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"Truth is tholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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Current Topics.

The Boor War seems
The Hoer to have reached that
War. point aptly termed the
beginning of the end.
Lord Roberts has crossed the Yani River Lord Roborts has crossed the Vanl River and established his head-quarters in Transavaal territory. The Vanl River makes the boundary between the Trans-vaal and the Orange Free State. British mounted troops crossed into Transavaal territory on the Queen's Birthday, but Robert's main army did at follow main same properties. Birthday, but Robert's main army did not follow until Sunday morning. This brought Roberts within a couple of days' march off Johannesburg and within seventy-five miles of Pretoria. The strong and mobile forces at the com-mand of Roberts should be able to sweep through the Orange Free State. The advance will proce tresistible to sweep through the Orange Free State
The advance will prove irresistible to
the Boers already exhausted by the
protracted struggle and disorganized by
recent reverses and the rapid movement
of the British Free Staters are
practically out of the struggle and it is
reported that the most irreconcilable
Transvaal Boers at last recognise the
broadcaness of continuing it. In Natal

The Boer envoys to the United States has proved futile, so far as the prospects of interention are concerned. The reply opensafed them by Mr. Hay, Secretary

hopelessness of continuing it. In Natal the Boers are still said to be active and

determined to oppose Buller's advance-

of State, was clear and unmistakable. No doubt, they have much American pathy with them and their cause, it could not be expected that, even but it could not be expected that, even if the United States Government had not been, unusually for it, friendly to Eugland, that McKinley would run the risk of plunging the two great Englangeaking powers into a most unnatural and asaguinary conflict and shis wheat the end of the war is in sight. The future movements of the Boers do not come to be definitely known. After seem to be definitely known. After visiting some of the American centres, it is probable that they will sail for

The tone of the American press, say the Literary Digest, is in the main friendly to the Boer commissioners and friendly to the Boer commissioners and the cause they represent, but Republican and Democratic papers alike admit the futility of their mission. To the republicans their arrival at this time is considered very inopportune. The New York Journal of Commerce goes so far as to say that their mission is "a piece of pure impertinence." The St. Louis Post-Despatch (Ind.) makes the suggestion seriously that the Boers should be invited to emigrate to this country. The Minneapolis Journal (Rep.) voices a general sentiment when it says "there is no obligation resting upon our Government to repudiate its declaration neutrality during the South African war," especially "as Great Britain has refused to entertain any proposition for mediation." The New York Free Press (Rep.) goes further in declaring that "the envoys hope to wedge their cause the cause they represent, but Repub

envoys hope to wedge their cause a political campaign is destined to no fruition," affirming that it s "pitiable self-deception," and the shows "pitiable self-deception," and the Hartford Courant (Rep.) even maintains that all pro-Boer meetings, speeches, and resolutions are "me-vally oriminal," in that they "simply tend to prolong the bloodshed in South Africa."

On the other hand, the Philadelphia North American (Rep.) which is strongly pro-Boer, declares:

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"The generous sympathy that was given to Kossuth to Garibaldi, to every champion of human rights who has turned from the Old World in despair and made his appeal to freemen of the New, will be accorded with heartfelt ferror to the Boer envoys. What more may come of their pathetic mission we do not know, for the time that remains for action which might stay the greedy hand of England in short—much too brief, we fear.

"But the least the people of this country can up is to crive through the British skull and into the British mind the fact that Americans detest from the depths of their souls the bloody piracy of the British Government."

It is difficult to see
Prospects bow the Boors can protract the struggle much lenger, unless by taking advantage of the defensive natural charntage of the defensive natural char-of the country, and waging an lotive and inglorious guerille war. There are already rumours of a in the air, although the govern-leader, Mr. A. Balfour, stated in

the House of Commons on Monday that the government had no information in regard to the reported negotiations for peace with the Transvaal. Boths and Stoyn are said to favour peace, and the burghers to have lost all confidence in the government, but Kruger, with native tenacity, holds out against peace propusals.

A Clear Definition of a Belief Held by Catholics.

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Yes?
What does the expression "only saving Church" mean in the mouth of the Catholic Church?
It means that she is the only church which has received from Christ the means that lead to salvation.
But is not this claim on the part of the Catholic Church into the claim which any Church which pretends to have received its mission from Christ must make, as Christ did not and could not establish more than one Church, and as His only reason for having established a Church at all must have been to lead men to obtain a she will be saven to the mission if she acknowledged that others had an equal right to preach and be listened to as she.

The Church does not say that every one who dies within the fold will be saved. If their lives have not been in keeping with their teaching they will be loss for all eternity, and their punishment will be more severe than if they had never belonged to the hurch. She does not say that every one who dies outside of her pale is lost, or, rather, is of necessity leat because he did not belong to the Church. Christ, who established the church as the ordinary ways of awing a man's soul.

