IRRELIGIOUS RELIGION.

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The "Living like Christ" experi-ment of certain Protestant zealots, whose pious intentions were exploited whose plous intentions were exploited recently in the daily press, undoubtedly was a movement of good-will, which, however, is by no means; synonymous with good taste or judgment. It is un-fortunate that the lack of a sense of humon blinded the arthuniasts to the whose pi humor blinded the enthusiasts to the obvious absurdity of the project as a possible factor of social reform or possible possible factor of social reform of spiritual regeneration, since the limita-tion of their heroic essay at Christian perfection to the period of two weeks, turned the matter not only into a farce,

turned the matter hot only into a meet but into a positive irreverence. Sensational journals reported the pro-gress of the undertaking under head-lines that verged on blasphemy, and the most sacred and solemn subjects were held up to public ridicule, or dismissed as weighed in the balance of the enlight aread twentieth century, and found

as weighed in the balance of the enlight ened twentieth century, and found wanting in modern practicability. Yet this disedifying error has a re-deeming side. It is one of the many good signs of spiritual consciousness and revitualization that are evident at the present day. Against the attempt of the godless to empty the churches, and starve the souls of the children in schools of solely secular lore, in spite of the pagan luxury and Mammon worship the pagan luxury and Mammon worship moralizing the social classes, in spite the anarchial and socialistic creeds of the ansrematian documents of the creeds of violence and license undermining the welfare of the human masses—in spite of the ruthless reign of Monopoly and the mortal strife of rebellious Labor, in spite of the diskness here and the spite of the disk here and the spite of spite of the dishonor, graft and immorality of public and private modern lifeyet agnosticism no longer contents, and yet agnosticism no longer contents, and religious indifference yields place to interest, inquiry, and aspiration in the spiritual order. The revival of old idolatries and false worships, of pagan cults and ancient evil oreeds of superstition—the rage for psychical research in its unscientific and fraudulent phases —for spiritualism, astrology, trance-

mediums, fortune-telling, and magic crystals-the popularity of occultism, necromancy, and like deviltry in all its varied forms and like devitery in all resovering the second state of the second state demand for more than mere mortality offers it—of the immortal craving of man's God-created and deathless soul.

Similar proof is in our literature, even though morbid theories and pes-simistic deductions too often take the atmistic deductions to the problems pre-place of solutions to the problems pre-sented, and leave it the godless, crim-inal, suicidal literature of despair. But perhaps more visibly than elsewhere, the signs of vital religious awakening challenge us from the modern stage, where "holding the mirror up to na-ture," dramatic art reflects the spirit ture," dramatic art reflects the spirit and trend of the day and generation to which it simultaneously appeals and responds. Take for instance, as rep-resentative productions of the present season, the opera of "Salome," the dramas of "The Servant in the House," atthe Devil "" "The "The Devil," "Salvation Nell," "The Little Town of Bethlehem," each and all of religious suggestion and moral lesson. of religious suggestion and moral reasons The great spectacular successes of Dreamland, Coney Island, even during the recent season, were "Creation." "The Feast of Belshazzar," and "The The Feast of Betsnazzar, and The End of the World," all three scenic and dramatic representations of Scriptural narrative and precept. Vaudeville pro-grams of modern date likewise run to grams of modern date likewise run to realistic presentments of Hades and Satan, which in spite of the fact that the sight of sinners "shooting the chutes" into eternal fire gives a farcical touch to the tragedy, yet serve to remind the forgetful and careless and to suggest to ignorant, that the "wages of sin is

death! Yes, the soul life is quickening, and the immortal instinct of worship reviving, in the American people. Then let us be religious in our religion, giving it true and not false devotional expression —let reverence go hand in hand with spiritual aspiration and effort, and prudence restrain, dignify, and give wisdom to impulse born of sincere but mis-gnided religious good-will,-N. Y. Free-



search, both in this country and in Great Britain, left no room for doubt on the matter. But while he did not attempt

to cast any doubt upon the authenticity of many of the so-called spirit manifesta-

tions, Father Pardow did not seem to think that a study of them would be at all advantageous to the average layman.

