

not suffer them to be outdone by the zeal and dexterity of those who labor to propagate the domination of the prince of darkness.

In this hope, praying God to be propitious to the pious enterprises of Christian nations, we grant you most affectionately in the Lord as a testimony of our special good will, the apostolic benediction, to you, Venerable Brothers, to the clergy and people confided to your charge.

Given at Rome, near St-Peter's, the 3rd December 1880, the third year of our pontificate.

LEON XIII, POPE.

WHY I BECAME A CATHOLIC.

Rev. John S. Siebold, an Episcopalian minister, formerly rector of St. Mark's Church, Newark, N. J., was recently admitted into the one true fold of Christ. The reporter of a daily paper called upon him for the purpose of learning the causes which led him to abandon a ministerial office with a large salary and an easy life in order to become a plain layman in a church not considered *bon-tonish* by the elite of the society he had left. We copy the following conversation which will explain itself:

"Mr. Siebold, will you please give me your reasons for

"EMBRACING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?"

"Yes. I have been a Protestant clergyman of the 'high church' order for twelve years. The first thing which drove me into the Catholic Church was the continual discord in the churches and the dissensions even among the rulers of the Protestant churches."