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THE POPE'S HEALTH.

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alarm regarding him.

at the end of only a few months.

may be a good thing to look at such report from a superstitious standpoin

THE BIBLE AND THE KING'S

CORONATION.

We have received from C. W., Liver

pool, N. S., an enquiry for further infor-

mation in regard to a statement made

used at the coronation of Edward VII.

gospels was used on the occasion.

May 3, 1827, a resolution was passed by

the London Society that "no associa-

tion or individual circulating the Apo-

offer of the Bible Society could not be

accepted, and the president of the so-

It is now a matter of history that all

this occurred, and that the Bible

offered by the Society was not used at

the coronation for the reason given.

The letter of the Archbishop declining

the gift was published in the news-

papers, and it was mentioned that, as

ome consolation to the Bible Society,

ciety was so officially informed.

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION.

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA. Ottawa, Canada - CATHOLIC RECORD, London, Ont.: Dear Sir: For some time past I have read your estimable paper. THE CATHOLIC RECORD, and congraiulate you upon the manner in which its published. are both good: and a first matter and form are both good: and a first matter and form set both good: and a first matter and form set both good: and a first challes spirit pervades the whole. Therefore, with pleasure, I can recommend it to the faithful. Bleasing you, and wishing you success. Bleave me, to remain. Yours faithfully in Jeans Christ. Apost. Delex. Ottawa, Canada March 7th. 1 To the Editor of THE CATHOLIC REC

LONDON, SATURDAY, Jan. 30, 1904.

Col. Lynch, who was convicted of high treason for fighting against England in the Boer war, and who was sentenced to imprisonment for life, has been pardoned by King Edward VII. Press despatches state that, at the request of Mrs. Lynch, Sir Thomas Lipton interceeded with the king in her husband's behalf.

The Ontario Government has made another appointment that will meet with much commendation from all quarters, the placing of Dr. Moher as Superintendent of the Brockville Asylum, to succeed the late lamented Dr. Murphy. We congratulate the Government on its excellent choice, and we wish Dr. Moher every success in his well-deserved promotion.

THE OPEN BIBLE.

" Wattis," the Glasgow, Scotland, correspondent of the Montreal Star, gives the following, not flattering, picture of a New Year's morning in that city:

"I had nearly forgot the New Year. No that I had ony reason to min' on it for it brocht me naethin' but twa boxes cigars, an' as I dinna use sic things I micht as weel been withoot them. rept that they showed that somebody was thinkin' o' me. An that's aye somethin' in these hardhearted days. I can home in the early cors o' the first day o' the year, an' as I kept the cenmicht be tre o' the street in case I knocked doon by the howlin', singin' drunken crood that staggered alang th pavement, I thocht we had'na muck! be prood o' after a'. The only partic-ular thing I min' o' seein' on that three mile walk-although there was plenty to see-was a puir, decent lookin woman dragging' a man likely her man -frae amang the feet o' the passers by an' layin' him close in to the wa' then stannin' beside him to keep him frae bein' trampled on. An' we think we are

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ioration of the condition of the Irish has been unable to agree upon what really constitutes the Bible. The Con people, as earnestly as he did while he was a member of the House of Comtinental Protestants to this day, and especially those of Geneva, accept the so called Apocryphal Books of the Old Testament as part of the Bible. We possessed till recently a Latin version It has been a favorite pastime of of the Bible which was issued by Tremsensational press correspondents and ellius and Beza, and which contained other guidnuncs to report the serious the whole Bible as accepted by Cathoillness or even death of the Pope withlics, and in it the so-called Apocrypha out there being the least foundation was inserted without any suspicion for such rumors. It is not a matter for being thrown out in regard to the nonsurprise, therefore, that the busyauthenticity of Judith, Tobias, Wisdom, bodies have been recently at work in and the other books which Englishthis direction in regard to Pope Pius speaking Protestants now reject as X. A rumor of his death was circu-Apocryphal. In the greater number lated a few days ago in Madrid, and a of Continental Bibles these books are despatch from Rome teils us that when still to be found. it reached the ears of the Pontiff, he

Down to 1811 the same books were printed in the English Bibles, but so "What, already? Leo was left in far as the Church of England was conpeace for five years after his election, while with me these rumors have begun cerned, they were subject to the clause inst. in the sixth Article of Religion :

"The Church doth read them for example of life and instruction of manbut I am quite the other way, and think it may even prolong my life." but yet doth it not apply them ners ; to establish any doctrine," etc.

