### NEWS FROM SCOTLAND.

Recently, a body called the Franco-Scottish Society, with its headquarters in Edinburgh, had the audacity to petition the French Government for the funds and property pertaining to the Scots College at Paris, on the assumption that as the adjacent of the Scott College at Paris, on the assumption that as the spoliation of the establishment was a sure thing, the society might at least have a share. This attempt by a Protestant body in Scottering the statement of from the Catholic Church in France, at once met with caustic denunciation and exposure at the hands of the Bishop of Aberdeen, who, by virtue of his office, is the guardian and administrator of the Catholic Chicago in Paris ots College in Paris.

Bishop Chisholm's vigorous action has had its reward. The British Foreign Office has moved in the matter, and the French Government has agreed to leave the College and all belonging to it in the possession of its rightful owners, who have held it for centuries. The Franco-Scottish Society seems rather ashamed of its attempt to revive the game of grab engaged in so successfully a few centuries ago, under the superin-tendence of J.hn Knox; for it is now generally admitted, even by the enemies of the Church, that the "reformation" of religion in Scotland was only an excuse for the avaricious nobles and a few renegade ecclesiastics to seize the Church buildings and lands. Thus history was almost repeating itself.

On the eve of the feast of St. Margaret, queen and patroness of Scotland, a relic of the saint was exposed during the afternoon in St. Andrew's Church, Braemar, and in the evening, immediately before Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the solemn veneration of the relic took place. Canon Paul, the parish priest officiated. There was a large congregation, and all approached the altar rail to venerate the relic. Braemar is a picture-que Highland town, mot many miles from Balmoral. The Catholic inhabitants are mostly descendants of the staunch old Jacobites who wielded the claymore to some purpose in the days of "Bonnie Prince Charlie."

The United Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland is very much agitated just new over the fact that the wife of a minister of the Church, in the island of Arran, has become a Catholic. The minister in question, Rev. A. J. Grant, of Lochranza, has been obliged by the Presby-tery to resign his post, and has gone to Elinburgh to carry on missionary work there. Mrs. Grant, previous to her marriage, belonged to the Anglican "Chief among these uniting influence" Church, and came under Catholic influences during a visit to friends in Eng-She was beloved by her husband's parishioners, having done much good amongst them. Perhaps Mr. Grant, when he gets into the strong Catholic atmosphere which now prevails in Edin burgh, may follow his wife's excellent

### THE POPE'S TOUCHING REFERENCE TO FRANCE.

An excellent example of the Holy Father's oratory was that produced this week by the reception of the French pilgrims. There were over six hundred of them, and with them were Cardinals Andrieu and Lucon and seventeen French Bishops. The Pope's discourse, which was a reply to the address read by Cartinal Lucon was in part as follows:
"You have well said that God mingles sorrow with joy, and that the Miserere and the Te Deum has each its turn in our chant. With much delicacy you have touched on the cause of my sorrow and of my joy. Certainly it has been a profound grief to me to see your country separate itself from the Church; from the mother that desires the salvation of all, and that now is despoiled and derided; and while she stretches forth her hand asking for charity her enemies exult at beholding her insulted and despised. Poor Mother! Poor children who re-main by her side seeking to console her as pest they can an ! to afford her so consolation in the midst of her grief and desolation! But if all this afflicts me deeply, Divine Providence has proportioned my joy to my affliction, and I shall mover cease to thank God for having in-spired me to say to my children of France: Follow me in my sorrow-my only reg et is that I am not able to be with you to suf-fer with you and to fight God's battle by your side. Then again, your country has offered me the dearest consolations, while France has shown herself to be Bruly the eldest daughter of the Church. mot in words, but in the most splendid of deeds. I said to my venerable brothers of France; Leave your palaces, take away from your seminaries the budding hopes of the Church; do not accept from them that would make a slave of the Church a single sou of what is offered you to save you from hunger; in your tribulations, in your sorrow look only to Jesus Christ despoiled of all; naked on the Cross — after a few days He triumphed, and your tricamph too will come. And thus those beloved sons, remaining faithful amid grief and desolation, beheld their children leave the seminaries, those be-loved homes of their piety; they saw good Sisters of Charity removed in the bedsides of the sick they had zended with such loving care; they saw the religious Congregations, who had done so much for the educatio of youth, driven from their country and forced to seek an asylum in foreign lands while their unnatural mother drove them forth. All this they went through and it has served only to make them give the example of a fact new in ecclesias dical history. All the Bishops, without a single exception, have listened to the voice of the Pope as the voice of God all the priests have listened with re spect and obedience to the words of the Angels of the dioceses, while the faithful have declared unanimously:

