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

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A BIBLE SOCIETY CORRESPONDENT.

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Last week we gave a Bible Society correspondent's statement that the people of the Philippines " are kept in ignorance that the priests may the better play upon their superstitions," and characterised it as a lie at once both impudent and stupid. All lies are impudent, of course, but some are so plausible and well told and fit their purpose so nicely that one can hardly help admiring the cloverness of their authors.

The father of the article was once an angel of light, and preserving, in his fall, not a little of his original ability, must be often ashamed of the bungling attempts to copy him. Why, if people its at all, do they not put a little decent shape upon their products, a skin, as it is called, to hide the native uglmess, and keep the world from being shocked by the sight of amorphous impossible monaters?

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by the sight of amorphous impossible monsters? If this Bible Society man had reported tome ignorance, some superstituen, and some of the clergy not just what the church always wishes, and would have if she could, the statement might pass; though, we fancy, charity would suggest withholding it, unless there was a very grave reason for speaking out. As things go, in this poor world of ours, it is rarely wrong to infer that in every numerous body of meu, whether lay or clorical, a few will be found not up to the staudard of their calling. To sey no more than this is to keep within the boundsof truth, and if the correspondent had been so modest, he might have been rash indeed, and extravagant and uncharitable, but he would not have convicted himself, as he does now, of lying pure and simple. For lot it be observed it is seeer true of any large class of men either that all are simply good, or again all simply bad. Such a notion is condemned by universal experience. The stock of the condemned by universal experience. The stock of the condemned by universal experience. The stock of the condemned by universal experience. suctout Greeks were tricky, yet Aristides was a Greek; the Romans were patrotic and Catiline was a Roman. Again,
to say all Englishmen are manly is as
misleading as the statement all Englishmen are cowards; for universal
moral propositions are always false.

And, therefore, when this correspondent gives out that all the pricets of the
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eht gives out task an ten prices of such Phillippines are cunning, unserquipulous knaves, working unanimously for a had end, he says what never was, nor is, nor could be true even among Mahometans or Pagans. To the reflecting mind, therefore, he has overshot himself, and in malicious effort to misrepresent to the public here in America, a body of men about whom the Americans know but very little, has shown himself simply a deceiver; and a bungling one at that, since he lacks the sense to confine his imputations to the limits of what is possible, and therefore might be. His master the father of lies, should have given him better counsel.

But now it way be asked if I mean that there are no irregularities in the condition of things in these much talked islands? And if I hold there is no need or call for change? But it is not necessary to answer such questions. There are irregularities overywhere, and change, if it were for the better, would be welcomed in every clime, and there is not a land under the sun but there is room for great and much improvement in it. That is not the point, however, we are considering, but rather this. Is the ignorance such as it is in the Philippines, natural and inevits able in the hight of history, or is artificially produced by the priesss in order that they may the better play upon the superstitions of the people. For this is the charge the Rev. Bible man makes.

How fares it here in America among then natives? Are the Indiana all paragons of high culture, or lingereth there shill amongst them some trace, quite produced by which we have well night externinated them? There is no superstition among doad men, and in this sense our record is quite good; but in no other sense surely. For could there in history a blacker, more dismal page than that which records the investment of the natives of America by the country where bibles most abound? And then as to the colored popula tion, could not a charge be got up and asstained against the zeal of bible readers in connection with them? How an

robbing them of their hard-carned savings?

Playing upon the superstitions of the natives, if so be, is a crime all must condemn, but playing upon the pockets of the poor commendated slaves, robbing them wholesale and in the name and by the power of a superior civilization; bible reading did not hinder that in America, and can hardly, therefore, be recommended as a panacoa for the ills of the Flippines.

Yet this correspondent talks as confidently, with as little appearance of doubt, as if the world did not know that hangings, and burnings, and other modes of murder, crueller or less cruel, administered by the authority of the mystical judge Lyuch, were not needed, or at all events frequently used as a supplement to the reading of the book. The bible societies may, of course, reply, This is not our fault. We have done what we could, but it is a great work and requires time. Very good, but how would yon like to be called knaves and regues, because—even admitting all you claim in the shape of good intention—you have really done so little, and with what judice can you hold the pricests of the Philippines golity only for this that with far less opportunity than yourselves, they have accomplished rudefinately more? A work of God, such as the conversion of a people, needeth not then aid of lying, and cannot be promoted by rancour and inhumanity floop that well in much, put a check of the propersion of the propersion of the propersion of the propersion of the power of the propersion of the propersion of the province of the propersion of the