The Holy Father's health is very The Church of Scotland had before good, and there is no reason at all for

it this doubtful acceptance of the Church of England, from which it drew the inference that as the books were regarded in England as somewhat dubious, the Scotch Church, which aimed at a more thorough reformation than that of England, should reject them entirely. Hence in the Westminster Confession we are told that in our columns concerning the Bible they "are of no authority in the Church of God, nor to be any otherwise The difficulty of our correspondent lies approved or made use of than other in this, that the statement made in our human writings."

columns had reference to the Bible It was by mere accident, therefore, used at the coronation of King Edward that while one section of English speak-VII., and not merely to the gospels, ing Protestantism received these books whereas he has some authority for beas of partial authority, another section lieving that only the book of the four rejected them altogether.

4. In 1811, Presbyterianism, which Our statement was to the effect that had been formerly persecuted both in the British and Foreign Bible Society Scotland and England, grew more bold, had made an offer to supply the copy of and began to insist violently upon the the Bible on which the King should take exclusion of the "Aprocrypha" from the Coronation Oath, and that the offer the Bibles of the Bible Society. To was accepted. A beautiful special volthis demand there was opposition, but a ume was accordingly prepared for the nal decision was reached, as we have purpose ; but before the time of Coronindicated above, in 1827, and thus we ation arrived, it was discovered that have now only mutilated Bibles from the Bible to be presented, like other the Bible Society. This is why this copies of the "authorized version" now Society failed in its attempt to furnish circulated, did not contain the so-called Bible for the coronation. Apocryphal Books of the Old Testament.

Queen Victoria was crowned in 1837, In fact, the Bible Society does not now which year was so near the date of the issue at all any copies of the Bible above decision, that Bibles were easily containing these books, inasmuch as on obtained which had not been mutilated, and thus King Edward VII., who adhered to the rite of Queen Victoria's coronation, insisted upon having a crypal Books shall receive aid from this Bible which had not been tampered with in this respect, and this accounts It was further ascertained that the for the statement of facts on which Bible used at the coronation of Queen C. W. asks for an explanation. We Victoria had in it these books, and as may refer our correspondent to the King Edward's Coronation was appoint-American Cyclopædia of 1873 vol. ii. ed to be patterned on the model of that p. 617, as an easily accessible authority of Queen Victoria, it was determined by on these details. the Archbishop of Canterbury that the

5. It thus appears that the basis on which the present English Protestant canon of Scripture rests is not either the individual judgment of Christians or any divinely appointed Church authority, but solely the authority of an irresponsible Society which undertook of its own accord the work of distributing Bibles in the various languages of the world. From its original modest pretension of merely distributing the acknowledged word of God to

and we have within the past few weeks after quoting from several Dictionaries, the charge of heresy brought against showing that the term was therein used the professor of philosophy of Boston -which, however, does not make it less offensive - he makes the following Methodist University, Dr. Borden P. Bowne, that he rejects the doctrines gentlemanly apology and retraction : Somebody has sent me a copy of the CATHOLIC RECORD, London, Ont., of Nov. 21, 1903, in which my attention is of Christ's Atonement, and the authority of Scripture. drawn to the foregoing marked paragraph. and when such a thing occurs, the

The writer in the London CATHOLIC RECORD considers "Romish" an "in-sulting expression." If it really is so an "inand is so generally regarded, I made a great, though involuntary, mistake in using the term. I have, therefore, to ologize for ignorance which seems nost culpable, and I shall never again employ a word which the RECORD assures me " is a term of contempt, used only by ignorant bigots," among whom I am st unwilling to rank myself.

Cognate to the foregoing the following letter appears in the Notes and Queries column of the Star of the 16th and Professor Luther T. Townsend of

A KIND LETTER.

