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Dar Sir: For some time past I have read
your estimable paper. THE CATHOLIC RECORD,
and congratulate you upon the manner in
which it is published.

Its matter and farm are both good; and a
self Catholic spirit pervades the whole

e faithful.
ssing you, and wishing you success.
Believe me, to remain.
Yours faithfully in Jesus Christ,
+D. FALCONIO, Arch, of Larissa,
Apost. Deleg.

London, Saturday, Nov. 23, 1901.

#### OUR CRITICS.

That distinguished convert, Rev. Dr. DeCosta, will please accept our hearty thanks for the following very kind letter received regarding the CATHOLIC

To the Editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD: Dear Sir—In this week's issue of your journal reference is made to critics. Having been for many years an editor, holding various positions, I happen to know what a comfort the critic is. No doubt that once in a while some one hits the nail on the head, but, as a rule generals actively engaged in the field seldom have any use for men at home who never bore arms.

I write to say that I read the RECORD every week, at least when not on the road. I find it exceedingly interesting and valuable. I come upon one article another (some times original and selected) that leads me to grope, after another (some tim instinctively, for my old and still sharp editorial scissors, brought to New York in 1863, with the intention of cutting the piece out. Pausing a moment, I strike another piece, and feel the same desire to send it as an excerpt to some particular person in need of the thought, but before any scissoring is actually done, the conclusion is reached that the whole paper should go instead

I wish I could send your article of this week on the Episcopal Bishops and Convention to every Episcopalian in the land. You present many bright thoughts on timely topies, and the weekly budget sent out must do great good in every family where it finds an entrance. wish you most abundant success.

Very faithfully New York, Nov. 6, 1901.

#### THE RACE PROBLEM IN THE UNITED STATES.

It has been noted that in the large cities of the United States, the death if this was his purpose, it would appear rate among the negro population is that he was not entirely successful. nearly double that of the whites, and the conclusion has been hastily drawn that the negro race is dying out. It has been noticed, however, that this supposition is a mistake. The recent census shows that the negroes are increasing throughout the country quite as rapidly as whites, from which fact it must be inferred that the race problem of the country will be as difficult to be faced many years hence as it is at the present moment. The cause why the mortality is so great in the large cities is that the negroes there are huddled in congested districts in such a manner that all the laws of nature and health are set at defiance; but the increase in rural districts more than makes up for the loss in the cities, and from the country the surplus flows into the cities in sufficient numbers to fill

up the ranks. Louisiana, there has also been a re- necessity for a remarriage. markable falling off; but in the other been very nearly kept.

States; but this diminution is counter so that in ease the divorce decree was control over twelve States," adds Miss into the proposed compact. The Embalanced by the increase in Northern granted for cause of adultery, it should Vermilye, "it will be impossible to peror would thus become actually a States, chiefly in those of the border, be held as positively valid, and the parpass the constitutional amendment maksuch as Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

It is evident that the extinction of sons the negro race is not to be expected We hail this resolution as an advance passed now." wonder whether the population may become unified in time by amalgamation.

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is kept up; but will the time come when it shall wear away?

The recent census shows that the white population of all the States is now 67,000,000 and that of the negroes 8,850,000. The Indians, Chinese, and Japanese number about 500,000.

#### ANOTHER FRAUD.

Charlatans who make a living by orking on the credulity of the public are not confined to America, or to Canada or the United States. Humannature is about the same everywhere, and in every country there are hundreds or thousands apparently anxious to be gulled by impostors or fakirs. Thus Paris has a new Messiah who is

making immense sums of money by his pretended power of healing all manner of diseases by some form of incantation. His methods are somewhat similar to those of the Eddyists, (Christian Scien-He charges from \$100 to \$12,000 for an interview, according to the claim to be the bulwark of Christianity wealth of those who consult; him, and he finds dapes even at digs. The police have been making an discovered that he owns a fine; mansion or chateau near Sherbourg. The charlatan has not been arrested, however, as it does not appear that any one has vet entered any action for fraud against

AMERICAN PROTESTANT EPISCOPALIANS AND THE DI-VORCE QUESTION.

Episcopal Church of the United States | are granted. which met in October in San Francisco, the question of the marriage of divorced persons was again brought up.

By the canons of that Church hitherto existing it was permitted to elergymen to remarry persons who had been divorced. Against this mode of procedure, so shocking to Christian sentiment, there has been a great outery on the part of those more earnest clergymen who have High Church tendencies, and who are opposed to that Cæsarism which makes the State or a popular majority supreme in the matter of religion as well as in politics.

