pted a new creed, but we what manner of creed this e creed of the Church of ich teaches that God has a part of mankind in his of graces, so that they are loomed to damnation, or is of the United Presbyter. and, and of the American s, who have discarded this

hing of John Calvin? r that the new Church of have effected a union by omise of doctrine. Once romise is agreed upon, the d to the compromise of any teachings of Christianity be deemed expedient so to

re eleven distinct Presby. rches in India, seven of come into the union. These ablished and United Free Scotland, the Presbyterian England, Ireland, and the es of America, the Reformed rch of America, and the Church of Canada.

at of the eleven Presbyter. es have not as yet joined there will be at all events terian bodies still in the I if there are still to be disong the seven which have number of sects or subdibe increased instead of by the union, as was the otland in 1900 when the Free Churches combined Fifty eight ministers, each wing, remained out of the ituted Church, and these onstitute the "Wee Frees" Judicial Committee of the Lords has awarded all the rch property, which the

LUTHERAN CATHEDRAL IN BERLIN.

ad seized and taken with

United Free Church.

e remembered by many of that some years ago there in events wnich led to the the Kaiser William II. is be regarded as the Bishop of Pope of Protestantism. k William III., King of Prus-

e first Prussian monarch who entertain the thought of g a claim to be the supreme utheranism throughout the with this intention made t to establish a Lutheran y at Jerusalem early in the century. His efforts were uccessful, however, though a le German population was in ced to settle in Jerusalem otion, perhaps, that the Holy become the centre of Gerstantism.

sent Emperor William did, succeed in inaugurating a ere a few years ago under the Xavier's, and the inaugura. marked by the presence of Anglican and Greek Church cs who thus gave color to his Majesty's aims and claims. not so successful with the of his own Empire, as several ders of the small states of German Empire is composed ealous of their rights as heads utheran Churches in their dominions, and several of ined, respectfully but firmly. pate in the ceremonies, even ent of sending delegates to reem in Jerusalem, knowing that d so they would be regarded ledging the Kaiser's supreme over all, which was the

ject of the demonstration. n of a Lutheran Church under me head, even in the German as thus failed so far. Much e Lutherans of Sweden, Normark, Great Britian, and the ates recognize any supremacy mperor, who remains simply of the Lutheran Church of

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s another move made on the

rd by his Imperial Majesty,

pears to have been somewhat

essful in the way of securing ge of independent Lutheran The occasion was the ion of the Emperor's own l in Berlin, at which were delegates from all Pronations, constituting a brilemblage of civil and eccledignitaries. The service le, yet it is said to have been pressive. The music was of a nd character, but it was rather than religious, and even in the ort which was sent over the cable describing it, it is said ole scene, with the sunlight from the dome on the white with gilded capitals and suggested a gala opera, or a ren the great white hall of the ather than a religious service. those present were ambassadors and diplomats of the various Buropean courts, members of the Empire's cabinet and clergy. The Right Rev. William Boyd Carpenter, the Anglican Bishop of Ripon, was there, along with Swiss and Scandinavian preachers, the latter wearing white ruffs about their necks according to the fashion in vogue in the days of Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden, who figured as the champion of Protestantism in Germany and Denmark in the early

part of the 17th century. Prince Arthur of Connaught, and the Crown Prince Frederic of Denmark, were present, one at each side of the Emperor and Empress, and thirtytwo princes and princesses of the German States also assisted in the ceremonies.

It is not to be supposed, however, that these representatives of the Ger man States intended by their presence to admit the supremacy of the Emperor over their churches, as this could be admitted only by a positive act of re nunciation of their rights in favor of the Emperor, which did not take place. The Emperor, however, made it be well understood that this Cathedral is intended to be regarded as a Cathedral for all Germany, whereby he insinuated his claim to the chief Pontificate, and it was not an occasion which afforded an opportunity to the other German princes to proclaim the independence of their Churches. Yet their principals, the rulers of the German States, indoubtedly continue to exercise their authority as heretofore.

But not only did the Emperor declare that his new cathedral is intended to be the centre of Lutheranism in Germany, but he added that it will be a Cathedral for the whole world, which is very like a trespass upon the in dividuality of the Protestant churches of other countries.