The regular meeting of St. Mary's Catholic Literary and Athlete Association was held Sanday afternoon, Mr. President Carey in the chair. There is not been to be a support of the control of the control

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OTAWA Jan. 27.—Mr. William James
Scott, registrar genoral of the Northwest
Territories and brother of Hon. R. W.
Scott, of Otawas, Scoretary of State, died
last week at his home in Battleford. N
W. T. Deceased recently visited Otawa
and on his return home he had a cold
drive between Saskatoon and Battleford.
For two days he was crossing the prairie
and on Tuceday he reached Battleford.
During this trip he contracted a heavy
cold which with heart disease caused
Lis death.
The late Mr. Scott was born in Prescott in 1840 being 53 years of age at the
of his death.
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BALFOUR'S CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY SCHEME.

London, Jan. 25—In my Sunday letter of Dec. 11, I informed you that a proposal vitally affecting the future rolations of England and Iroland was before the Government. J explained this proposal as fully as I folt at liberty to do without betraying confidence. I catiod.—"Only two inspired but vague articles in the English press have hitted at a very remarkable movement to ward the satisfaction of very natural frish demands. The matter has been kept a profound secret, but I may say that the Government has received conclusive communications showing that the hothy-disputed question of a Catholic university in Iroland could be settled in a manner to satisfy both Nonconformists and Catholics and couldisto all reasonable interests. The proposal is to establish two open universities, one on the south at Dublin, which would attract Catholics, the other in the north at Belfast, to attract Protestants. Each would have its teaching, or internal, and examining, or external side, and bejequally endowed by the diovernment, although theological teaching per se is not endowed. Thus, de facto, but not de jurce, the universities would be respectively Catholic and Protestant. The Belfast institution is to be called Queen's University, that at Dublin St. Patrick's. At present both the Irish Protessant and Catholic youth a great for a country of the protestant of the protest of the pro

Catholics, but it would not be a Roman Catholic university. This phase has a well-understood meening, and the universities properly answering to it are to be found in Belgium in Switzerland and elsewhere. Yet we need not dispute about words, and if anyone chooses to brand the proposed institution as 'Roman Catholic' I shall not quarred with him, provided only that in common consistency he applies parallel language to other university in and out of Ireland. If the university in Bublin, constituted as I have stated, is to be described as Roman Catholic, then must Trinity College and the now university in Bullast Boman Catholic, the remain the remaining the described as Protestant. There will be thus in Ireland two Protestant universities to one of the Roman Catholics, which, as there are nearly three Roman Catholics in that country to one Protestant, seems not unfair to the Protestant, There is that the scheme thus sketched violates no accepted principle of legisland, that it coufers no exceptional privilege upon any particular denomination, I hold to be incontrovertible.

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A VENOMOUS MISCHIEF MAKER.

or of The Catholic Register.

Sin.—My attention has been drawn to the following article which appeared in the Mail and Empire of Saturday 28th inst written evidently by a member of the staff of that paper:

"The City Council had botter let the entrance into the High Park wait in preference to yielding to the extortion attempted by the Sistors of St. Joseph. Mr. Faulkuer first offered to give his land, but when he found how the religious charity was putting up the price, he was quite right in placing a proportionate value on his property. Some papers have abused Mr. Faulkner, but dare not say a word about the attempted "hold-up" of the Sisters. Let the proposed improvement wait awhile; why should the city be awinded by a charity—a charity, too, that pays no taxes?"

A complete denial of the Mail and Empire's contemptible charges is found in the following extract from an official communication, from Assessment Commissioner Floming to the City Board of Control dated January 20th, 1899.
"Re Queen Street Extension into High Park and Sunnyside award,
As your Board are aware, the arbitrators have ade their award in this matter, allowing the representatives of the Sunnyside or phanage the sum of eight thousand and five hundred dollars. Whole this amount is more than I had expected it to be, still I would not have allowed this fact of itself to have provented my recommending the Conneil to accept the award, and thus secure for the people the great advantage of a southern ontrance into High Park.

