DR. ERNEST LIEBER.

Dr. Ernest Lieber, the leader of the

Centre or Catholic party in the Ger-

man Reichstag, died at his home in Ber

lin on Monday, March 31, at the age of

sixty-four years. His loss will be

greatly felt by the Catholics of the Em-

pire, and especially by the members of

the Centre party in the Reichstag,

who were associated with him in battl-

The Centre party was founded by the

late Dr. Windthorst at the time when

Otto Von Bismarck, afterwards Prince

Bismarck, commenced his war on the

Catholic Church, which was soon after

the unification of Germany under the

Emperor William I. Under Wind-

thorst's leadership the party soon be-

came the most powerful combination in

to retrace his anti-Catholic policy.

When Herr Windthorst died

nembers of the Centrum looked upon

Dr. Lieber as the most suitable person

to take his place, as he was well known

as one who would be ruled in his politi-

cal life by his strong sense of justice

and right, as he was in his private con

It has been said of him that he

never stooped, as so many politicians

do, to political trickery to gain the

support of an antagonist. He had but

one course, which was that of straight-

forward and upright dealing. Under

his leadership, the Catholic party con-

Reichstag as the party of honesty and

uprightness, and to retain the good-will

and respect of the Emperor, and of the

In his early life Dr. Lieber acquired

eminence us an honorable lawyer who

would not defend the cause of injustice.

and in politics he was animated by the

In 1898 Dr. Lieber visited America,

and was for some time the guest of Arch-

bishop Katzer, of Milwaukee. While

in that city he won golden opinions by

his candor and geniality. On one occa-

sion in a short address he spoke of the

from an humble position to one of influ-

ence and power. It had attained this

success, he said, by unity of purpose,

and it was their intention to persevere in

union, and by union to accomplish the

Reichstag itself.

same principle of action.

ing for the equal rights of Catholics.

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Blessing you, and wishing you success.

Believe me, to remain.

leve me, to remain,
Yours faithfully in Jesus Christ.
† D. FALCONIO, Arch. of Larissa
Apost. Deleg.

London, Saturday April 26, 1902

THE ACCESSION OATH.

Notwithstanding the vigorous pro tests made by the Protestant Alliance of England and the Grand Orange Lodges of Canada against any change in the Accession oath of the king, the change desired by Catholies is likely to be made shore

The Catholic Peers at a recent meeting decided to defer any agitation or movement towards having the oath repealed or changed, as they do not deem it advisable to press the matter just before the coronation ceremonies, as the controversy which would certainly arise would cause a disagreeableness at a time when a polemical armistice is very desirable. But the very fact that they have deferred action is an evidence that they will not hesitate to take the matter up at a more appropriate moment, no matter what controversy may be excited by the fact. At the present moment, however, there is no object in pressing the matter strongly, as King Edward has already taken the oath, and it will therefore not be necessary for him to take it at the coronation. We deem the resolution taken by the Peers to be the best course which it was possible to adopt; but when the proper time arrives no consideration of etiquette or squeamishness should be allowed to interfere with Catholics seeking for the change which justice, reason and religion unite in demanding.

But even though Lord Salisbury solemnly declared that there will be no change made just now in the matter, as Cathelies were not content with the alteration proposed by the Government, it is an open secret that a change is really contemplated which will be thoroughly satisfactory to Catholics.

The Orange Lodges and the Protestant Alliance will count for just what they are worth when a matter so weighty is being considered, and that is nothing at all. They may bay the oon, but the moon will go on shining for all that.

There is good reason to believe that King Edward took the accession oath very unwillingly, and that the Prince of Wales is determined never to take it. At all events we are assured that it has been agreed by members of the Government to make the desirable change during the next session of Par-

As an excuse for delaying the change it has been said that Catholics object to the Protestant succession, and that the people of England will never consent to the abolition of the present guarantees that the Protestant succession will be kept up.

We do not disguise the fact that the oath which excludes Catholics from the throne is objectionable, but for this point Catholics care but little; but they do care for being wantonly insulted as they are by the present infamous and blasphemous oath, and we must agitate at the proper time to have it repealed, no matter what controversy may arise out of such agitation. Fiat justitia, ruat coelum. Be justice done, though the skies be thereby demolished.

An excuse is found for changing the oath, in the fact that the King is now to be styled "Emperor of India, and Sovereign Lord of the British dominions beyond the Seas." But no doubt the real motive which influences the Government to make the change is the deep dissatisfaction which has been felt and making wonderful progress in the Gerexpressed by Catholics throughout the Empire. The Government cannot keep up a permanent insult against twelve these made 2,000 converts to their faith. million loval subjects to please the but the converts were gained exclusively bigots whose occasional outbreaks ex- from the Protestants and in the Protestcite only laughter in the community.