We do not say that it was the Emperor's intention to assert authority over the Churches of England, Scot land, Switzerland and other countries, but he certainly stood on the brink of making such a claim, in view of the fact that he has been long known as being ambitious to be recognized as Pope of the Protestant world. Any claim which he may distinctly make in this direction will certainly be repudiated by England and other countries. Probably no country will repudiate any such claims with more determination and astuteness than the Lutheran Churches of America, which have tasted the sweetness of religious independence, and are not likely to surrender their present irresponsibility to a far away European potentate.

So far as the Church of England is concerned, no one imagines that the Archbishop of Canterbury and the other Protestant Bishops of England will ever consent to subject themselves to the Church of another country, puless, indeed, they return to the Catholic Church, and accept the supreme headship of the Pope, for they know well that only the Pope has or ever had any claim to be head of the universal Church.

It was mooted some years ago that the British Empire and Episcopulians of the United States under one head, who should be the Archbishop of Canany more than will the Lutherans, who are of German origin.

PREMIER BALFOUR AND HIS PROSPECTS.

It now appears that Mr. Balfour, the Premier of the British Empire, has so slender a hold upon the votes of the House of Comnons that he is compelled to be always on the alert lest his fragile majority should be overwhelmed on a snap vote. It is a ludicrous position for the Premier of the British Empire to find himself in, but only a few days ago he was caught in the trap laid for him by John Redmond, the astute leader of the Irish Nationalist Party, who is acknowledged to be a master in the wiles of British Parliamentary

Mr. Balfour is at present sustained in his position by a majority of about seventy in a full house, but this majority is always apt to be pulled down to perilously low point unless the utmost vigilance be exercised by the Tory whips to keep it from being snatched out of existence by the accidental absence of a few members amid so large

a crowd. This occurred only a short time ago on an Irish question when a paltry £100 was struck off the budget for Ireland by a majority of four. The matter almost assumed the magnitude of a governmental crisis on which at one time i seemed the Government would have thrown up the reins, or would at least be obliged to dissolve Parliament and

appeal precipitately to the country. the present small majority by which ditions, and there appeared to be a dis-

every bye election which comes on results in defeat for the Government, so that its small majority in Parliament is fast dwindling away, and it may disappear entirely at any moment on a critical question.

In the meantime some of the Irish join the Nationalists in their demand for Home Rule. Mr. Balfour has certainly not a bed of roses to rest upon, with a demoralized party to support him, and his only hope to pass through the ordeal with which he is now face to face is that the Liberal party is in quite as disorganized a condition as the Conservative.

THE SCHOOL LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

To the Editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD Sir-It was stated in the RECORD a hort time ago that Catholics form a large majority of the population in many States of the American Union. Would you please explain then how it is that in those States Catholics have to educate their children at their own expense while they pay taxes towards the support of the schools of the Protestant minority, if indeed such be the case t be that they are restrained by the Federal Government from legislating as they think proper in regard t education; preachers of the Gospel would surely be heard denouncing such SUBSCRIBER.
Alberta, Pincher Creek, Aug. 5, 1905.

Our esteemed correspondent must have made a mistake in regard to the alleged statement, if he means to say that THE RECORD asserted that in many of the United States there is a Catholic majority of the population. If there appeared in our columns any such statement it must have been being endorsed by us, as the statement is undoubtedly erroneous.

the only States in which there are despot of Constantinople. We cannot actual Catholic majorities of popula-

In Rhode Island, the population was 428,556 according to the census of 1900. The Catholic population in that same year was estimated at 275,000, being slightly over 64 per cent. of the whole. It must be borne in mind that Rhode Island was settled by an intensely Puritan population, and that there were penal laws enacted there against Catholics, some of which excluding Catholics from certain offices are still in force. These laws were not passed by Catholics, nor were they imposed by the Federal authority. They were passed by the Protestant majority which was absolutely supreme until