He was especially emphatic in declaring that none of them had any religious sig-

"God does not," he said, "send legions

of His angels down to earth to give a re-fined vaudeville show. Neither is there

fined vaudeville show. Neither is there any reason to believe that the various

rappings, whisperings, materializations and mysterious writings that have been

shown to be not the result of deliterate

fraud on the part of porfessional mediums should be attributed to the spirits of the

dead. In my opinion they are to be traced directly to the machinations of

the evil one, who employs his hosts of fallen angels for the confusion of human-

The speaker enjoined all good Catho

lies to stop worrying and speculating about these things, which he seemed to

think were inimical to the cause of reli-gion. Since the Church had not set upon the doctrines or manifestations of

spiritism the seal of her official appro-val it was disloyal for Catholics to im-

agine that they could have any value except from the point of mere amuse-

ment or of scie: tific research. Even with

CATHOLIC MILLIONS SHOW GROWTH.

GRAND TOTAL OF CATHOLICS UNDER THE

According to advance sheets of the 1909 Official Catholic Directory publish-ed by M. H. Wiltzius Co., of Milwaukee, there are 14,235,451 Catholics in the

United States. These figures show an increase of 358,025 over last year. The statistics are furnished the Directory

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of the Faith at the Catholic Club, New York, shortly before his death. Father Pardow admitted that he be-lieved that, fortunately or unfortunate-ly, many individuals had received com-munications from spirits. The investi-gations of the Society for Psychical Re-ceared hoth in this country and in Great Church of the Greyfriars in Elgin was restored to its original state by the late Marquis of Bute and is now attached to the Convent of the Sisters of the Good

Shepherd. Shepherd. A few miles from Elgin is situated the stately ruins of Pluscardyn Priory, one of the houses of the Scottish Cistercians. It lies in one of the most secluded and most beautiful valleys in Scotland, and must have been an ideal retreat for these holy men of former days. The restoration of this pile was also undertaken by the late Marquis of Bute, but the work has not been continued by the present holder of the title.

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SAYING GRACE.

One of the resolutions that every nother of a Catholic family should make in the dawn of this new year, writes Marie Louise Points in the New Orleans Morning Star, is never to allow the children to sit down to table without first invoking the blessing of God upon the repast. it is a sad commentary on the For

busy, rushing life to-day that most people do not find time to thank the liver of All Good for the food by which their lives are sustained, the strength thereby acquired to continue the daily tasks. Even in many strictly Catholic tasks. families the beautiful custom and important duty of saying grace is going out of vogue.

Once in a while now in some old families where the father or grandfather sits at the head of the table, the family and guests bow their heads and the blessing is asked. But even when from such Catholic homes the sons and daughters have married and gone forth into the world to found homes of their own, the old habit is not renewed in these, and thousands and thousands of children are growing up without ever having heard of "grace," or what it ignifies in the individual and family

In this day of whirl and clatter, Americans are economizing for time in every way, and many of the old time courtesies that distinguished life in the days gone by have been relegated to the past—and so not only courtesy and digestion have gone by the board, but that great duty of giving thanks to God for the daily bread which we asked of Him. We approach our meals as so many heathens and we rise equally oblivious of the fact that through the mercy of God Who gave the harvest and yield, we have been indebted for the blessing ouchsafed. BIF 8 1/2 % 8 718

I have memories of a home where the aged father, long since passed away, gathered the boys and girls about him at the daily board, and no matter how simple the fare, that dear revered head was bowed, that faithful voice was lifted in benediction and gratitude, and every lip answered a fervent "Amen." And this before and after the meal. No one And thought of sitting down to that table till grace had been said. No one dreamed grace had been of leaving it till thanksgiving had been offered.

There was no more beautiful hom picture than this, and I know that those boys and girls, now scattered far and wide from the old family roof tree, keep up in their own homes this blessed custom, this sacred duty; and this memory mingled with that other holy recolled

tion of the evenings when all gathered in family prayer before "good hight" was said, remains with them as a sweet entive to truer lives | and higher forts. It is astonishing that Catholics

their homes. So touching is this cus-would be considerably larger. dk_{2} 8 λ_{2} tom of saying grace at meals that even Protestant writers have chosen it as ne of the most beautiful thoughts in

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ing and cold storage. We would advise The total number of Catholic our readers who are interested in this Churches in the various archdioceses and dioceses is 12,923-8,640 having matter to write the firm for furthe particulars. resident pastors and 4,198 being attend-ed from neighboring parishes.

