

pledges, and again revived the old issues, we cannot wonder that his conduct provoked censure ; and it may be questioned whether he was treated any more harshly than is many a man of the present day for a much less departure from prescribed creeds." This is but a reflex of the opinion of most scientific men ; yet we are sure to see and hear that baseless fabrication put forth—that the Catholic Church is the enemy of science.

and abroad ; they are barbarous and uncivilized, incapable of appreciating the efforts that are being made in their behalf. The efforts of the police, aided by repeated pulls from the sack of " blood-money " discover the criminal, who happens to be, say a German. What matters that ? The crime was committed in Ireland—therefore, etc—Consistency thou art a diamond, though ordinarily paste in thy nature. Events like those under discussion often lead us to see the true inwardness of things.

THE WHITECHAPEL HORROR.

All England, yea the whole civilized world, stands aghast at the spectacle of the murders in the Whitechapel district, London. But if we shudder at the horrible ferocity of the fiend who committed the foul deeds, with what feeling of pitiful contempt must we not regard that parody on the administration of justice—the London police force ! For weeks and months a monster without a rival in the calendar of crimes has been enjoying the freedom of the City of London and committing his horrid butcheries right under the noses of the police. And despite all the efforts that are made to capture him he is still at liberty. Where is Sir Chas. Warren with his regiment of mounted police ? Where is Home Secretary Matthews with his metropolitan forces ? Where is Balfour, and why does he not have London " proclaimed " and placed under the ban of coercion ? Where are the sleuth hounds of Scotland Yard who so successfully ferret out the whereabouts of Irish domestics and unravel dynamite plots *ad nauseam* ? Where the mighty journals which daily thunder forth their denunciations of Irish crime and agrarian outrage ? Alas ! ask of the winds. These murders are no stigma on the character of the people of London, but change the scene to Dublin—Ah, then insult and reproach are thrown upon the whole Irish race at home

CHRISTIANS FIRST.

We have no decided leanings in American politics. Toward Republicans and Democrats, Prohibitionists and Woman Suffragists our feelings are the most kindly, and we extend our good wishes to the candidate of each party. But we cannot help alluding to a recent incident of the presidential campaign which goes to show that there is a much more healthy moral atmosphere around us than we imagine. There exists in the United States a certain Col. Robert Ingersoll (let the war records declare how worthily he won the title) who has allowed his imagination such play over his reason that for the past fifteen years his course has been one shameful blasphemy and his utterances the grossest outrage on the moral sense of the community : This Ingersoll is a clever orator and his services on the hustings and in the lecture-hall have heretofore been in great demand. But the people of Minnesota have taught him a lesson he will not soon forget. Having heard that he was about to stump the State in the interest of the Republicans, prominent members of that party met in St. Paul and forwarded the following resolution to the national committee : "As Christian citizens of a Christian commonwealth, pledged to the support of religious principles and institutions, and also as loyal Republicans earnestly