

among the leaders of Protestantism has much to do with the growing indifference of the common people.

The Orange Sentinel says editorially in speaking of the Catholic Doctrine of Purgatory. "The pathos of the whole question lies in the fact that the people are taught that those who are nearest and dearest to them may be suffering in purgatory because a sufficient number of masses are not being said for them on earth. Under the pressure of this belief they pay vast sums in the aggregate for a service that in the opinion of Protestants is absolutely useless for any other purpose than the maintenance of the clerics." It is rather startling that Catholics should dare to do anything of this kind without the sanction of their Protestant neighbors. It really is too bad that the Sentinel should not be the censor of Catholic works and Catholic beliefs. Perhaps it would be surprising to the Sentinel to know that many Protestants do believe in the existence of Purgatory and that a Presbyterian minister had the temerity not long ago to state from a Canadian Presbyterian pulpit that it was his firm belief that such a place is in existence. Moreover, many of his hearers came out after listening to his statements and declared that they thought he was right in his contention. He was not a "Jesuit in disguise" either. In any case, the belief of Protestants or the assertion of the Sentinel will not make a truth untrue, nor will it effect the fact that Purgatory exists, nor that the Catholic Doctrine of the Communion of Saints is one that is as true as that God is in Heaven, it will not destroy the efficacy of the Mass either.

Canadian Pilgrims Receive an Audience.

THE POPE MOVED TO TRANS. Four priests of the Ottawa diocese were among the Canadian pilgrims who were recently granted an audience by Pope Leo in Rome, Italy. The priests are Rev. Father A. A. Labelle, of Aylmer; Rev. Father J. Sloan, of Falloufield; Rev. Father J. Routhier, of Masson, and Rev. Father P. Montour, of St. Philippe. All are home from the trip to Europe. Rev. Father Labelle, of Aylmer, in conversation stated that the audience which the Pope granted the Canadians was certainly a most special favor. "On our arrival in Rome in the morning," said Rev. Father Labelle, "our desire to have an audience was in due course laid before Cardinal Satolli. The Cardinal spoke to the Pope about the matter. The Holy Father asked who were the pilgrims and how many in number. "Seventy-two Canadians are worth more than one hundred thousand Neapolitans," said His Holiness. "Let them come." The audience was accordingly granted," continued Father Labelle, "and in spite of the doctor's advice for, at the time the Pope was very feeble. The Pope did for us what he would not do for many others. We Canadians were accompanied by a party of Brazilian pilgrims of about the same number as ourselves. The Pope, on coming into the audience chamber was bowed in a cordial manner by four persons. Ordinarily the Holy Father blesses the people who kneel before him but on this occasion he went from one of the pilgrims to another, who were one by one presented by name. The Pope shook hands with each, caressingly laid his hand on the pilgrim's face, and for all had a pleasant word. Afterwards he was seated on a throne and lifting himself up, the weight of his years upon him, he raised his hands and gave the Apostolic benediction. "In doing this, he was so moved, that at times his benediction was, tears came into his eyes, and his voice could hardly be heard. All the pilgrims were so affected to sob. It was the most touching sight one could witness. "It seems easy to see why the Pope, the Father of the Catholic world, should be moved on this occasion. Here he was a prisoner in his own palace, and not received by his own people, the Italians, who persecuted him, and here he witnessed a number of his children, some from across the ocean, giving him an evidence of their filial love and devotion. The two Americas, north and south, were there at his feet. Everyone said it was a sight never to be forgotten. As the Pope was carried away, his countenance beaming with a paternal smile, he would bow his head and wave his feeble hands at us. "Rev. Father Leclerc, prefect of the Canadian College in Rome, said afterwards we had been exceptionally favored, and other people who lived in Rome for many years also told us so."

REVIEWS.

