THE TEACHING OF CHRISTIAN

Rev. John F. Brady writes in the Catholic World for August a paper on the teaching of Christian Doctrine apropos of the Holy Father's late

to if we would seek for better results in our Sunday-school work, we must not hesitate to profit by what we see around us, we would do well to adopt methods that have led to success in every field. What we need, then, is organization. To be plain, the Sunday-school work would be rendered more efficient if placed under the direction of one head, or, if preferred, a board of directors, to whom would be given full power to organize, to grade, to plan, to execute, etc. Some might think this chimerical, but it is not. It is only applying to this branch of work what has already been applied to the parochial school branch. Some years ago a board of school directors was con-stituted, and under them a superintend ent of schools appointed, whose duty it is to visit every school and to examine is to visit every school and to examine into every detail of the work. The results have been most gratifying and the system has proved to be most acceptable. It is true that there are ceptable. It is true that there are some difficulties to be met with in this field that are not met with elsewhere; but these difficulties are by no means insurmountable. To some minds the most serious problem to be grappled with is lack of attendance. Yet instances might be cited in which this problem was solved, and the means used in the solution were simple enough. They were, first a tonic dose of gentleness, then a whole hearted endeavor to persuade the children that their presence would not only full is their presence would not only fulfil a duty, but yield them personal pleasure as well, and a rooting out of that impression lingering in so many youthful minds that, because they do not attend the parcchial school, they are to be merely tolerated in the Sunday-school. Further efforts were made on the part of catechists to give in their instruc-tions more than the dry bones of the articles of faith; and, as the Supreme Pontifi has urged in his encyclical, liberal use was made of the Sacred Scriptures, of ecclesiastical history, of the lives of the saints, stories, para-bles, etc., so that life and raiment were given to the truth explained, and the total result was-attractiveness.

The second point which suggests itself for the improvement of the Sun-day-school enables us to follow more closely the wishes of the Holy Father as expressed in his Encyclical on Chris-tian doctrine, and refers to the cathechist. Of course the priest is 'par excellence' the catechist; yet in every large city the number of children to be catechised is so great that it is neces-sary to call in the aid of lay teachers. To this class of Church workers we cannot give too high praise. By their work they give lessons in zeal, patience. and self sacrifice that are both edifying and faithful. The work of teaching catechism is not always attractive and is not likely to win popular praise. But generous souls like these look to God for their reward, and the Vicar of Christ speaks to them in his recen letter in the following terms: 'We deem it superfluous to dwell at greater length in praising such instruction, or showing its value in the eyes of God No doubt the pity we manifest in re-lieving the wants of the poor is most acceptable to God; but who will ques we procure not transient benefits for the body, but eternal for the soul by teaching and warning them, are far more acceptable. Nothing certainly can be more desirable, nothing more pleasing to Jesus Christ the Redeemer

THE FREEDOM OF AUTHORITY.

Dr. James J. Fox writes in the August Catholic World on Professor Sterrett's volume The Freedom of Authority, and also discusses Dr. Briggs paper on "Reform in the Cath-

olic Church."

"The notable endeavors that have been made, within the past few years, by Protestant leaders of thought, and reads of organizations, to find, amid the wreck of creeds, some solid basis for the reconstruction of Christianity, is a hopeful sign. The logic of the actual situation, as well as the native genius of Protestantism, suggests two opposite ways for this undertaking. is to cut down dogma to a minimum, or to zero; to eliminate all authority, thus reducing Christianity to the merest individualism, without creed, without external worship, and without any social embodiment. been advocated lately by two eminent leaders, one in France. the other in Germary, Harnack, and Sabatier. On the plea of restoring Christianity to its Gospel simplicity and purity they would eliminate dogma, worship, organization everything external; leaving only a 'religion of the spirit;' an inner impulse, if we listen to Sabatier, to realize in our lives the ethical ideal of Jesus, or, according to Harnack, a recognition of the only truths that Jesus taught, the Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man. The breadth of these theories, the alluring but deceptive promises they hold out of placing faith in Jesus beyond the range of rationalistic at tack and of dispensing with the elemental principles which have hither hesiveness, but are now succumbing to secured for Harnack's and s views a very warm welcome on th ir first appearance. Sober second thought, however, has reversed this judgment; for but little reflection is required to make clear that Christianity, according to the above specifica-tions is a religion which never exand never could exist, in this world, outside the brain of a theorist

or a visionary.
"Many unequivocal signs indicate that we are entering upon an era when the spiritual nature of the Church will shine forth more conspicuously than it has done for ages; and her truly Catholic character will be more strikingly emphasized in the composition of h governing bodies. At the same time,

agosticism, and infidelity are impressing on the non-Catholic Christian world the truth that every other authority than the Catholic Church is a deceptive imitation that falls in the hour of stress. In this conjuncture one of the most effective services that can be rendered to truth is to assist in removing the false impression preval-ent concerning the role and nature of authority.