For several years the more religious element in the Protestant Episcopal Church has been struggling to bring the practice of the Church into something like accord with the rule laid down by Christ in regard to the indissolubility of marriage: "What God hath joined

together, let no man put asunder." We understand that Mr. J. Pierrepont Morgan, the well-known multimillionaire, actually went to San Francisco during the session of the convention to oppose the adoption of any canon making the law more stringent; but

The convention committee to which the matter had been referred reported by a vote of eleven to one in favor of restricting the canon so that divorced persons should not be remarried by Episcopal clergymen, unless the proposed remarriage should be between the parties themselves who had been di-

vorced. Notwithstanding the strong influences brought to bear upon the convention, the House of Bishops passed a canon to to this effect, thus coming almost to the Catholic position in regard to marriage, which is that a marriage once contracted and consummated cannot be dissolved except by the death of the

husband or wife. We say "almost," because there is Episcopal House of Bishops, that the From the year 1880 to 1890, the Catholic Church declares the absolute negro population of Arkansas and Mis- indissolubility of the marriage tie, and sissippi rose from 26.2 and 57.5 per would, therefore, not think of remarrycent. respectively of the total popula- ing a divorced couple to each other a tion, to 28 and 58.6 per cent. In second time. According to the Cath- East, that twenty year ago "the preborder States, however, such as Ken- olic contention, the divorce is absolute- diction was uttered that in fifty years tuky and Tennessee, the negroes have ly null, and the parties are married be- the Mormons would control a belt of declined in comparative population, fore God just as firmly after the divorce States cutting the United States in two though they have increased in actual decree has been issued, as they were from northeast to southwest." numbers. In the two States just mentioned the ratio has fallen in the ten need of a remarriage. The proposal of verified within twenty instead of fifty years already mentioned, from 16.5 and the House of Bishops, on the contrary, years. The Mormons now own lands 26.1 to 13.3 and 23.8. In North and implies the admission that the marriage from the Rocky Mountains to the

Southern States the equilibrium has settle the matter. The resolution rapidly that at their present rate of in-These facts show a decrease in the House," composed of clergymen and in several other States. When it is acy beyond the borders of Prussia negro population of the Southern lay delegates, and it was there modified considered that if the Mormons acquire into all the states which would enter St. Mark xii, 25: St. Luke xx, 36.)

This is not likely so long as the present which he has recently made in effect aversion of the white race for negroes that this new attitude of the Protestant to be the great bulwark of Christian morality in America.

Bishop Douane points out triumphantly that the other sects of the country have made no vindication of the Christian doctrine on the indissolubility of the marriage tie. To this extent he is correct, but he seems to f rget that his Church has been in exactly the same position as the other sects down to the present time. The resolution or canon of the Protestant Episcopal Convention is altogether too recent to justify the boast that the Protestant Episcopal Church is the guardian of the sanctity of marriage. The ministers of that Church have searcely yet had time to marry any divorced person; and it is well known that in the past they have not refused to do so.

Bishop Douane asserts that the new canon just adopted is a return to the tist,) the Dowieities and Schlatterites law of God. It follows, then, that the of America. The pseudo-Messiah Protestant Episcopal Church has hithermakes his cures for large sums of to been in the habit of violating the law money, and, like Mrs. Eddy and John of God in the matter. How can a Alexander Dowie, he is immensely rich. Church which has been hitherto as deeply in the mire as the other sects,

Moreover, we have yet to find out whether or not the new canon will be these prices. He has said that obeyed by the Episcopal clergy. The man's folly is a gold mine in which he experience of the past shows that the Episcopal Church of the United States is investigation into his case, and have in almost the same condition of anarchy as its sister Church, the Anglican, in which the High, Low, and Broad Church parties are vieing with each other in disregard of all law and order, so that It is admitted that obedience is out of the question. It is very dubious, therefore, whether the clergy will, in the present instance, admit that the ecclesiastical law has any right to predominate over the law of tributable, and also to the godless edu-At the convention of the Protestant the State by which absolute divorces

> Very different from this is the state of affairs in the Catholic Church. The law of God with her is and always has been supreme, so that nations were allowed to drift away from the Church rather than that God's law should be departed from in one iota, even by Kings and princes; and the obedience of the clergy to their Bishops and to the laws of the Church and of God is such that not a single priest could or can be found who would celebrate a marriage in contempt of those laws, even if the whole power of the State, and the golden rod of multi-millioniaries were used to force them to do so.

