For The CATHOLIC RECORD Singing In Church

It may be sweet to listen to the song And feel it deep within the swelling

mine own lips, melodious move

e pure voice the many throated

As one part
throng.
Ab, then is music most a living art,
Lifting the soul to its celestial part
Amid adoring angels, singing strong,
The praises which the thirsting tongue praises which the thirsting tongue must tell. a, teach thy lips to sing the heart's

sweet praise, Let the voluminous voice in rapture

throne, He hears the songs of angels, with our

-EWYN BRUCE MACKINNON

MARRIAGE AND EUGENICS

The "science of eugenics" is upon us, and the preachers have found a pre-text for a new sensation. The ethical culture folk, who as a rule do not have culture folk, who as a rule do not have nor care to have families of their own, have begun to legislate for the families of others, and forgetting the ethical portion of their cult, have been regarding the conjugal relations of rational beings from the viewpoint of the stock farm. The human soul, which is essentially the man, with all its marvelous potencies that dominate the flesh and often fashion herces and heroines and saints out man, with all its marvelous potencies that dominate the flesh and often fashion heroes and heroines and saints out of men and women who are weakly or diseased, is utterly disregarded, as if the sole purpose of procreation was to produce athletes, puglists, and other prize specimens of physical humanity. A Chicago preacher has got much newspaper space by annouacing that he will perform no marriages unless both parties are furnished with a medical certificate of physical soundness—a not very difficult acquirement—and other preachers have rushed in to fill the daily columns with similar views. He is an Episcopalian. Now the Episcopal Church has, we believe, a decree l'orbidding the remarriage of divorced persons—under certain conditions; and we have never heard of an Episcopalian being unfrocked for performing such a marriage, or of Episcopalians who so marry being excommunicated therefor. They had better observe the duties that are imposed on them before assuming others that are not.

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The Catholic Church has long ago made laws which prescribe certain physical, mental and moral conditions and capacities as requisite and obligatory on the part of those who enter the matrimonial state. Holding marriage to be a solemn sacrament, ordained and blessed by God for the propagation and proper upbringing, physically, morally and mentally, of the human race, it hedges matrimony round about with such conditions as will prevent those who are incompetent from engaging in such conditions as will prevent those who are incompetent from engaging in it and retard those who are temporarily or conditionally disqualified until they shall become qualified. Authorized and empowered by God to confer the ascrament and determine the conditions in which it may be validly and licitly received, the Church will not delegate the newestern to medical prachitioners or received, the Church will not delegate its powers to medical practitioners or amateur dabblers in eugenics; nor will it permit these to direct the course of conjugal life in violation of the laws of conjugal life in violation of leave the law of the truly great and noble would have been ruled out of existence by the

There are cases which at first sight of the State, beyond those which it al-ready controls; but this would open up such a wide area for further interfersuch a wide area for further interference and consequent dangerous abuses that it is far wiser to leave the matter where it belongs—to parental and spiritual supervision and the consience of the individual. We have known a father who insitted that his daughters' suitors should have a certificate of physical and mental soundness from his own physician as a prerequisite to his consent. Parents have such a right, and it is sometimes well to exercise it, but moral qualities are the chief factor in the property of the consents. making marriages happy and permanent and even fruitful, and with these the Church has much, the State and physician have nothing, to do.—America.

NEWMAN AND MANNING-THEIR UNWAVERING FAITH

The great name of Newman is just now very much in the thoughts and on the lips of Catholics in England in con-nection with the new Life of the illus-

and an eager longing and hope against hope that the many dear friends whom I have left in Protestantism may be partakers of my happiness.

"This being my state of mind, to add,

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"This being my state of mind, to add, as I hereby go on to do, that I have no intention, and never had any intention, of leaving the Catholic Church and becoming a Protestant, would be superfluous, except that Protestants are always on the lookout for some loophole or evasion in a Catholic's statement of fact. Therefore, in order to give them full satisfaction if I can, I do hereby profess 'ex animo,' with an absolute internal consent and assent, that Protestantism is the dreariest of possible religions; that the thought of the Anglican service makes me shiver, and the thought of the Thirty-nine Articles makes me shudder. Return to the Church of England! No! 'The net is broken and we are delivered.' I should be a consummate fool (to use a mild term) if, in my old age, I left the land flowing with milk and honey for the city of confusion and the house of bondage.'