few years ago. But an actual Catholic majority in population does not immediately bring with it a majority of electors. The Catholics came into this State gradually, chiefly as young people, boys and girls seeking work. They were strangers and foreigners, and even for many years after they settled there they were not a majority of the electorate. Besides, when these young people were accompanied by their parents, brothers and sisters, the families were larger than those of the there should be a union of Anglicans of | native Americans, who have fallen into the evil habits of race-suicide, so much detested and so strongly denounced recently by President Roosevelt. It is terbury, but the Bishops of the United | thus evident that not until many years ously repudiated any such should have elapsed even after Cathoproposition. They will certainly not lies becare a majority of the populaaccept a German monarch as Pope, tion, would their voting power suffice to make the laws of the State. It is very probable, however, that the future

so enacted. In New Mexico the case is different. In the Territory, the Catholic population was 68 per cent. of the total, but utterly overwhelming them, so that the as a new State, part of Arizona, has been added to it, the population of which is about 67 per cent. non-Catholic. and the falling stones. All this is We have no doubt the Catholic influence will be sufficiently strong there to admission as a State is so recent that the character of its legislation is a matter of the future and not of the past.

After the States we have named above, New York has the largest Catholic percentage, which is a fraction below 30 per cent. of the total. In Connecticut, Louisiana, and Massachusetts the percentage falls slightly below 30 per cent.

THE ZIONIST CONGRESS AT BASLE.

A congress of "Zionists" has just been held at Basle, Switzerland, consisting of delegates of Jewish communities from all parts of the world, who advocate the plan of recovering Palestine for the Jews who being obliged to leave the countries in which they now live, desire to settle in their ancient kingdom.

Jews, owing to the changeable policy good roads and productive farms, of the Sultan of Turkey, the British should not, easily throw away these Government offered a tract of land in opportunities for a prosperous future, East Africa on very favorable con- but there are some who are bent upon

the Government is sustained. Almost position among the Jews to accept the better opportunities to grow up with offer under which they would be under the new country which affords numer British protection. At the Congress ous opportunities to settlers. By all the matter was fully discussed, four orators favoring acceptance, while four by necessity seeking for new homes, others opposed this. The discussion not to overlook the advantages to be was long and ardent lasting six hours, gained by settling in the new country and occupying the attention of the Con-Unionists of Ulster are threatening to gress from 9 o'clock at night on July 29th till 3 o'clock on the morning of the 30th. It was continued on July of a good soil, a productive territory, 39th when on taking the vote of the with moderate climatic conditions, and delegates, an overwhelming majority where they are at a moderate distance offer. The discussion became so the older settled provinces of Ontario tumultuous that it had to be adjourned, and Quebec. but it was finally terminated by the vote as above stated.

The resolution passed was as follows: "That the Zionist Congress firmly maintains the principle for the founda-tion of the colony in the Jewish Fatherland, Palestine, or in that vicinity. The Congress thanks Great Britain for her offer of African territory, the consideration of which, however, is terminated, and hopes that Great Britain will continue to aid in the solution of the

This was adopted amid enthusiastic cheering, though the Socialistic Jews protested loudly against it, and left the Congress.

The Socialists, who are in Europe practically the Anarchistic party, would be the least desirable section of the Jews to form a colony under the British flag, so we do not suppose that the Government of Great Britain will continue the offer after it has been thus summarily rejected by the Jews as a body. A bird in hand is worth two in the bush, and we should have thought Orangemen are opening their eyes to that the British offer would be gladly accepted by those Jews who are seek- land. ing for homes, being driven out from quoted from some third person without the lands in which they have been residing for generations. This would have been wiser than the awaiting of Rhode I land and New Mexico are kindnesses to be extended by the imagine that Jews in Palestine would be any more paternally governed by the murderous Abdul Hamid and his sucessors than are the Christians of Armenia and Macedonia against whom continuous persecutions have raged for