Everybody's Magazine—From cover to cover the contents of Everybody's Magazine for September are the most interesting of any issue of that remarkable periodical yet published. A new short story by S. R. Crockett, entitled "A Scientific Symposium," is written in his peculiarly delightful manner; the reader looks at the characters drawn, through the spectacles of the good natured, quizzically observant physician who tells the story, and the doctor does not hesitate to turn X rays on human foibles. "How a Great City is Cleaned" is the subject of a very interesting article, and "Oyster Farming" is the title of an article in the Great American Industry Series, and its pages contain much more of greater general interest than would be imagined by the uninitiated. The "Simple Explanation" of the month is "The Light of the Sun," which subject affords a good deal of simple and entertaining instruction. Among other illustrated stories and articles, of which there are many, are "Aristo Models," beautifully illustrated with photographs; the continuation of Stuart Robson's delightful autobiography, "A Lucky Hazard," by Mary Monour Parker, and "Queen Victoria and her Family as Artists," with illustrations from drawings by the Queen and her daughter, the Empress Frederick. Altogether a great ten cents worth.

The Century—The Rev. Dr. D. Z. Sheffield, President of the North China College and Mission at Tung chau near Peking, was in America when the Boxer riots began, but immediately prepared to return to his post. Before sailing from San Francisco late in June, he learned of the burning of his college. Dr. Sheffield left behind him the manuscript of an article which will appear in the September Century under the title of "The Influence of the Western World on China." As a result of the author's thirty years' experience as a missionary, he is said to argue strongly against the dismemberment of the Middle Kingdom. Equally timely will be a paper by R. Van Bergen in the same number on "The Revolution in China and its Causes." The fiction of the September magazine will include a characteristic story of about 20,000 words by John Luther Long—"The Prince of Illusion."

St. Nicholas—Mrs. Elizabeth B. Custer, widow of the famous Indian fighter, contributes to the September number of St. Nicholas a sketch of a boy nicknamed "The Kid," with numerous anecdotes illustrating the traits that prove his kinship to an Indian-fighting father. The lad grew up as an army post, commanded by his father, and as a result of the Indian wars acquired in his hours of tramping, was able on one occasion to save the garrison from being surprised by hostiles. Interesting glimpses of the Paris Exposition are given in an article, by Grace W. Curran, devoted especially to the lighter aspects of the great show. The pedigree of the clothing of the present day is traced back to Assyrian times in a paper by George MacAdam entitled "About Clothes." "Pretty Polly Perkins" and "The Junior Cup" are continued, and there are short stories by Josephine Daskam ("The Imp and the Angel"), Armour F. Payne ("The Midnight Flyer and the President's Speech"), and Lucy H. Sturdevant ("Joseph and Phob Ann"). The verse-makers of the number are Mary Austin, whose "Rocky Mountain Sheep" is the subject of a frontispiece drawing; Grace Fraser, Gertrude Norton, and Tudor Jenks. Three of the five departments team with illustrations, and one of them, "Nature and Science," is seasonably full of outdoor interest.

Literary Digest.—The Digest for last week contained some very interesting summaries of religious questions. The following was its list of religious topics:—"The Democratic Christians and the Vatican, Rivalry of Religions in Japan, Presbyterian Creed Revision in France, A Church with a Roof Garden, Famous Roman Catholic Astronomer, Chinese Anti-Christian Cartoon, Dr. De Coste on 'The Chained Bible,' Jerusalem at the Close of the Century, Religious Notes. The usual masterly summing up of other interesting questions of the day is up to the usual standard.

The Saturday Evening Post is proving weekly in its master and style its first article last week was a sketch of the famous Marquis Ito, creator of Japanese civilization. Its usual number of excellent stories was well to the front—in fact nothing is spared in the Post to make it a successful, interesting, and instructive weekly.

Cassell's—The weekly issue of Cassell's National Library series of Edmund Spenser's "The Faerie Queene" is a beautiful volume. The editor, Henry Morley is the editor. The Cassell's Company cannot be given too great praise in presenting this from week to week, a cheap, well-edited, and beautifully gotten up edition of the best English classics. It is precisely what the people want, and the cost (10c. a week) is phenomenally low. They deserve all manner of success in their endeavor at education.

