

citizens as Bishop Coxe, of Western New York; Hon. Andrew D. White, Dr. Parkhurst and Dr. Josiah Strong have given it words of heartiest encouragement. An increase of patriotism in this country is needed. Partisanship is too rapidly usurping its place.—*New York Mail and Express.*

To rescue these little ones out of the grasp of that monster (the public school), of that popular idol, is our work.—*Bishop John Hennessy.*

"I FRANKLY confess that the catholics stand before the country as the enemies of the public schools."—*Father Phelan.*

"A RIPE knowledge of the catechism, minus Massachusetts education, is preferable to her education, minus the catechism."—*Cardinal Antonelli.*

A WRITER in one of our religious exchanges in speaking of the liquor traffic starts these pertinent questions

"Is it not true that the present mighty influence for evil of the traffic has been attained by legal prerogative? Is it not a legalized business? Are not our law makers placed and retained in position by the voice of a majority of our people? Do not God's people have equal voice with others, and is not their number sufficient if brought to bear on this question equal to turn the tide right against this wrong?" An affirmative answer is the only one that can properly be given to the above, and consequently the imperative duty of every Christian man to use all the influence within his power to uproot and annihilate the deadly curse.—*Buffalo Christian Advocate.*

THE Rev. Dr. James Stalker, the brilliant Scotch preacher and writer says in a recent sermon: "It is intolerable to think that our own noble Scottish population should forever lie sodden and stupefied, as it now does, beneath a curse like drunkenness; and events are rapidly maturing for a great change. The heathen world is opening everywhere to the influences of the gospel. And perhaps the most significant of all the signs of the times is the conviction which is spreading in many different sections of the community, that the average of Christian living is miserably below the standard of the New Testament, and that a far broader, manlier, more courageous and open eyed style of Christianity is both possible and necessary.

The drink evil, in its various phases, is the most blighting stupefying force that to-day dominates society. It has crept into the sacred precincts of the church of God and exerts a mighty influence in intimidating men in their political action, causing them to yield to the pressure of public opinion, regardless of the question of right or wrong. But as Dr. Stalker says, "Events are rapidly maturing for a great change." The demand for applied Christianity, in the truest, broadest sense, is unqualified. The day of compromises on moral issues is drawing to a close. Mr. Facing-both-ways is in his dotage and can no longer be entrusted with any great interest. His popularity is on the wane. Men of nerve and pluck and moral transparency and who will stand by principle though the heavens fall are the characters called for by our divine Leader.—*Buffalo Christian Advocate.*

THE Romanists of Manitoba want to be annexed to the United States because the wicked protestants of the former place won't consent to pay for teachers to inculcate the principles of treason in the breasts of British subjects. We don't want them, we have enough of that clique to put up with already. Send John Ireland to them and smooth them over with a "tolerari potest."

THE Irish Rome-rulers threaten that unless Gladstone attends to their measure first pop they will jump the track—the labor party swears by all that's holy that unless W. E. G. pushes their wants on top they'll snow him under. The Welshmen are raising post-mortem sulphur reservoir to get disestablishment considered while the canny Scot has two or three little personal matters that need immediate attention. Between the five stools the g. o. m. is booked for an early tumble that will invalidate him politically for the remainder of his life.

FARINI, one of the most accurate of historians, speaking of Rome under the rule of Pius VII said: There was no care for the cultivation of the people, no anxiety for public prosperity. Rome was a cess-pool of corruption, of exemptions, and of privileges; a clergy made up of fools and knaves; in power, the laity slaves; the treasury plundered by gangs of tax farmers and spies; all the business of the government consisted in prying into and punishing the notions, the expectations, and the imprudences of the liberals.

If Farini were alive and in Washington or New York just now he would probably make the same statement with stronger adjectives.

#### ABOVE THE LAW.

DUBLIN, Aug. 15.—Rev. Fr. Humphrey and others accused of riot at Tipperary during the recent elections, failed to appear before the magistrates to-day in answer to the summonses served upon them, and warrants were issued for their arrest.

We have had several editions of Mr. Humphreys in the United States and our judges have frequently not possessed sand enough to administer even a rebuke. This Irish priest who obeys no order but that of his master, the pope, will find a different state of affairs under the inflexible laws of Great Britain and Ireland.—*Patriotic American.*

#### THE CHURCH IN THE CITY.

A FEW days ago the Chicago *Times* contained an exhaustive article on the growth of the Christian churches of this city compared with that of the saloons and other demoralizing institutions. It is a startling exhibit. According to the *Times* figures all forms of badness is growing with alarming rapidity, while the churches are moving forward at a snail-like pace. No Christian can contemplate the fact without dismay. Indeed, no good citizen can remain indifferent. The city is the Gibraltar of our civilization. It is the centre of activity and influence. From it flow the currents which affect for good or ill the whole land. A moral city means a moral country. A bad city means demoralization throughout the villages and rural regions. There are hundreds of earnest, consecrated Christians in our city churches who are giving time and energy and dollars to help save the sin-cursed multitude. But there are other hundreds who are living in selfish indifference. With them religion consists in driving to church, sitting in a luxurious pew, and listening to operatic music and a moral essay on Sunday morning. They have no concern for the crowds which surge past the doors of the half-filled church. They know nothing of self-forgetting, self-sacrificing, hand to hand work for Christ.

We are glad that there is a decided awakening to the importance of maintaining churches in the down-town section of the great cities. The removal to fashionable up-town regions is little short of madness. The devil must not be permitted to monopolize the vicinities where the multitudes congregate. He must not be allowed to offer all the attractions. He must be antagonized where he lives.—*Epworth Herald.*