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London, Saturday. March 3, 1900. BISHOP MCEVAY AT ST. JOHN.

The St. John, N B, Monitor of February 17th makes the following editorial reference to His Lordship the Bishop of London : "The sermon by His Lordship Bishop McEvay was an intellectual treat, and was heard Philippines by the Government, on the with rapt attention. He had not pretence that it was the property of the spoken many minutes before the vast audience found that they were listen- over as a matter of course to the Goving to one of the ablest orators that ever filled the Cathedral pulpit. The Bishop of London is a fluent, graceful and pleasing speaker, and his peroration on Sunday last was commented on by many as a masterpiece of oratory. It was the first time His Lordship visited this province, and he has ex. pressed his delight at his pleasant visit olic Church property was handed over to St. John."

PROPHETS OF EVIL.

Several of the Protestant religious papers have already announced very gleefully that there are as yet almost no pilgrims in Rome for the purpose of celebrating the Holy Year of Jubilee, and they draw the inference that the authority of the Holy Father among Catholics is diminishing with the spread of intellectual culture. It will be disappointing to these prophets of ill to learn that there were thirty thousand pilgrims during the month of January, which for the beginning of the year of Jubilee, and the bleakest month of a Roman winter, is no small number, and betokens, per contra

that the reverence of Catholics for the Holy Father is greater than ever it was. Arrivals at the rate of one thoucand per day betcken at such a season the strength of plety of Catholics of the world, and the anxiety to visit the Eternal City which is the centre of Catholic unity. It is reasonably expected that there will be half a million pilgrims in Rome before Easter. What will the prophets of the downfall of Catholicism say when they witness such a phenomenon ?

THE CHURCH AND THE COL-ORED PEOPLE.

An interesting and touching cere mony was performed in the Catholic Church for colored people in Norfolk,

ed) shall go into everlasting punishment," as that the " just shall go into gerous source. life everlasting." (St. Matt. XXV,46) Richard Rother in Germany, Dr. Edward White in England, and Dr. Hudson in America, are the principal propagators of the new doctrine, which is another illustration of

the facility with which modern Protestants invent new doctrines, according to drunkards, a peril which they certheir whims. But the puzzle is why tainly incur by using alcohol habituthese doctrine - manufacturers should not take to the Universalist doctrine at once, which teaches that all men will given great offence to the Prohibition be finally saved, whether they are just party in the United States, and ever or wicked. It would be just as easy, and much more agreeable to many, to believe this, as the new doctrine, which goes only half way.

ADVISED TO COMMIT A THEFT

Bishop Potter of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Eastern New York is in Manila, and has written letters to the United States wherein he favore the seizure of Church property in the Spanish Government, and now passes ernment of the United States. It is stated that the Presbyterians of the States generally advocate the same course. This is like what was done in England and Scotland with Church property when these two counries abolished the Catholic religion, with this difference, that a large part of the Cath to these two denominations, which be

came the national Churches. It is not very surprising to fini the same Churches advocating a similar confiscation now, though they do not expect any direct share in the spoils on the present occasion, as their Churches are not national. But we can scarcely credit that a country which boasts of its fairness to all religions will commit property in the Philippines was given to the Church definitely to enable her to do her work successfully, and she has fulfilled her mission faithfully. The proposed confiscation would be a poison and never a food, are incorrect manifest injustice.

IS ALCOHOL A FOOD?

was published by W. O. Atwater, the contention, and have recently issued Professor of Chemical Science of the Middletown Wesleyan University in the State of Massachusetts, giving the | reply to the professor. This pamphlet results of certain experiments made by him, whereby it is proved that in proved his point. It admits with the some circumstances alcohol acts as a professor that " Alcohol is exodized in real food.

The Professor's investigations were made at the desire of the Methodis; body, of which he is a member, and he conducted them undoubtedly with great care, and with the desire to discover the truth. Yet it was a great surprise to the Methodists who, in order to promote the cause of Temperance, had induced him to make his experiments, that he reached the conclusions

has made known to the public.

