as a splendid exhibition sm and it betokened a which is most commendore work yet to be done, on to see erected at the e monument in honor of D'Arcy McGee, poet man, whose tragic death oss to the Dominion of oney has been voted by for the purpose and we vill be commenced at an

ASHCROFT, of 96 St Toronto, writes a letter Mail and Empire, makdefence of Professor against strictures cast tleman by a correspon. reviously because of his ncalled for reference to esus. Mr. Joseph Ash. t. Patrick street, Toromplete list of the liters of Professor Goldwin er, what he considers a He forgot to mention Goldwin Smith is on ery ardent pro Boer and advocated the annexation he United States. Had holic of Toronto pursued Mr. Joseph Ashcroft, of street, Toronto, would dly dubbed him a Fenian Il good citizens to give shoulder. Hatred of the s a multitude of sins

ND we have another inegrettable conditions pret country because of the hat aggregation of undethe Orange Association. me of the brethren were their departure for the and a flute band paraded well. No doubt the flute several stirring airs, inoppie Lie Down." When entered the nationalist ere, as might be expected. disfavor and the stones

pery fanatics.

When the constabulary scene both parties united m for their interference. Ireland, as elsewhere, has a curse, nor are Catholics ing such an opinion of the The bitterest denunciame from Protestant gentleinence who recognize it g element which bodes ill of any country.

of the Orange order in us that we either have not owledge of what we are or deliberately slander an hose principles are as lofty as can be devised by man. m practically controls the nto, and as Catholics are l occupying a position in its civic life, the loftinerousness of its methods be called in question. It defender of civil and rety, yet an Orangeman must e will not become a Cathst swear that he will not Catholic wife, and he that he will not ldren to a Catholic school. nd religious liberty of all ople are very near and dear he swears away his own. stitution is, as a Protestant ked to us the other day, a of contradictions.

SCOPAL CONVENTION recently Louis, Mo., it was reported vere less that five thousand s within the borders of that notwithstanding this, the nen seriously discussed the of calling their denominamerican Catholic Church. is indeed that these good not sunder the bonds of nd take the step that would within the portals of the c Church. Many of their other parts of the country, England-men distinguishless lives and culture—have and repose in the bosom o Church and now realize to extent the madness of that hat forced their forefathers fold.

s is called upon to mourn the of its rest lovable and dispriests, the Very Rev. Dean G. In another column we t account of his career pubpress despatch. We regret nded report is not available. ssie's death will bring grief op, priests and people of the ut more especially to his s in Dundas, by whom he was loved. He had attained a , verging close to the eightnd had been a priest for over . He had fought the good ow that he has laid down the we not feel assured that he

THE CONSTITUTION of South Africa has received its second reading in the House of Commons and has virtually passed. Ex-premier Balfour considers this one of the most important events in the British Empire. General Botha and Dr. Jamieson, we are told, sat together were the Lords dealing with a system of government for the Irish along the vested interests have still a powerful hold on the minds and actions of those who constitute a majority of the Upper Chamber of England.

TEMPERANCE WORKERS and medical nen in London, England, stand aghast at the condition of things in the schools of that city. Forty per cent of the children, it is stated, under the age of eight years, drink alcohol more or less regularly. Dr. Mackerath says he got the figures from several of the London County Council Infant schools. This tion in after life will be most deplorable. If this practise continues the future of the mother country will be dark indeed. jects. What avails it to have a great navy and a great army if the country becomes

comes the better. The Bishops will be true to the Pope and the Church, and persecution will all the sooner open the eyes of the French people to the deplorlong run Briand will go to his grave unhonored, and the Church will live and flourish as never before in the French

THE SOUTHERN MESSENGER states that Sir William McGregor declared that children would learn more at school if they were allowed to learn less. Our contemporary states that this utterance is founded on reason and common sense, and adds that it is advisable in school training to cover less ground and to cultivate it more thoroughly. Our educationists, however, seem determined to well to do so? tionists, however, seem determined to go on in the old rut. "Cram" is the order of the day in too many of our school rooms. The consequence is that the little ones have a smattering of everything and are very poorly equipped in the essentials.