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sumptuous palaces, therefore, but you sumptuous palaces, therefore, but you will have a place to lay your head; you will not have commodious and spacious seminaries, but you will have a place for the education of your clerics; you will not have religious and devoted nuns, but not have religious and devoted nuns, but the faithful will fill the places of their apostolate; you will not have your fixed revenues, but you will not be left without the means for carrying on public worship. Oh! If I have wept my Miserere for the troubles of the Church of France, I have also intoned the Te Deum of consolation whenever I have reflected on the sacrifices which the reflected on the sacrifices which the faithful of France are making for the sake of the Church. It is, therefore a joy to me to see you gathered here to-dry and to be able to thank you for what you have done, are doing and will do for the glory of your country.' not necessary to be a Frenchman to feel the deep affection and sympathy that breathes in every one of these eloquent words of the Holy Father.—Rome.

### LEARNED OUTSIDER'S VIEW OF THE CHURCH.

CHARLES ELIOT NORTON ON CATHOLIC INFLUENCE ON CIVILIZATION—CHURCH ARCHITECTURE-PROTECTION OF THE

Charles Eliot Norton, professor emeritus of Harvard University, whose death a short time ago was commented on, was a man of the broadest culture and the widest acquaintance with the makers of the literature of his own and every age. He was also a close student of history and in many of his books, while not understanding the supernatura; power of the Catholic Church, pays tribute to its remarkable civilizing influence, and to the debt the whole Christian world owes it from the beginning and will owe it to the end of time. The following passages from his pen are interesting as the conclusions of a cultivated and learned observer.

THE GREAT UNIFYING FORCE. Writing of the condition of Europe during the tenth century, Professor Nor-

ton said:
"While the various nations were thus drawing apart within local boundaries of which the precise limits were, indeed, in many cases but imperfectly determined, certain general influences were operating incessantly and irresistibly to mite them as they had never before been united as members of a vast and

was Christiani y. For it not only s jected all believers, whatever their difference of race and custom, to a common rule of interior life, bringing all under one universally acknowledged, supreme authority, but it also filled their imagin ations with common hopes and fears and supplied their understandings with con mon conceptions of the universe, of the origin and order of the world and of the

destiny of man.
"The Church, in which the authority of Christianity was organized and em-bodied as the divine instrument for the government of the world, claimed universal obedience. Within her pale there was no distinction of race or of person. Her discipline exacted of all men equal submission. Her ceremonial observ-ances were celebrated everywhere with a uniform and impressive ritual. Her sacraments were essential to salvation. By the vast mass of ecclesiastical tradition and legend she afforded the material of thought, farey and feeling to the whole body of Christian people.

INFLUENCE OF CHURCH ON ARCHITECTURE. Among the Arts, the one that has alike the closest and widest relations to the life of a people—to its wants, habits and culture-and which gives the fullest and most exact expression to its moral disposition its i agination and its intelligence, is that of architecture. Its history during the 'Dark Ages' had been analogous to that of language. The requireme ts it had to meet were in great part confined to those of immediate necessity. There was little thought of building for posterity. But as the condition of society slowly changed for the better, the improvement found manife tation in architecture even earlier than in literature. The growing sense of perpetuity in the life of the community pro-moted the revival of permanent and monumental buildings.

"It was especially in the building of churches that the impulse for expression in architecture displayed itself, for it was in the church that the faith of the community took visible form. The two motives which have been most effective in the production of noble human works -religion and local affection and pride united to stimulate energies that had ong been suppressed. Either alone or in combination, these two most powerful principles of action were alike existent in their highest force. The nature of medieval society cannot be under-stood, the meaning of the medieval Cathedral will not be comprehended, and the devotion of builders of churches in city and village, in desert places and on the mountain tops, will not be appreciated, unless the imagination represent the force and constancy

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the Dark Ages, the oppression of the weak, the misery of the poor, the uncertainty of life and possession among all classes, the contract between the actual state of society and the conceptions of the kingdom of heaven, of which the Church was the visible . . . type, brought all men to her doors.