## FRANCE AND TURKEY.

The complete yielding of Turkey to losses inflicted during the Armenian speaking countries. atrocities, shall be paid, has shown the

STATES. A strange statement comes from New York to the effect that Mormonism has become an imminent danger in the this difference between the attitude of United States. At the meeting of the the Catholic Church and that of the women's executive committee of missions of the Reformed Church's eightteenth anniversary, held in the city on the evening of the 13th inst., it was asserted by Miss Elizabeth Vermilye in an address on Mormonism in the South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, and has been dissolved, and that there is a Sierras, and are spreading to the east. But the action of the Bishops did not Western States, and are progressing so office, the Bishop of Bishops in the passed by them had to go to the "Lower crease they will soon have supremacy ties could be remarried to other per- ing polygamy a crime, it becomes im- haps, by degrees, for German Lutherans

would require the negative votes of which must be in communion with St. thirty states as now constituted to act- Peter's successor, and must be truly Episcopal Church proves that Church ually prevent the anti-Mormon legislation referred to; nevertheless, if Mormons gained control of twelve States, possibly they would be so powerful in eighteen others as to prevent the passage of the amendment against polygamy by a two thirds' vote. At all events, it is a matter which requires to be carefully considered by the legislators of the country.

There are said to be two thousand Mormon missionaries engaged in the propagation of their creed, of whom sixty are in New York State, and in several of the Eastern States there are strong Mormon churches.

## SUICIDE STATISTICS.

Recent statistics on the number of suicides committed in Christian countries show that we cannot assert that the crime of suicide is peculiar to either Protestant or Catholic countries exclusively.

The highest proportion of suicides belongs to three very Protestant States as follows: Saxony 311 to the million of population, Denmark 258, Schleswig-Holstein 240.

Next comes Austria with 212, the Christian population of which is dividel among the three great Christian churches in the ratio Catholics 82.2, Greek churches 10.6, Protestant churches 7.2.

In Switzerland, which is a little more Protestant than Catholic, the suicides were 202, and in the German Empire, which is a little less than two-thirds Protestant, 143.

In France the proportion per million is 157. We do not doubt that to the conflict which has been raging between the Government and religion, this disregard of one's own life is partly atcation given in the State schools.

Germany, though a Protestant country, is better than France in this respect, most probably because there is religious teaching in the schools, both Catholic or Protestant.

Italy has only 37 and the Netherlands 36 suicides per million, the United States 35, Russia 29; but Ireland and Spain, both thoroughly Catholic countries, have the best record of all, the number of suicides in these two countries being respectively 17 and 14 per million.

# A PROPOSED LUTHERAN UNION.

The aspirations for a union among Protestant churches are not confined either to America or the British isles, but have extended to Germany, where, notwithstanding the large number of independent Church organizations existthe demands of France that the various ing, there is perhaps more hope of a claims of French citizens for the build- nominal union on an extensive scale ing of docks, and for the payment of than there is among sects in the English-

There are at the present moment powers of Europe that it would have forty eight separate and independent been easy for them to have put an end | Protestant State Churches within the to the massacres if they had shown a German Empire; but what gives a hope that some kind of a union may be patched The present action of France had the up between them is that the States in taught concerning angels, demons and moral support of all the European which these exist have been united into noral support of all the belone Empire since 1871. Since that that Christ's teaching, representing the necessary to check Turkish impudence date advocates of a united Church have in setting all the powers at defiance, by become numerous. Nominally, most of and our guardians, is of little value. tion with the belief of the Jews that refusing to meet just debts. By these State Churches are Lutheran; The grossest levity of infidelity scarce-France's action there has been no dis- but those of Prussia, Hesse, Nassau, ly goes any further than this. turbance of the European equilibrium, and Auhalt were formed by a comprothough the result has been to increase mise between the irreconcilable creeds the importance of France in relation to of Calvinism and Lutheranism. The Eastern affairs. Turkey will be con- unions in these cases, effected by the vinced in the meantime that it will be civil authority, did not aim, for the no longer safe to refuse the payment of most part, at enforcing uniformity of just debts to the subjects of the Chris- doctrine, but brought the two sects under one general governmental control, while each congregation was left MORMONISM IN THE UNITED free to follow either the Lutheran (Augsburg) Confession or that of the Calvinists, known as the Confession of Heidelburg. This enforced union gave rise to dissensions, and even to the formation of new sects, especially in Prus-

If a nominal union be effected now between some of these State Churches it is certain that it will be no more than nominal, as the variety of creeds already existing is considerable, there being several other confessions beside that of Augsburg in use among the Lutherans. The disintegrating force which exists in the essence of Protestantism will still surely operate to prevent any real union either in faith, church government, or liturgy.