WE ARE GLAD to notice our non-Catholic fellow citizens of London, following the example of the Catholic Church, in establishing a Holy Name Society. It is proposed to have a Sunday set apart for

gives us another example of the influence of Rome upon men of wide information. Mr. Bliss had been an Anglican minis ter, but after a visit to Italy he became a convert. The London Anathaeum recently gave a sketch of his career which occupied two pages. It describes him as one of the most learned men of our time. For many years he had been Roman correspondent of a number of English

FROM DAY TO DAY we still have a gist of news from New York concerning that detestable Thaw business. Really, esteemed contemporaries, is it not time the Canadian people were supplied something better in the way of news. From first to last the actors in this social drama have given us a picture of humanity depraved. It is high time the unlovely exhibition were put out of busi-

HALIFAX is rejoicing because of the triumph of John O'Neil, a native of that city, at the great regatta in Detroit-He is now the amateur single scull champion oarsman of America. We are

deared him to people of all lands and all

IS PRAYER A "THEOLOGICAL FIGMENT?"

"My religion is science," said an Ogden teacher to us on a Saltair train recently. " Every creed in Christendom is being purged of the notion of a plighte. God receipting in testandom. pr. Jamieson, we are told, sat together on the steps of the throne in the House of Lords while the constitution received its second reading in that house also. This pleasant picture would be reversed. The Lords dealing with a system of had exploded superstition, was purifying government for the Irish along the religious beliefs from the gross anthropomorphic elements which were accepted in the gross and proposed superstition, was purifying religious beliefs from the gross anthropomorphic elements which were accepted in the gross and proposed superstition. in the past, and had won over to its side large numbers of the most intelli-gent and advanced of the clergy who look upon prayer to God as a theological

figment.

All of which is entitled to the same attention which is given any assertion unsupported by proof. The purifying effect of science on religious belief is like into that of the shark on its prey, that is, absorption and, for the shark's victim, annihilation; and the Protestant creeds are beginning to perceive it. Thoughtful Protestants realize that the fight is on between the positivism of Christianity represented by the Catholic Church and the entire negation of the supernatural, of revealed religion, condition of things is certainly most alarming. If at a tender age children contract the drink habit their conditroops in the revolutionary war for in-dependence, they are auxiliaries of our enemies, though not recognized as sub-

We cheerfully welcome all duly at-

curses, and blessings in a spirit of revenge or favoritism?" The Ogden teacher was ridiculing the faith of an eyes of the French people to the deplorable conditions prevailing. In the exceptional period of drought, believing that God would, at their request, change

XII., 17), we have no reason to suppose that these were produced differently from other thunder and rain in violation THE SOUTHERN MESSENGER states that
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well to do so? o ndesse Bl universe; that there are divinely ap-pointed conditions of health and success in human affairs which if we neglect or overlook, we cannot prevent the consequences by prayer: that what we ask in prayer we must ask in submission to the will of God. But these admissions do not evaluate the these admissions do not exclude the duty of prayer, and its absolute necessity for the man who seeks to reach the

end for which God created him. proposed to have a Sunday set apart for a crusade against swearing; the day is to be known as "The Holy Name Sunday." The practice of swearing cannot be too strongly condemned. If we look at it merely in the light of citizenship it betrays a want of character and manliness. A higher motive, however, should be our guide in this matter.

A DISTINGUISHED CONVERT, W. H. Bliss, recently died in England. This gives us another example of the influence Though it is not the ordinary Divine lying the protest against prayer there is the quiet assumption that there is no living, personal God Who cares for his living, personal God who cares for his or a continuous continuous cares for his creatures or heeds their requests. Our Ogden friend's argument against prayer for rain, if valid, would hold good against all kinds of prayer. Those who speak of prayer as if it was to teach God speak of prayer as it it was to teach God and make Him the instrument of human caprice, should remember Paley's wise words: "It may seem good to the wisdom of God to give us, in answer to our prayers, what it would not seem good to the same divine wisdom to give us without prayer." — Intermountain Catholic.

THE LOST CAUSE.

Though men outside the Catholic Church are divided on the subject of religion as never before, though the preachers are talking to empty benches and the divinity schools are all but empty, there is no topic on which there is more talk than rel gion, and of the making of religion there is no end.

