

POPULAR PROTESTANT CONTROL

Sacred Heart Review. XIII.

The title, "Romanism and the Republic," we are informed, is borrowed from M. Bouland. As this gentleman has since returned to the Catholic Church, the title is under obligations to Mr. Lansing for having adopted it.

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They will tell us, however, that all the repressive legislation which they propose is a mere nothing compared with the cruelties of the Middle Ages.

procedure as compared with the harshness of medieval, is not a specific peculiarity or result of Protestantism, or of ethical difference, though by no means trifling, has been essentially less.

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It is true, the Popes, for several generations, until fairly wearied out by the slow persistence of the Spanish tribunal, kept up incessant volleys of complaints against the harshness of its methods.

However, farther on we shall have ample opportunity to consider some of Liorente's astounding transformations of facts, in very superfluous disparagement of the Inquisition, and then some of Mr. Lansing's astounding transformations of Liorente.

did, and no longer applaud assassination, as Beza and Knox and Melancthon did, and no longer preach mocking sermons to a man writhing in the flames, as Hugh Latimer did, and no longer burn decrepit old women in tar barrels, as Scottish Presbyterians did down to 1715?

THE INCOMPETENCY OF SCIENCE.

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always subject to amendment or contradiction by further investigation. The dictum of such a teacher is, of course, unreliable, incompetent, unfit to be advanced as a test of the truth or fallacy of anything in any order of existence.

Some one may be brash enough to claim that science has not contradicted itself. This brings us to the cause that led to the above line of reflection.

But now comes the announcement from London that Professor Ramsay has discovered that besides oxygen, nitrogen and carbonic acid there are four other elements in the air, namely, argon, crypton, neon and metargon.

Again, science used to teach that the world was a sphere, then that it was a spheroid, then that it was a prolate spheroid, then that it was an oblate spheroid.

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