The prophecy in Daniel ix. 27 that the abomination of desolation which shall be in the temple of Jerusalem " shall continue to the consummation and to the end," is usually interpreted to mean that the destruction of Jerusalem and of the temple which overwhelmed the city and temple in one ruin shall continue even to the c nsummation and to the end is usually understood to mean that the city and temple shall remain desolate to the end of time. There is no official and definite interpretation given to this passage by the Catholic Church, and we will not attempt to fix a special meaning thereto; but it certainly appears at first sight to foretell the continuous ruined condition till the end of time; and history appears to bear out this interpretation, for efforts have been made ere now, and especially in the time of the Emperor Julian the Apostate, to recolonize the Jews in Palestine, but without success. There appears to be at the present as little prospect as ever that this recoloniza-

tion will take place. It is well known to those versed in ecclesiastical history that the efforts of the Apostate Julian to restore the ancient temple of Jerusalem were tated by a desire to belie the teachings of Christianity, but the plan was thwarted by a miraculous intervention legislation will be passed by Catholic of heaven. Voices were heard in the votes-but the past legislation was not air announcing the Divinity of Christ. An earthquake destroyed the building when it was partly erected, and balls of fire rolled through the foundations work had to be discontinued. Many of the workmen were killed by the flames attested by the ecclesiastical historians Theodaret, Rufinus, Sazomen, Socrates, make satisfactory school laws; but its St. Ambrose, and others, among whom was Ammianus Marcellinus the Pagan panegyrist of the Apostate Emperor.

OUR NEW ONTARIO.

In another column will be found report of the opening of a new Church at Verner by his Lordship Bishop Scollard, who was recently consecrated Bishop of the new diocese of Sault Ste Marie which includes within its boundaries the great territory which is

known as New Ontario. A large proportion of the mobile population of the Province of Quebec are making for themselves good home in that new country, and as we believe are thereby doing wisely.

The rising generation of young farmers in Ontario who have already farms in populated districts would not be acting wisely in giving up substantial homes where they have already As difficulties presented themselves the surroundings of civilization, good to the reoccupation of Palestine by neighbors, good churches and schools,

means would we advise those who are opened out to them in the great North-West, and especially in New Ontario where they will have all the advantages decided not to accept Great Britain's from the good markets afforded them by

> Already many settlers from the United States have found that it will be to their advantage to have their future homes in this very territory of New Ontario, and have sold their lands in the United States to take up hones in Canada. This is because our future prospects are more advantageous than those proffered by newly opened lands in the West of the great Republic which border us on the south. We hope that young men of Ontario will be found to take hold of these advantages, instead of letting them go to settlers from another country who are not so well entitled to them as our own young Canadians just storming into manhood.

> > IRELAND'S GRIEVANCES.

The withdrawal of Mr. Premier Balfour's scheme for the Redistribution of seats in the House of Commons has brought to light a new feature of the Irish question, which is that the Ulster the necessity of Home Rule for Ire-

Mr. Sloan and other high officers in the Orange Lodges of the North have announced their discovery of the fact that Ireland has been overtaxed during the last sixty years, and they demand a change in the financial arrangements between England and Ireland, so that Ireland may obtain justice in this matter. This new Irish party has awakened up to the fact that justice will not be more readily secured to Ireland if her representation in the House of Commons is to be cut down by twenty-two members, while the representation of England, Scotland and Wales are to be increased. Mr. Sloan's proposition is that the number of Irish seats shall remain as it is at present, while these seats shall be so redistri buted as to give the north a larger epresentation than it has at present.

The taxation of Ireland is now about double what it would be if the recommendations of the commission on this subject, which were agreed to as just a decade of years ago were followed.

The Ulster Orangemen are not slow to notice that if Mr. Balfour's proposi tion had been allowed to pass, the redress of Irish grievances would be indefinitely postponed; and thus Ireland's burden would be continued inde. finitely, and they assumed their new attitude in the consciousness that their pockets would be lightened of a considerable load.

The step toward becoming full fledged Nationalists will be a short one if the Orangemen continue in their present mood.

AN APOLOGY.

In our issue of 29th July, under the gave a full account of the annoyances to which the Board of Catholic Separate School Trustees of the Town of Walkerville in Essex county have been subjected by the Town Council, and the court of Revision which have for years refused to allow Catholic ratepayers to be placed upon the Separate school roll of Sandwich East, until they were compelled to do so by judgment of Chancellor Boyd in regard to the tax of

We stated incidentally in the course of our remarks that "the Town Coun cil of Walkerville is entirely under control of the firm of Hiram Walker & Sons" and that the Council " has kept up a constant fight with the Catholic Separate School Trustees of Section 1, Sandwich East, and are now continuing to throw all possible obstacles in the way of the efficient working of the same school and its sister school of the town of Walkerville."