Some criticism, which I think unfair, has been unde by persons not fully eggizant of all the facts as to the amount of the award. The arbitrators are acknowledged to be honourable men—Mr. George A. Case acted upon behalf of the City, and Mr. Edward Galley as the the third arbitrator. These gentlemen had all the facts before them, and were in a better position to arrive at a just conclusion than any outsider could possibly be.

The case, on behalf of the city, was presented to the arbitrators by Mr. Fullorton in an exceptionally able manner, and Mr. The Allo

The public when all the circumstances of this case are known, will be able to judge. Yours truly, H. January 30tb, 1899.

Bazaar in Ald of the Sacred Heart

Our readers are asked to remember Father Lamarche's bazaar. There will be a concert overy night the bazaar will be open, from Feb. tith to 14th. These concerts will be held in the basement of the Sacred Heart Church. Refreshments will also be served and the usual attractions of a bazaar will not be ourlitted. Last year's features were most interesting and this year will improve upon past records.

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Smith's Falls, Jan. 30.—The congregation of St. Fraucis de Salce Church took farewell of their pastor, Rev. Father Stauton yesterday. After vespers his cengregation presented him with an address and a purso of \$350. Father Stanton has been parsh priest in Smith's Falls for thirteen years, and by his zeal, his ability and his broad-mindenses won not only the affection of his own people but the bighest esteem and confidence of the culire citizenship. A pleasung ovidence of this was given to night, when over 40 representative citizens assembled in the Town Hall and proceeded in a body to the prechytery where they presented him with an address on behalf of the citizens, and accompanied it with the gift of a handsome Persian lamb coat, esp and gauntlets. Mr F. T. Frost, Mr, read the address, and Mayor Farrell presented the coat. Roy Father Stanton made a very touching reply, and afterwards on testained the whole company to any per. He goes to Brockville on Thurday and will take with him the best wishes of all classes of our people.

Egau-Kenna.

At an carly hour on last Tuesday morning St. Feber's Church. Bathurst St., witnessed one Ct the Church. Bathurst St., witnessed one of the protinest weedings in its history. In partiest weedings in its history. The bridge weedings in its history. The was not of the most onergotic ampley of workers of St. Peter's parish; The word was, 'is used with special significance; for her home in the future will be in far-off Dakota. The bridgerous was Deuis Egau, formerly of Alliston, Ont., but now one of the most enterprising and prosperous citizens of Cavalier, Dakota. On account of the very carly heur at which the marriage cremony had to be performed in order to permit the newly wedded pair to leave for the distant home, only the inmediator friends of the bride were present. Whilst she is going to a fine bome made by a husband who is physically and intellect analy a spleadid specimen of Canadian manhood, her many friends in St. Feber's parish forecutly hope that Mrs. and Mr. Egau will dwell amongst them ere many years be passed.

J. M. † J. D.—Athens Church Bebt.

Athens' Church Debt.
Roduced from \$2,000 to \$1,242
All those who will send me \$1 tor
more) I promise them that they will
have part in all my Masso. offices,
prayers, and all the other god works
that may be done by me, until my
death.

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St. Mary's Parish Hall

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Very rev. Father McCann has called the second meeting of the parishoners of St. Mary's for Sanday afternoon next to take further steps towards building the proposed parish hall. The gratifying and somewhat uner rocted outcome of the previous meeting has raised high hopes in the hearts of the congregation, that the very rov. Administrator a well-known energy and success in whatever he undertakes, will speedily bring this project to a successful issue.

Air. David Carey, who is acting secretary of the scheme, reports the utmost enthusiam on this matter among the people of St. Mary's.

Concert for Loretto Aouey.

A musical and dramatic ontertainmont will be given in Association Hall, McGill street, on Tuesday, Feb 7that 7:30 p.m., under the auspices of the Young Ladies Sodality of St. Michael's for the benefit of the new huildings at Loretto Abbey. Holders of teckets will have a claim on a beautiful china tea set presented by the Ladies of Loretto Abbey. Tickets 25 conts.

will likely be stated in the spring.

How to Curk Hardele.—Some people suffer unfold misory day after day with Headache. There is restneither day or night until the nerves are all unstrug. The cause is generally a disorder ed stomach, and a cure can be affected by using Parmelers vegetable Pills, containing Mandrake and Dandellon Mr. Finlay Wark, Lysander P. Q., writes: "I find Parmulee's Pills a first class article for Bilicos Headache."