Christ as plainly that "these (the wick- a spring, if he can obtain the so much needed beverage from some less dan-

It is evident from what has been already said that there are other forms of food which will give all the good results which might be obtained from a small dose of alcohol, without exposing the persons who makes use of them to the danger of becoming ally, even in very small quantities, Professor Atwater's theories have since they have been published, a paper war has been going on in regard to the matter, and with such virulence that it is prognosticated by some that it will last for many years.

The most curious feature of the case is that the Professor was induced by his Methodist brethren to make his experiments in the hope that the position taken by the Prohibitionists, that alcohol is a poison, and nothing else, under all circumstances, would be sustained. It was, indeed, a case of history repeating itself. Balaam, the soothsayer of the Ammonites, was called upon by Balac, king of Mosb, to "come and curse" the people of Israel, and was to be paid well for satisfactory work, but instead of uttering curses, he gave great offence to his employer by blessing them and foretelling their prosperity and success in battle until God should bring them into the land of promise, and even down to the coming of the Messias.

Professor Atwater also maintain that truth and science compel him to the conclusions he has reached. He admits that the experiments he has made were too few and too brief to be decisive of any universal conclusion, nevertheless he asserts that, so far as he has gone, he is compelled to maintain that the results are indubitable, even if they do not prove to be applicable to such an act of spollation. The Church all constitutions. As a result of his experiments, he maintains that the temperance text books used even in the public schools, and the sermons in the pulpit which describe alcohol as a mere

scientifically. The Northfield Conference of Christian Workers have taken up the So far back as in last Jane, a report | cudge! on behalf of the Prohibitionist

a sixteen page pamphlet entitled "An Appeal to Truth," which is a formal maintains that the professor has not the body, and that the exidation furnishes some energy, but that all this occurs with other poisons, and that the facts, therefore, do not destroy the theory that alcohol is a poison and not a food." It also gives the testimony of a number of chemists, among whom

are the professors of chemistry in the University, and in Bellevue Hospital Medical School of New York city, and in the Madical School of the Northwestern University of Chicago, to show

the lynchers, who were afterward Thus it becomes a necessity to permit and to be innocent of the crimes of other than the Gregoran music, if there The Chicago Tribune has recently which they had been accused. One is to be singing at all. But if our cor. given interesting statistics regarding man had actually taken refuge in the respondent will look again at our the number of lynchings which have Governor's own office, and was saved taken place im the United States by the Governor, and afterwards that we gave no approval of such un. during the last fifteen years, from

when tried for the offence it was suitable music as he speaks of. Yet we do not coincide with the opinion proved indubitably before the court expressed by our former correspond. that he was innocent. out, whose cause has been espoused The Philadelphia Ledger. commentby Mr. Stockley, that Mozart's beautiing on the Chicago Tribune figures,

says very apity : "The practice of lynching brutalizes com-munites in which it is frequent. It retards their material progress. It drives out a de-siratle population, and prodent people will not move into such degenerate neighborhoods and settle there. Business cannot flurish outside of the protection of law-abiding com-munity." eradicted more completely from the

present generation of lynchers than at the authority of the Bishops to permit tion of capital punishment for grievous such music in their diocesan churches, crimes against society and public without meriting the charge that they morals ; but we resolutely put ourselves women and even children taking part are setting at defiance the decrees of among those who declare that it belongs to the public authority and not the Sacred Congregation which leave the matter to their discretion. It is to private individuals to punish such very true, however, that at times the crimes as they deserve. choirs may sing or play voluntaries

children of a very tender age assisted We hope the future may show that there is a real decline, and not merely an apparent one, in the abominable practice of inflicting the death penalty under mob law.

CHURCH MUSIC AND THE

To the Editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD : To the Eritor of the CATHOLIC KECORD: Sir—It would ill become me, or anyone in my position, to ask you to infringe on liberty allowed by ecclesizstical authority. I apol-ogize for having seemed to do this. The CATHOLIC RECORD says that the "Sacred Congregation forbids whatever is not suited to the exciting of pious affections, or is not becoming the House of God." And that is what so many amongst your readers humbly wish to be forbidden. or per-haps to boldly venture to ask shall be for-bidden, and in the name of the Catholic Church. fellow creatures of the human race. The number of lynchings for each successive year since 1885 is given as

Church. Is it not literally true at present that in 190 171

many places, any church, any choirmaster, any organist, can absolutely disobey the ex-pressed will of the Catholic Cnurch as to Church music ? What one fears is that such "authorities," "the through ignorance, or through bad taste, or through wildl un Catholic self as sertion, may take the words of the CATH-OLIO RECORD to justify what the Church has explicitly coudemned — music of the theatre, music of the drawing room, music mutilating the sacred text, and destructive of devotion.

