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## RELIGION AND POLITICS.

We have frequently remarked that if a Catholic priest were to take an active part in politics a "hue and ery" would prevent him from going very far. Yet we daily have evidence of the combination of religion and politics by ministers of different Protestant persuasions—still they are lauded to the skies for their zeal. In England they have an association a P.P.A. affair—called the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon movement. In America a similar movement is social in character; in England it is pronouncedly political. It was started in 1888, and has gone on flourishing ever since. In a lengthy account of this peculiar institution, we find the

"Although originally started among church members, the P. S. A. membership is not confined to the regular church-goers. In many churches, in fact, the majority of the members of the P. S. A. belong to that class which rarely attends a church for ordinary religious worship. At first the subjects for discussion were limited to questions of immediate local interest, but now any and every sociological problem can be, and is discussed at these gatherings. At one time the meetings were viewed with suspicion by the ultra-radical element, who regarded them as a device of the clergy to help sustain the churches' influence; but the absolute freedom of discussion which is allowed, combined with the liberal choice of speakers invited to address these gatherings, has convinced all unprejudiced observers that they are the outcome of an honest desire to aid in the work of social improve-

Passing over all minor details in this connection, we find that :—
"The importance of these gather-

ings may be appreciated from the

fact that candidates for public office invariably seek to get the endorsement of their candidature by the local P. S. A. before consenting to place their names on the nomination lists. This success is all the more remarkable because it has been gained at a time when the agitation for church disestablishment has been growing more and more acute. No better example of the broadness the spirit of the movement could be needed than that in several instances the support of these bodies has been given to candidates who have declared themselves in favor of disestablishment. It will thus be seen that the original intention of the founders of the movement-to make the church in actual fact an institute of the people, and to charge it with the mission of inspiring their politics with a strong sense of sound

morality-is being accomplished." We simply repeat that if a Catholic priest were to undertake a similar work he would be denounced from end to end of the country, and we would be so many stones under the heel of the church's despotism. Still our priest is not divested of his citizenship by becoming a priest, whether he sees fit to exercise his duty or not is another matter -he has the right, and, what is more, he never abuses it.

### DOINGS OF SCIENTISTS.

An interesting calculation has recently been made by an English statistician, in which he shows that when the electric light has entirely displaced gas, oil lamps, and candles in the United Kingdom, there will be 40,000 less deaths annually, these illuminants being so much more unhealthful than electricity.

As there is an absence of coal in Switzerland, it is not possible for the people of that country to produce the iron used in many of their manufactures, and it must be imported from Germany. Instead of being dependent on coal for smelling the iron ores which are to be found Within the boundaries of Switzerland, it has recently been determined to make use of the electric furnace for this purpose, and such a proposition is now being developed by Herr Muller Landsmann in the Bernese Oberland, near Meiringen. A

60,000 horse-power will be derived from the Aar, and used to drive the machinery and supply the current for the electric furnaces. Switzerland is particularly rich in water-power as well as deficient in coal, and the results of this enterprise will be awaited with much interest.

There has been found recently at the Mohawk mine in Michigan a new mineral that is of great interest both on account of its novelty and the singular conditions under which it occurs. It has been carefully examined and analyzed by Prof. Keonig of the State School of Mines of Michigan and by Prof. Kemp of the Columbia School of Mines, both of whom unite in pronouncing it a new species. Prof. Keonig has assigned to it the name of Mohawkite, after the mine in which it was found. Its themical composition if cupreous, with about 7 per cent. of the copper replaced by nickel, and the mineral fills a small vein in the Mohawk mine. Other copper arsenides are known, of which the nearest are Whitneyite and Algodonite, but nothing like this has ever been encountered. All the copper found in the Lake Superior district occurs in a native state, while elsewhere in the world, except in the upper parts of veins, copper invariably occurs in combination with sulphur, or arsenic, or both. It is for this reason the new mineral is of such scientific interest, particularly as the supply, so far as now known, is to be measured in ounces as compared with the tons of native or pure copper that are daily mined in the Lake Superior region.