The bigots will ramp and rage for a to thinking that there must be a want few weeks after the repeal of the insult- of solidity in the Protestant principle ing clause of the oath; but they must of private judgment, if such be the rethen make a virtue of the necessities of sult of belief therein.

the case and soon subside into a state of seeming satisfaction.

The form of oath which it is proposed to adopt is that which was employed at the coronation of William and Mary, whereby the next King will swear

" To maintain the laws of God, the real profession of the Gospel, and the Protestant reformed religion established

by law." SPIRITISTIC DECEPTIONS.

Camille Flammarion, the distinguished astronomer, has had the honesty to declare that he was deceived by the tricks of the spiritualists into adopting their faith, which he now definitely renounces. Cazaneuve, the sleight of hand performer, to whom Flammarion subjected the spirtualistic phenomena which most perplexed him and caused him to be become a believer in the system, duplicated all perfectly, and left the astronomer no alternative but to acknowledge that the wonders which had impressed him so strongly for years were deceptions which skilful jugglers can readily perform. Hence, as an honest man, M. Flammarion has felt himself under the obligation to give up spiritism entirely.

SWINDLING SCHEMES.

We desire to draw the attention of the Attorney General's Department to the following extract from the Detroit News. Almost every day we hear of swindling operations being carried on by persons doing business in this province. Their mode of procedure is very much akin to that related in the article appended. Time and again this matter has been brought to the notice of the officers of the Crown, but innocent people who have been defrauded of their money are told that they must lay an information, procure witnesses, etc. They decline to do this, however, as they consider that it would be better for them to lose their money than to waste their time in the work of hunting down such rascals. We knew of many cases last fall where farmers had been deliberately swindled out of their produce by so-called commission merchants. Their method of acting was as follows: Some fellow who will call himself say, for example, John Smith & Co.. will rent a room and advertise as "Commission Merchants." He will quote

objects for which it was organized. high prices for all sorts of produce : in We have not learned as yet who will fact, his quotations will be very much succeed Dr. Lieber in the Catholic higher than those prevailing in the leadership, but we have no doubt a man open market. On this account farmers will be selected who will carry to a sucare only too ready to patronize him. cessful issue the principles which have After the sale, when the farmer calls been the basis of Dr. Windthorst's and for his money, one excuse or another is Dr. Lieber's policies. given for the postponement of payment until the end of the season. Then "John Smith & Co." cannot be found. The swindler moves to another town

by methods such as this. The postoffice

that the amount of money they receive

from their dupes throughout the coun-

ment in Toronto should set its agents

tune out of the credulity of many of our

A word to our subscribers :- Do not

done, write to the parties to whom they

refer you, as it has sometimes happened

way without their knowledge or con-

Battle Creek, Mich., April 14 -Robert H.

MORMON CONVERTS.

The Mormons have recently been

man Empire. They had 125 missionar-

ies in the field, and during the past year

ant States. This has set the Germans

people.

We pray that the soul of the deceased leader may rest in peace.

and begins operations under a new CEYLON. name. We know of men who not only make a living, but are becoming rich

The progress of the Catholic Church in Hindostan and Ceylon is eminently authorities know of them, and can testify satisfactory, according to the Indian Catholic Directory for 1902, published in Madras. The Catholic population try is simply enormous. It seems to us (excluding Burmah) is now 2, 235,934. that the Attorney General's depart- The spiritual wants of these Catholics are attended to by 848 European and to work on this matter. There surely 1.172 native priests. There are also must be some way of dealing with these 2,905 primary Catholic schools with men. Probably if they sent some of our 169,304 children in daily attendance. Ontario detectives to Michigan they Orphanages and colleges are not incould obtain such information as would | cluded in this return, but it includes enable them to arrest and convict dis- the island of Ceylon with continental honest persons who are making a for- India.