Patrick's day" and "The Harp of Tara" of devotion. Lately in Canada, in Catholic 'churches, andbefore the Blessed Sacrament, have been heard the following : (a) Braga's "Seranade," which we as-contain with a young woman's love story, have been applied to the highly devotional hymns beginning : " Hail glorious Apostle." and " Bright Mother

ociate with a young woman's love story and the violin obligatos of her accomplished of our Maker, Hail :" the latter being a translation of the "Ave Maris Stella." na the viola colligatos of her accomplished viola staters in society. (b) Sullivan's "Lost Chord," that echo of reary drawing rooms. (c) Passages from Wagner's, and of course rom Websr's operas. Certainly no Irishman, at least, will regard the former as in the least de-

 (c) There's operation we have a second at the after all, we must remember that here the majority in our Catholic congregations are Irish or the children of Irish parents.

P. S. Please allow me once again to ring the words of Rome: "Only such vocal music is allowed in the Church as is of an earnest, pious character, becoming the House of the Lord and the praise of God, and being in close connection with the Sacred Text, is a means of inciting and furthering the devotion of the faithful." And what would be the honset judgment of the suffering priests and people after next Sunday's infringements of Roman law?

REMARKS BY THE EDITOR. Our esteemed correspondent has cer-

tainly misread or misunderstood what we wrote some weeks ago in reference to Church music.

Nothing in our remarks on his fel-

In a recent lecture in Chicago, Dr. Henry Austin Adams said in par "To be a citizen of the United States ject can be fairly construed into an apor a Roman Catholic is magnificent. provalof the heterogeneous programme To be both is beyond words-glorious. The time has come for the lay Catholic of love-serenades, operas, marches, etc., which he indicates above, leading American to abandon his miserable us to infer that he has heard "by apologetic condition and to stand simply in the eternal principles of chance" all the tunes which he enum. Catholic philosophy and manhood, take erates rendered in Catholic churches. up the gauntiet of bigoted criticism We do not question Mr. Stockley's and prove that a man can be a loval citizen of America and also a faithful veracity, nor do we approve of such a member of the Roman Church. Alas programme as he here lays before us ; for him or her whose social ambitions, but we must say that he has completewhose business hopes, whose political aspirations put the soft pedal on his ly mistaken our meaning, when he insinuates that our statement that the creed. To such as they would I fling this challenge. That no one can be selection of music for our Churches in in the largest, the fullest, the grandest this country may be safely left to the sense of the word-in the safest, the local ecclesiastical authorities, signifies most permanent, the widest sense - an that "" any church, any choirmaster, American citizen, unless at the same time he is a member of the one Holy any organist, can absolutely disobey Catholic and Apostolic Roman Church the expressed will of the Catholic "I have been accused of joining a Church as to Church music." 'foreign Church.' I would point to history's testimony on this point-to We do not include among "ecclesi the very discovery of America by a Catholic, under Catholic patronage ; to astical authorities" the choirmasters or organists, but we do mean the Bishops the era of colonial days, when Catholic and the priests exercising their func-Maryland alone granted unto men the tions in their respective parishes in subright to worship God in and after their jection to their Bishops, and in accordown fashion ; to the dawn of American iberty, when Catholic Carroll of Carance with the laws of the Church afrollton stood forth foremost among the fecting music as well as all other signers of the declaration of independ-Church matters. ance for the most radical expressions of It is, of course, the wish of the Roman opposition to English tyranny. De-Congregation of Rites that, as far as ed as the institutions which make America the ideal republic are the possible and convenient, the Gregorfundamental privileges which insure ian plain chant should be used in the to her citizens the right to live, the Church, but that same Congregation rights of civil and religious liberty, the has left to the Bishops a discretion in right to speak and think as they will. the matter which binds them to permit "Do Catholics believe in men's rights to live? How compares the attitude of only such music as is suitable to the their pioneer priests toward the Amer-House of God, and to the praise of the ican Indian with the treatment accorded by the reverend gentlemen of Ply-Now it is certain that in many mouth Rock and of Quaker Pennsyl-vania and their latter day descend-ants? There is not in all history a parishes it is difficult to form choirs which will or can sing effectively the more blood thirsty and horrible page of eral instances where innocent persons Gregorian chant alone, as we ex- carnage than the history had been lynched, and some when plained at length in our article to Puritans and Pilgrims in this country. persons accused had been rescued from which Mr. Stockely takes exception. "America has no dearer tradition