No farrage of nonsense is too feelish to gain advocates and adherents, no exto gain advocates and adherents, no exploded theory or error of past centuries is too incoherent or self-contradictory to escape a revival. Publicists and quacks are pulling over the rubbish heaps of history to find some apparently novel view of the universe or explanation of human life. tion of human life.

John O'Neil is a model resident of the city by the sea. He is a member of St. Mary's Young Men's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society, and is a devout Catholic.

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He is a member of St. Mrs. Eddy gives forth her pronouncements with all the exaggerated seriousness of an imitation priestess. Dr. Worcester seeks to infringe on Mrs. Eddy's patent and drive the physicians out of business. Sanford proclaims himout of business. Sanford proclaims himself the new Elijah, and last of all Dr. A PRESS DESPATCH from Rome, dated August 17th, gives us the gratifying news that His Holiness the Pope is in perfect health and that all rumors to the contrary are groundless. This will

will receive that great reward which is be pleasing news to the Christian co-operators. It would seem that nothing is too outlandish, nonsensical or deared him to people of all lands and all dangerous to assume the good name and

usurp the prerogatives of religion.

But underneath the specious claims and mock-heroic attitudes of these deceivers of mankind, is a lack of sin-cerity. These people are intelligent enough to delude others and too intelligent to deceive themselves. They know that their boasted claims are without foundation, but they are hopelessly in the dark as to religion. The very fact that so many come forward with solutions of a problem already solved shows that they are engaged upon a fruitless task and know it. Their theories are like the attempts to square the circle. They are trying to make a religion without God and without revelation and with an authority that can continue only so long as they are popular.

Dr. Eliot's theory in particular is a conspicuously hopeless one. It is the stand of a man who has abandoned everything really divine in religion and who in desperation strives to formulate some juiceless and nerveless statement on which people who reject revelation

To one who has followed the history of Protestantism in this country, its stiff formularities and harsh rules of conduct which were the rule fifty years ago, its denominational colleges and schools, its exaggerated championship of the Bible, and contrasts the former condition with the total disorganization of to-day and the disappearance of any rea creed or positive belief on the essentials of religion, these evanescent pronouncements indicate the last gasp. On every side are empty conventicles, colleges wholly secularized or given over to the teaching or rationalism and atheism, ministers who have no definite beliefs whatever, and unchurched millions who We cheerfully welcome all duly attested facts of science in the natural order and admit our obligation to give is the sphere open to and a great army if the country becomes diseased at the core.

M. Briand, the new French Premier, is reported to have expressed a determination to bring matters to an issue with the French hierarchy. His intention doubtless is to bring them to trial, fine and imprison them. The sooner the test and imprison them. The sooner the test conception of a God Who "dispenses curses, and blessings in a spirit of remaining to make move by mechanical contrivances. They use the old names for things religious but in their mouths these have a widely different meaning. Divested of all their verbiage they stand forth as hopeless and profit-less materialism.

What is there in all the antique errors

What is there in all the antique errors that are yearly paraded before us as re-ligions, to feed the starving heart of Episcopalian minister who with his congregation petitioned God for rain in an exceptional period of drought, believing that God would, at their request, change the order of nature.

When the Lord sent thunder and rain in answer to the prayer of Samuel (I. XII., 17), we have no reason to suppose the devotedness of one small Sister of Charity who believes in God and serves Him with all her heart. "Vanity of vanities." They have

Christian theologians freely admit that there is an established order in the old lamps new lamps that will not burn.
They are religious bankrupts. The battle
is lost and they stand among the corpses shouting in faltering notes that they

> And the Catholic Church here and And the Cathonic Church need and everywhere goes calmly on with her work as she has for ages, regarding all the noise and fuss as but the repetition of what she has witnessed time and again in the past. They talk, invent, and vex the souls of men with vain questionings, and she goes on garnering in souls and waiting for the coming of Him "Who will make all things new."—

ATTITUDE OF CATHOLICS TOWARD EVOLUTION.

(b) The origin of the main organic types and their principal subdivisions are likewise unknown to science.