MORE ANARCHISTIC OUTRAGES.

send money to any one unless they furscarcely needs to be proved by any exnish you with references. When this is amples beyond those which have already come to the knowledge of the whole world over and over again down to the that names of good men are sent in this date of President McKinley's cruel Persian cities large numbers of Armen- Jesus was no more than the "noblest mercifully dealt with by the victorious taking off by the hand of Czolgosz last Battle Creek, Mich., April 14—Robert H.
Layton, manager of the World's Art Co., of
this city, was quietly arrested by United States
Marshal Haycen, of Jackson, on complaint of
P. O. Inspector Larmour, and secretly
arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Hopkins
in this city, charged with fraudulent use of
the mails. He waived examination and was
held to the next term of the United States
court at Detroit, and gave bail in \$500, and left
town immediately. Layton, its from South
Bend, where he has wealthy parents. The
establishment here was a branch of the South
Bend concern run by Frank S. Winslow. The
World's Art Co., advertised for "home work
ers "to finish portraits in crayon. Persons
who applied were to receive from 50 cents to
\$1.50 a piece. Circular letters very elaborately
gotten up assure the recipient that any one
with intelligence can do the work. In order
to be given this work, it was necessary for the
parties to purchase an outfit, for which they
must pay \$2.50. They must then complete a
picture to the "satisfaction" of the cempany
before work will be given, and the complete
picture sent to the company. This must be
accommander sach time by \$5 cents for who are known as Anarchists should be instruction. chronicled in order that the public may be nut upon their guard against the noxious principles which these enemies pudent boldness.

cently the scene of some new outrages case being briefly as follows:

A German Lutheran minister of that before work will be given, and the completed picture sent to the company. This must be accompanied each time by 25 cents for examination and correction fee. Pictures never reached the perfection which warranted sending work, and a victim. tired out by the sending of pictures, accompanied by the 25 cents, finally complained to the post-cifice department. There were scores of them. The office here has been closed. bitterly persecuted.

On Nov. 28th last his son Ivan disappeared suddenly, and nothing could be discovered concerning his whereabouts until the father received a letter threatening his life; and it was stated therein that " his son is in hell, whither the father also will soon be sent to keep him company."

Some weeks ago his little daughter was met on the street by a man who en- administered by the Anglican clergy deavored to induce her to go with him who have not the Apostolic ordination into a house which was near by. There to authorize them to dispense "the upon the little one began to cry, there- mysteries of Christ."

by attracting the attention of the passers-by, and causing the young man to hurry away through fright lest he

might be discovered and punished. On March 31st Mr. Houst heard the noise of several persons' footsteps in his porch, and he went out to discover the cause. He was immediately struck on the head with some heavy instrument, and thrown prostrate to the ground.

One of his assailants knelt upon his chest, and with one hand shoved into his mouth a cloth to prevent him from crying out, and with the other hand plunged a knife into his chest, inflicting a dangerous wound. Mr. Houst was discovered by his wife lying unconscious in this condition, and a physician was called to dress the wound. It is hoped that the minister will recover, the Reichstag, and compelled Bismarck but it is too evident that his murder was intended.

It is surely high time that steps should be taken to suppress the Anarchistic societies which apparently infest New Jersey more than any other state.

The New York Legislature has passed an act which it is to be hoped will keep the Anarchists out of that state, and Ohio has enacted a similar law. We trust that New Jersey and other states will follow these examples with as little delay as possible so that the nestilent Anarchical organizations may not have a hole in which to hide themselves.

tinued to hold its pre-eminence in the ZOLA'S WORKS IN AUSTRALIA

The books of the indecent novelwriter Emile Zola are appreciated in Melbourne at their value. The Supreme Court has decided that certain of his works come within the meaning of the act ordering the destruction of indecent literature, and now when a cor signment of these works arrives from London or Paris, they are seized at Melbourne and taken to the Custom house vard, where they are piled up and set on fire. There have been recently several of these bonfires. The process, simple as it is, has effectually stopped the circulation of Zola's works in the Centre party, stating that it had risen colony. Why not treat them similarly in Canada?

> ANGLICANS AND ARMENIAN GREGORIANS.

At the consecration of Bishop Gore. which took place recently in London, the Armenian Schismatical Archpriest who officiates in that city for his country. men, the Gregorian Armenians, received the communion. It is the first time for a prominent priest of any of the Eastern Schismatical Churches to acknowledge either openly or tacitly the validity of Anglican orders, and the Anglican press of England seem CATHOLICITY IN INDIA AND to be very much delighted over the fact. It is rather a poor consolation, however, for the Anglicans to receive this recognition, in the face of the fact that the Holy Father Pope Leo XIII. has solemnly pronounced after a full investigation that Anglican orders are invalid. The indirect or tacit admission of a solitary schismatical priest will have little weight as against the solemn decree of the head of the Catholic Church.

