

micro-organisms in a cubic centimetre of water. "Those who have made," says Mr. Shutt, "such investigations the object of research give it as their opinion that water containing 50 micro-organisms per c. c. is very pure, while water containing 1000 micro-organisms should be subjected to some cleansing operation before being used for drinking purposes." Therefore, concludes this logical prodigy, the Ottawa water is "unfit for drinking." And the city journals, in a Gilbert and Sullivan chorus, shout "unfit for drinking." A little prejudice is a wonderful aid in coming to a desired conclusion.

However, after the appearance of Father Marsan's letter, many (judging from the discussion since), have been converted to the opinion that perhaps a priest can know something about chemistry.

THE City of Ottawa can boast of many societies having for their object to facilitate the attainment of scientific knowledge or to popularize the same. First among these is the Field Naturalists' Club, which counts among its members some of the most devoted students of the natural sciences in Canada. We take this opportunity of thanking the Club very cordially for the kind invitation to the College students to be present at the lectures delivered before it. Professor Macoun, whose name is familiar to every Canadian, recently lectured on the Forest Trees of Canada. He described the various states of vegetation of the country since the first geological ages, concluding with a vivid picture of the "forest primeval" which greeted the sight of Champlain. The practical suggestions of the Professor deserve earnest consideration, and we hope that the Government will without unneces-

sary delay take some means to prevent the rapid deforesting of the country.

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BISHOP COX said that he would prove from the Jesuits' own writings that they taught the infamous doctrine that the end justifies the means. Being challenged to do so he quoted from the *Encyclopedia Britannica* (!) "Finis determinat probitatem actus." We hold the same opinion, and we are prepared to defend it against all comers. But to save time we would advise anyone who is as rusty on Latin as the fighting Bishop appears to be, to look over the grammar and invest in a dictionary.

We commend the following clipping from *The Western Watchman* to those who are fond of instituting comparisons between the states of education in places where different religious beliefs prevail:—

"The population of Belfast is 52,000 less than that of Dublin, but it shows 700 more illiterates. The population of Derry is more than a third less than Limerick, yet it has nearly twice as many 'illiterates.'"

WHAT about the proposal to have Prof. Bell give us a couple of evenings in the Dramatic Hall? Has it fallen through? Could not some of our societies take the matter in hand, and without pecuniary loss, furnish the students with an entertainment at once pleasing and instructive.

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