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Another declaration, in language if possible stronger, is quoted from a public letter in which the Cardinal wrote:

"From the day I became a Catholic to this day, now close upon thirty years, I have never had a moment's misgiving that the Communion of Rome is that Church which the Apostles set up at Pentecost, which alone has the 'adoption of sons and the glory and the covenants and the revealed law and the services of God and the promises,' and in which the Anglican Communion, whatever its merits and demerits, whatever the great excellence of individuals in it, has, as such, no part. Nor have I ever for a moment hesitated in my conviction since 1845, that it was my clear duty to join that Catholic Church, as I did then join it, which, in my own conscience, I felt to be Divine."

Equally positive and unmistakable was the position of another distinguished convert, Cardinal Manning, impressed on one occasion in assertion of faith thus quoted by the Observer correspondent:

"It gives me the joy of saving that."

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"It gives me the joy of saying that, from the hour I submitted to the Divite voice, which speaks through the one only Catholic and Roman Church, I have never known so much as a momentary shadow of doubt pass over my reason or my conscience. I could as soon believe that two and two make five as that the Catholic faith is false or Anglicanism true."

Needless to say, the Protestant zealots had to give up their "habit," so far, at least, as it concerned the two Cardinals, finding it a hopeless business to make any sensible people believe that either of them was "not happy in the Church of Rome."—N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

A BAPTIST WRITES OF THE

Reviewing the Catholic Encyclopedis the Watchman (Baptist) of this city, after a statement of the aim and scope

after a statement of the aim and scope of the work, says:

Perhaps the most noticeable general feature of the work is the atmosphere of certainty and finality which pervades the whole. In this age of criticism and doubt and uncertainty we here have something which is fixed and definite and which claims to be sure and trustworthy. The Bible is fully accepted for what it claims to be and what it has been believed to be in all the evangelical portion of the Christian Church in all ages. On looking at the arricle on cal portion of the Christian Characa in all ages. On looking at the arricle on "Adam" in another encyclopedia, for example, we find the following statement "Adam and Eve, the first human pair, are represented in the well-known story "Adam and Eve, the first human pair, are represented in the well known story as having been created by God and placed in the garden of Eden, where they lived in a state of innocence until the fall. To obtain an adequate view of the relations and implications of this biblical story it must be subjected to literary analysis. It is now generally conceded that the narrative is a combination of two accounts." In contrast with this vague and unsettling beginning the Catholic Encyclopedia introduces its long and scholarly discussion thus: "Adam the first man and father of the human race" and in regard to the two accounts of creation in Gen. i and Gen. ii, it says: "The two accounts therefore, are practically one with regard to didactic purpose and illustration, and it is doubtless to this feature that we should attach their chief significance. It is hardly necessary to remark that the loftiness of the doctrinal and ethical truths here set forth place the biblical narrative immeasurably the biblical narrative immeasurably above the extravagant Creation stories current among the pagan nations of antiquity." This is a fair illustration antiquity. This is a fair illustration of the more reverent treatment of biblical themes in the Catholic Encyclopedia as contrasted with the tone of the bulk of current literature on the same sub-

Paul, who speaks of bactism as a bath (Eph. v, 26; Rom. vi, 4, Tit. iii, 5): In the Latin Church immersion seems to have prevailed until the twelfth cen-

have prevailed until the twelfth century."

The Watchman's reviewer draws wrong conclusions from several of the articles, showing either that he did not read them attentively or that his original knowledge of Catholic doctrine is so faulty as to render his reading practically valueless; but he praises the great and voluminous work as a whole and says: "Enough has been said to show that with the larger portion of the articles, especially those on Biblical subjects, evangelical Christians would find themselves in substantial agreement."

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It is thus the Catholic Encyclopedia is enabling non-Catholics to see the true position of the Catholic Church with regard to the modern questionings and doubtings of the Bible, while it proves at the same time that the principles of the Church are no obstacles to scientific research by showing what Catholics, with the full sanction of the Church, have done to advance scientific discovery and knowledge. It is a great revelation also of the work done in literature and art and all other fields of human endeavor by faithful sons and human endeavor by faithful sons and daughters of the Church.—Sacred Heart Review.

