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are living amongst them. The example

of bad and careless Catholics is the greatest stumbling block in their

Paterson, of the University of Edin- trust in books which are shabby and burgh, has occupied much space in the adily prints of Halifax, N. S. From a sholar of Dr. Paterson's reputation we are that Protestantism rejects the and dignity, but we were disappointed.

Dr. Paterson said in one of his lectures that Protestantism rejects the oral tradition to which Rome attaches is simply a perversion of historical One might wonder why he came across the sea to say what has been done to death in book and on platform these many years. In his lecture on the "Rule of Faith" he told his hearers that while the Roman Catholic Church is a genuine branch of the Christian Church it is a degenerate form of Christian to which is shared by others whose the sea to say what has been done to death in book and on platform these mon-Catholic observe Sunday instead of a Sabbath? There is no Scriptural basis for their practice of observing Sunday. Why do they accept the Scriptures as inspired? Why do they accept the committed by the preachers and speakers of the blood of any creature whatsoever? It is law is found in Levit. vii. 26. the sea to say what has been done to harmony with the facts? Why does the

Joseph and the control of the contro the inquiring, the devout spirit, no the inquiring, the devout spirit, no peace, no security, no home but the cloister. "The monks were lazy" because the unscrupulous controversialist of other days looked upon all things his Catholic as meet objects of ridicule and scorn. And lecturers of to day repeat A lecture delivered by Rev. Dr. the worn-out calumny because they still bitter and destitute of honor and vera-

such importance. Is this statement in

not burnt at the stake for anything to do with religion, but for formenting by his writings, with confederates of his, political turmoil and fanaticism against the authorities of Church and State in Augsburg Germany). It was done by

He had much to do with inciting the re-

As to the authorized version of the

volutionary horrors there which culmin

classes: those who were brought up in the strict discipline of some sect, and taults of the present system the laymen proposed:

"To abolish the office of district superintendent (presiding elder,) an office that has existed in American Methodism since 1784.

"To provide general superintendents (bishops) resident in the district for at least four years, and in sufficient number to enable them to come in contact with the people.

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"To give laymen seats and votes in annual conferences.

"There was some opposition to the proposed changes, but the vote was two to one in their favor. They are subject to be held in Minneapolis on May 1, 1912. In the meantime other State conferences are to pass on them.

"The vote will be submitted to the conference of clergymen, which, it is believed, they will approve.

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It is like a forest fire that burns beneath the surface, or a river that drops into a chasm and becomes subterranean.

They are frankly disgusted with Christianity as it has been presented to them; its lack of authority, its emptiness, its unpracticalness, and yet they cannot get it out of their heads that somewhere there is real Christianity. They know almost nothing about the Church, and Catholies are proverbially loath to inform them. Indeed, it requires a Catholie who knows human nature very well, especially Protestant human nature, to give them any real information.

The Rev. Kenelm Dale Roberts, who is the son of Canon Dale Roberts of St.

see that it is worth all the others put together. I want to be a Catholic." You may call this far-fetched, if you will, but I think the average priest who has see much of non-Catholics will agree with me.

However, this is not the question. It is: Are non-Catholic Americans as a class irreligious? Tired of Protestantism? Yes. Sick of cant? Yes. A bit cowardly about profession? Yes. A bit cowardly about profession? Yes. The treligious? Not a bit of it. There is more real religion and respect for the Catholic Church in the non-Catholics of any State in the Union than people imagine.—C. W. Collins in America.

A Reason Why

Not a few of our Protestant friends do not hesitate to say that they cannot anderstand why the Catholic Church is making more progress proportionately than the non-Catholic bodies. Some facts quoted by Charles Samuel Tator in an article in Success Magazine on The Mad Race for Souls" will help to give an explanation. Mr. Tator holds that the prosperity of the Catholic Church is largely due to its putting all the eggs in one basket and then when the mon-Catholic bodies, which is two and the average membership per organization is 317. For the Catholic, and the average membership per organization is 960, which is two and catholic church of sale per organization is 960, which is two and catholic church of sale per organization is 960, which is two and catholic church of sale per organization is 960, which is two and catholic church of sale per organization is 960, which is two and catholic church of sale per organization is 960, which is two and catholic church of many the fact of the sale per organization is 960, which is two and catholic church of sale per organization is 960, which is two and catholic church of sale per organization is 960, which is two and catholic church of sale per organization is 960, which is two and catholic church of sale per organization is 960, which is two and catholic church of sale per organization is 960, which is two and catholic church of sale per organization is 9 per organization is 317. For the Catholics, the average membership per organization is 969, which is two and one-fourth times the average seating capacity of the Catholic churches."

This comparison ought to make a good argument in favor of unity among the all too numerous Protestant sects.— Catholic News.

Earl Nelson, who has done so much to promote home re-union among English Protestants, has seen his wife and three sons pass over to Rome, says Scannell O'Neill. His heir, the Viscount Merton, is a devout Catholic. Earl Nelson himself seems to draw nearer the Church as he grows older, as is noticeable in his article in a recent

Earl Nelson nearer the Church as he grows order, as nearer the Church as he grows order, as is noticeable in his article in a recent is noticeable in Re-Union Magazine, in a set his which he takes occasion to set his Protestant hearers right on the atti-tude of the Catholic Church toward the reading of the Bible.