EDITORIAL NOTES.

BULGARIA is prospering under the rule of the Catholic Prince Ferdinand, and it is said will soon proclaim its independence. Servia is as jealous of this as it was in 1885 when it waged an unsuccessful war against the Principality, and the Government papers declare that if Bulgarian independence be proclaimed Servia must have territorial compensation. Russia secretly favors Servian intrigue, but at present is not prepared to attempt to set aside the treaty of Berlin.

THE Sultan of Turkey severely reprimanded an Armenian journal called the Arevelk, for speaking disrespectfully of the Holy Father Pope Leo XIII. It was further threatened with severe punishment if the offence were reiterated. It is a sad reflection that the official journals of Italy should be encouraged to offer disrespect to His Holiness, while a Mahometan ruler insists upon his subjects showing proper respect to the Vicar of Christ on earth.

PERSECUTION is still the rule in Russia. Mgr. Pallulon, Bishop of Samogitia, having issued instructions to his dioceseans not to allow their children to attend schismatical places of worship, this was made a pretext by the Government to prevent him from making his pastoral visitation, and at a village named Widze, where the people were gathered in expectation of the Bishop's arrival, the police came upon the spot and ordered them to disperse. One woman who was decorating an arch was fired at by a policeman, but he missed his aim. The people refused to disperse, and resisted the police. The Government refused to prosecute the policeman who attempted the murder of the woman.

A CHURCH CONGRESS is in session at Cardiff, Wales, under the presidency of Rt. Rev. Richard Lewis, Bishop of Llandaff. The Archbishop of Canterbury preached the opening sermon, maintaining that the Church of England in Wales is not an alien Church. He contended for the unity of the Church in England and Wales, and declared the necessity of such a union that the two peoples may be one. As the Welsh are almost unanimous for disestablishment, such sentiments are not calculated to increase the popularity of the Archbishop with the people of Wales, nor will they be likely to save the Church from disestablishment in the principality.

THE statement that the Empress Augusta of Germany has become Catholic has been officially contradicted. The Empress has liberal views in regard to the Catholic Church, and contributes willingly towards charitable works of every denomination, but she is still a strict Protestant. We published the statement of her conversion, as it was apparently authentic, and was even confirmed by what seemed to be good authority. We willingly publish the contradiction, for there is no reason why Catholics should lay claim to greater progress of the Church than she is actually making.

PROFESSOR VIRCHOW, who is recognized as the ablest authority of Germany in natural science, recently declared at the Congress of Anthropology in Vienna that the Darwinian theory of evolution is entirely destitute of proof. It is not now for the first time that Professor Virchow gave utterance to this view of the subject, as he made similar statements shortly after the theory was made public by Mr. Darwin. Yet it is this theory which the modern unbelievers would force every one to accept as a demonstrated truth of science which sets aside the Scriptural account of creation, the fall of man, and the necessity of Redemption. Mr. Virchow said long ago that the Evolution theory lacks poof, and that the facts of science are against it.

A NORWEGIAN Unitarian minister, the Rev. Kristofer Jansen, who is also a poet of some note, has translated into the Norwegian language a book entitled "Bible Morals" by a United States Infidel, by name Remsburg. This book is a gross attack upon the sacred Scriptures, which are represented as inculcating the worst vices for Caristian practice. It is a queer commentary upon the condition and tendency of modern Protestantism, that while the system is tending to Unitarianism, with which it now very openly fraternises, Unitarian ministers are fraternising thus openly with Infidelity and Agnosticism in their worst forms. J. E. Remsburg, the author of the book in question, is one of the regular itinerant lecturers against Christianity who are sent out by the American secular Union to destroy Christianity on this continent.

THE Catholics of Germany are making substantial progress, notwithstanding that the Government does all in its power to make the schools of Prussia Protestant by increasing the number of Protestant teachers. The number of Protestant children attending the public elementary schools of Prussia in 1871 was 2,485 822 and the number of Catholic children 1 275 818. There were, therefore, 339 Catholic children out of every thousand attending the elementary schools in that year. In 1886 there were 2 991 507 Protestant and 1 678,276 Catholic children at school, being 361 Catholics out of every thousand. Thus the Catholic children in every thousand increased by 22, in fifteen years. Should this rate of increase continue it is evident that within a not very long period Catholics will once more form a majority of the people even in Prussia. These figures are given in the report of the Prussian Ministry of Public Worship.

THE Piccolo, of Naples, a Government journal, gives the following picture of the sad condition to which the people are reduced under the regime of Crispi. It is a poor lookout if the people of Italy have no better prospect for the future than to plunge themselves into a war of brigandage which could result only in ruin and disaster to themselves:

"Italy is ruined in its production, in its commerce, in its finances, in its monetary circulation, in its credit, which is worthless. . . . It has only one way of salvation: to stake all on the cast, and make war on France, which refuses to take our products or to give us credit, and which forces us to ruin ourselves in armaments. . . With their poignards and blunder busses, the Italian people desire to rush towards the Alps with this banner on which are inscribed the words: 'There are in the vaults of the Bank of France three milliards of virgin gold; my lads, pay yourselves!'"

THE following letter from Rev. T. D. Bovard, Presiding Elder of the San Francisco District of the Methodist Church, appears in a recent issue of the Christian Advocate. It sets at rest the claims of one of the most prominent "Faith Cure" frauds in that section of the country:

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'F. D. BOVARD,
"P. E. of San Francisco District."

THE Chicago Interior is one of those who think it about time to carry out the programme of revising and simplifying the Westminster Confession as is now advocated by a large party among Presbyterians. It says:

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A SOUVENIR VOLUME.

With the approval of His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, Mr. W. H. Hughes, of the Michigan Catholic, has undertaken the task of publishing a full and authentic report of the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the Catholic hierarchy in the United States, the proceedings of the first American Catholic congress, including the papers read, speeches made, resolutions adopted and the ceremonies attending the dedication of the Catholic university at Washington, November 13 next. The volume will be dedicated to Pope Leo XIII. and to the Catholic hierarchy and laity of the United States. A noticeable feature in it will be the portraits of the archbishops and bishops of the country, chronologically arranged, and executed in the highest style of the engraver's art. Major Henry F. Brownson, LL. D., Chairman of the Committee on Papers of the American Catholic Congress, will assist in editing the volume.

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