THE VIEWS OF A CONVERT MINISTER

In reply to the query with which your circular dated February 8 opens, and which query is, in effect, How soon do I think America will be dominantly Cathwhich query is, in effect, How soon do I think America will be dominantly Catholic? I can reply that in every true Christian sense, I think America is dominantly Catholic now. But in the broader sense, in which you doubtless desire to be taken, will say it depends, under God of course, solely on the Catholics. At the present ratio of Catholic gain, if maintained (and in my opinion, it will rapidly increase), it is simply a matter of figures to demonstrate that the time is short, perhaps very short, when Catholics will be dominant, not only in religion, but in civics. I said will be; perhaps we had better put it can be, for without a change in the drift of events Catholicism will certainly have the numbers, and I see no sign of such a change; but on the contrary, I look for the drift to intensify. As to what we can do to hasten the no sign of such a change; but on the contrary, I look for the drift to intensify. As to what we can do to hasten the coming of the day of the Lord, I know of nothing we can do but what you and your confreres are doing with success—that is, tell the people about it, or as Our dear Lord said it, "Go ye, etc., and preach the Gospel to every creature." I have little tolerance for the modern idea of improving on that plan and substituting chalk talks, moving-picture shows et id omne genus. A Protestant friend of mine, a preacher who was choke full of what they call "methods," under the use of which his flock was dwindling, asked me some years ago, after I had abandoned the Protestant ministry and before I had become reconciled to the Church, "What will we do to get the people to church and hold them?" I replied, "You might try preaching Christ a little. You know, He said, And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me. Try it, brother." I don't know whether he ever tried it or not. I know he never bad. Try It, brother." I don't know whether he ever tried it or not. I know he never had, so far as I sould learn, before I gave the advice, and that was what was emptying his Church and is emptying hundreds of others. I can find you legions of Protestants—and I know them—who are hungry, starving for the bread of life, and they do not get it. As I remarked to our Right Rev. Bishop once: "I can find thousands of Protestants who want to be Catholica if they knew how." So it is Catholics if they knew how." So it is our duty to show them how. I think Father Handly's article in the Misour duty to show them how. I think Father Handly's article in the Missionary for December, 1910, touched two points which would effectually aid our work in spreading the gospel, i. e.: the encouragement of congregational singing (you Paulists are giving that) and the utilizing of the gifts and graces of men who come to us from the ranks of the Protestant ministry and are debarred by family ties or other circumstances from entering the priesthood. At present they are, and have to be, dumb. If by any method we could "loose him and let him go," we have many a man among such who could and would do yeoman service for the Church. Put him to work, open his mouth and let him tell the story in some way. Call him a licentiate or a lector, or, as the Methodists do, an exhorter; but put him to work.—I. L. Gamewell in the Missionary.

THE PRIVILEGES OF ULSTER medicon with the new Life of the Illustration Cardinal recently issued from the pen of Mr. Wilfrid Ward. One of the more reverent treatment of biblishing the pen of Mr. Wilfrid Ward. One of the more reverent treatment of biblishing and the pen of Mr. Wilfrid Ward. One of the more reverent treatment of biblishing and the pen of Mr. Wilfrid Ward. One of the more reverent treatment of biblishing and the pen of Mr. Wilfrid Ward. One of the more reverent treatment of the Charles in the story has reference to the habit of Protest-and and the pen of the Charles in the story has reference to the habit of Protest-and the correspondent of the Charles is the Word of God and of a single (arm of the Charles of Rome, and is a matious to get out of it, and, indeed, is soon coming back to his former body."

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bers for Trinity College, Dublin. During this period of Tory rule every member for this stronghold of Episcopalian Toryism has been prevailed upon to accept the honor of a position with a fat salary. Can the Standard say that Nationalist Ireland has ever been treated in such a way? From the day in 1829 that the first Catholic member for Ireland came to the British House of Commons I do not know of one Irish Nationalist who has received a salaried position. True it is that Irish Liberals have accepted these positions, but Irish Liberals are now seldom seen in Parliament—they obtained one seat at the last election. Thus, the Irish members for the south of Ireland, the Nationalist members, knew not what it is, under either Liberal or Unionist rule, to accept the emoluments of office.