Careful experiments made at Cornell University are said to show that: "First, cut nails are superior to wire nails in all positions; second, the main advantage of the wire nail is due to its possessing a sharp point; third, if cut nails were pointed they would be 30 per cent. more efficient in direct tension; fourth, wire nails without points have but one-half their ordinary holding powfifth, the surface of the nail should be slightly rough, but not barbed—barbing decreases the efficiency of cut nails about 32 per cent." The pointed end enables the nail to enter wood without breaking its fibre excessively, thus preserving its grip. A serious defect of wire nails is their readiness to rust. They are made generally of a sort of soft steel, and steel rusts more readily than some other forms of iron. In some parts of the country, it is said, shingles put on with wire nails drop off after six or eight years. - Balti-

#### SPAIN AND THE LOSS OF COLONIES.

A correspondent from Madrid writing to the New York "Post," says: Twenty months have elapsed since hostilities were suspended in the Philippines and in the West Indies with a view to paving the way for the negotiations in Paris that led to the peace treaty of December, 1898. Enough time has passed to enable us to form an idea of the way in which Spaniards have faced the realities of the situation created by the loss of the last remnant of their once vast colonial empire in the New World and of their archipelagoes in the Far East. It would be ish-American republics or the Anabsurd to suppose that a proud and tilles. The concentration of all the sensitive race does not feel deeply expansive and progressive forces of and resent such a departure from the the country at home is the watchtraditions and habits of several centuries of imperialism, conquest and cians, monarchical, republican, and so-called colonization. Nevertheless, there is a healthy symptom in the quiet dignity, in the almost Oriental fatalism with which all, high and low, have bowed to the inevitable, with little recrimination or display of vindictive spirit against either the United States or the natives of Cuba and of the Philippines.

Indeed, most Spaniards, when they mention the creoles of Cuba and Porto Rico, seem sincere in their rather contemptuous assertion "that they are convinced that their quondam colonists will suffer the deserved retribution for their disloyalty and ingratitude in their already difficult relations with the great Anglo-Saxon republic"; and when they speak of the Filipinos it is generally to express admiration for their prolonged and determined resistance against the

imperial policy of Mr. McKinley. It would be useless to conceal the fact that most of the subjects of his Majesty have by no means yet forgiven the United States for having helped to give the final blow to the crumbling colonial empire of Spain, but somehow the Anglo-Boer war has created a diversion in the minds of Spaniards. They have centred all the attention they can spare from their own domestic affairs upon the struggle in South Africa. They have followed with the keenest interest the murch of events in the Dark Continent without dissimulating the strong pro-Boer sentiment that animates 95 per cent. of the inhabitants of the peninsula. In that respect their press of every shade only echoes the general delight with which one and all have witnessed the reverses and difficulties of England. Spain, they say, thus shows how bitterly she resents the conduct of England belore and during the war with the United States in 1898, as nothing will convince Spaniards, from their rulers downwards, that if England had sided with the continental Powers, Europe might not have successfully vetoed the interference of President McKinley in the West Indies and in the Philippines.

It is also a healthy symptom to notice that there are many Spaniards courageous enough, so soon after the close of their colonial and foreign waes, to publicly state that if Europe had interfered, or if the United States had refrained from sweeping away all their colonies, the

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they had kept the Philippines or Porto Rico, the lessons of adversity would have been fruitless, and their colonial system would have been persevered in and been a source of weakness and corruption for the mother country. "As it had to come sooner or later, we are better without the colonies, without that constant drag upon our treasury and upon our population," is the common saying among sensible middleclass Spaniards, and is even more common among the masses, weary of seeing their painfully hoarded savings vanish to pay blood money, to save their sons from going to the colonial or foreign wars. They found it harder still when they had to mourn over the departure of the 225,000 lads, of whom 56,000 never returned and 60,000 came back invalided, weird tell-tales of the effects of the colonial climates more deadly than the creole or Philippine bullets. In the popular depths of Spanish society, the weaker sex has graphically summed up the intense feeling of relief in their quaint exclamation, 'Alas, yes, the colonies have gone, but now the chicos will not have to go to the Manigua." The swamps and forests of the Antilles are meant by this expression. Heavy as is the burden with which

Spain has been saddled in the shape of an enormous increase in her consolidated and treasury debts, and in the shape of additional taxation through the loss of her colonies and the expenditure incurred in colonial and foreign wars, there is a singular and happy conviction growing in the hearts and minds of her people. That conviction is the persuasion that Spain will in the long run with proper management be anything but the loser, as all her energies can now be concentrated in the development of the considerable resources of her soil and of her mines, which can afford a field for the more enterprising spirits who formerly looked abroad or to the colonies for quicker and more remunerative employment. They would fain retain in the peninsula the thousands of able-bodied emigrants who leave its shores every year, some to increase the already numerous Castillian colony in the French Algerian province of Oran. others to labor in the sister kingdom of Portugal, or to settle in the Spanword of not only professional politisocialist, but of the classes that have bestirred themselves so much since the close of the war, the classes that contend that they represent, "better than politicians can and do," the material interests of capital and la-

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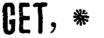
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