The Emperor William is said to be very strongly in favor of the proposed union. The reason of this is obvious. Even now the Mormons control four He is already, by virtue of his kingly would extend his ecclesiastical supremportant that this amendment should be in other countries. By this means the Lutherans would be by far the most within any short time, and we may well or a partial return toward true Chris- It would appear that the difficulty of powerful of all the Protestant Churches

one also in faith and Church government.

#### THE FUTURE LIFE.

We had occasion last week to make some comments upon a lecture delivered by the Rev. Dr. Forrest of Edinburgh, in the Presbyterian College of Montreal, in which that gentleman squarely denied to Jesus Christ the divine attribute of Omniscience, thus practically denying also the most fundamental doctrine of the Christian religion, the Divinity of Christ.

We expressed surprise that such teaching was allowed by the Principal of the college who presided, or by his colleagues, to pass without correction, and we deplored that Arianism or Unitarianism was thus practically approved by the faculty of that institution, in face of the fact that the Westminster Confession most plainly and positively teaches Christ's Divinity.

We have not seen anything to show that in the movement for revision of the is now going on among American Presbyterians, it is intended to change what is said in maintenance of this primary Christian truth, nor have we heard that in the ninth chapter of this prophecy, it is even proposed by the Presbyterians of Canada to revise the Confession of Faith at all. But though such change may not be ostensibly intended, we might readily infer from the invitation extended to the Rev. Dr. Forrest to instruct the classes of the college in his views regarding the nature, attributes, and authority of our Redeemer, that there is a quiet movement going on in this country at least, to make a tacit and underhand revision which will be of far more sweeping character than that which is being undertaken by the Presbyterians over the border -- so sweeping, in fact, as to thrust aside the whole character of Christ and the divine plan of our Redemption.

The third lecture of Dr. Forrest, given also before the alumni of the same college, had for subject "The Unseen World and the Future Life." The speaker said: (we follow the report of the Montreal Witness:)

"It has been shown in the previous lectures that Christ was infallible only in matters of religion. The question hen arises, 'How are we to treat Hi allusions to angels, demons, the father of lies, and the future life?' It may at once be admitted that there is no entirely satisfactory solution of this prob-On the one hand, these references are interwoven with His teachings in religion; on the other hand, many of them, representing angels as intervening as messengers between God and can only be considered as metaphorical: uch of their value.'

err in regard to matters of religion, but ish people before the advent of Christ. in other matters he is as liable to err as Rev. Mr. Forrest himself, and apparently even more so, inasmuch as that rev. gentleman presumes to sit in judgment on all that Christ has the future life. Practically he asserts angels as our intercessors with God,

But is not this teaching a matter of But if this belief had been wrong, it religion? Rev. Mr. Forrest admits would have been incumbent upon Christ that it is "interwoven with Christ's to have discountenanced and disapproved teachings on religion." But if these of it. As, instead of so doing He conteachings are false, it evidently follows firmed it, this manner of speaking is that the religious teachings "inter- proof positive that it was the truth rewoven" with them must be a mere vealed by God to the Jewish people. sham, and the youthful students of the We might here add many other well college in question are indoctrinated to known passages of Scripture which this effect !

Rev. Mr. Forrest admits that Christ to show that the Rev. Dr. Forrest is in taught that the angels intervene, or error in his assertion that the Catholic are mediators of intercession between doctrine has no more foundation in God and man. It is something new to Scripture than the newly invented dochear of such an admission by a Presby- trine of "heathen probation" to which terian divine; and were it not that the so many modern Protestants cling, and force of the admission is destroyed by to which Dr. Forrest appears to incline, being joined so closely with the denial though he practically admits that it is of Christ's truthfulness, we could con- a mere fancy of the human mind which gratulate the lecturer and his approv- has no support from holy Scripture. ing hearers on their long step toward the truly revealed Catholic doctrine on AN AMERICAN CLERICAL KENthe intercessory power of angels and saints. We would suppose that the next step would be the recitation of the truly Catholic prayer in all the Presbyterian churches of the Dominion: "All ye holy Angels and Archangels: "All ve holy Saints of Pray fo God: Make intercession for us."