But during these years when the few members for Ulster were obtaining all the positions with salaries, what was this Government doing for the Irish Catholics? The Catholic of the south were asking for a Catholic university, and the Government of Mr. Balfour said they were willing to grant it; but, alas! the Orange leaders of Ulster threatened such a proposal, and a bill was never even proposed. Surely it would have been a great triumph for the Balfour Government to have granted this reasonable request of the Nationalist; but the intolerance of the Nationalist; but the intolerance of the Ulster Tories frightened the party leaders. Was not this class privilege, when a few men from the north were able to prevent the Catholics of the south from obtaining what was a fair and reasonable request, that they be allowed to have a Catholic university? I am a Protestant who believes in Home Rule.

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IRVING O. VINCENT Cookshire, Que., April 8.

FIGURES THAT LIE

We have long and hopelessly protested against the twist that is given to statistics when Catholicity is concerned. The praiseworthy efforts of some of the Protestant churches to get their men interested in religion have led to the publication here and there of tables of figures showing the number of men that go to Church.

Why is it that so frequently the Catholic men are actually dacimated in these lists? Is it mere guesswork, or is it done with the purpose of seeking to equalize on paper the church attendance of the Catholic and non-Catholic map, and the seeking to the Catholic and non-Catholic map. We have long and hopelessly protested

The matter is given point by such a The matter is given point by such a censes, taken by Protestants, of course, in New Rochelle, N. Y. The attendance at the 10:30 o'clock Mass in one church was given as five hundred and fifty-nine, with the luminous addition, "of course there were earlier Masses." Of course there were! And some of them well attended, at an hour long before the census takers were thinking of getting up. The pastor of the church wrote to correct the figures, stating that he had at the Masses by actual count one thousand seven hundred and sixty-five!

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The incident is but a sample of the
"facts" given by the tabulators who go
to High Masses and, because there may
be few men there, use it as an argument
that Catholic men neglect their religion.
It was not so long since that one of these
orthodox calamity-criers proved that
the Catholic Church is losing her hold
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the Catholic Church is losing her hold on her people because there were so few at Vespers!

To these compilers of statistics, if they really wish to know how many of our men go to church, we humbly suggest that they get up early, very early, on Sunday morning, come to a Catholic church and be prepared to be kept busy counting until dinner time. It is easy

HEROIC MISSIONARY A VICTIM OF LEPROSY

FATHER DUPUY, S. J., CHEV-ALIER OF THE LEGION OF HONOR, CONTRACTS DREAD MALADY IN MADAGASCAR

"Jesuit-Knight of Legion of Honor —and Leper."

These are the titles which Father Isidore Dupuy, of the Betsileo Mission of Madagasoar could place on his visit-

of Madagascar could place on his visiting cards.

Only a few months ago word was received at the French headquarters of the Propagation of the Faith that a member of the Parls society had contracted leprosy in India. His name has not been given to the public as yet, and now Father Dupuy adds his to the long list of those heroic martyrs to charity. The history of Father Dupuy's ministry to the natives of Madagascar goes back to the days of its conquest by the French. Obliged to quit Tananarive at the opening of hostilities, Father Dupuy was sent as chaplain and interpreter to the corps of General Voyrou and soon became attached to the famous flying column. He left Maguringa with the soldiers and returned with them to Tananarive after the conquest. It was he who sang the Te Deum for the

disease picks up its victims where it pleases.

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When the fact was known he was isolated, but he made no complaint, though it was hard to give up his beloved labors. The doctor, however, made great efforts on his behalf, and though the repugnant malady still continues the sores which it causes are closed and the particular precautions taken have removed all danger of contagion. Father Dupuy is thus enabled to go once more about his missionary duties and to visit occassionally his fellow-missionaries, while he has the happiness of celebrating Holy Mass daily. Meanwhile a little house is being built for him in the leper colony of Marena, for there he has decided to go, to carry what consolation he can to his fellow-sufferers and to die as he has lived, in the service of his Master, brave and uncomplaining.

DO PROTESTANTS GO TO HEAVEN?