Nothwithstanding this apparent gravi-The unmitigated savagery of Anarchy become Catholics in great numbers true God of one substance with the lish party, laboring under the remem-September : yet it is but right that new have instituted Catholic schools to is practically what Zion's Herald re- fair field for the operation of unreoutrages by the fiends in human form which their children are being sent for commends. That paper first says strained oppression whether by legis-

parts of Asia Minor there is also a we think, assumes to be, is inadequate, strong tide of members of the Greek unsafe and misleading." of the human race propagate with im- Orthodox Church towards Catholicity. diately after making so damaging a A petition signed by thirty members of statement, we are told that Mr. and historian who lived while these Elizabeth, New Jersey, has been rethat Church was sent to the Pope ask- Griggs has before him "a brilliant acts of injustice were being still pering for priests of the Catholic Greek rite | and remarkable career," and that they | petrated, wrote the results of which he quite as diabolical as any of those which to be sent to them to instruct them and who listen to him "with open ears, preceded it, the circumstances of the their children in the Catholic faith, and with calm and unshaken trust in and in the petition special mention was the great fundamentals of Christian made of the fact that that all the east- truth," will find the apostle of the town, by name the Rev. Dr. Houst, ern churches which are separated from New Humanism "one of the most stimsome time ago preached a strong sermon | the Apostolic Roman See have wandered | ulating teachers before the public toagainst Anarchy, which gave mortal of- away from the original faith of the day." fence to the employees of the Singer Church, and now deny some one or other Would it be possible more clearly Sewing Machine Works, most of whom, of the truths taught by Christ to His than in these words to recommend it appears, are Anarchists. As a re- Apostles. They declare that thus the Christians to learn Christianity from sult, the Kev. Mr. Houst has been Oriental Churches have wandered from the lips of a teacher who ignores the the way of salvation, but they wish to most fundamental doctrine of the return to the one fold, and for this Christian religion!? How different reason ask for priests to minister to is this advice from the admonition their spiritual wants.

The action of the Gregorian Armenian priest in London will certainly not mark them who cause dissensions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ionists in Armenia, who have always re-(Rom. xvi, 17.) pudiated the Protestant reformation. and who deny the validity of sacraments

AMONG PROTESTANTS.

The extent to which indifferentism to the specific teachings of Christianity duced a month ago into the House of has spread among the Protestant sects Commons by the Hon. George Wynd. of this continent, and especially in the ham, the secretary for Ireland, is said to United States, is illustrated by are cent have for its object to better the condieditorial article which appeared in tion of the tenantry to a degree hitherto Zion's Herald, of Boston, the most not contemplated by any bills of similar prominent Methodist Episcopal organ in the East.

The article in question was a comment upon a series of lectures recently | izes the Land Commission to take over delivered by Professor Edward H. the whole or any part of an estate Griggs in Tremont Temple before, vast whose owner is willing to sell. The audiences, the auditorium of that city, commission will then resell to the tenwhich has an immense capacity, being ants if three quarters of them agree, crowded to its fullest extent on the The landlord may himself repurchase closing lecture hundreds were unable to obtain entrance to the building.

The fact that in that city, which was at one time the centre of rigid Puritanism, such audiences could be got together to listen to a lecturer on religion whose orthodoxy is of very dubious character, is of itself sufficient to show the decadence of faith; but that Zion's Herald, a most decided organ of - socalled Evangelicalism, should publish words of praise of the lecturer's matter, thus unmistakably encouraging its readers to adopt his views, points still more strongly to the same conclusion.

Mr. E. Griggs was formerly the professor of English literature in Stanford erally. Nothing less than the compul-University, but he now devotes himself to lecturing chiefly on a species of religion which he has invented, or perhaps we should rather say resuscitated, and which he calls "the New Humanism," of which he is the zealous Apostle.

This religion, if we can so call it, is admittedly of the Unitarian type, and so states the Herald: vet when the professor is asked to state his view re garding the person and work of Christ on earth, he evades a direct answer, and speaks of Our Lord as "the best and noblest man that ever lived," leaving His divinity always in the background. It is for this reason that Zion's Herald says:

"That Professor Griggs holds what is known as the Unitarian view of Jesus Christ rather than the Evangelical, is apparent to the critical hearer, and that his course of lectures has been a great makeweight for the opinions and philosophy of that school of thinkers is qually clear. This is the missing note of his message.'

Hence, also, we are told that Mr. Griggs "freely concedes that Jesus was the consummate fruitage of humanity; but while saying this he carefully avoids "defining his views of Jesus as touching His supernatural claims and mission. This is just what the Arians did of

old. They were willing to speak of bad enough, but they were made uni-Christ as the most perfect of men, and versally burdensome by confiscations even as the Son of God; but, when their for political reasons, namely, partly bemeaning was probed, it was found that cause the people of Ireland in the they meant by this no more than what reign of the Stuarts adhered to the the Apostles meant when they said to cause of their lawful kings, Charles their converts, that they were "the I. and II., James II. and his lawful children of God," that is to say, that heirs according to the Constitution of they were truly followers of Christ, ser- the three kingdoms. vers of God sanctified by God's grace.