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We have just received from the publishers, Messrs. Davis & Lawrence, Co., Limited, of Montreal, proprietors of Every Day's Home-Killer, a few copies of the latest edition of the sixth of their publications, "Nursing the Sick." This booklet, long written by a professional nurse, has not only the approval of the medical profession but is considered an invaluable acquisition to every household, being literally a first aid to the wounded, or a simple medical and surgical handbook. It is published in French and English, and may be obtained by enclosing a two cent stamp to the above mentioned firm.

How to Grow Flowers feels that no public agency ever had a more exalted mission than has been given to its magazine in connection with the wider movement for public health. As the recognized organ and exponent of the forces which seek to make attractive the outdoor life of all America, the editors fully realize the fact that a great responsibility is placed upon their journal. It is their purpose not only to furnish the news of the movement in such form that its success in one place will serve as an inspiration to those elsewhere seeking to accomplish similar ends, but to give our readers the best thought of the age along these lines, that organized effort for the promotion of outdoor art may be everywhere directed in the most helpful channels. This month's special feature is being given as a National Convention will be called to meet in the city of Springfield, Ohio, on Wednesday and Thursday, October 10-11, 1900, for the purpose of organizing a national league of village improvement associations. All persons who are interested in the success of the wider movement for public beauty are cordially invited and respectfully urged to attend this convention, in the deliberations of which they will be cheerfully accorded the privilege of participating.

The Catholic World.—The September number of The Catholic World is a credit to the editors. Every article is sound and interesting and every one is worthy of the place of honor. All could not have that, however, and so the editor has had to choose. On the Irish Monthly Endure? The writer is an Italian, thoroughly conversant with his subject. He is not greatly impressed with the new king, John E. Graham advocates "Home Relief" as the best form of organized charity. There is also an interesting and instructive article on "The Prospects of the Catholic Church in China," reviewing the work done in the past and giving a lucid and statistical account of what our missionaries have done. "The Bible in the Life, Thought, and Homes of the People" is the monthly contribution of the scholarly convert, Dr. De Coste. It is an able and interesting work of careful personal as well as of general research. Leopold Katscher has an article on "Profit-Sharing as a System of Economics." It is a thoughtful advocacy of the system, bringing out his arguments plainly and clearly. A general review of the work of the O. M. I. missionaries in our great North West is contributed by Marion Prunove. Katharine F. M. O'Shea has a cleverly written article on "Christian Art: Its Mission and Influence." "The Jew in Europe: The Christian's Antagonist," is the subject chosen by Rev. Charles O. Starbuck, a New England minister who has been contributing much trenchant articles against the Vatican of Protestantism. He contends that the Jew has been a distinguishing and dangerous force in Christendom. He goes into the question fully and at some length. "Pioneer Catholic Missions in the North-West," by E. A. Bridges, pictures the Idaho Missions of Father De Sonet. The usual number of sterling stories are to be found within the covers of this truly Catholic Magazine. It is a credit to Catholicism.

September Atlantic—Judge Francis Dowell opens the September Atlantic with The American Boss—his rise and source of power. Brooks Adams follows with Russia's Interest in China—a very present question ably discussed, and a picture of the wonders of Oklahoma, and Canon Rawley sketches Ober-Ammergau. Mr. Footo begins The Prodigal—a brilliant short story. A notable group of great interest comprises Paul More's Ancient Fend,—a prosop of Tolstoi; Margaret Miller's Gerhart Hauptmann,—on the recent German Renaissance; Canon Everett's James Martineau; Ogden's The Press and Foreign News,—in praise of old methods; Trent's Old Southern Newspaper,—with appetizing extracts; and Ferraldi's dissection of a modern kindergarten Child. Reviews of Art Education for Men, Recent American Fiction, and Book on Japan; attractive short stories; brilliant poems and a lively Contributors' Club also appear.