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remarks on the subject he will see

which are totally inappropriate and

unbecoming. This is an abuse which

should be stopped as far as possible :

but we may remark that, so far as we

are aware, it does not occur nearly so

ent would lead one to imagine. The

authority and vigilance of the Bishops

and of the parish priests, however,

will generally prevent this from hap-

pening frequently; and, on the other

hand, it must be remembered that

there may be considerable difference

of opinion in regard to the precise

limits between devotional and "dreary

drawing room " or " operatic " music

Due allowance should be made for such

difference of opinion on what is to a

considerable extent a matter of taste.

Melodies" among the shocking and

" horrible " things he has heard sung

We are aware that the tunes of "St.

gree irreligious or diabolical, and,

The latter, the exquisite music of "The

Harp of Tara," seems to us to express

admirably the devotional sentiments of

the Ave Maris Stella. At all events, we

cannot bring our hearts to condemn it

so harshly as does our correspondent, so

long as it is permitted by the " local

ecclesiastical authorities " to sing it in

our churches ; neither do we see that.

by permitting it, these authorities set

HENRY AUSTIN ADAMS.

The Noted Convert Lectures on Church

and State.

at defiance the laws of the Church.

and played in churches.

Mr. Stockely includes "Moore's

frequently as our esteemed correspond.

than the sanctity of the family, an the preservation of the family's inv bility the Roman Catholic Ch In its absol u yields to no equal. nial of the right of divorce to any -its refusal to stultify the divine mand that 'whom Ged has j together let no man put asunder has protected the family by safeg ing its corner-stone. It welcome coming comradeship of other chu in this one creed - the Episcopal Cl chief among them-and such me Father Larrabee of your city with the Pope on the question

HOLY WATER WIPES OUT SPIRITS.

vorce.'

Remarkable Occurrance Which sulted in the Conversion of a F of Six.

From the New York Herald, Februa Mrs. Cornelius Eckert and h children are now members of th man Catholic Church of the Family, in Canarsie, and that th circumstances at once astoundin mysterious, if the stories that common report in the neighborh

her home are true. It is no less than the successful ing of evil spirits by holy water members of the Salvation An spiritualist and a trance mediu ried and tailed. Manifestati these spirits were such, it is said have nearly driven the Eckert insane with fear with their rapp the doors, pounding on the floo sounds of smashing glass. Cornelius Eckert, his wife, Ali

their children have lived in the story frame house at Avenue Ninety-fourth street, Canars some time, but their lives hav anything but pleasant since the into the building on account mysterious rappings and oti canny happenings. At first the members of the far

not notice the persistency of t terious agency which was a The manifestations were con the night time and for the me took place after they had Then the ghostly bedevilmen begin, and even the beds would and shudder until the five lit would run screaming inti-parents' room, only to find Mrs. Eckert as greatly fright

FRUITLESS TRIP OF INVESTIG Night after night the whole

would troop through the disma oply to find the windows see doors locked and the furnitu was when they retired to bed to sleep. The condition of the house soon became the tal neighborhood, for the little on never remain at home when t and mother were out, and eac bor who sheitered them wh Eckert went shopping heard t of the haunted house and the

sounds. At last the mystery of it a too great for Mrs. Eskert She determined that something be done if they were to co live there or she would go fear. Some one advised members of the Salvation told of the mystery and asked the spell that covered them