(c) There is no evidence in favor of

an ascending evolution of organic forms. That is to say it cannot be asserted that man evolved from the lowest forms of animal life upwards. (d) There is no trace of even a

(d) There is no trace of even a merely probable argument in favor of the animal origin of man. The earliest human fossils and the most ancient traces of culture refer to a true reasoning man as we know him to-day.

(e) Most of the so-called systematic

the causes of evolution. The greatest difficulty is to explain the origin and constancy of "new" characters and the teleology of the process. Darwin's natural selection is a negative factor only. The moulding influence of the environment cannot be doubted; but at present we are unable to assential here. present we are unable to ascertain how far that induence may extend. Lamarck's "inheritance of acquired characters" is not exactly proved, nor is it

acters" is not exactly proved, nor is it evident that really new forms can arise by mutation or simple change.

In regard to the alleged blood-relationship between man and the higher apes, it is admitted that the blood of man is chemically similar to that of the anthropoid apes.



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blood-relationship" in the genealogical sense of the term.

The fact of chemical similarity of blood is of no more importance for the theory of evolution, than any other fact of comparative morphology or physic-

The central idea of modern theories of evolution, namely, progressive speci-fic development, has not up to the present received any confirmation from observation of the world of organisms as it now exists.—N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

FOLLOW THE DICTATES OF CONSCIENCE.

The Marquis of Ripon recently granted an interview to a writer on the staff of the Review of Reviews in which he gave many interesting episodes of the active life from which he has just retired. Speaking of his conversion to Catholicity, and the fact that this step had not hindered his official career, he

said:
"This is very remarkable, and I owe
"This is very remarkable, and I owe that to Mr. Gladstone. When I joined the Catholic Courch I was fully con-vinced that by that act I had cut myself off forever from public service, and the Times told me so with the utmost emphasis. That it was not so was entirely

Asked to give his advice as regards the management of public affairs for the

the management of public affairs for the benefit of younger men who are growing up in the service, he said:

"That is rather a large order, but if I had to say anything this is what I would say: 'In the government of the world, as in all the other affairs of life, accept no other than the voice of your own conscience. In dealing with the affairs of your own private life, let your moral your own private life, let your moral judgment be supreme. In the governing of countries as in everything else, so live that all those over whom you wield authority shall recognize that your first object is to make truth and justice prevail. That at least has always been the principle upon which I have endeavored to order my life in whatsoever positions I have been

Noble words and worthy of a Catholic statesman.

Ah, if we could only realize the tenderness, the depth of Christ's love for us, when He so closely unites Himself to each one of us in Holy Communion, we would converse lovingly and familiarly would converse lovingly and laminary
with Him. In those moments, the most
precious of our life, and the happiest,
we should present to our dear Lord all
our needs, those of our friends, of our pastors, of the whole Church.

METHODIST OPINION OF OUR CATH-OLIC PRIESTHOOD.

There is no question but that the There is no question but that the ministry of the Catholic Church is a success, says the Methodist Recorder. This is partially due to the fact that there is no recognition by the Church of a dead line and because of the high standard of education and preparation for the ministry which the Church exacts. But not content with the standards which now prevail. Pope Pius X. ards which now prevail, Pope Pius X. recently gave orders for a universal advance of the standards to be applied to by Father Muckermann, S. J., in the fifth volume of the Catholic Encylopedia, indicate what the Church teaches as the proper attitude to be observed by Catholics towards the much disputed theory of Evolution.

Here are the conclusions Here are the conclusions:

(a) The origin of life is unknown to ally prepared or unprepared. Of course, if a man is to be superannuated by his church at forty years of age, under the Catholic rule he would have under the Catholic rule he would have little time to work. But, as we have said, the Catholic Church does not superannuate her ministry at the age of forty. She rightly considers that her power and wealth and success lies in the wisdom and the experience and the age of her ministry. The decree of the Pope also raises the standard of education for the ministry of the Catholic tion for the ministry of the Catholic Church. What would the Methodist Protestant candidate for the ministry think if before he could be ordained to the ministry in his church he should be (e) Most of the so-called systematic species and genera were certainly not created as such, but originated by a process of either graduated or saltatory evolution. Changes which extend beyond the range of variation observed in the human species, have thus far not been strictly demonstrated, either experimentally or historically.

