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given to any other authority or power. But it is very the parent and nurse of every kind of suffering, strange, that kings should have consented to vest such power in anybody, and argues little for their common sense. They must have been always uneasy, and their who hath habbling? who hath wounds without uneasiness was the result of their own folly. Mr. cause? who has redness of eyes?. They that tarry, Chandler affirms distinctly that "the power to depose. long, at the wine; they that go to seek mixed -power, humanly conferred-was never called in wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red; question by the deposed monarchs. They admitted the constitutional right and power, though they may have called in question the justice of the act.". This assertion is at least strange. Frederic Barbarossa and Lexis of Bararia disputed the power most distinctly, and they had an army of scribes, Priests, and laymen, learned in the law, who maintained that the Pope had no power to depose, and more, that there was no nower to depose other than God's. So far is the doctrine of the deposing power from having been admitted by the deposed monarchs that they wholly denied it; not merely as vested in the Pope, but as actually subsisting in the world.

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The deposing power does actually exist at present : is publicly taught in every state that considers itself free. It is the doctrine of Americans, for they de-posed George III. It is the doctrine of Englishmen, who deposed James 11.; and of Frenchmen, for they have deposed the dynasty of the Bourbons. The Spaniards admit it, for Queen Isabella's throne is in danger. The difference between the modern and the me-theyal world consists in this: we yest this power in the people, our ancestors, more wisely, in the Pope. In England the deposing doctrine is made a law of the kingdom, to be put in force whenever the reigning sovereign prefers his soul to the sceptre .-Kings, of course, have done their utmost to discredit the doctrine, and they have gained for themselves, instead of it, the scaffold and the sword. The divine right of certain families to govern nations according to their own will is refuted not by argument, but by exile or a violent death. If kings prefer this solution | compulsory.-Dundce Advertiser. of the difficulty to that which mediceval principles offered, that is their affair. This, however, is certain, the Pope was more patient and considerate than the people are, and a deposition is less injurious to society than a bloody revolution. A deposition does not necessarily involve a change of dynasty, but in general revolution does; and perhaps kings might, on reflection, prefer to lose the crown for themselves only; to losing it for the family as well.

A great clamor has been raised in the world against the power of the Pope to depose wicked sovereigns, but we believe that there would have been no clamor if the power in qusetion had been vested in the Bisnops, or even in Archbishops.

Mr. Chandler goes a great deal further-we are sorry to refer to him so often-and trenches on the real spiritual power which he is so anxious to guard inviolate. His words are these: "I deny to the Bishop of Rome the right resulting from his divine office to interfere in the relations between subjects and their sovereigns, between citizens and their governments." It is impossible that he can mean what these words imply. The Pope is at this moment "interfering" in Piedmont, defending one class of citizens there against the government, and yet in the House of Representavives a Christian denies the right. Governments may and do prohibit good works, and the Pope interferes. They also encourage and commit evil; the Pope interferes, and good Christians prefer the Pope's authority to that of the state. The Godless Colleges in Ire-land, the Hierarchy in England, the troubles of Piedmont-all bear witness together against this unchristian opinion, which must have escaped from the speaker, who did not ponder his words.

