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There is now no doubt that France and Russia have formed an alliance, and though there has been a good deal of ridicule thrown upon the effusiveness of the French in their reception of the Russian fleet...

Italy at the present time is in a most depressed financial condition, verging upon bankruptcy, owing chiefly to the keeping up of an immense army which is made necessary by the fact that it has joined the Triple Alliance...

HERESY JUDGMENT REVERSED.

There is a new phase in the now famous heresy case of Rev. Mr. Truax, of Ontario, who was condemned at the last meeting of the Niagara Methodist Conference...

When the decision was arrived at we have a resumé of the case, with a summary of the evidence which, as it seems to me, is decisive as to several of the points charged against him...

self is as much inspired as was St. Paul. He declared publicly that in his belief there is no eternal hell, nor any other future punishment than the remorse of one's own conscience.

There were some minor charges, but the above contain all that was directly against revealed truth, and subversive of Christianity.

Any ordinary intelligence can see the absurdity involved when a denomination which boasts that it has an open bible which everyone is free to interpret for himself, tries one of its members for heresy...

If the Church to which Mr. Truax belongs has the right to try him for heresy, that right must be derived from Christ, for no set of men have authority to constitute themselves the supreme judges of what God has taught regarding the conditions of salvation...

The Church is the pillar and ground of truth, according to the Apostle St. Paul, but these words cannot have been uttered of any but the Catholic Church in communion with the See of Rome.

There is one plea which has been freely used in vindication of the right of the various sects to suspend their ministers or excommunicate their members, whether clerical or lay...

It is maintained that the various denominations having adopted certain standards of belief as a test of membership, have a right to insist that their clergy shall teach and their adherents believe the doctrines so adopted...

We fully admit the lawfulness of this as far as the right of such a society before the civil law to exist is concerned, provided it does not interfere with the rights of others. But we maintain that a Church claiming to exist for the purpose of propagating the saving doctrines and precepts inculcated by Christ is not in every respect just like these merely human organizations...

The claim of the Catholic Church is that she teaches infallibly the truth as revealed by Christ, and commanded by Him to be taught. She has, therefore, the right to condemn error. She has so the right to make laws for the guidance of the faithful on the way to salvation...

It is remarkable that close upon the heels of the Chicago murder many outrages somewhat similar have occurred. A New York crank attempted to levy blackmail on Mr. Gould the very day following Mayor Harrison's assassination. He demanded \$5,000, but made no threats of violence...

account void. It is possible the case may be brought up again.

Of course while we consider such heresy trials inconsistent, we acknowledge that they are necessary for the existence of the Churches concerned in them, for they must have a doctrinal basis if they are to exist as Churches at all...

OUTRAGES BY CRANKS.

The assassination of Mayor Carter Harrison of Chicago, by a crank or half-lunatic, has had more effect than any other incident which has occurred since the murder of President Garfield...

One of the operating causes was, undoubtedly, the fact that Prendergast, the assassin, was a half-lunatic who acted upon an imaginary grievance. He thought himself half, or fully inspired to effect great reforms in the management of civic affairs...

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The magnificent bronze statue which has been erected in Hamilton in memory of the late Sir John Macdonald was unveiled in that city on Wednesday, 1st inst., by Sir John Thompson, Premier of the Dominion...

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the police headquarters. The crank in this case had no weapons: but in another part of the city on the same day a Swede entered East 35th street station-house, armed with a long knife, and a keen edged razor, and demanded of the sergeant \$5,000 to be paid immediately...

We are living in an age when shocking murders and black outrages are, alas! too common; but the subject on which we desired to make these comments is not the ordinary class of murders, but rather that class which may be reckoned as part of the crank epidemic which seems to be passing as a wave over the country...

EDITORIAL NOTES.

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THE Protestant ministers of Columbus, Ohio, as will be seen elsewhere in this issue, have repudiated the A. P. A. They have affixed their names to a lengthy document which states that the assertions of Apapists are baseless fabrications, and they entreat every honest Protestant to take no part in its proceedings...

From the Forest Standard of Nov. 2 we take the following extract from a lecture delivered by a Rev. Mr. DeMill, who is president of a college bearing that name:

In Toronto several convents have been erected during the last few years and others have been enlarged. In one of these schools in Toronto there are more than two hundred girls of whom only eighteen are Catholics. The Dominion had five hundred and sixteen convents three years ago, and in these there were supposed to be 10,000 Protestant girls...