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We know that Almighty God will not pusish with expanse to runnies except for actual sin. Now it may happen that one outside of the Church is in good faith; the team is a continued and the church, and that God will not the church of the Church, and that God will not the Chur

There is a feeling in many quarters we are told, that the Angle Saxon is not only mixing a pyreme effort to control that the half of Saxon is not only mixing a pyreme effort to control that half is actually nearing the point of viotory. We hug cursive at the increase of Angle Saxon speced, trade, power and population during the present century and make us feel as if we were "the whole thing," But we are not; there are others. Look at America, look at Japan. When England repealed the corn laws she soon followed up the action with an expansive measure of free trade with the hope of being the world's merchant and maunfacturer. They came nearly possessing a monopoly of foreign markets for a few years. But this is an era of wonderful and rapid changes and altering conditions. No man or nation can pocket the future. Already the United States has outstripped England, Germany is looking like a good second, Russia is advancing with circardinary strides in the industrial field; and that has not stripped England, Germany is looking like a good second, Russia is advancing with circardinary strides in the industrial field; and that has a so intering the strip of the str

shan the English.

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ARCHBISHOP IRELAND'S

Impression of the Catholic English

"The memory of the Catholic Union of Great Ritiain is deoply indeeded in my soul, and will romain unaltered there during the coming years of tay into your and will romain unaltered there during the coming years of tay into." The Archbishop Iroland's letter. "I descended a strauger into the railway station of Loudon; I wont thouce feeling as leaving a city that had been transformed for me into a home. Friendships and honors, the generous gifts of hospitable hearts had come to me in unstinted measure, and had stirred up my heart into a most warm response. From all sides those friendships and honors were offered to me; they came from Protestants as well as from Catholics, and, in speaking now my thanks to the Catholic Union, I speak my thanks to all Protestants and Catholic whose favors have endeared London to me. There was surely nothing narrow or sectional in my rememberance of that hespitality.

"The Catholics whom I had the honor to meet resognised in me a fellow Catholic, and were pleased to give evidence that the bonds of faith do not slacken when across oceans and continents; and with them the Protestants whom I had the honor to meet recognized in me an American, and sail were pleased to embrace the opportunity to indicate their regard for America by their treatment of our of its citizens, however small may have been the personal title of that citizen to such treatment.

"To have been brought into mear rotation with the Catholic in my life that a prize most highly. Meeting the United Street of the families of heroes and martyrs who in penal days had, under contained the contained of the manifest work set before it and of other heroence of an assembly of such nature where, too, the converte of recent times, whose coming into the boson of Mother Church announces the "second apring" of the converted of an interruption in her march of power and to conquest, and that here again in her story there be recorded an interruption in her march of power and of conquest.

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HINTORIO NAMES.

"In the memborship of the Union, among clddime Catholics and among connects. I saw men whose princely mentant and princely deeds are the pride of the British empire; I saw there me there exalted intellectual gifts reach tot in riches indicance throughout the whole Eeglish speaking world, and in the presence of all such I could not have said, as I did say to myself, whatever such men undertake to do can only a such as I did say to myself, whatever such men undertake to do can only in the presence of all such I could not have said, as I did say to myself, whatever such men undertake to do can only in the property of the world—a fact daily becoming breader and plainer—that the English anguage is circling the globe; that English-speaking countries are constantly growing with speed that nothing acems sable to arrest in territory and in influence. I certainly shall not belittle spheres of influence of languages other than the English, or deny in the least the importance to the Church of countries speaking those languages; let due place be given to all agencies in the great work of religion. But, this said the truth is before us that in the present, and more yet in the future, the mind of people spread over immense regions of the globe are to be reached through the English language, and that very much of the missionary work of the Church is to be done under the segls of the English-speaking countries. This fact can not, in the interest of religion, be too strongly impressed upon English-speaking Catholics and leaders of the Universal Church herself. Whatever the institutions and potent where the English language and leaders of the Universal Church herself. Whatever the institutions and potent where the English language holds sway, these will be strong and potent where the English sugnage.

ligence to perceive the opportunities given to them, the zeal to avail them, solves of such opportunities, the personal courage and the grace divine to follow them out to a successful issue. Catholics prepared through such disposition for their mission will be found attracting attention to the Church by the high moral integrity of their lives, gaining for her social power through their active participation in the public affairs of the nation, spreading her teachings by their intellectual labors, bringing victory to the maintensations of her energies by their carnest and effective co-operation with her undertakings of charity and of zeal.

"Catholics in English speaking countries may be tempted to faint-heartedness by the recollection of their paucity of numbers and other weakness of resources when they compare themselves to the legions of non-Catholics around them. But they should yield to no fear, for truth and divine power are with them, and in such association they are neither few nor weak. As God intends to make the moral world life own, we must assume that the intends to sway to His purposes the great

well for His Church among these multitudes.

"To the Catholics of England—to the Catholic Union of Great Britann, I then say, "Fortitor dimicate, at vincite," The Catholics of the United States will watch you from afar, and, spurred on by your noble example, they will work, as it may be possible to them, along the lines you trace for them for the same holy purposes to which you are devoted. May the Master give to all of us the the grace not to falter in His service:"

The National Christian Citizenshin

Is the Protestant Church Christian?