"In conclusion let us return for

a 'parting word with Professor Ster-rett. He has quoted, with approba-tior, a passe from an eminent Uni-tarian which ends thus: 'Protestant-ism, unless it can recall its separations, and atone its schisms, and renouncing dogmatic wilfulness, round itself int one, is doomed to pass away, and be absorbed in the larger fold of an Æcu-menical Church." The Professor's comment on this assertion is: 'If Protestantism cannot do this, what if Rome, which has often shown master-strokes which has often shown master-strokes of wisdom, should arouse to her opportunity, and rise to her duty? What, if dropping her now provincial name and character, she might seek to reintegrate all Protestantism? It looks like a seeming impossibility. But if the day ever comes that Protestantism cases ever comes that Protestantism ceases to be a religion of authority, and that Romanism itself can take up all the noble fruits and principles of Protest antism, then the time will come when antism, then the time will come when every Christian must answer the question to such Catholicism, why, or why not?' Is there any cool headed, un biassed thinker, of any religion, or of no religion, who believes that Protestantism, divided and subdivided against itself into innumerable fragments, elf into innumerable fragments, ong which the law of repulsion is in full play, can ever unite and form a homogeneous whole, on a distinctively Protestant basis? Scarcely; at least, none have placed themselves on record as holding that conviction. The way to the realization of the vision splendid of a reunited Christendom, one fold under one Shepherd, lies in another direc-tion."

CATHOLIC SCHOLARS AHEAD.

"From Detroit," says the Catholic lews, "comes new evidence to strengthen our claim that the parish schools furnish a superior brand of secular education. Last february Mr. C. M. Woodruff, of Detroit, offered to send ; woodrulf, of Devroit, onered to sent a reproduction of a famous painting to every pupil in that city who would write to him, telling of what important event in American history Feb. 6 was the anniversary. To the one who would write the most acceptable essay on the event, Mr. Woodruff announced he would present a set of six volumes of an instructive work. Scholars to the number of 296 participated in the contest. Of these, 265 were representatives of the public schools and 31 were students of parish schools. Notwithstanding this withstanding this great advantage in numbers enjoyed by the public school pupils, the set of books for the best pupils, the set of books for the best essay went to a parish school boy, George J. Kelso of St. Joseph's Com-mercial College, which is conducted by the Christian Brothers."

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPA-GATION OF THE FAITH.

PROPOSED NEW PERIODICAL FOR MIS-SIONARIES.

We learn on good authority, says the Catholic Missions, that in January next will be issued the first number of an international scientific quarterly, which will be of great advantage to Catholic missionaries and calculated to render invaluable service to religion. It will admit into its pages articles on ethnological, linguistic and kindred ethnological, linguistic and kindred subjects, written by Catholic mission-aries only, in either English, German,

The preliminary steps for the publiof this new periodical have been taken. The Catholic cation Scientific Leo Society of Austria has consented to undertake the part of publishers; the analogous German Gorres Society and some other bodies interested in the new venture have guaranteed substantial aid towards the initial expenses; and the Rev. P. W. Schmidt, S. V. D., its originator, a well known writer on scientific subjects

has accepted the editorship. NEED OF SUCH A PERIODICAL. The sciences of ethnology and lin-guistics have been founded principally by the Catholic missionaries of the ixteenth and seventeenth centuries. At the present day, however, they are almost entirely monopolized by rationalistic university professors, who, profiting by the laborious researches of the ministers of the true religion, misuse these sciences for the propounding of theories on the origin and development of man of the family, which are destructive of religion and true morality; and there theories, popularized and spread abroad by means of cheap literature, have done and are doing incalculable harm among the masses. The new publication will be a powerful help to our missionaries to regain, to some extent, their lost ground.

KNOWLEDGE OF CUSTOMS The manners and customs, the relig ions and languages of heathen peoples of which these professors can have only a second-hand, or, at most, a superficial personal knowledge, are held up as evidence and are brought forward in support of their irreligious and immoral theories. Who is better able to refute them than the Catholic Mission ary, who spends the best part of his life in the midst of the epople whom he has been sent to evangelize; whose ministry brings him into the closest relationship with the natives, and who to carry on his apostolate in an effect ve manner, is compelled to make thorough study of the language, religon, manners and customs in among the heathen population whom he is sent to Christianize and civilize?

DIFFICULTIES UP TO THE PRESENT. Hitherto many of our Catholic miss i maries have been debarred from enriching the world of science with the knowl and the world of science with the knowledge they acquired by experience and research, owing to lack of funds or the inability of finding a publisher. There are not a few Catholic missionaries, as may be seen in previous numbers of

this magazine, who have published most valuable scientific works, but they have only been enabled to do so at considerable financial risk on the this magazine, most valuable part of the society to which they be-longed, or else with the assistance of grants made by scientific bodies in Europe, or, in a few instances, by governments interested in the publication of their works.