We cannot treat this person as an honorable opponent. We cannot say of him that he may be mistaken, or that he is given to exaggeration; and the circumstances force us to say that he has deliberately made false assertions. Is it not true that such men as Mr. DeMill were brought before the courts on a charge of criminal libel?

THE Presbyterian missions of Corea have hitherto belonged to three sects, all of which claimed to be Presbyterians, yet differed from each other on what they now declare to be minor points; and as they have found in the past that the existing divisions have been a cause why but little progress was made by any, it has been decided to unite in the formation of one Corea Presbyterian Church...

It is stated that the American Methodist Bishop Vincent is now busy in Bulgaria establishing missions, and that he recently baptized several children of a Greek family. We admire the zeal of those missionaries, even though they be Protestants, who endeavor to bring Pagans and Mahometans to a knowledge of Christianity...

Pope, and there can be little doubt the three children whom the Bishop (by courtesy) baptized had been baptized already. We need scarcely add that the form of Christianity of the Greeks is of a more complete kind than that which Bishop Vincent would substitute for it...

It has been for some time reported that on the expiration of his term, President Carnot will retire from his position as head of the French Republic. It is now said that he has decided to be a candidate for re-election. This is as yet only a rumor, but we may hope that it will turn out to be well founded...

ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON.

The Gift of a Statue.

Yesterday afternoon a special meeting of the board of governors of the general hospital was held. Present: E. J. B. Pense, chairman; Principal Grant, Revs. W. B. Carow and M. Macgillivray, Messrs. E. Chow, L. A. Breck, Isaac Simpson, H. A. Calvin, M. P. Donald, McIntyre, E. H. Smythe, Drs. Saunders and Fenwick.

A letter from the Most Reverend the Archbishop of Kingston asked the privilege of erecting at the mound on the hospital grounds a statue in memory of the Irish immigrants who died in Kingston during the plague of 1847, to the number of over one thousand, and many of whose remains rest near and under the mound. It is a life-size figure, of an angel of pure Carrara marble sculptured in Italy from a solid block 1,800 pounds in weight...

CANADIAN CATHOLICS.

Superiority of their Educational Exhibit at the World Fair.

A visitor to the Chicago Educational exhibit has been much struck by the vast superiority of the Catholic Canadian exhibit over every other specimen there. He observes that if one takes from the exhibit of the Province of Ontario the work from the Catholic schools the paucity of what remains will not redound to the honor of any country's educational facilities. Figures bear him out. There are 5,756 Public (Protestant) schools in the Province of Ontario. This number excludes kindergartens, High Schools, Collegiate Institutions, special schools, etc. In plain language it represents the schools of the people. There are 289 Catholic Separate schools in the Province of Ontario. Now if we compare: Five thousand eight hundred and seventy-six Public schools have their displays numbered on the catalogue from 25 to 70. The difference—45—represents the detailed total of the Separate portions of their exhibit. Take from this sixty photographs of buildings, etc., each appearing in the catalogue with a special number. The remainder, 355, represents the total quality of the exhibits that have come from the 2,786 Catholic Separate schools in Ontario. The Catholic Separate schools of the Province are accredited in the same catalogue with the exhibits from 709 to 935. The difference, less 13 photographs of buildings, etc., will leave them 231 as the total quantity of class work material sent to the Exposition. Now if we compare: Five thousand eight hundred and seventy-six public schools send 5756 aggregate exhibits. Two hundred and eighty-eight Catholic Separate schools send 211 aggregate exhibits. All which is vastly gratifying.

NEW BOOKS.

Another bright and interesting story for our boys comes from the graphic pen of Rev. Francis J. Fims, S. J. "Claude Lightfoot; or, How the Problem was solved." 12mo, cloth, gilt, with a frontispiece, \$1.00. Publishers: Benziger Bros., 36 and 38 Barclay street, New York.

"Jesus, the Children's Friend" is the title of a sixty-four page, prettily illustrated prayer book for our little ones, just published by H. Herder, Baden, with the approbation of His Grace, the Most Reverend Archbishop of Freiburg. It has forty-nine beautiful illustrations, and is a most welcome addition to the many varieties of children's prayer books.