(f) There is very little known as to the causes of evolution. The greatest difficulty is to explain the origin and the species and generally not take a four years' college course as a preparation to six years extend study in the higher institution which must follow? We say exacting study for the course includes now two years in philosophy, four years in the closely, courses in the Scriptures, exegesis, canon law, moral theology, ecclesiastical history, homilectics, Gregorian chant, higher law, French, Hebrew, Italian, natural sciences, elocution and in some cases German. We required to take a four years' college tion and in some cases German. We say this is the course that has prevailed; but now the Pope has decreed an advance on this. No wonder the Catholic priesthood is such a power. It is not presible to accomplish a contract of the case o is not possible to accomplish a good mechanical job with dull tools; how

can good ecclesiastical work be done without sharp tools? The place to sharpen the edge of the ministry is in the seminary. Jesus did not begin his ministry until he was thirty years old. What Gairdner Shows.

The Lamp (Protestant Episcopalian

Gairdner's proposition that the Reformation, with all its defects, wrought a change for the better in England. Says

our esteemed contemporary:
Right here, of course, we take issue with him, but the fact remains and is all the more striking, that "Lollardy and the Reformation" has shown us conclusively, 1st, that the English Reformation mation was forced upon an unwilling nation; and 2nd, that the authority of the Pope in spirituals and up to that period been willingly acquiesced in by the whole estate of the realm. These the Pope in spirituals and up to that period been willingly acquiesced in by the whole estate of the realm. These are naturally the two points of greatest interest to ourselves, but we must not ignore other interesting facts also proved; such as the nailing of the old lies recarding monastic life in England, and the true nature of Lollardy, the real character of its promoters, and its deep and lasting influence upon the religion of the establishment.—Sacred Heart Review.

AN ENGLISHMAN OBJECTS.

Everything Else Failed.

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AN ENGLISHMAN OBJECTS.

Edward Clarke, former mayor of Hastings, England, who took part in the Joan of Arc celebration in Rouen, France, has made a speech in which he attacked the Freethinkers' Society of the town which placed in the duracer. that town which placed in the dungeon where Joan of Arc was imprisoned an inscription reading :

"To Joan of Are, Burnt by the Priests."

"The inscription," said Mr. Clarke, "shows that history is not as well stud-ied by some people in France as it de-serves to be. You say that Joan of Arr was burnt by the priests. We, in Englack, say that she was burnt by the English. That is the truth.

"Our ancestors committed a great we deplore it. We English now hold the maid's memory in veneration. None ever attempt on our side of the channel

"I bring the homage of the English people to your national heroine, who marched to victory against the tyranny

out France.

The Ould Lad o' the Bells.

The bell o' St. Mark, How it moithers the air ! Sure, I can't un'erstand All the bells in this land— I declare

But it's quare— Whin the bells o'er the sea are so joyous an' grand. By the town o' Clonmel, drank nothin' but joy From the rim of a bell.

Was it rung for two wed,
Was it summons to prayer,
Was it tolled for wan dead, Still the music was there; Every hill-side an' glen Every hollow and glade Rang agen an' agen Wid the echoes it made, An' the good folk that trod To the call o' the bell Gave a "Glory to God!"

For whatever befell.

Don't I mind—bless me soul!

Me a wee curly head—

Me a wee curly head—
How we heard the bells toll
Whin O'Connell was dead?
I can mind that same day,
Aye! I see messel' well
As I stopped in me play
At the sound o' the bell;
An' I hold in me ear
All its music that's past,
Tho' it's sixty-two year

Tho' it's sixty-two year Since I heard it the last. For I can't live it down, An' I hear it ring yet Wid their tears an' regret-

Hark ! The bell o' St. Mark. How it moithers the air—
Sure, it aught to be gay,
'Tis a weddin', they say— I declare

But it's quare.
Whin the bells o'er the sea are so joyous alway.

-T. A. Daly, in Catholic Standard and Times. | II King St. West

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ever attempt on our side of the channel to sully her name.

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