Editor of Notes and Queries :- Rearding your unintentional offence to Roman Catholics by using the word 'Romish'' in your ably conducted colfrom the orthodox Christian faith when amn, the reason of it, I believe, can be seen by having regard to a James R. Day of Syracuse University, best shade of meaning the dictionary-makers and the Rev. Charles Parkhurst, editor have apparently overlooked. It needs no demonstration, that certain words English, having the terminations ling," "ist, or "ish," are thereby ade diminutive. A "weakling," made diminutive. A "weakling," as everybody knows, is an individual worse than weak, and "whitish," is something not quite white. A person wishing to say an object was not real brown would probably declare it had a "brownish" look. Therefore, "Roman-ish" or "Romish," is not quite Roman (Catholic,) and, in this sense, the words are used, in disparagement by over-zealous controversalists, with whom, I am sure, the editor of "Notes and am sure, the editor of "Notes and Queries" has little sympathy. Therein lies the disrespect, if there is any. Certain it is, that if two men were ar guing for or against the Roman Catholie hurch, and one of them used the term ' his religious belief, or Romish. rather his antagonism to the Papacy would be at once disclosed. For the same reason such words as "papist" or 'popish," are objectionable to Roman Catholics. In all this it may be argued. there is very little sense or cause complaint, but on equally good ground, it may be proved, with Cardinal New-man, I think, that the world is ruled by sentiment and not by argument. By a

natural law, a slighting meaning been infused into the words in question, the use of which hurts the feelings or sentiment of Roman Catholics. St. Etienne St. T. F. L.

ANOTHER PROSPECTIVE HERESY TRIAL.

Christian teaching which have been propounded and maintained from time to time by divines of the highest repute among the Protestant denominations may be regarded as a sure barometer to the state of Christian belief in those religious organizations.

since Luther nailed to the door of Wirtemburg Cathedral his celebrated theses which were the foundation on which Protestantism was built. Among these theses there were some new and hitherto unheard-of doctrines, as those of the nature of Christian faith and of the sufficiency of faith to salvation without charity and good works ; but at all events the great fundamental doctrines of Christianity were kept intact, such as a belief in the Unity and Trinity authority of Holy Scripture as God's

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ity " is the basis on which nearly six hundred million people use one written language, though their spoken languages differ widely.

Considering the readiness with which the Japanese have adapted themselves to western manners during the past generation, it has been a cause for sur-It is not wonderful that there should be individual heretics in any Church, prise that they did not before now adopt the Roman letters for the repre-Church does its duty when its asserts sentation of their language. But the very fact of the immense territory over the revealed truth, and rejects the which the Chinese written language eacher of error from its bosom, unless he renounce his false teaching. But in was intelligible, and of the vast populathe present instance it is very probable tion which used it together with its that Professor Bowne's teaching will picturesqueness, made it so attractive be practically endorsed by the throwthat they were unwilling to change it ing aside of the charges which have for any light cause, or at least, until been brought against him. The Rev. they should be thoroughly convinced of George A. Cook, pastor of Trinity the superiority of the Roman alphabet. Methodist Church, Medford, Mass., But, at last that conviction has come. It is now recognized that the European the Boston University, are engaged in letters are more easily learned and read preparing the charge of heresy against and are more adapted to be printed by Professor Bowne, but it is indicative of means of movable types, or to be written with a pen or typewriter, and so, the a great drifting away of Methodism Japanese government has now determined to adopt the Roman letters as the national mode of writing and print-

ing. There is not the least doubt that the change will within an incredibly short time advance the civilization of Japan, and increase the number of learned men in that country, as it will remove the greatest possible obstacle to learn-"He is the greatest metaphysician of the day. It is absurd to charge him ing which is that, at the outset, any one who began to follow learning as his career in life was met at the threshold with the difficulty of mastering a mode of writing which requires many years of study of word-forms or ideographs, which are, after all, only the beginnings of learning; and therefore, the time would be much better spent of heresy against the Professor will be in more advanced work.

Hereafter, when the new method of writing shall be in full vogue, Japanese students will have to spend a comparatively short time in the most elementary work, and thus years which would have been wasted under the old method of writing will be spared for study of more important matters. We have not the least doubt that the change will be the cause of a more rapid advance than we have witnessed yet in the civiliza-

tion of the flowery kingdom. We are satisfied also that the Japanese language itself will feel the influence of the modern dress it will put on in such a way that its grammatical

forms will be simplified, and its awkward sentences and modes of speech beautified and rendered graceful as another immediate effect of the change, and to the progress of the country will thus be given a new impulse. The way will also be prepared by this new national movement for the more extensive acceptation of the Christian religion, America consists of a limited number and thus in many ways will Japan's of characters which represent the condition be improved under the new sounds used in speech. By the comdeparture. bination of these characters the sounds

There is not an instance in history when so great a change has been made all at once in the language of a country as this which has been effected in the the representation of any word, and Island Empire.