pall Members of the Army of tried to soothe Mrs. Eckert songs and prayers. The no ever, did not stop, but ever more insistent and fierce. M then called in a spiritualis latter failed lamentably, trance medium. It was th his medium that almost c climax. She was a woman, and in upon entering the haunted went into a trance. Upon she said she had seen a won in white, and from her Mrs. Eckert concluded in mother, who had died when To Mrs. Eckert th child. ance of her mother was as the inysterious rappings. HOLY WATER KILLS THE Mrs. Eckert went immed this story to her neighbor, who, being a good Cath mended that Mrs. Eckert spiritual adviser for re Eckert was a Protestant, I pany with Mrs. Smith wer Rev. Thomas F. Horan, of of the Holy Family. Mrs. Smith explained t said, the deep trouble the ily was in, and he gave he water, telling them to go ed house and sprinkle i rooms. This was on Thu last, and neither Mrs. Eck Smith will ever forget the Entering the house in trembling, they paused an tering up courage, dash water about the darkene wonderful thing happene to the story told by I Wherever the water tou rose colored and brilliant, the walls and floors, so t as they had been in the da the color of the wall pa first time in months the that night without distu evil spirits had been driv PRIESTS BLESS THE The success of the tri water was told to Fath Friday night by Mrs. Sm Eskert, and preparations begun for the complete the spell. With Father the two women to the Father Patrick J. Chem pastor of the Church of tion. A visit was made to

" 1894..... " 1895..... " 1896.... " 1897.... " 1898..... 1892..... The number last year was, therefore, smaller than for any previous year of the period for which the statis tics are given ; and it is remarked that 90 per cant. of these atrocities

follows :

during 1899 occurred in the Southern States, the four which lead the list being Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, in the order in which they are here named. Of the victims, 84 were negroes, and 23 whites.

The crimes for which this punish ment was inflicted were: murder, 45 : complicity in murder, 11 ; assault, 11; arson, 6 ; robbery, 5 ; aiding crimin. als to escape, 3; inflammatory lang uage, 1; highway robbery, 1; arson and murder, 1. It thus appears that only 84 of those lynched were certain ly guilty of serious crimes. The re. maining 23 were either put to a hor rible death on mere suspicion, or from race prejudice. The charges against these were: unknown offances, 4 : sus pected assault, 6 ; bad reputation, 5 ; suspected arson, 1; while there was actually no offence even suspected in the following cases : race prejudice, 5 ; no alleged offence, 1 ; mistaken iden. tity. 1.

Such barbarities perpetrated for no real cause are sure to occur where a aviata an for law an order that mob law is allowed to prevail over the regular course of justice. One of the pleas upon which lynch. ing has been maintained to be the only resource to prevent horrible crimes, has been that the colored race are very prone to commit criminal assaults upon white women, and that in the ordinary course of law there is no assurance that they will be adequately punished for such a crime. It will be remarked that of the whole number of cases in which this crime is the reason alleged in justification of the murder committed by the mob was only 11, while 6 others were so murdered merely on suspicion, or were charged with a crime without any proof that they were really guilty of it. Thus it does not appear that there is any special prone ness to it on the part of the negro race, and the most plausible plea of the advocates of Lynch law is taken away. It is worthy of remark that Georgia stands at the front as the state in which the greatest number of lynchings has taken place. Yet so recently as 1897 Governor Atkinson of that State made a most powerful appeal in his message to the Logislature to endeavor by every means possible to discounten ance the unlawful practice of lynching, and to put an end to it by suitable legislation. No laws were actually made upon the matter, but it was hoped that a healthy public opinion might be created which would end the abominable practice. Yet Georgia still has the unenviable position of Lord. being first in the rank of the lynching States.

which it appears that the horrible practice is declining to some extent so far as the number of victims is concerned. It is to be feared, however, that though this is the case, the barful and really pious Twelfth Mass is says very aptly : barities inflicted in recent lynchings an emanation from the devil. We do have been marked by more atrocious not regard such music as Peter's and studied cruelty than formerly Mass, or Lambillotte's grand Proses indicating that feelings of humanity and church hymns worthy of a like inherent in man's nature have been sweeping condemnation, and we be-

lieve it to be quite within the limits of We by no means advocate the aboil

in heaping fuel on the fire in which an unfortunate colored victim of the lynchers was burned to death, and young girls, in whom we should expect to see the quality of tender mercy.