THE CHURCH THE HARROR OF REFUGE "In the midst of darkness and confusion and dread, the idea! Church presented herself as a harbor of refuge from the storms of the world, as the image of the city of God, whose walls were a sure defense. While all else was unstable and changeful, she, with her unbroken tradition and her uninter-rupted services, vindicated the prin-ciple of order and the moral continuity

of the race.
"A deep widespread conviction of human sinfulness was one of the characteristic traits of these times . . . The Church alone could lift from the world the burden of its sins; and though her ministers might fall short of fulfilling their high calling, though Pope, prelate and priest might be partakers in sin, yet the Church remained pure, steadfastly upholding the power of right-eousness, preaching the coming of the Lord to judge the earth, asserting her claim to loose and bind, and vindicating it with the blood of confessors and mar-

### THE WALDENSES AND PROTESTANT-ISM.

The Rev. Francis E. Clark, president The Rev. Francis E. Clark, president of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, rhapsodizes, in the Christian Endeavor World, over the Waldenses whose valleys in Italy he has been visiting recently. He gives an inaccurate history of the Waldensian sect, and says that they may "rightly claim to be the first Protestant sect in the world." Now, Dr. Emil Comba, the eminent Waldensian scholar (quoted by the Rev. Waldensian scholar (quoted by the Rev. Mr. Starbuck in the Review of Sept. 9, 1905) probably knows more about the Waldensians than Mr. Clark; and he remarks that, the Waldenses, though at odds with the Roman See, always held themselves to be Catholics. They firmly maintained Transubstantiation, and maintained Transubstantiation, and doubted whether any one could say Mass except a priest of undoubted succession. Bossuet points out that the Waldensians enjoined yearly auricular waidensians enjoined yearly arricular confession, and were most confident of its efficacy if made to the parish priest. They were finally driven into Calvinism by the force of their antipathy to ism by the force of their antipathy to the Papacy. Left to themselves they inclined rather to Pelagianism. In Italy they insisted inexorably that their ministers, though not priests, must remain unmarried. In one point we must own (says Mr. Starbuck) they were al-



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nost as good Protestants as we are in New England; they allowed divorces for anything and everything. Properly speaking, however, Mr. Starbuck says and he declares his opinion to be that of modern Protestant research as expressed in Neander, Creighton, Paul Sabatier, R. D. Hitchcock and others) that the Waldenses, like the Albigenses, were not, as simple-minded Protestants have long believed, an "eminent body of evangelical Christians," a "magnifi cent anticipation of the Reformation," but that they stood entirely outside the bounds of historical Christianity."— Sacred Heart Review.

### THE WINNING OF THE CROSS.

A correspondent of the Ledger, who was present at a review of the Austrian cavalry, narrates the following incident. It is a grand sight-twenty to forty

thousand horses, where each and every horse knows and understands the slight-est note of the bugle sweeping over a broad plain, and changing positions like an enormous machine guided by an unerring master hand. It must be seen to be appreciated. Words cannot reproduce the picture. On a certain occasion an event transpired which lent an interest most thrilling to the military seene. It was at a review held in Vienna, on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of the establishment of the military Order of Maria Theresa.

Not far from 30.000 cavalry were in line. A little girl, a child of not more than four years, was standing in the front row of spectators, and either from fright or some other cause, rushed out into the open field just as a squadron hussars came sweeping around from the main body. They had made the detour for the purpose of saluting the empress, whose carriage was drawn up in that part of the parade ground. Down came the flying squadron, charging at a mad gallop—down directly upon the child. The mother was paralyzed, as were others, for there could be no rescue from the line of spectators. The empress uttered a cry of horror, for the child's destruction seemed inevitable-and such terrible destruction—the trampling to death by a thousand iron hoofs!

Directly under the feet of the horses was the littleone—another instant must seal its doom—when a stalwart hussar, who was in the front line, without slack-ing his speed or loosening his hold, threw himself over the side of his horse's acek, seized and lifted the child and placed it in safety upon his saddle-bow, and this he did without changing his ace or breaking the correct alignment of the squadron.

Ten thousand voices hailed with rap turous applause the gallant deed, and other thousands applauded when the knew. Two women there were who could only sob orth their gratitude in brokeu ccents-the mother and the empress And a proud and happy moment it as for the hussar when his emperor. taking from his own breast the richly enameled cross of the Order of Maria heresa, hung it upon the breast of the brave and gallant trooper.

St. Mary's Church Bazaar, City. The bazaar recently held in St. Mary' Church, in this city, was an unqualified success in every respect. The whole-hearted unity of action on the part of the congregation to second the efforts of the pastor, Rev. P. J. McKeon and his assistant. Rev. J. V. Tobin, was most editying. The net sum of \$2,500 was realized. This will be applied on the church debt.

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At midnight's solemn hour,
Flot winter winds about it rave,
Messengers of the demon's power
Who strive to blight the little Babe—
The Eternal king—who is come to save
Ils own from Satan's slavery!

Toys within the dreary cave,
The Virgin's heart is glad,
Tho never since the days of Eve
Seem'd Mother more bereft and sad,
And naked of human sympathy:
Yet heavenly sweet-voiced angels
Make grand celestial harmony!

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