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STUDENTS' SONG

With songs divine Come breathe the bowl, And drink the sparkling measure...

I have announced that I would answer to-night the popular objection against the Catholic Church.

Now, I will commence with one of the leading objections against our holy faith, and that is, that Catholics are not allowed to read the Bible.

Then again it is stated that the Catholic Church is opposed to education. What? Catholicism opposed to education?

rise up against the Protestants, or Protestants against Catholics. In spite of all these precautions of the King of France, 654 persons were put to death between the 23d of August and the 3d day of October, but that was against the order and proclamation of the King.

Now, what all of this? It was simply to punish the conspirators, which he had the right to do, because he knew that these conspirators were going to attempt his life and the lives of his family.

Others, again, have said there were 30,000, and some even have raised the number to 100,000; but the real history of the fact is that 654 lost their lives in consequence of this conspiracy against the King.

Now, then, I will pass to another fallacy which the Protestants promulgate, and that is in regard to the Inquisition. They say, "Was not that institution to promulgate the Catholic Church and crush out Protestantism?"

told there are bad men in the Catholic Church. I would respectfully suggest that, if only the guiltless Protestants are allowed to cast stones, there will not be many hurt.

The Father then closed with this tribute to the young communicants of St. Xavier's Church: I was very much delighted this morning at the 7 o'clock Mass.

His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of New York delivered himself of a great and impressive truth on Saturday last when he suggested that the saving of human lives, imperiled by existing distress and an impending famine, was before and beyond any sentimental effort at political amelioration.

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Jottings of the Times. Skilled artisans who may meditate emigration to Australia ought to know that there are thousands of their class out of work in the Australian cities.

We have now the Zulu version of the killing of Prince Louis Napoleon, and, just as we expected, there were only eight savages in the party that attacked Carey's troop.

What the Empress Eugenie went through France by permission of the president, to attend the deathbed of her mother, the Countess de Montijo; but before she could reach her destination the Countess passed away.

The London correspondent of a Liverpool daily contemporary, in a recent letter, told his readers that the tower of Cologne Cathedral will be the highest in the world.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF THE VICEROY OF INDIA.

A Native Fires Twice at Lord Lytton without effect—The Criminal is Arrested—The Queen Congratulates the Viceroy on His Escape.

CALCUTTA, December 13.—Intense excitement was created here this afternoon by the attempted assassination of the Viceroy, Lord Lytton. His Lordship had just returned to this city by railway from the frontier, and was met and welcomed at the station by a large gathering of his friends.

Great efforts are being made to secure for the memorial to the late Cardinal Cullen the form of a national cathedral in Dublin, equal to the mediæval structures in England or on the Continent.

AFGHANISTAN AFFAIRS.

The Truth Leaking Out—Gravity of the Situation.

LONDON, December 15.—A despatch from Cabul says the discovery of papers at Cabul, exposing Russian intrigues in Afghanistan, is confirmed.

NEW YORK, December 14.—The Tribune's London special says the gravity of the Cabul news arouses military and political apprehensions that, owing to rigid censorship, the whole truth is unknown.

General Roberts telegraphs from Cabul on the 13th instant that the enemy have been defeated on all sides, but notwithstanding their heavy losses, parties of Afghans still remain in the neighborhood.

POPULAR OBJECTIONS TO THE CHURCH.

Father Damien's Lecture at St. Francis Xavier's, Sunday, 30th November 1879.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. Blessed are you, when men shall revile and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake.

It is computed by historians that during the first 300 years of the existence of the Catholic Church 20,000,000 people died as martyrs for the holy Catholic faith; and when Constantine the Great was converted, and became the first Christian Emperor, there was granted the people the right to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience.

There is a fearful persecution, as you all know, going on against the Church in Prussia, Switzerland, Italy, South America and Mexico. In the latter country it is not pagans, infidels or Protestants that are persecuting the Church, but it is secret societies, which is more particularly the case in Mexico, where, not long ago, three hundred Sisters of Charity were banished from the land.

NOT A PERSECUTING RELIGION.

And that is another idea the Protestants have which is erroneous. The Catholic Church abhors persecution for conscience sake, and she never tries to force people into her ranks. She works hard to convince the people of the error of their heresies, but she does it by reasoning and arguments, not by the sword.

But, say the Protestants, "what will become of us if the Catholic becomes the leading religion in the country?" Why, nothing at all. Don't be anxious. You will then be just as free as now, and just as happy—and, perhaps, happier than now, for the Catholic religion is

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These secret societies are now the strong enemies of the Church, and are doing all the mischief against it in Italy, Switzerland and South America. Hence, the prophecy of the blessed Saviour has been fulfilled, and even in this country, where we have at least, from the Government, freedom of religion and conscience, the prophecy of the blessed Saviour is fulfilled, for here we are calumniated, misrepresented and slandered, and doctrines attributed to us which in reality we abhor.

AGAINST REPUBLICAN INSTITUTIONS.

The church is said to be opposed to republicanism. This is false. The republics of Venice, Genoa, Florence, Switzerland and the American republics (except our own), all of them were established by Roman Catholics. And this republic, probably, owes its existence to the timely aid in the life-struggle furnished by Catholic France. But we are

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HANLAN'S FUTURE.

The Australian Match.

TORONTO, December 12.—Trickett still declines to allow Hanlan anything for expenses, but is willing to row him for \$10,000. An Australian gentleman paid \$55 for a Cable message to Hanlan and never received an answer, either by wire or post.

Hanlan's course in giving Courtney another chance is not favourably viewed by his friends here, who think he is a fool to waste more time over the Union Springs man.

CATHOLIC COLONIZATION.

We have received a number of very interesting and instructive pamphlets from the Catholic Colonization Bureau of St. Paul, Minnesota. This society is under the auspices of Bishop Ireland, a man who has done so much for Irish Catholic colonization and the secretary is the brilliant Irish literature, Dillon O'Brien.