We have received a letter from "J. H. Coburn, Solicitor for Hiram Walker & Sons, Limited" declaring that "the statement that the Town Coun cil of Walkerville is entirely under the control of the firm of Hiram Walker & Sons is absolutely untrue," and that all statements imputing the exercise of such control in a vexatious or unreasonable or unjust manner are also MGR. FALCONIO ON ROOSEVELT, untrue and libellous."

Our intention in the publication of the article in question was to call public attention to the manner in which certain public officials endeavor to annoy the supporters and especially the Trustee Boards of Separate schools but we are pleased to publish the repudiation of the firm of Hiram Walker & Sons, of any intention to control

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tion of Messrs. Walker & Sons as a satisfactory explanation, and we desire to express regret for having associated their name with that of the Council in this matter.

PEACE OR WAR.

At last the terms have been made known by the Japanese envoys, on which peace may be agreed upon between Russia and Japan. These terms have been laid before the Rassia plenipotentaries, and by them before the Czar. The general public has not been for mally told in what the Japanese demands consist but it appears to be certain that the following are the demands briefly told :

1. An indemnity commensurate with the cost of the war sustained by Japan. 2. The cession of Port Arthur and the Liao Tung peninsula to Japan. 3. The evacuation of Manchuria by

5. The cession of the Island of Saghalien.

The opinion openly expressed by all parties in Russia is that the terms will not be accepted, and that if they are persevered in by Japan, the war must

go on. The Czar and his Council are considering carefully what answer is to be made to the proffered terms of peace. It is possible that the terms may be modified upon discussion, but the prospect of finding a common ground for the two parties to the present negotiations is said to be not bright.

MORE DOUKHOBORS.

A new batch of one hundred and eighty-five Doukhobors are coming to Canada, and may be expected within a few days. Those of this sect who are already here and were so effusively welcomed by many of our citizens did not prove to be a very acceptable lot owing to their strange fanaticisms. It will be remembered that hundreds of them took a fancy from time to time to commence a pilgrimage to travel in search of Christ without suitable cloth. ing when winter was setting in, and without a proper supply of food, so that they were nearly freezing and starving

We are told that there is no danger of the new-comers giving like trouble to the people of Canada, as they are from a different part of Russia, and are not fanatics. They willingly eat meat, and use beasts of burden like rational men. If this be really the case, the newideal of monastic life than Thomas of comers may be very desirable immigrants; but with our past experiences of these sectaries we may very reason
ably be suspicious of their desirability.

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The Works of St. Thomas heading "A Vexatious School Case" we ably be suspicious of their desirability. It is said that they are also quite pre-It is said that they are also quite prepared to observe the Canadian laws regarding marriage and property. It was with difficulty the former settlers were induced to conform to Danadian ledge of the time. All his minor works ledge of the time. All his minor works ledge of the time. were induced to conform to Canadian laws and customs.

MR. R. B. BENNETT, M. L. A., of Calgary, Alberta, is still talking on Calgary, Alberta, is still talking on the Autonomy Bill. If he purposes making a tour of the country as a lecturer, would it not be well were he also to deliver an aloress once in a doctrines in while on the destruction of the battleship "Maine." Mr. Bennett was in Loadon during the recent by-election, and many people remarked it was a pity he had such an unruly tongue. Mr. Bennett has talent. It is unfortunate he does not make better use of it than creating ill-will between neigh-

NEW ORLEANS has again been visited by the terrible scourge of yellow fever, and one of the first victims has been the Most Rev. Archbishop Chapelle. This sad event will be a great loss to the South, as the deceased prelate was endowed with extraordinary ability and was also remarkable for his holiness of

Mgr. Falconio, the Apostolic Delegate, is quoted as having spoken of the U. S. President as follows, while in Milwaukee last week:

"Christian men are awakening to their duties as Christians and citizens. That is why you are having such re-form anti-graft movements in Milwaukee and elsewhere throught the United States. It is a good sign, and when it is over it will leave many lasting

" President Roosevelt has set the

ing conduct. We accept the declara- good example to his people. He has started to purify the government will succeed to a large degree. He is a good man, and is an example for young men of this country to follow. He is a Christian, and his own pure, good life will be reflected in the lives of others.

