supposed to be collected.

A Papal encyclical letter has been addressed to the Brazilian bishops. In it his Holiness urges them to educate and enlighten the people with all the means at their command. Ignorance, he says, is the cause of the evils of the day. The bishops ought to establish schools wherever there are priests to direct them. The priests sent out from the American College in Rome, the Pope says, are imbued with the proper spirit in the cause of educating the people, and will give valuable aid whenever so placed as to be able to take part in the work.

The Italian Government is said to be taking steps to deport 2,000 Anarchists to the Italian possessions on the Red Sea. The prosecution of the French Anarchists is reported to have

fallen through. Caserio is to suffer death in a week. Senator Hill has introduced a bill in the U. S. Senate for the deportation of Anarchist immigrants. The German Government is meditating measures similar to those adopted by France and Italy. This is the Anarchist news of the week in brief. It shows that the nations of the world, in the closing years of this nineteenth century of grace, are rousing themselves for combat with the giant evil they have themselves produced by restricting the action of Christianity on the masses of the people.

The Rome correspondent of the London *Chronicle* says that the Pope received several clergymen who were recently converted from the Church of England. The Pope said he rejoiced at their conversion. He and his successors would be prepared to sacrifice all except the custody of the sacred deposit of truth to welcome back those separated from the fold by schism and historical events.

His Holiness has also granted audience to a band of American pilgrims under Rev. Father Porcile. His continued activity is wonderful. Gladstone has given up active work, but his Holiness still continues to labor with the vigor and enthusiasm of a man in his prime.

We learn with pleasure of the proposed visit to Canada of Mr. J. F. Hogan, member of Parliament for Mid-Tipperary. Mr. Hogan occupies the same place for Australia in the National party as Mr. Blake does for Canada, and Mr. Fox for the United States. He is a brilliant Irish Australian who achieved fame for himself as a journalist and author in Australia and offered his brilliant talents to the service of the land of his fathers. It is not the Irish people alone who will give hearty welcome to Mr. Hogan. He is an ardent Imperial Federationist, a fact which will palliate even the crime of being a Home Ruler with numbers of our compatriots. At any rate, we welcome him for what he is, as a man who is willing to put forth all that is in him to help the old land in time of need.

A noted Irish Catholic has just passed away in Sydney, Australia, in the person of Hon. Peter Fawcett, Judge of the Supreme Court, and formerly Solicitor General of the colony. He was born in Dublin, and after a Catholic school education he graduated from Trinity University and was called to the bar. In 1852 he went to Sydney, where he made a name and place for himself in politics and law.

For over forty years Judge Fawcett had been prominently identified with

every important Catholic movement in Sydney, and the charities connected with the Church knew no more sympathetic or more generous friend. He was one of the founders of St. Vincent's Hospital, and there is not a religious community, not only in the diocese of Sydney, but throughout the whole colony, that has not from time to time had his sympathy—a sympathy always practically as well as sentimentally expressed. As a member of the Senate of the University he guarded the Catholic interests in that body, and he was also a fellow of St. John's Catholic College within the University, always taking an active interest in that institution. A sound Catholic in profession as in daily life, he was also a true if undemonstrative Irishman. His patriotism was never paraded, but he was never found wanting when the old land needed his name in a national movement, or his name and money for a subscription list.

Catholics are accused of favoring ignorance and darkness. American Catholics answer by pointing to two universities, 100 colleges, 700 academies, and 3,500 parochial schools, supported entirely by themselves.

The dean and chapter of Peterborough Cathedral, England, have decided to erect memorials in that splendid old Catholic foundation to two Catholic women, Queen Catherine of Aragon, and Mary, Queen of Scots. It is indeed fitting that these Catholic martyrs should obtain recognition in the walls of a church built by Catholics.

Though Leo XIII. in his late encyclical expresses a desire to have the Scriptures more abundantly opened for the use of the Lord's flock, and the American bishops and archbishops at their meeting in Baltimore a year ago declared the Bible the most valued treasure in the family library, not a priest or bishop in Mexico or South America is found by the Bible men to approve these commendations. They stigmatize the circulation of any version not loaded with notes and made expensive.—*Zion's Herald*.

What artless simplicity! not a priest or Bishop advises his people to accept and treasure up the Protestant translations which these people scatter broadcast among these Catholic peoples. It is a shame, good Biblemen, that the Catholic authorities do not foster your work among their "benighted" people. As for the annotated editions, there are in the Scriptures "many things hard to be understood, which the unlearned and unstable wrest to their own destruction." As the good Biblemen always describe South Americans as being universally "unlearned" and "unstable," they should be more cautious about providing them with means for "their own destruction." Catholic peoples receive their interpretation of the texts from the source from which Protestants receive the text itself—from the Catholic Church, custodian of all truth, the teacher of the nations, the earthly dwelling-place of the Holy Ghost.