BISHOP FOLEY OF IRELAND WRITES A COMMUNICATION IN ANSWER TO THAT QUES-TION THAT IS WORTH PER.

Moved by a communication which he received from "A Poor Protestant," who asked whether the Church taught "that asked whether the Church taught "that Protestants would stand no chance of going to keaven, or that God created them to be damned," Bishop Foley, of the ancient Diocese of Kildare and Lieghtlin, Ireland, selected as the particular topic of a recent Lenten pastoral the doctrine which is summed up in the formuls: "Outside of the Church there is no salystion." Since there is hardly is no salvation." Since there is hardly any other dogma of the Catholic faith which lends itself so readily to misrepwhich lends itself so readily to misrep-resentation at the hands of outsiders, or which is so calculated to prejudice in-quiries against the claims of the Church, Bishop Foley's lucid explanation is of permanent value. He writes: "Looking out upon the world and real-izing the enormous number of human

"Looking out upon the world and realizing the enormous number of human beings who have never even heard of Christ, we cannot be surprised if many earnest inquiries are repelled by the apparent harshness and intolerance of this great truth of Catholic belief. Seeing that fully two-thirds of the human race are not even nominally Christians and that nearly one-half of the remaining third is outside the fold of Christ, we are asked by outsiders to believe that this dogma which, it is said, dooms five-sixth of the human race to everlasting damnation, is absolutely incredible in itself, as well as in hopeless conflict with the well known will of God that "all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth."

"What obligations, then, do we conceive to be implied in the words of the catechism that 'no one can be saved out of the Catholic Church? Are we bound by this doctrine to believe that there can be no hope of salvation for these

of the Catholic Church? Are we bound by this doctrine to believe that there can be no hope of salvation for those who have not been baptized, have lived all their lives outside the Catholic Church? Every instructed Catholic knows that we are bound to believe nothing of the kind. We are all familiar with the axiom that God Almighty relieves His grace to no man who makes fuses His grace to no man who makes the best use he can to the faculties af-

forded him.
"'It is well known,' writes Pius IX, that those who labor under invincible ignorance with respect to our most holy religion, and who, carefully observing the natural law imprinted by God on their hearts, live an upright life, may, through the operation of divine grace attain eternal life, since God, of His attain eternal life, since God, of the outer allows great goodness and mercy, never allows anyone to be consigned to eternal punishment who has not been guilty of greatyious sin. But, the Pontiff adds, the vious sin. But, the vious sin. But can be saved.' In what sense, then, can it be truly said that some of those who are inculpably ignorant of her claims are to a certain extent inside the Church of Christ?

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'In a real sense of the words and speaking of things as they are in the eyes of God, we truly say that all who are in the state of grace, whether they have been baptized or not, are inside the Church. Like her Divine Founder, the Church is composed of two elements the Church. Like her Divine Founder, the Church is composed of two elements—the one material, visible and of itself natural, and this we call the body; the other spiritual, invisible and supernatural, which we call the soul. We may belong to the soul of the Church and not belong to the body; and we may be a member of the body without belonging to the soul. All men are bound to belong to the soul of the Church as a matter of indispensible necessity, but membership of the body is a matter of divine precept, from the observance of

they all agree in declaring that our Divine Lord laid a divine precept upon men, obliging them to belong to His Church. There is no room for any disagreement upon this point, as we may see by looking to the sacred councils of

the Church.
"It is evident, then, that as a matter of plain fact our divine Lord has laid

"It is evident, then, that as a matter of plain fact our divine Lord has laid a grave obligation on men to become incorporated into His mystical body by baptism and to be faithful to the duties which Church membership involves.

"Many are invincibly ignorant of the existence of any divine precept; their knowledge is confined to what is necessary to be believed, independently of every precept. Others, whilst recognizing this divine precept, finds it impossible to make out what it is that constitutes membership, or which of the various churches that claim their allegiance to the true Church of Christ. Many allow themselves to be persuaded that the fact of their having been born and reared in a certain religious denomination is sufficient evidence of the will of God in their regard. They will tell you that one religion is as good as another; that it makes little difference to what religion a man belongs if he lives an upright life; that Almighty God will not hold a man responsible for what he believes, but for what he does; that, besides Catholicism, there are other legitimate forms of Christian religion, and that separation from the Catholic Church is therefore no obstacle to salvation.

