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St. Louis.—*An interesting Controversy*—Father Walsh, a Roman priest, recently attacked the Rev. Dr. Holland, rector of St. George's Church, St. Louis, in a local newspaper, accusing him of uttering "an atrocious falsehood," of being "vile and reckless," etc. In the St. Louis *Globe Democrat* we find a rejoinder from Dr. Holland, which is as complete in its way as anything we ever saw. It ranks with Bishop Coxe's famous demolition of the fortress of Jesuitical inconsistencies, in which "the Bishop of Buffalo" (*soi disant*) intrenched himself a few years ago, and from which he fired his little paper bullets at Bishop Coxe and the Church with such a huge noise.

Dr. Holland evidently knows the ground he walks upon very thoroughly. When he made his assertion that "the Roman Catholic Church holds that all marriages in Christian countries, not performed by its own priests, are invalid," he knew precisely what he was saying. And it was an unfortunate thing for Father Walsh that he ventured to call Dr. Holland bad names. Out of the mouths of popes and cardinals, priests and councils, the doctor brings the very assertion he himself made, and poor Father Walsh is buried out of sight.

It is of the greatest importance that our Western clergy should have the requisite training for meeting—not provoking—such wanton attacks of the Jesuits. Dr. Holland has just shown us the advantage of such training.—*Western Church*.

THE Bishop of Manchester. in a speech just made after the conse-

cration of a new church, said that he had consecrated eighty one churches in nine years, or nine a year, and the one consecrated that morning made the eighty-second. He had ordained 313 clergy, and had confirmed 97,400 persons.

SO-CALLED REASONS FOR NOT GOING TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY.

1. No other day to myse'f but Sunday.
2. Mean to have a walk in the country or take a trip to the seashore.
3. No fresh air but on Sundays.
4. Caught cold at the theatre last night, intend nursing myself to-day.
5. Do not like the liturgy; always praying for the same.
6. Do not like long prayers.
7. Do not like the organ; too noisy.
8. Do not like vocal music; makes one sad.
9. The music is too scientific.
10. The music is too plain and simple.
11. No satisfaction in an extemporaneous sermon; too frothy.
12. Dislike a written sermon; too prosy and elaborate.
13. Nobody to-day but the rector; shall wait for the bishop.
14. A strange clergyman to-day; always have too much to say.
15. It is too hot for service to-day.
16. It is raining too hard, and too cool.
17. The church is comfortless, I am not able to go.
18. The church is too much