



EDITORIAL NOTES.

SOME person, signing "Alphonso," writes to us from Cleveland, Ohio, to know what connection there is between the A.P. Aists of America and the P. F. Aists of Canada.

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.

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.

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.

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 examination.

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.

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.

JUDGE BARKER, of Ebsenburg, 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.

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.

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 Pope.

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.

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 re-debating 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.

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.

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.

In the Old Testament: Baruch, Tobias, Judith, Wisdom, Ecclesiastics and the Machabees. To which are added Daniel. Cap. iii, 24-80; xiii; xiv; Esther Cap. x, 4 to xvi, 24.

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 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.

Perpetual Director, Commander Domenico Mustafa; Master for the Time, Luigi Giomini (priest); Clemente Duca, Innocenzo (Can.), Pasquali (priest), Gustavo Pesci, Vincenzo Pecorini (priest), Marzio Marsili (priest), Giuseppe Ritarossi, Giovanni Cesari, Luigi Panci (priest), Alfonso Ceccani (priest), Domenico Salvatori, Emilio Calzavara, Vincenzo Sebastianelli, Francesco Cesarini (priest), Alessandro Moreschi, Giovanni Verusio, Giuseppe Bernardini, Padre Luigi Cherubini (secretary), Giuseppe Flocchi (priest), Cesare Boezi, Antonio Comandini, Giovanni Pastura, Giuseppe Brucchiotti, Gioacchino 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. Salvatore 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 world.