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CLERICAL CHANGES.

His Lordship the Bishop of London has made the following appointments: The Rev. Father Traher, Pastor of Mount Carmel, comes to the city of London, to take charge of a new parish to be formed in the East End of the city.

"HIGHER CRITICISM" TO BE REPREHENDED.

The Episcopal clergy of New York have established a society for the purpose of repressing the irreverent "higher criticism" which attacks the authenticity and truth of the Bible.

DIVERSITY OF OPINIONS.

An Anglican clergyman recently advertised in a London (Eng.) paper that he is an effective preacher of Evangelical (or Low Church) proclivities, having been successful in winning souls and edifying his hearers.

RECIPIENTS OF STOLEN ARTICLES.

General Fauston's indignation because it was whispered abroad that he was responsible for the looting of Catholic churches in the Philippines, now appears to have been assumed for the purpose of drawing a red herring across the track.

THE FACULTY SUSTAINED.

We notice by the Daily Telegraph of St. John, N. B., that the trouble which broke out in the University of Fredericton in regard to hazing has been amicably and satisfactorily settled by the upholding of discipline.

consideration, the Senate determined to sustain the action of the Faculty, and thus to maintain discipline, and the three Professors thereupon withdrew their resignation.

CONTINUES THE FIGHT AGAINST ROME.

Some weeks ago it was reported that the Osservatore Romano had given utterance to sentiments favoring the cause of the Boers in the Transvaal War. It was also stated that that journal is the official organ of the Vatican, but a contradiction was promptly sent out to the effect that the Vatican was in no way responsible for its utterances.

MANILA, PAST AND PRESENT.

The Ave Maria announces that it has received a number of papers published in Manila since the occupation by American troops, and they are mostly of high price, one of them costing \$20 a year as its subscription price.

SISTERS ON THE BATTLE-FIELD.

It is well known that the best nurses of the sick, whether in hospitals or private houses, are the sisters or nuns who have devoted themselves to this work for God's sake and not for lucre.

It is not merely of late that the devotedness of the good Sisters has been shown, yet filthy and immoral lecturers like Maria Monk and Mrs. Margaret Shepard are welcomed and encouraged by hundreds of people in our large cities to deliver lectures abusing and slandering these devoted and self-sacrificing ladies.

REV. DR. DE COSTA.

One of the most important events of the past week was the conversion to the Catholic faith of one of the most distinguished Protestant Episcopal ministers of the United States, Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. De Costa.

Dr. De Costa is, remotely, a descendant of an old French Catholic family, but his more immediate ancestors were Huguenots, who settled in Boston seven generations since.

MAN WORSHIP.

Taking into consideration the fact that nearly all Protestant sects are so persistent in accusing Catholics of Saint-Worship, it is a matter of surprise that many of these same sects are themselves so strongly addicted to man worship, while, on the other hand, the men to whom they accord this homage are not at all to be compared, either for heroic sanctity, or for the correctness of their ethical and religious beliefs, as are the Saints of the Catholic Church.

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alone accomplishes the law. It suffices to believe in the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Sin cannot snatch us from this Lamb, although we were to commit fornication or murder a thousand times each day.

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A Clear Presentation of His Reasons Therefor. THE PLACE OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

We are indebted to the New York Freeman's Journal for the advance proofs of the following letter of Dr. De Costa, in which he states at length the reasons which prompted him to become a member of the Catholic Church.

With profound gratitude, I acknowledge the great goodness of God, who mercifully lightened my path, giving grace to overcome the deep prejudice implanted by false education; and has now led me, not without trial, yet with a Shepherd's gentle hand to the fold of the Catholic Church.

We will not dwell upon the inconsistency of a sect which is based upon the principle that each individual is himself the ultimate judge of what he should believe, issuing an excommunication against those who use their own judgment, further than to say that it is an unpardonable egotism in a minister of such a sect to stigmatize those who differ from him as "insignificant individuals."

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We see in all this the same man-worship of which we have already spoken. Because Luther started Protestantism in Germany, his teachings must be vindicated at all hazards, however licentious or wicked they may be.

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