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#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Some person, signing "Alphonso," writes to us from Cleveland, Ohio, to know what connection there is between the A.P. Aiste of America and the P.P. Aists of Canada. We do not belong to either body, and are therefore not initiated into the secrets, nor do we know what the connecting link between them really is. We could answer "Alphonso" with a little more assurance were he to ask us what connection there is between Satan and Beelzebub. The only ground upon which the two bodies seem to unite is that of their enmity to Catholicty. What connection is there between the ideas of one madman and another in the cells of an asylum? Will "Alphonso" tell us ?

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LAST WEEK another grand old man celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday-Oliver W. Holmes. For more than half a century this poet and essayist has held the attention of the American as well as British public. The Doctor has occupied quite a unique place in the literature of the nineteenth century. To day he is almost the last of his contemporaries and yet he is vigorous, to a wonderful degree, despite old sgs. According to his own statement, he is evidently striving to "husband out life's taper to the close." We trust that Providence will accord him several more years to enjoy the comforts that friendship and love have collected around his evening of life, and to know the sweet recompense of a people's gratitude for -all he has done for the world of letters.

In a private letter, received recently, from Miss Eliza Allen Starr, that able critic and authority speaks most highly of our Canadian art, exhibit at the World's Fair. In fact she says that she considered the "Canadian-not Oatholic. but purely Canadian-exhibit one of the glories of the great exposition." This. in itself, is an encouragement that should not be lightly considered. It is the highest tribute that could possibly be paid to Cenadian art, and in the name of our

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should be given ; that the moment a man -be he crank, or whatever he is-sees fit to utter threats of a murderous kind against any prominent citizen, he should be arrested and placed under medical ex. amination. If he is found insane there are sufficient asylums in the land to lodge him; if he is declared compos mentis, he should be placed in safe keeping, where he could not possibly per-The petrate any outrage upon society. old saying that "an ounce of preventative is worth a pound of cure" obtains in matters of criminal administration as much as in any other case.

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THERE is a publication entitled "Our Lady of Good Counsel," that is issued monthly under the auspices of the Augustinian Fathers and has for editor Miss Eleanor C. Donnelly. It is published in Philadelphia, and has just reached the sixth number of its first volume. The name of Miss Donnelly, as editor, should alone suffice to guarantee the publication; but when we glance over its contents, we feel that it is a casket of precious literary gems, and that by every Oatholic hearth it should glitter in the radiance of a happy fireside. The frontispiece for the September issue is the reproduction of an admirable work of art, and the selections between cover and cover are such that they at once command the attention of the Oatholic reader. No wonder! Miss Donnelly-the gifted poeters, essayist and authoresshas a hand in the work, and that suffices \*:\*

ALL the world over match-making mothers are regarded as somewhat unscrupulous, but the Russian mammas beat the record. There is a pious priest of the Russian orthodox church-Father John Sergieff-at Cronstadt, whose saintly reputation has gone far and wide. A number of mothers, in Orel, desirous of getting their daughters married, caused forged letters to be written in Father John's name, advising particular matrimonial alliances between their daughters and certain pious young bachelor neighbors. These letters had the desired Canadian artists, we thank Miss Starr effect, and several marriages took place. We can imagine the priest's surprise when he learned that he had been the unwitting cause of so many matrimonial affairs. Not bad for the Russian mothers : but it appears the law of that land wants to have a say in several of those cases. \*\*\* JUDGE BARKER, of Ebensburg, Pa., has decided, in a case between W. T. Kerr, State Counsellor of the Junior Order of American Workmen, and the Board of Directors of the Gallitzin school. The object of the suit was to prevent the employment of Catholic Sisters wearing their religious garb as teachers. The judge decided that Sisters may be employed as teachers; that they may be attired in the garb of their order, and that they may be addressed by pupils by their religious names. This is a very advent upon the stage of each new actor | tainly there can be nothing found in the attitude of the people in Ireland during. of this class. We believe that no quarter law to debar nuns from teaching; nor the present parliamentary recess. The world.

does the garb worn by them in any way affect the public; and as far as their names in religion are concerned, they are optional and in no way take from or add to their individual capacities as instructors of youth. In fact, any other judgment would be most outrageous Still we must give credit to Judge Barker for his broad views, expressed in most Christian language. Such decisions are not in harmony with the A. P. A. ideabut that does not concern the State nor the law. The A. P. Aists are lawbreakers and have been declared, by members of all denominations, to be enemies of the Commonwealth.

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MME. MARCHAT and a number of her followers, at Loigny, France, have been excommunicated by the Pope. This woman claimed to have visions and to have received a mission from Heaven to restore a king to France and the temporal power to the P. pe. Evidently she wants to play, in a peaceful manner, the part of Joan of Arc. She gathered a number of people together and formed a kind of monastic community. Amongst other foolish statements of this woman she declared that the Pope had been imprisoned by Cardinal Monsoo Is Valetta and that during his captivity the devil took his place. It is well, indeed, that the iron hand of the Church should come down upon such impostors ; at least for the sake of their dupes.

