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NO CATHOLICS AMONG THE NIHILISTS.

Count Tolstoy, the new Russian Home Secretary, hates two kinds of people with all the hatred that a Tartar is capable of. These two descriptions of persons are Catholics and Poles; and considering that pretty nearly all Poles are Catholics, it stands to reason that these ten million unfortunate subjects of the Czar's come in for a double share of his Excellency's antipathy. When the Count was at the head of the Ministry of Education, Poland certainly felt the full weight of his displeasure very severely; but in his new position his likings and dislikings, as far as nationality and creed are concerned, have less bearing on his actions, and besides, he meets with numerous opportunities of satisfying himself how utterly unwarranted are his prejudices. Take the following notice which we translate from a Russian official return:

“In the months of May and June 644 persons were arrested on the charge of conspiracy against the Sovereign and against the welfare of the State. Among these 644 persons, all classes, professions and sexes are represented; but not a Catholic nor a Pole is to be found among them.”

We have repeatedly directed attention to the fact that the Catholics, and as a consequence, the Poles, are the most loyal of the Czar's subjects; and the burdens of Count Tolstoy's office would be immensely lightened if the Catholic faith were to become the faith of all the people of Russia. That would be the end of Nihilism.—London Universe.