MUSIC OF CHURCHES.

took part in throwing missiles at, or in hacking the bodies of the sufferers. All this is certainly calculated to brutalize the rising generation and to encourage race hatred instead of cultivating in it the Christian virtues of meekness and love for God and for our

Virginia, on a recent Sunday in Feb-It is, of course, a well-settled fact ruary. A large and devout congrethat it is extremely dangerous to gation of colored people assembled bemake it a practise to use alcoholic fore the early Mass to witness and beverages in any form, and common assist at the baptism of six adult experience proves that even their use colored persons who had been prein moderation is very seductive, as paring for a long time for their recepthe persons who thus use them are tion into the Church. Among these very apt to be led on step by step was an aged man of seventy years who from their moderate to their immoderhad once been a slave, and was reate use. We must not be misunder garded as a [" powerful ; preacher!" stord on this point. We strongly among the colored Methodists. His recommend old and young, men and known plety will lead him now to bewomen to total abstinence from alcome a propagator of the true faith coholic beverages, as the only sure among his people. At Mass the six way effectually to keep off the alcohoconverts were admitted to receive their lie habit, which is so dangerous to the first Holy Communion. The singing health of body and soul, and so at Mass was congregational. In the fraught with danger in every respect. evening, the Bishop of Richmond ad-Yet it may be that Professor Atministered the holy sacrament of con. water's conclusions are correct, which firmation to fifteen children and thirty amount only to this, that on some adults, all converts, and preached in strong constitutions a very moderate structively on the same sacrament. The Catholic religion is making great progress both in Norfolk and elsewhere in the state among the colored popula energy to the body by its oxidation, tion.

ANOTHER VAGARY.

case of weaker constitutions, the The Literary Digest in a recent issame or similar effects may, perhaps, sue tells of a new fangled doctrine be produced by still smaller doses. which has been recently invented in order to meet the views of those who But all this is no valid argument will not believe in the doctrine of neverfor the use of alcohol, even for the ending punishment, yet will believe purposes indicated. that the just will have an eternal re-A lady may be very fond of a parward. The new doctrine is that im ticular flower, yet if she sees one in mortal life is given to man though our an almost inaccessible position, she redemption by Christ, and it will would be very foolish to stretch herself over the brink of a precipice in therefore be conferred on the just, who will consequently receive an eternal order to procure it ; a soldier who is

reward, whereas the wicked will eventon the verge of death on a battle. ually cease to exist. This would do field from waat of a drink of water very well if man had the making of his will not expose himself to an almost future condition in his own hands, but sure death by crossing a plain which that is not the case. It is declared by is swept by the enemy's fire, to reach brilliant efforts."

that alcohol is never a food.

Professor Atwater is still continuing his experiments on the subject, and whether his theories are confirmed or not, there is no reason why temper ance people should cease from their of forts to promote the cause of temperance. The professor's researches will, no doubt, be useful, insomuch as they will throw light upon the real operations of alcohol on the human system, but they will never make it any the less true that alcohol is a dangerous beverage which ought to be avoided by most people, even though a few might possibly use it safely in great moderation. The worst of the case is that it is always insidious, and it is always those who have most confidence in their own powers to resist the temptation to use it to excess, who fall into the trap and became drunkards. Even when Professor Atwater con-

quantity of alcoholic drink has the undes his investigations they will still nourishing effect of food, furnishes be examined critically by other scientific men, and we have no doubt that and protects the materials of the body there will still be a difference of opinfrom rapid consumption in the same ton on the subject in dispute, just as way as sugar, starch, and fat. In the there has been in the past ; but on the deleteriousness of the alcoholic habit. there can be no two opinions.

HON. CHAS. FITZPATRICK.

The O.tawa Free Press of February 21st save that the Solicitor General "is to be congratulated on his speech on the contingent fund," on the 20th. "It was," added our Ottawa contemporary, "one of the most striking and convincing speeches delivered during the debate, and the close argument and keenly pointed wit it contained shone the brighter owing to the splendid oratorical powers of the speaker. The speech recalled D'Arcy M'Gee in his most

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