"It is not indeed for us Catholics to

de is not indeed for us Catholics to peremptorily prenounce sentence of damnation upon anyone who dies outside the body of the Church. The judgments of God are inscrutable to us, and as we are not to condemn even those who appear to us to have died in the very act of sin, so neither are we straightway to canonize every one who appears to us to have lived an upright life, notwithstanding his religious beliefs. We must leave these things to the infinitely just judgment of God.—Catholic Universe.

A PROTESTANT MINISTER'S TESTIMONY

American Catholics, as a rule, are not

American Catholics, as a rule, are not aware of the great progress which the Church is making here, notwithstanding the millions who have been lost to the Faith through one or more of the causes that contribute to what has for years been known as the "leakage." Statistics which may be relied upon all the more as being authentic because they are compiled by one who is no friend of the Catholic Church, and who was formerly appropriate capacity in employed in an important capacity in the Census Bureau, the Rev. J. K. Car-roll, a prominent Methodist minister of New York, informs us that last year there were in the United States 12,556,612 were in the United States 12,556,612
"communicants" belonging to the
Catholic Church—that is to say, Catholics
aged over sixteen years. Twenty years
previously the number of such Catholics was, he tells us, 6,231,417—an increase of over 100 per cent. The
significance of this great increase is
deepened by a comparison with the
growth of the Protestant sects during
the same period. The Methodist bodies
increased from 4,252,843 to 6,294,726, or
less than 50 per cent. the Baptists
from 3,429,505 to 5315,412, or
about 34 per cent. The Presbyterians
and Eviscopalians make a better showing. The former have to their credit an
increase from 788,244 to 1,340,110; the
latter from 532,054 to 947,320. The increase in the membership of these two crease in the membership of these two denominations; as represented by perentage is : Presbyterians, about 70 pe cent.; Episcopalians, 78 per cent. Each of the other sects, with the exception o

membership of the body is a matter of divine precept, from the observance of which one may be excused, but only by impossibility or inculpable ignorance.

There is only one condition necessary in order to belong to the soul of the Church, and it is to be in the state of grace. Anyone who is outside the Church in the control of the church in the chur handsome fellow he was, how pleasant his disposition and great his popularity with all classes. There are people now living in Unrichsville who will verify this statement. But Jake had a weakness, He learned to drink. He married a girl, the daughter of good people, against the wishes of her family. The drink habit grew upon him. He became quite dissipated. The hardships and privations of a drunkard's home broke his wife's heart and caused her death. A few years ago when the writer was hunting squirrels he found Jake in a thicket, lying by the side of a jug he had carried many miles from the railroad station where he had it filled. He was in bad shape from drink and fatigue—bloodshot eyes, bloated face, dirty clothing a ragged old wreek. And now he's dead. A wasted and miserable life ending in darkness and depair. A tragedy so fearful that no words can describe it. That's only one case.— Uhrichsville Chronicle.

When the trials and sorrows of this world burden you, pay a visit to our dear Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and you will experience untold consolation.

CATHOLIC NOTES

Catholicity has increased in the ecclesiastical province of Calcutta, India, over 108 per cent. in ten years, and in Burma the increase is over 118 per cent.

The Rev. John J. Winne, S. J., at a recent conference of the Philadelphia priests made the statement that the cost of the Catholic Encyclopedia up to date was over \$600,000

The Catch-My-Pal Total Abstinence Society of Ireland now has 250,000 members. The Emerald Isle is experiencing the greatest temperance revival in all

Vido, the Superior-General of the Order of Cierks of St. Camillus de Lellis, to submit a report on the question of reform-ing the Calendar and making Easter a fixed date.

According to statistics just published, the Catholic population using the Ger-man tongue in the German Empire, its colonies and in Luxembourg, Switzer-land and Austria amounts to 41,450,385, with over 43,000 priests, secular and reg-

noble religious and convert, Mother Katherine Drexel, Superior-General of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People, Cornwells, Pa., contributed personally \$73,260.27 to the Catholic Indian missions.