A Berlin despatch states that the upper house of the Baden Diet has passed the bill readmitting all foreign orders to the territory of the grand duchy. The passage of this measure probably marks the close of a fierce agitation which has troubled the grand duchy since the imperial law of 1878 was put in force.

ENGLISH CORRESPONDENCE.

On the Feast of "Our Lady of the Snow," the two clergymen who assisted at the High Mass in St. Boniface's Cathedral, Plymouth, England, viz., the celebrant, deacon, and sub-deacon, as well as the eloquent occupant of the pulpit, were a few years ago, distinguished and respected clergymen of the Church of England. Each gave up their rich livings and their emoluments, and entered the one, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Truly the Catholics of Plymouth ought to be proud of the number and importance of the conversions which are recently, and so frequently occurring in their midst.

The Basiliian Fathers, to the great regret of the Catholics of Plymouth and its surrounding towns, have given up their college at Basconsfield near this city, and have returned to the Mother House in Canada, the most revered and illustrious prelates of the diocese, Drs. Vaughter and Grabain, are contemplating the opening, at an early day, a Catholic college in the city, both the restoration of a distinguished president whose priestly life has been spent in one of England's foreign colleges.

We gladly copy from the truly National and Catholic Western People (Ireland) the following:—"THE NATIONAL BANK.—Mr. Charles J. Mollet, second son of the late Mr. J. P. Mollet, has been changed on promotion from the National Bank, Cahir, Co. Tipperary, to cashier of the branch in Galway. Mr. Mollet was educated at the V. College, Castleknock, and it is a pleasure to find that the early promise he gave of a bright future is being happily redeemed."

Another proof, if any were needed, of the continued success which always follows in Church and State, those fortunate pupils of the Sons of St. Vincent de Paul—those Apostles of Charity, Castleknock has a world-wide reputation as a seat of learning, and its Alumni are to be found filling the most responsible positions in every part of His Majesty's Dominion, and prominent among them is the noble President of the Castleknock Union, Lord Russell of Killowen—Lord Chief Justice of England. Sit perpetua. Grateful, truly grateful and obsequious it is to those good fathers to see their pupil reflecting credit on their "Alma Mater."

Ireland mourns sadly before the bier of one of the most illustrious names in the long heraldry of her most distinguished sons. All Catholic Ireland, yes all the sons of St. Patrick in every land and beneath the skies of every clime, to which the sad news of the unexpected death of England's Catholic Chief Justice has been heralded, weeps over him, who in the life of Ireland and well so far afield, for his long years, who served his Church so faithfully, and so devotedly, the greatest of aristocrats, the purest of Judges is no more. The land that elevated him to the rank of one of the highest of its dignitaries to-day joins in the solemn requiem and sends from every grade of her society, the intellect and nobility of the nation, and the elite of its aristocracy to represent his universal sorrows. In the Church in whose aisles reaches the mournful design, and within whose sanctuary is performed the most plaintive and solemn of its ceremonies, immense crowds are gathered and heartfelt "De Profundis" are uttered and entered. May the holy presiding light of the grass grow greener, and the bay leaf over the honored remains of one whose memory will have over a ivy freshness and sweet natural perfume. Even here in England in every Church throughout the land the Holy Mass has been said, the prayer and Holy Communion been offered to-day 'till the happy repose of the genial and faithful patriot in Lord Russell of Killowen. May he rest in peace.

An important admission is made by the "Spectator." It is that the country is profoundly dissatisfied with the Government. This admission from so influential a newspaper is significant. In spite of the country's dissatisfaction with them, the "Spectator" thinks that the Unionists will be successful at the general election, not because of their merits, but because of the disorganized condition of the Liberals. Should the Unionists be returned again to power, the "Spectator" pleads for a reconstruction of the Cabinet. It urges that Mr. Goschen ought to leave the Admiralty and Lord Lansdowne the War Office, so as to make room for fresher and more energetic men. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach is suggested for the First Lord and Mr. Chamberlain as Secretary for War. This is taking time by the forelock with a vengeance. It is not certain that the Unionists will be successful at the general election. Even on a short issue they ought to be beaten, because of the Government's stuporous mismanagement of the war. There is not a blunder that it has left uncommitted.—Plymouth Magazine.

