

attracted considerable attention in the learned world. In it the author shows that the intellectual development mankind is proving to be the ruin of Protestantism and the triumph of Catholicism.

— A Correspondent writes : — " A priest, who wishes to be anonymous, has instituted a private Angelus among his congregation. In each household the bell for meals is rung thrice as in the Angelus. The fourth bell does duty for Let us pray and the call to meals. It is astonishing what a scent of new mown hay it gives to the household." — *New Era*.

— FORTY priests are now engaged in the United States working for the conversion of non-Catholics. The Epiphany number of the *Missionary* gives consoling reports from the various missionary fields occupied by those zealous men. Father Elias H. Younan, C.S.P., as we go to press, is preaching a very successful to non-Catholics in St. Patrick's Church, Montreal.

— THE *Imparcial* of Madrid has given the sum of the Spanish losses in the Cuban war. Here are the figures : Killed in battle, 2,355 ; died of wounds, 1,391 ; died of yellow fever, 20,629 ; died of starvation and otherwise, 30,120 ; misery, 74. Total, 54,569. The number who died from sickness and want was not less than 93 per cent. of the whole. Can we wonder that nations plead for arbitration ?

— THE Sisters of the Good Shepherd now number seven thousand, and they are scattered over five continents. One hundred and eleven houses of these self-sacrificing women exist in Europe, six in Asia, six in Africa, six in Oceanica, and ninety-two in America. There are at the present time dependent on their charity 47,385 children, or young women, who, were it not for them, would be a burden to society at large.

— THE press, Catholic or otherwise, gave elaborate accounts of the inauguration of the *Anno Santo* and the opening of the Holy Door in the Basilica of St. Peter, on Christmas eve, by Leo XIII. Simultaneously, Cardinals Oreglia, Vincent Vannutelli and Satolli opened the Holy Doors at St. Paolo, Santa Maria Maggiore and St. Giovanni Laterano. Through these doors the pilgrims who go to Rome during the present year must pass during their daily round of devotional visits to the four basilicas.

— THE news has reached Canada of the death in France of Brother Tobias of the Christian Brothers. This learned and pious religious was born in Quebec and was for a number of years prominent in educational circles in Ontario, being the author of the English Text Books used in the Brothers' schools. He was Director of the De LaSalle Institute in Toronto from 1881 to 1884, he was named