Bishop Colton, of Buffalo, has returned Fishop Cotton, of Duntato, has recurried from the South, and, to all appearances, has completely recovered from his recent serious and well-nigh fatal illness. The Bishop has announced that Cardinal Farley has consented to come to Buffalo on June 9 to lay the corner-stone of the new cathedral.

The Board of Directors of the Knight The Board of Directors of the knights of Columbus announce that \$385,000 of a \$500,000 endownment fund for the Catholic University already is in hand. The income from this fund will be used to provide scholarships and board for fifty students at the University.

The Long Island Chapter of the Knights of Columbus has inaugurated a movement to raise \$50,000 for the exection of a Catholic Settlement House, in perpetuation of the memory of Very Rev. Mgr. William J. White, D.D. Some of the most enthusiastic supporters of the movement are non-Catholics.

The will of Louis Schlesinger, who died at 2100 Fifth avenue, sets aside a fund of \$500, out of which payments of \$5 and \$10 are to be paid for the relief of poor families, irrespective of religion, but preference to be shown to Hebrews and Irish Catholics. Another fund of \$150 was set aside to buy coal for poor families under the same conditions.

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The late Elizabeth Lady Herbert of Lea, mother of the Earl of Pembroke, left estate of the gross value of \$169,045. She left the Fitzwilliam plate, the ring of the Abbess of Old Witton Monastery and other articles to the Earl of Pembroke; \$25,000 to the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul for the industrial school at Salisbury, and the furniture of her domestic chapel, with the marble altar, plate, vestments, etc., to the Foreign Missionary seminary at Mil Hill.

A writer in the Sheffield (England)
Telegraph says: "I hear that the
Vatican authorities are especially considering the claims of Abbot Gasquet to be promoted to the Cardinalate. It will be remembered that in 1903 many expected that the Abbot's claim, on in-tellectual merit alone, to be appointed successor to Cardinal Vaughan could not be overlooked, and it was credibly stated at the time that his name was the

church is 34 000,000 out of a population of 92,000,000 of these church goers nearly one-third are Catholics.

The largest dioceses of the Church in the United States are: New York, with 1,219,920 Catholics and 962 priests; Chicago, with 1,150,000 Catholics and 152 priests; Boston, with 900,000 Catholics and 680 priests; Brooklyn, with 700,000 Catholics and 485 priests; Priests and St. Louis, with 375,000 Catholics and 522 priests.

The recently-created archdiocese of Birmingham embraces 85,000 souls. The secular and regular clergy comprise 306 priests—an increase of 4 on last year's figures. The churches and chapels number 194, and there are 69 convents. Of choices and 680 priests; Brooklyn, with 700,000 Catholics and 487 priests; Pritsburg, with 475,000 Catholics and 522 priests.

In Italy, as in other Catholic counties and 152 priests. The recently-created archdiocese of

A Simple Case

Not long ago there died in one of the villages of an adjoining country a man who had reached the last stage of bestetedness, a miserable old wreck of mannood that once had brilliant promise. Those who knew Jake when he was a young man remembered what a brief scrutiny of the pastorals as a whole, one finds that the subject most generally touched upon by the Bishops of Italy is that of the absolute necessity of supporting the sound, honest press. of Italy is that of the absolute necessity of supporting the sound, honest press, both for priests and people. Perhaps the most practical support is that of the Bishop of S. Angelo dei Lombardi, who even goes the length of offering to meet half the cost of subscribers to one of a score of Catholic publications for the year 1912, and urges each priest in his diocese to do him the special favor of diocese to do him the special favor of finding five laymen to subscribe to a Catholic journal.

> The Catholics of Geneva in Switzer-The Catholics of Geneva in Switzerland, have appealed to their brethren in England for financial assistance to regain their onetime Church of the Immaculate Mother of God. The appeal brings to light a story of characteristic continental injustice to Catholics. This church was built by Genevan Catholics assisted by their brethren all over the world. It was begun in 1850 and completed in 1857. Some time after the Vatican' Council it was confiscated and handed over to the old Catholics. Now the original owners have a chance to regain this temple of their fathers, but they must pay for that which is by right gain this temple of their fathers, but they must pay for that which is by right theirs. The State will restore the church to them for an indemnity of two hundred thousand francs. Being too poor to raise the sum among themselves, the Genevans have appealed to the generosity of English Catholics.