The National Christian Citizenship League has been making a carvas among Protestant clergymen and laymen on the question, "Is the Church Christian?" A supplementary query was tacked on in aheas words: "Does she (the Church) shand for the things for which Jesus stood, and teach the truths He saught? The suly reply from a profile and the sum of the

Federation of Catholic Societies.

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We clip the accompanying article from the Boston Flict and again direct the attention of our readers interseted in Catholic Societies to the force of the argument as applicable to Canadian Catholics.

If the federation of Catholic societies proposed last year by the Knights of St. John at their Couvention in Cleveland, O. becomes an accomplished fact—and there is growing sentiment in its favor—the Church in America will have an auxiliary for the propagation of Catholic traphs whose utility it will be hard to overestimate.

The Catholic societies of Cincinnasi have effected a local union, and their platform, apart from the first article defining their territory, is so broad that all our Catholic societies might easily effect national union on it. We quest "To work for the generation have greated and the senting of Catholic interests apart soon the special object of each in its own government and officer, but establishing a central board on the purpose of better carrying the principles of fraternity and following hardworked by all.

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No Yacation for Catholics.

This is the season of the year when the difference between the character of the Ostholic and the non-Catholic Churches becomes most maifest. The preschers are closing up their churches during the hot months of the summer and hieing thomselves away to pleasant places to spend the headed season. We do not blame people for doing this whose estimate of their business is that it can wait. But our own priests, who do not believe that the business of Christ can wait at any time, are not heatking themselves to the woods and the seasoner in any great numbers. From the Atlautic to the Paoific, and from the northerly boundary of the country to the shores which are lapped by the Gulf of Mexico one can find no Catholic church which is shut up because of the heated season or because the pastor thereof must needs have rest. Our priests, and to their houre he is said. recognize that their day of rest is not of the kingdom of this cath, and consequently shey work and work with and consequently shey work and work with and consequently shey work and work with the color concentration of the sheet of the country to the sheet of the country to the sheet of the country to the sheet of the country when the sheet of the country of the courselves, we sometimes incline to the theory that he is a little more so. There is no less pressing necessity of working and instruction during that season than in the cooler one. For ourselves, we sometimes incline to the thoory that he is a little more so. There is no less pressing necessity of working and instruction during that season than in the cooler one. For ourselves, we sometimes incline to the thoory that he is a little more so. There is no less pressing necessity of working and instruction during the year. At that time, more than any other, there is a tendency toward larily in the performance of religious duties. It would ill become the Church to show its or the weakness of her children in this direction by consenting to their absence from divine working at the st

Guessing.

In the current "Contemporary," Dr. Sigmund Munz discusses the merits of the probable "candidates" for the Papacy at the next Conclave. He takes it for granted that the next Pope will be an Italian, as the proportion of Italians to foreigners amongst the Cardinals, since the last June Consistory, is thirty-eight to thirty, and among the eight Papabili whose claims are here reviewed, only one non-lislian is mentioned, Cardinal Ledochowski, a Poler The most probable successor to Leo XIII., in the opinion of Dr. Munz, is Cardinal Gutti, the Carmelite Friar, and a son of the people, very learned and pious. Cardinal Faulting Cardinal Lampolits' chances he considers good in many respects. He regards as the ideal candidate Cardinal Capaca, who is described as a model of Christian lumility and universal charity. The Cardinal is how the considered fulfilled. The other chare Papabili meditioned are Cardinals Parcocchi, Yannutalli, and Oreglis di Santo Stefano. Ot course these conjectures are all made from a worldy standgolin. Candidature for the Papacy or for the office of any Bishop, is not recognized by the Church.

organized National Catholic Truth Society, the Catholic Young Men's National Union, the Young Men's National Union, the Young Men's Institute, the loading Catholic ollos like that of New York, the Catholics, and the Catholics of the Catholics o

and there are so many opportunities afforded it in the most attractive guiles.

Betting, like the drinking of intoxicating liquors, has a way of growing upon the wary as upon, the onwary, and a young man with such proclivities is in the vortex when he only thought he was on the margin of this maelstrom of ruin. There is an intoxication about betting just as there is connected with the use of ardent liquors. A horse-reach sa new thing from the moment a man bets his money on it. To the ordinary observer, who has no further interest in the nine or ten horses striving for first places than what the sight of sinew, speed and jockeying can afford, is not likely to grow very excited; but the moment he backs with his money No. 1 against the field, that horse becomes a new object of interest to him. He regards it with a temporary affection, as if he owned it, and won't see a single good point about any other beast. He notes the colors of the jockey so that he can distinguish him in the ruck. The name of the animal as the bunch thunders down the home stretch is like music to his ears—that horse's trimmph is his. As the number recording its success goes up, he huge himself for his foresight and judgment in selecting the brute, and—pockets his bills. This is the face of the medal; the obverse side we won't on-aider—because—well—tims' beasant.

been "bitten" by the fraternity who can "apot" an "innocent" with more colerity and certainty than they can name the winning horse.

The costumes worn at the Woodbine meeting probably differ from those of our down-easter friends s quaws in one very important respect—in their adaptability to fashion and society columns of the newspapers, where they make almost as brave a slow as they did do the lawn and stands at the Woodbine.