An extraordinary score, attributed to the Naval Manoeuvres is reported by a Preston correspondent to have occurred among the Irish harriers in the Elyde district of Lancashire. It seems that rumours have prevailed

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among the peasantry on the seaboard of Ireland that the French were about to land troops in Erin. The appearance of the British warships off the coast during the manoeuvres was accepted as proof of the imminence of the invasion, and letters were received by several of the Irish harvesters in Dublin, advising them to return. These passed from hand to hand, and soon state of panic occurred. During the course of one night over two hundred Irishmen left one district alone, and it has been ascertained the majority of them booked for Dublin. It is estimated that considerably over 1,000 labourers have disappeared without giving their employers warning.

IRISH IMMIGRANT MONUMENT.
The unveiling of a monument at Capo Rosier, Que., over the graves of 100 Irish immigrants from the vessel the "Carrick" in April, 1847, was most imposing. Mayor Foley presided. Ten thousand persons from all parts of Gaspe district were present. The monument was sent by Father Quinlan S. P. of the Mayor, Father Landry de Tremblon, and many prominent ladies and gentlemen. The monument was blessed by Father Landry, surrounded by thirty surprised choir boys. Twenty instances of the Government's neglect of the Irish in the department of the Irish, and many prominent ladies and gentlemen. The monument was unveiled by Mr. Justice Curran, in the name of Father Quinlan and the parishioners of St. Patrick's. An address was presented to the judge and read by Miss Costin. In his reply, the judge warmly thanked Hon. Mr. Bourcier, acting Minister of Marine, for the assistance given by the officers of the department, and his instructions, and read a sympathetic letter, which was accompanied by a generous subscription from Mr. Lemieux, M.P., for the county. No such gathering has taken place in that section of the province for many years.

GRATITUDE OF THE GRAIN SHOWERS.
At an enthusiastic and largely attended meeting of the Buffalo Grain Showers held last week the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That the Grain Showers' Union, Local 109, takes this occasion to show that after a year and a half the Buffalo scopers hold in grateful remembrance the efforts of those who helped them in the great dock strikes and thank heartily Rev. James E. Quigley, bishop of Buffalo; Hon. Rowland B. Mahony, Very Rev. M. P. O'Connell, Rev. Father Gravin, Rev. C. O. Albertson, Rev. C. R. Seavey, Rev. Father Langhin, Rev. L. M. Powers, Rev. Father McConnell, Dr. Israel Axtell, Rev. Father Bideu and Timothy E. Donovan, and extends to them an invitation to be the unions' guests on Labor Day and at our picnic.

NOTED CONVERT DEAD.
The death of Supreme Court Justice Smyth removes one of the most notable of New York's recent converts. Although a Galway fisherman by birth, Justice Smyth had always been a devout Episcopalian up to two years ago, when, under Bishop Farley's instruction, he entered the Catholic Church. His daughter, who was his inseparable comrade, preceded him into the church by a few months. Justice Smyth's career was a repetition of that of many Irish youths who have written their names large in American annals. When he came to New York in 1849 he possessed little beside a common school education, health and piety. He got work in a law office

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Many of the Spanish-American Catholic papers publish every week a chapter from the Bible or the Gospel of the Sunday at hand. This is interesting, in view of the charge frequently made as our opponents say, that the Church keeps the Bible from the people in Latin America.

A distinguished member of the Society of Jesus is Pere Laurent Li, a native Chinese, who, besides being master of his own native language and literature, is an accomplished Latin and French scholar. He is editor-in-chief of all Chinese publications of the order—papers, magazines and books.