"consubstantial" were left out. They claimed the throne, at least down to tation of a single Gregorian priest to- were willing to call Him "like to the the accession of George I. in 1714. Why wards Anglicanism, it remains an indis- Father" in the sense that God made were not these impoverished by being putable fact that among the schismatics | man to His own image and likeness; | deprived of their estates equally with of Asia Minor, Persia and Armenia, but the Fathers of the great Council the Irish who had remained faithful to there is a very strong movement to- were determined upon a description of the constitutional line of monarchs? ward reunion with the Catholic Church. Jesus which would make their meaning It is evident that it was felt that to In Tauris, a city of Persia as large as unmistakable, and so they used the treat the English as the Irish were Teheran, the Armenian Gregorians have word which would show that Jesus is treated would have made a large Engduring the last two years, following the Father. They would never have re- brance of such oppression more disloyal example given them by their Vicar- commended true believers to listen and discontented with the new regime General in that same city, who two to the poisonous teachings of any than they would otherwise be, and they years ago became a Catholic. In other Arain lecturer who might assert that were, therefore, comparatively speaking ians have also become Catholics, and and most perfect of men." Yet this Whigs. But Ireland was considered a that Mr. Griggs "as a religious teach- lation or tyrannical administration, and In Cresarea of Cappadocia and other er, as he sometimes, unintentionally so under every successive Protestant Yet imme-

> given by St. Paul to the Romans : "Now I beseech you, brethren, to

Form the resolution, not only to be lieve in all exalted principles, but to be thyself the living expression of truth in all thy words and actions.

you have learned, and avoid them.'

THE DECADENCE OF FAITH THE NEW LAND BILL AND IRE-LAND'S CASE.

> The Irish land bil' which was introscope which have been passed by the Imperial Parliament.

The main provision of the bill author. occasion of each address; while at the from the commission part of his estate. not to exceed one fifth of the total area, in case he desires to continue to reside on the estate.

The bill provides for funds that will enable purchases to be made on a vastly larger scale than was ever before contemplated.

It cannot be denied that such a bill becoming law would improve to a considerable extent the condition of the people, if the opportunities of purchase were general, but as it will be observed that sales are altogether at the option of the landlords, it is not to be ex pected that the bill will afford any substantial relief to the tenantry gen sory sale of estates owned by absentee landlords, and by those who have during a recent period considerably increased the value of their property by robbing the tenants of their hard earnings, will be of substantial benefit to the great bulk of the people; but if an opportunity were afforded to the tenantry in general to become proprietors there is no doubt their condition would be vastly improved.

But here it may be asked, on what ground could the rights of the landlords to their estates be entrenched upon by enforced sales. To this we answer that for three hundred years the bulk of the people were impoverished by the confiscation of their property, without consideration of their natural right to the soil. We cannot conceive that any justification can be offered for such a general impoverishment of the people.

We do not speak here merely of the disabilities and confiscations which were inflicted upon the people on account of their religion, and of the wholesale robbery of the churches and monasteries which took place during the entire period which covered the reigns of Henry VIII., Edward VI. and Elizaboth. These confiscations, which brought poverty upon the people who were before happy and prosperous, were,

There was a legitimate Royalist party The Arians were satisfied even to in England during the reigns of thes accept the Nicene Creed if the word monarchs and their successors who

reign there were new penal laws and new confiscations of property.

Leland, a Presbyterian theologian was an eye-witness, saying:

"Under these laws, the miseries which the wretched Irish endured were affecting even to their enemies.
Thousands perished by famine, and the hideous resources sought for allaying the rage of hunger were terrible than even such a calamity.

It was by these means that the Irish people as a whole were impoverished, and destitution was entailed upon them by the still more cruelly devised system of absentee landlordism, rackrents, wholesale evictions and overtaxation which still prevail to an extent which is a standing disgrace to a civilized, not to say the Christian community which has inflicted it.

We do not say that the individuals who have been enriched by such means should be now entirely despoiled and impoverished in turn; but the British Government which perpetrated the injustice is certainly bound to repair the injury by more drastic measures than have as yet been attempted with the object of maki prosperous as it the sixteenth c It needs no fu land has been, a the single fac parts of the prospering an al to the Bri still being de population was day it is only any wonder, t should be disco state of affairs There can be the people are to the soil to w them, and till

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