We join together the intercession of Angels and of Saints because Christ Himself tells us that the Saints of God are "as the angels," and are "equal unto the angels." (St. Matt. xxii, 30:

We cannot close this subject without ment of the lecturer:

"As to the state of the dead before the judgment, there is not a single phrase which can be adduced in support of the probationary or purifying character of the intermediate state. It

tion for the heathen. There is nothing in Christ's teaching absolutely incompatible with this, but he certainly gives it no support."

Reading between the lines here, we are struck at once with the consciousness that the lecturer is decidedly opposed to the Catholic doctrine of the existence of a place of purgation or purification in the other life where some souls, namely, of those who have died in venial sin, or not having sufficiently atoned for grievous sin which has been forgiven, suffer for a time before being admitted into heaven, declaring that this doctrine has no support in Scripture, and therefore should be rejected, whereas he insinuates that the probation of the heathen may be maintained, though it is equally unsupported by Scriptural authority. Assuming that his premises were correct, we should rather infer that either both these doctrines are tenable, or that both should be mercilessly rejected.

But we deny the assertion that the Catholic doctrine is unsupported in Scripture. It is supported by reason. Scripture and the constant testimony of Westminster Confession of Faith which the Church of Christ from the earliest

The prophecy of Zacharias has special reference to the work of Christ, and verses 9, 10, we read the following concerning Christ's passion:

"O daughter of Jerusalem: Behold king will come to thee: the Just and Saviour, He is poor and riding upo n ass . . . and He shall speak peace to he Gentiles . . . Thou also by the the Gentiles . . . Thou also by the blood of Thy Testament hast sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.'

This is a clear reference to the visit which according to 1 Pet. iii., 19, Christ made after His death to the spirits in prison to preach to them. He therefore delivered these spirits; and it was the expectation that this delivery from the punishment of sin would be made by the Messias which made the Jews to this day believe that such a delivery shall be effected, and on account of which they pray regularly for the dead, reciting daily for the dead the ancient prayer which they call 'Kad-

This accounts for the words of the inspired writer of Maccabees xii., 43, 46: that Judas Maccabaeus

"Making a gathering sent 12,000 drachms of silver to Jerusalem for sacrifice to be offered for the sins of the dead, thinking well and religiously concerning the resurrection. . . . It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins.'

We are, of course, aware that Presbyterians do not receive the Books of the Maccabees as inspired Scripture. but if not literal, they lose They are, however, attested by the approval of the early Christian Church. This language is just on a par with Yet waiving their authority as part of that of which we have already spoken. holy Scripture, they are an undeniable According to the lecturer Christ cannot evidence of the fixed belief of the Jew-

We will here adduce the saying of our Lord in St. Matt. xii.; 32:

"But he that shall speak against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven neither in this world, nor in the world to come.

In itself this form of expression implies that some sins are forgiven or purged away in the next life, or the world to come. But taken in connec this was the case, the words of our Lord were confirmatory of their belief. prove the Catholic doctrine of Purga-It is noteworthy, however, that the tory, but these will suffice at present

# SIT REBUKED.

We publish with pleasure the following rebuke administered by the Rev. Silliman Blagden, the well-known, earnest and liberal-minded Protestant Boston clergyman, whose teachings and writings are constantly directed toward bringing about peace and harmony among Christians, as the best way to attain the reunion of Christendom.

The Rev. Mr. Hammond had annoyed Rev. S. Blagden by sending him a large quantity of anti-Catholic literature of the inflated kind in which bigots demaking reference to the following stateolic Church. The Rev. S. Blagden re-

plied as follows: "Please do not send me any more of your 'Converted Catholics' and anti-Catholic papers, for I abominate all such un-Christian publications, and I do not wish or intend to become

having anything to do with them what- as the soever; so I return them to you in the the manner that I have done in order to It is emphasize the above statements. The Catholic Church, as I have often written have before, is the ancient spiritual Mother of us all, and with all her so-called and bad ways, she is neverthe less the Church of God and the bride of Christ. Mark my words and take time ly warning that all who fight against the Catholic Church are now and will be found fighting against God. And who dare do this and expect God's blessing prosperity?