The Directory further shows that there are 80 Seminaries with 5,687 students attending same. In the United States there are 213 Universities and Colleges for boys and 708 academies for girls. It must not be thought, however, that the young men are being neglected. Although the ratio is 213 to 708, there are more young men at the institutions for higher learning than there are girls and young women in attendance at academies.

According to the Wiltzius publication there are 4,703 parishes with paro-chial schools, and the total number of children in these parish schools is 1,197, 913. There are 290 orphan asylums, in which 44,906 orphans are cared for. Adding the number of young persons attending higher educational institutions and the number of children in charitable institutions to the parochial school statistics, it will be found that there are 1,397,348 children being eduone of these ends in view, he added, it was probably unwise to attempt to es-tablish communication with the powers cated in Catholic institutions. All, told, there are 1,094 charitable institu-

tions in the various dioceses. The Catholic population of the twenty The Catholic population of the twenty leading dioceses, according to the latest statistics, is as follows: New York, 1.219,920; Chicago, 1,150,000; Boston, 850,000; Brooklyn, 700,000; New Orleans, 525,000; Philadelphia, 525,000; Pitts-burg, 425,000; St. Louis, 375,000; Hart-cod, 265,000, Neward, 265,000; Cleves ord, 365,000, Newark, 365,000; Cleve land, 330,000; Springfield, 323,121; Detroit, 267.000; Scranton, 265,000; St. Paul, 200,000, Baltimore, 255,000; San Francisco, 250.000; Buffalo, 244,739; Milwaukee, 235,000; Providence, 222,000.

THE TWO CATHOLICITIES.

Ah, those Latin American republics where Liberalism writhes like a serpent beneath the tropical verdure! They are Catholic countries, nominally, but their governments, now and then, are guilty of infamies worse than those perpetrat ed by Combes and Clemenceau. Here is a flash of Satanic light gleaming in a

dispatch current: A report from Puerto Plata, San Domingo, states that there is a serious con-troversy between the Church and the State, the executive having forbidden Archbishop Nouel to erect a mausoleum in the Cathedral for the remains of the late Archbishop Merino, previous to a joint resolution of Congress. The presi-dent claims the Cathedral is State prop-

This the Archbishop denies, pro erty. testing against the arbitrary action of

would be mass meetings and protests and words said that would shame Bigotry seated upon his surphurous throne. In these protests thousands of non-Catholics would join, and before it could tight

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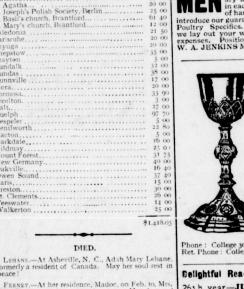
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CANDLES

about 14,000,000 Catholes in the Oniget States. Statistics sent out from Wash-ington a few days ago credit the Catho-lic Church in this country with a mem-bership of only 12,394,731. This is wide of the mark, as it does not agree with Archbishop Glennon's census nor the statistics of the Official Catholic Direct-Adding to the 14,235,451 the number of Catholies in our foreign possess-ions—the Philippine Islands, Porto Rico and Sandwich Islands—the grand total of Catholies under the United States flag would amount to 22,471,440, the Would such condition as this be toler. ated by the Catholics of the United States? Not twenty-four bours. British flag. A study of the Wiltzius Directory shows that in the United States there are 16,093 Catholic priests, 11,885 of are 10,053 cathone priests, 11,885 of whom are secular elergy and 4,208 mem-bers of Religious Orders. Many of the Religious Order elergy belonging to United States Provinces are in foreign countries, and if these were added, the

en its grasp, the giant Shame would be driven back to its ghastly abode.

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FEENEX.—At her residence, Madoc, on Feb. 10, Mrs Wm, Feeney, aged seventy-six years. May her sou est in peace ! McFarlane.—At Glace Bay, C. B., N. S., on Ja 1, 1929, Mr. Duncan M. McFarlane, son of the lat angus McFarlane, in his fifty-third year. May h est in peace

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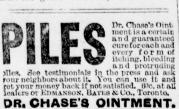
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NEWS FROM SCOTLAND.