COUNTRY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

We say " with more or less accuracy." The trustees of our country schools because these languages are, for the are not enthusiastic, in praise of some of most part, only approximately, and not the secular teachers. We have gone absolutely and accurately phonetic. over the ground and are satisfied that distrust and dislike on the part of both

We know, however, that in some

paragon, and in others dissatisfaction

arises from a too attentive hearing on

the part of parents to the complaints

of their irreverent offspring. A

teacher, however qualified, cannot in-

ject brains into her pupils, nor can

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longer necessary to believe the doctrines of Christ in order to be a good and exemplary Christian. A LITERARY REVOLUTION IN Japan, while in its present state of excitement at the prospect of a war on a gigantic scale breaking out within a few days, or even a few hours, could scarcely be expected to be meditating an immediate and fundamental change in the character of its language, yet this is what it is actually doing. Some of our readers may not be aware that Japanese writing is identical or almost identical with the writing us ed in China. That writing is not

The decidedly rationalistic views of phonetic or alphabetic like all the languages of the Western world, but is ideographic. That is to say, the writing of all the countries of Europe and

It is now nearly four hundred years of the words spoken are represented, of God, the absolute inspiration and

And this in the much boasted land of

"the Open Bible!"

WM. O'BRIEN'S RETIREMENT.

The resignation by Mr. William O'Brien, M. P., of his seat in Parliament has at last become a reality. Several months ago he announced his intention of resigning, and it was said that the intended resignation was the consequence of dissensions in the ranks of the Irish Parliamentary party. The existence of these dissensions was strenuously denied by the Irish members, and as no evidence was forth coming that they existed, reasonably, we must be lieve that they were purely imaginary.

Mr. O'Brien's colleagues endeavored with one accord to induce him to reconsider his determination to leave Parliament, and this is another evidence that the dissensions were imaginary. In fact, it was a case of the wish being father to the thought in the minds of the enemies of Ireland ; for we must remember that Ireland still has enemies to whom it is gall and wormwood that the land question has been satisfactorily settled. In Parliment, indeed, the settlement was carried by a very substantial majority, which amounted almost to unanimity-but the very fact that there was a minority which voted against the Land Purchase Bill shows that there is a party, though a small one, which is irreconcilably opposed to any settlement of the grievances of which Ireland had such just reasons to

complain. Mr. O'Brien's retirement from public life will not change his patriotic views in regard to the necessity of Home Rule, and we may expect that so far as his health will permit, he will continue to devote his talents towards the amel-

the gift of a Bible would be accepted souls hungering after the truth, it has by his Majesty, not for use at the Coronation, but as a souvenir or memorial of that great occasion. Our correspondent notices a state-

ment which is at first view, apparently at variance with the account of the matter as given above. He says that according to a history of the world in my possession, printed about 1785, only the four gospels of the New Testament are used in that (coronation) service, whereas your (our) remarks are applied to the Bible."

We must here remark that whatever may have been the case before 1785, it is certain from what occurred in 1901 that a Bible was used, and that it was considered as a matter of importance

that a complete Bible should be used such as the traditions of the Church of England authorized. Hence our comments, even if they were somewhat amusing, were justified by the facts. We remarked that it was an incongruous situation for the Bible Society to find itself in that it had not on hand a copy of the Bible which was considered fit for use by the civil and ecclesiastical heads of the Church of England. for the purpose of the administration of a solemn oath.

The salient facts of the case are these:

1. Protestantism from the beginning professed that it was founded upon 'the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible," which being the "sure Word of God" is the only sure foundation from which the true

Christian religion is to be known. 2. The Bible was asserted to be sufficient guide for each individual, so that every Christian could find therein what he should believe. 3. Protestantism from the beginning

come to be the autocratic arbiter of what is and what is not the word of God, and Protestantism has practically accepted its dictation, or perhaps we might more properly say, the dictation of the Presbyterians of Scotland in this matter, which is is but an inconsiderable fraction of Protestantism as a whole.

6. We are told that the Jews of Palestine have the Old Testament without the Apocrypha. We maintain that the Christian Church, and not the Jews of Palestine, is the Judge appointed by Christ to decide this ques tion. Besides, the Jews of Egypt had the Apocrypha in their Bibles, and why should not their testimony be worth something, if the matter is to be decided by the Jews ? But we must remind our correspondent that the ultimate judge of this question is not the Jews either of Egypt or Palestine, but "the Church of the living God, which is the pillar and the ground of truth."

According to the decision of the Christian Church, the so-called Apoerypha is canonical Scripture, equally with the rest of the Bible. Our remarks upon the incongruity of the Protestant situation are, therefore, perfeetly justified by the facts.