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THERE is a sect or society known as Christian scientists, whose principal aim seems to be the discouragement of all human aid in cases of illness. At Defiance, Ohio, a man named John Winoms recently died in consequence of the neglect of his friends-members of this society-and the Coroner of the county holds that the practice of these people is detrimental to the public. He strongly recommends the enactment of a law to prevent such cases. No wonder that the Coroner came to such a decision; it is ridiculous that in any civilized country such barbaric principles should be al lowed to prevail. "God help him who helps himself," is a true saying; and cortainly it applies in the case of serious

other day we referred to the marked absence of crime in Ireland ; if that state of things can only continue for a time. there is a certainty that a powerful weapon will thereby be placed in the hands of the Home Rule party. The policy of the government will likely depense, to a great degree, upon the same grounds. There is, however, something else necessary,-it is a perfect union between the different elements of the Irish party. It is to be hoped that the next few months will have a considerable influence in moulding the destinies of the land.

TIMES numberless have we been asked the difference between the Protestant and the Catholic bibles. On several occasions, during the past three years, we have pointed out a number of the differences. However, the following, which appeared in one of our exchanges, will give a pretty fair idea of how mutilated the bible has become in the hands of the sects:

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In the Old Testament : Baruch, Tobias, Judith, Wisdom, Ecclesiasticus and the Machabees. To which are added Daniel. Cap. iii, 24-90; xiii; xiv; Esther Cap. r, 4 to 171, 24.

In the New Testament: Epistle to the Hebrews; Epistle of Peter: 2d and 3d Epistles of John; Epistles of Jude; the Apocalypse. To which are added : Mark Cap. xvi, 9 to end; Luke Cap. xxii, 43, 44; John, viii, 2-12.

The early Protestant sects held that though these parts of Scripture might be read with spiritual profit, they could not be regarded as inspired. The Calvinists of the seventeenth century decried them and refused them any respect. The Presbyterians of Scotland and England showed themselves still more heatile to the parts attacked, and in 1829 the London Bible Society agreed to expunge them altogether from the edition of the Bible brought out by them, though despite all this opposition the Lutherans continue to retain them as an appendix. to their edition.

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THE famous choir of the Sistine Chapel, in Rome, is composed of clerical and lay singers. It might be interesting to know who the great choristers are. The following is an amended list of their names, as given by the London Universe :

Perpetual Director, Commader Domenico Mustafa; Master for the Time, Luigi Giomini (priest); Clemente Duca, In-nocenzo (Can.), Pasquali (priest), Gustavo Pesci, Vincenzo Pecorini (priest), Marzio Marsili (priest), Giuseppe Ritarossi, Giovanni Cesari, Luigi Panci (priest), Alfonso Ceccani (priest), Domenico Salvatori, Emilio Calzanera, Vincenzo Sebastianelli, Francesco Cesarini (priest), Aleesandro Moreschi, Giovanni Verusio, Giuseppe Bernardini, Padre Luigi Cherubini (secretary), Giuseppe Fiocchi (priest), Cesare Boezi, Antonio Comandini, Giovanni Pastura, Giuseppe Brucchietti, Gioaccnino Bucchi, Leonardo Angeli, Pio Purarelli. In addition to these—on occasions of extraordinary ceremonies-the best vocalists of Rome are invited; also boys of the Christian Brothers' schools of S. Salvator in Lauro, and youths of the Gregorian School. These are taught by the famous Father Vincenzo and Rev. Prof. Muller. The singing in the Sistine Chapel is considered the best in the

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for such an appreciation and such epcouragement. \*\_\*

Some crank has been seeking to gain cheap notoriety by uttering threats against the Apostolic Delegate-Mgr. Satolli-and by getting himself into the hands of the law for his trouble. It is too bad that no means could be devised whereby these demented characters would be checked in their insane attempts to create sensations. It becomes very disagreeable for personages in high positions to have their names, their actions, their intentions and their characters exposed to a very undesirable notoriety. Apart from the actual danger that exists-for these orazy oreatures are capable of almost anything-there is a certain degree of uneasiness that is caused in the whole community by the common sense judgment indeed. Cer-

illness as much as in the ordinary affairs of life. \*\_\*

THAT was a wise counsel given by Mr. John Dillon, M.P., when speaking recently on the question of the rejected Evicted Tenants' Bill. He said that he could not see " the slightest use in redebating the Bill next session unless the people of Ireland should utilize the interval in such a way as to convince the landlords that their best policy would be to pass the Bill. Unless the government plainly declared its policy in regard to the House of Lords, the Irish party would have to reconsider their position," This is a broad hint to the Irish people and a broader one to the government. But most certainly the fate, not only. of the Evicted Tenants' Bill, but also of Home Rule, depends greatly upon the