will leave you to answer. And I repeat what I have written to you be fore, that there is such a thing as the unpardonable sin' which is blasphemy against the Holy Ghost; and that per-sons who fight against the Catholic Church are in danger of committing it, if, indeed, they have not already done so. Therefore, my dear brother in Jesus, I beg of you for Christ's dear sake to drop at once and for ever all those anti-Catholic publications and editors, people and sympathizers therewith, as you would red hot coals of fire Having nothing more to do with the un-clean things; eschew them as you would snakes, slimy toads and Satan and the powers of darkness.
"Forsake both the literature and

company of those who worse than fool-lishly abuse the Catholic Church by and with Satanic misstatements, exaggerations, errors, and lies, calling white black and bitter sweet; who are but the poor, sin-blinded tools of the 'Father of Lies,' deceiving and being deceived and whose awful end will surely be, as 'it is written' in Revelation, to be cast off with the devil that deceived them into the lake of fire and brimstone, and to be tormented day and night for ever and ever (Rev. xx. 10). But rather, on the other hand, make and cultivate the acquaintance and friendship of the Catholic clergy and people; love them as our suffering brethren in Christ; find out and exalt everything that is beautilovely, and Christ-like in the Catholie Church, and tell its glor and wide, and heartily pray and work for God-appointed and Christ-commanded 'Christian unity;' then you may confidently and with all good reaexpect and await Jehovah's smile

## CHRIST AND HIS WORKS. Archbishop Ireland at St. Joseph's

## Cathedral.

### St. Louis Watchman

The announcement that the Most Rev. Archbishop Ireland was to preach at the cathedral had the effect of asabling one of the largest audience which ever gathered to hear a speaker in this city. The Vespers take place at 7:30. hours before the services the crowd had begun to assemble. Before 7 o'cloc standing room could hardly be obtained within the cathedral, and before Ves pers begun hundreds had turned away, finding access impossible.

ut thirty-five priests from the city and neighboring parishes were present in the sanctuary. His Grace was in excellent voice. The Hartford Post says editorially:

The rare opportunity was afforded the people of Hartford left evening, in the appearance of Archbishop John Ireland at St. Joseph's cathedral, and it was at St. Joseph's cathedral, and it was improved by thousands of people. The immense auditorium was packed with eager listeners, and an address was heard that has not been equalled in thi city for many years in breadth of view in scholarship, in eloquence and in gen uine piety. The distinguished prelate' earnest plea for the acceptance of the religion of Jesus Christ was one of th most effective spulpit discourses eve delivered in this city. Many peopl stood throughout the address and th attention of the vast audience was hel to the end. Archbishop Ireland ma always be sure of an audience that wi test the capacity of the building when he speaks whenever he visits this cit and it is to be hoped that he will able to come to Hartford often. Ya University made no mistake in confer ing the degree of LL. D. upon th great thinker and able speaker.

"Jesus Christ yesterday and to-da and the same forever." (Hebraxiii., 8.) This is the faith which ravishes

THE SERMON.

souls, which guides and controls of destinies. O Christ, be Thou our So ereign and our Saviour; to Thee homage, in Thee our hope!

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"Jesus Christ, yesterday!" Is desired that I show forth the claims Jesus Christ to our allegiance? I peal to the story of nineteen hund years—of nineteen hundred years of ing which Jesus Christ and His w are set before the eyes of mank Time, if enough be allowed, tests things; it puts an end to pretence to false promise; it unfolds in res the true nature of causative energ authorizes comparisons, and affective authorizes comparisons, and affective authorizes comparisons. exact measurements of values; it bare the human in the work of man, the divine in the work of God. Withen, is the verdict of time to hrist-upon Christ's personality,

Christ's work? The historic figure of Jesus has countered fierce assailants, whose of daring criticism, ruthlessly strip of daring criticism, ruthlessy sorty of the supernal splendors of phecy and of miracle, has prese it to their cold fancies as and as human as it was post to make it under penalty of abs denial of the clearest canons of racertitude; and even these canno less than leave Him on the very mit of humanity's most exalted v

of greatness and goodness.

Upon Christ's personality, this verdict—even of those who take Him the divine-none so high a above earth; none so near as He
the all-Perfect Who reigns ir
heavens; He is the "Son of Man. best that ever sprung from the bohumanity; He is "the Son of the loftiest embodiment of the Go ever seen of man.

was Johann Strauss who "Christ must remain for us the est that we know in relation to r