THE AMENDE HONORABLE.

Some time ago the CATHOLIC RECORD directed the attention of the learned and erudite editor of "Notes and Queries" in the Montreal Star, to the clergy of the Episcopalians, and has been use of the word "Romish" as connected with the Catholic Church. As Potter of New York. was anticipated, the apparent insulting expression was unintentional, and the to the same ideal of Christainity, as a

infallible Word, the Atonement offered on the cross by Christ the Saviour of man, for the sins of mankind, and some others.

Catholics foretold with confidence that when once these new doctrines were accepted by men as the Christian teaching, the authority of the Catholic Church as the Supreme and unerring guide to faith being set aside, these fundamental doctrines would also disappear one by one until the new Christianity should be undistinguishable from Rationalism or Deism.

It is now undeniable that the prognostications of Catholic divines have been fully verified, and that Protestantism is rapidly arriving at the stage in which it shall no longer teach any doctrine at all as a revealed truth distinctive of Christianity.

Our readers will remember that but a few years have elapsed since Dr. Briggs of New York Union Theological Seminary convulsed the Presbyterian church of America by rejecting the fundamental teachings of Christianity, and he was seconded by a Professor of Lane Seminary, Cincinnati. Even at this time, the Presbyterian Church was horrified to find such teachings propagated within its pale, and the heretical professors were practically expelled therefrom.

But to the astonishment of many Christians the Protestant Episcopal Church welcomed Professor Briggs to itself without demanding that he should become more orthodox, and he is at the present moment one of the trusted ordained a minister or priest by Bishop

Other denominations are also coming editor in a recent issue of the Star, religion without any particular creed.

The purpose of alphabetic writing is in deed to represent the sounds of the parents and board officials is not imlanguage, but the attempt to thus reaginary. They are, we regret, very present sounds has been imperfect, and much in evidence. The teachers may it is for this reason that we say modern be inclined to deem this an exaggeralanguages are only approximately tion of existing conditions, but we asphonetic. Thus the letters of the Engsure them that our statement rests on lish word bold represent correctly the indubitable proof. And so acute is the four elementary sounds which make up feeling in some quarters that the questhe spoken word. But when we write tion of closing some schools until the letters bowled to represent a word teachers conscious of their duties and sounded in precisely the same way as responsibilities can be found is a subhold it is evident that we depart from ject of discussion. strict phonetism ; and so the case goes all through the English language. cases trustees expect a teacher to be a

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dicate with more or less accuracy the

sound or pronunciation of the word

we find such clergymen as Chancellor

of Zion's Herald, the New England

organ of Methodism, defending Profes-

sor Bowne from the attacks of his

Professor Day says of Professor

"He (Professor Bowne) has saved

many a reader, and many a student to

a life of faith and good works who other-

wise would have wandered off into hopeless unbelief."

The probability is that the charges

thrown out, and thus the Methodist

Church will proclaim that it is no

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ith heresy." Dr. Parkhurst says :

Bowne:

The Italian and German languages are almost strictly phonetic. English and French depart very greatly from phonetism, but in a somewhat loose way, it is commonly said that all these are phonetically written languages, inasmuch as they are based upon phonetic principles, even though they do not strictly adhere to them.

lowed to pay little or no atten-The Japanese and Chinese languages. tion to home study. Furthermore, she as written, are based upon principles is not a menial owned body and soul by entirely different from those we have the trustees, but she occupies a responsthus briefly explained. The characters ible position, and is entitled to all used represent ideas, and not sounds. reasonable support by every member in Thus the English word man, transher particular district. It must be lated in French is homme, and into borne in mind that the failure of some Italian uomo. In Japanese and Chinese of our schools is due not only to the the words meaning a man are different; faithlessness and incompetency of but the same written two-stroke characteachers, but also to the arrogance and ter is used for the idea man, while the constant and oftimes unjustifiable faultkind of a man, as a farmer, a trader, a finding of the trustees. lawyer, a magistrate, etc., is indicated by adding to the character for man aned the officials are heart and soul with other character signifying the nature the educational interests of their reof his occupation.

spective sections, and have, moreover, In this manner different languages abundant proof to show that these may be written with the same signs, interests are neglected by some school and this is what occurs not only in teachers. "Too much flirting," says China with its divers languages, and in one: "too great an anxiety to get Japan, but also in the neighboring into the matrimonial band-waggon, countries, and this " broad universal- says another. They all agree that the

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