"His personality, with his integrity and his desire that all public business be conducted on an honest basis, is being felt in every part of the country, and has its influence in other lands.

'It is a mistake to say that Roosevelt has gained his popularity among the Ca holic clergy because of his position toward the Catholic Church in the Philippines. That is only a small thing. It is his whole life, and what he stands for, that makes Catholics

THE ANGEL OF THE SCHOOLS. "

St. Thomas of Aquin was of noble descent. He was born in 1225 at Rocca Sicca, the castle of his father Landulf, Count of Aguino, in Naples. He was educated at the University of Naples, and donned the Dominican habit at the

3. The evacuation of Manchurit by Russia.

4. The cession of control of the Russo-Chinese Railway as far as Harbin.

hin. famous thinker of his age, lectured on philosophy and theology. In 1245 Albertus was called to Paris, and there Aquinas followed him, and remained with him for three years, at the end o which he graduated as a Bachelor of Theology. In 1248 he returned to Cologne with Albertus, and was appointed second lecturer and magister studentium. This year saw the beginning of his literary activity and public life. In 1257 he was created Doctor of In 1257 he was created Doctor of Theology, and began to give courses in lectures upon this science in Paris, and also in Rome and in other towns in Italy. From this time onward his life was one of incessant toil, and it is marvellous the amount of literary work he was able to do, when it is remembered that during his short public life he was continually engaged in the active service of his order, was frequently travelling on long and tedious journeys, and was constantly consulted

on affairs of state by the reigning pon-tiff. During all the time he was diligently engaged on his great work of the Summa Theologiae. Such rewards as the Church could bestow has been offered him. He refused the Archoffered him. He refused the Arch-bishopric of Naples, and the abbaey of Monte Cassino. He died on March 7, 1274, while on his way to a council convened at Lyons to investigate and, if possible, settle the difference between the Greek and Latin churches. was summoned to this council by Pope Gregory X. After his death the high-est honors which the Church could bestow were awarded to his memory. He was canonized in 1323 by Pope John XXII., and in 1567 Pope Pius V. ranked the festival of St. Thomas of Aquin with those of the four great fathers, Ambrose, Augustine, Jerome and Gregory. Still higher is the honor Gregory. Still higher is the honor implied in the fact, that no theologian save St. Augustine has had the same influence on the theological thought and language of the Western Church, and that no man has better fulfilled the

Aquin. THE WORKS OF ST. THOMAS. may be looked upon as preparatory to this great one. These are "A commentary on the Four Books of Sentences of Peter Lombard;" "Quodlibeta Disputata et Questiones Disputate;" the "Catena Aurea," or Golden theology of the greatest tainers of the Church; and commenta-ries upon Isaiah and Jeremiah, the Epistles of St. John the Divine and the Palms, as well as upon Aristotle. His works were published in Rome in 1570 I in 17 volumes, but his "Summa Theologia" has passed senarataly through various editions.

Unlike others of renown who seek honor and applause from men, Thomas thought and wrote only for the glory it gave to God. There is a legend which reveals the yearnings and aspirations of his heart, better than volumes. It is related that once in the silence of the night he entered the Church of St. Maria della Porta in Salerno. The silence was only broken by the fall of his sandals, the great church was lost in darkness, and as he advanced up the dim aisles, the greatest theologian of all times, prostrated himself before the image of the Crucified, a Divine voice sounded in the deserted church while a light descended upon the kneeling saint.
"Thou has written well of Me, What wilt thou of And from his answer we learn the one secret of his life work, "Naught but secret of his life work, Thyself, O Lord."-Western Watch-

The issue of the Church in the twentieth century seems to be the establish-ment and maintenance of Catholic schools. Lined up against the Church are the forces of indifferentism and agnosticism .- Catholic Transcript.