PROFESSOR JOHNSTON ON STRONG DRINK .- Ardent spirits of every variety are little else than alcohol diluted with a large proportion of water, and favored with a minute admixture of volatile oil, the precise action of which upon the system is not known. They contain none therefore, of the common forms of nutritive matter which exist in our usual varieties of animal and vegetable food. It does not follow from this however, as some have too broadly alleged, that they are incapable of serving any useful purpose in the animal economy. On the contrary, it is ascertained of ardent spirits ; first, that they directly warm the body, and by the changes they undergo in the blood, supply a portion of that carbonic acid and watery vapour, which as a necessity of life, are constantly being given off by They so far, therefore, suppl the lungs. he place food-of the lat and starch for example- which we usually eat. Second, that they diminish the absolute amount of matter usually given off by the lungs and kidneys. They thus lessen, as tea and coffee do, the natural waste of the lat and tissues, and they necessarily diminish in an equal degree the quantity of ordinary food which is necessary to keep up the weight of the body. In other words, they have the property of making a given weight of food go further in sus-taining the strength and bulk of the body. And in addition to the saving thus effected, they ease and lighten the labour of the digestive organs, which when the stomach is weak, is often a most valuable result. Hence fermented liquors, it otherwise suitable to the constitution, exercise, a beneficial influence upon old people, and other weakly persons whose fat and tissues have begun to waste- in whom the process of digestion, that is, does not replace the tissues as fast as they naturally waste. This lessening in weight or sub-stance is one of the most usual consequences of old age. It is a common symptom of the decline of life The stomach either does not receive or does not digest food enough to replace that which is daily removed from the substance of the body. Weak alcholic drinks arrest or retard, and thus diminish the daily amount of this loss of substance. The gently stimulate the digestive organs also, and help them to do their work more fully and faithfully, and thus the body is sustain-ed to the latter period in life. Hence poets have call-ed the wing the milk of the old, and scientific philosophy owns the propriety of the term. It does not nourish the old so directly as milk nourishes the young, yet it does uid in supporting and filling up their failing frames. And it is one of the happy consequences of a temperate youth and manhood that this spiritous milk does not fail in its good effects when the weight of years begin to press upon us. All this, of course, in no way justifies the indulgence in fermented liquors, of any kind to an excess or paliates the moral evils to which this excess invariably gives rise ..., The good sesults I have spoken of follow only attendant upon the consumption of intoxicating drinks atises from their extreme seductiveness, and from all but unconquerable strength of the drinking habit when once formed. Their peculiar malignity appears, where they have once obtained a mastery, in their becoming

immorality, and crime. Who hath wee, says So-lomon, "who hath sonow? who hath contentions? when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright (sparkleth?) At last i biteth like a ser-pent, and stingeth like an adder?? We know that what he (the Professor) here states, is scientific trath, and we do not think that good to any cause can result from the attempt to controvert his statements. But, after all, chemistry can give no rule of human conduct worth following. It is not chemistry, bat-morality, which must decide the claims of tectotalism. Every man is a living moral experiment; be he a drunkard a moderate drinker, or a total abstainer From those potent experiments' let each decide for himself, calmly and deliberately, and work out his resolution. Let each assume that character in which he thinks he can most worthily discharge the duties of a responsible being. If he can do this best by practising the stern self-denial of a tectotaller, why should he not? If his natural spirits are difficient; if the decenter of the soul is lowy is he not entitled to 'make his heart glad' with the unethered application of rosy wine? If he enjoys peculiar satisfaction from a threadbare dress, severe headaches, and an oc-casional snore in the gatter; it were hard to deny him this humble enjoyment, until he oversteps the bounds of decorum, and like a mad dog on an excited ox, degenerates into a disorderly member of society. Hireling agitation will never help man to decide; cutting up and distilling dead sots, never will; marking the lives of living sots may help somewhat; Maine laws will superadd sectacy to sin, for the way of life is not a railway, along which movement is in one line, and

UNITED STATES.

DEATH OF THE BISHOP OF CHARLESTON. - We legret to learn that the Right Rev. IGNATIUS ALOYSIUS REY-Norns, Bishop of Charleston closed his earthly career in that city on Tuesday morning, the 6th instant. He had been in a precarious state of health for many months, and suffered intensely for some considerable time before his death. He was born near Bardstown, Kentucky, educated in the Seminary of that Diocese, of which he was the first native pupil, under the care of the late Bishop David, and he speut some time in the Seminary of St. Mary, Baltimore, in the study of Chemistry and other branches of natural science For many years he was Professor in the College of St. Joseph, Bardstown, of which he became President. He was subsequently parish priest, of Louisville. Possessing great talent, information, and energy of character, he was chosen to succeed the illustrious Bishop England, and governed the diocese during eleven years. The erection of a beautiful Gothic Cathedral caused him great anxiety, as the resources of the diocese were limited; but he was enabled to have it consecrated about a year ago. He died with entire submission to the divine will, after having received with edification all the rites of religion.-Catholie Mirror.

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