their pen pictures of home life. Some of Dicken's most effective and touching "Father Matthew Power, S. J., of Edinburgh, is one of the most doughty champions of the Catholic faith in champions of the Catholic faith in Scotland. He has recently been crosshead of the household invokes a bles Who does not dwell sing on the feast. section with Rev. John Wallace of the Iron Presbyterian Church, Edin-burgh, and has driven that gentleman Mr. Pickwick brushed away a tear as ourgh, and has driven that gentleman into a very tight corner. In a lecture delivered by him recently in the Iron grace was said, and Dickens voiced his eeings in that memorable passage, "There are dark spots upon the earth, but it's light shines brighter in the contrast." And through a mist of Kirk, Mr. Wallace was reported to have used words to the effect that the Jesuits vere the fathers of modern anarchy. happy memories there rises the home of the Cheeryble brothers, those typical examples who in the mist of their overr Power wrote to him to inquire whether he had used such language, and this simple query led to a correspon-dence which has ended so satisfactorily for Father Power that he thanks Mr. flowing prosperity, always remembered at meal time "the Giver of all good." -" For these and all other blessings, Brother Charles," said Ned, " Lord, Wallace for the help he has given to the Catholic cause by exposing the weakmake us truly grateful, Brother Ned,' ness of his own position, and the groundsaid Charles.

Much excitement is being caused in the North of Scotland at present by a squable which is taking place between the Rev. Mr. McPhonson said Charles. We live, it is true, in the midst of a rushing age, when there is a breaking away from all customs and traditions, religious and otherwise, but especially religious. In the mad haste for the acthe Rev. Mr. McPherson of Columba's Presbyterian Church. and cumulation of wealth, in the equally mad rush for enjoyment, pleasure, aye, even the -serious search for scientific truths, the Established Presbytery of Elgin. In St. Columba's Church Mr. McPherson has introduced such an.Presbyterthe serious search for scientific truths, thousands have broken away from the teachings of home and childhood. But it is well for all to pause and reflect, especially mothers of Catholic homes, that the God-Man once walked the earth ian innovations as an altar and a sur-pliced choir, while the congregation say "Amen!" Accordingly charges of ritualism" and "popish prac-ices" have been brought against tices" have been brought against Mr. McPherson, and a meeting took place the other day at which some hot language was used. Mr. McPher-upon the meat, and that the greatest scientific minds of the age now acknowlson's congregation is standing by him in his "Ponishpractices," and the Presby-tery of Elgin is to lay the matter before the General assembly of the Church of Santleyd edge, is one of their bards sang, "Be hind the great unknown, standeth God

The city of Elgin was in pre-Reforma tion times a stronghold of the Catholic faith, and this may account to some ex-tent for the strong Catholic atmosphere prevailing there still. Elgin contains the ruins of what was one of the most mag-nificent Cathedrals in Scotland, a building which is still grand, though roofless, and sadly shattered. The ancient



stantly having more to bear. Here in **Real English** North America we believe in standing up for our rights, protesting until we ob-46 tain them. It is the better plan. If a man does not struggle for justice, in this age, he will be pretty apt to find himself crushed.—New World. **OVERCOATS** How Cecil Rhodes Lost His Faith. \$5.14 to \$20 1. . 10 A recent volume of reminiscences quotes the late Cecil Rhodes as saying Cut in Latest London and New York style, sadly of a elever atheistic book which he read in his young manhood: 'That book has made me what I am.' If a man of whichever preferred. No matter what part of the dominion you live such strength of character as Cecil Rhodes could ascribe his whole outlook of the dominion you live in, we undertake to sup-ply you with a smart, comfortable Suit, fitting you perfectly, or other-wise to refund your money in full. The THE T upon life to the effects of a single book, how is it possible to exercise too much care and thought in the selection of -Greading matter for the young? It is difficult to realize how tremendous—and process is simple, merely fill in a post card and fill in a post card and address same to us as metimes how terrible is the influence of what they read upon the minds of young men and women just freed from below, asking for our latest assortment of materials. Togethe with patterns, we send you fashion-plates and complete instructions for accurate self measurement, tape measure, all sent free measurement, tape measure, all sent free and carriage paid. We dispatch your order within seven days, and if you do not approve, return the goods, and we will refund the

the restraints of home and school and beginning to think and dissect life for themselves. Intellectually, this is the crucial moment of existence. Then, if at any time, it is imperative that the restless and anxious mind be soothed with truth. However else they may be neglected, it is of the most vital importance that the young be supplied with the right kind of books.—Catholic Universe.

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