The proposed new quarterly will give the missionaries special facilities

give the missionaries special facilities to make their researches public, and to refute the false theories based upon the manners, customs, religions, etc., of the natives among whom they dwell. We heartily congratulate the Rev. Father Schmidt, on whose shoulders the heavy task of inaugurating this important and difficult undertaking has fallen, upon the success which has so fallen, upon the success which has so far attained his disinterested labors, and we sincerely hope that the proposed new quarterly will soon see the light, and that its future career will e a long and prosperous one,-Boston

INFIDELITY AMONG PROTESTANT MINISTERS.

The Messenger calls attention to the fact that Pastor Fischer of the Church of St. Mark in Berlin, in one of his sermons, had openly denied the divinity of Christ and all supernatural revelation. He was mildly rebuked for it by the consistory. This displeased some of his partisans and they complained in the Prussian legislature against this interference with evangaliplained in the Prussian legislature against this interference with evangelical liberty. It was, they said, contrary to the Protestant principle of private interpretation to gag a minister by warnings and threats, and could only lead to hypocrisy. Besides, they added, Pastor Fischer is a very elequent man and very popular in his parish.

upon this an orthodox (Protestant)
paper remarks: "Yes, Pastor Fischer
must be very popular and very eloquent, for in a parish of 40,000 souls we usually count listening to him of a Sunday between twenty five and forty persons." Pastor Mauritz of Bremen urpasses, if possible, Pastor Fischer

Here is a passage from a sermon re cently delivered by him in the Dom of Bremen: "Away with Christianity, which for us is a thing of the past! Away with this religion of the beyond and the hereafter! We have turned our backs upon Christianity, we have our own religion—life! We have carried away with us from Christianity some good things, delicate feeling and love of enemies, but we have carried away with us also many old paper hangings, such as the 'Our Father.' We know that it is no longer our prayer. Its author is the ideal Man, but for us it is solve than the such that it is no longer our prayer. is only a beautiful poem. We are now going to recite it, but each one may think what he chooses while saving it.

Is it any wonder that young men are unwilling to study Protestant theology n preparation for the ministry?

THE PAPACY AND THE POWERS.

There is a right view and a wrong view of the relations of the Pope to the different civil governments of Europe. The wrong view is usually taken by petty intriguers, people without a fatherland but with an inordinate

hankering after the things of Cæsar. They would make the Vatican a court interested like the courts of Vienna. Berlin and St. James in the vienna, Berlin and St. James in the international and social questions of the day. They would have "Rome's political influence" felt and desired by the crowned heads. They would have "nuncios" in attendance at the capi rancios in attendance at the capitals of Europe engaging is the haggling and intriguing of ordinary political ambassadors. And they would term this worldly traffic and chicane "Christian" in all themicare disperses. and "luminous diplomacy

We hear such persons now a days sighing over the condition of govern ments which have "broken with the Papacy." These nations are destraught with the grim spectres of the Communist and Nihilism. "Now," exclaims the petty intriguer, "Salisbury and Von Buelow appreciate the need of the Papal influence. Now, they are sorry for having assailed the Pope. Otherwise they could have his powerful aid in suppressing these sub-versive influences and in condemning the spirit of discontent that make then

dangerous."

Is the Pope then a mere policeman to be called in when the governing classes of Europe get into trouble? So these narrow-minded individuals with a smattering of pious diplomacy would have us believe. They would would have us believe. They would have the Holy See a moral influence when the aristocrats and money enders in power solicited its interven tion against the awful people. They would make the Vatican a mere ten poral power, using its spiritual san ctions and authority for worldly ends Now the right view of the Papacy is something over and above and out of the political powers of the earth. Christ said: "My kingdom is not of th s world." The Papacy is a spiritual power and nothing more. Catholics be lieve in the propriety of the temporal power of the Pope over the States of the Church, simply to secure the Pope from annoyance of civil rulers who might seek to trench upon the absolute independence of the spiritual authority

This spiritual power requires n courts and tolerates no intriguing with temporal sovereigns. Only an evil ne cessity requires it to assume diplomatic relations with some of the courts of Europe. But this transient feature will pass away with the growing strength of Catholicity and the only relations of the Pope will be directly to his spiritual children—the clergy and the people. - Catholic Citizen.

Restitution When the Owner is

Unknown. From the Pittsburg Observer. "If confession has been made of a theft and the injured person cannot be

found to indemnify, can the penitent retain the thing or its value?" According to the common opinion of theologians, restitution is to be made to the poor or to pious causes. The

poor in such circumstances are com-morly held to stand in the place of the owner, for it is presumed that the real owner would in case of his inability to recover, desire that the poor should profit. It is an unquestioned axiom in morals that an unjust possessor cannot derive any advantages from his evil doings, and he would reap advantage were he permitted in the case proposed to retain stolen goods.

THE LONDON PRIDE AND SHAMROCK.

A FABLE. The Press, October 21, 1797.

This little piece, far above the average effusions of this kind in the publications of the United Irishmen, bear-ing the signature of "Trebor," struck ing the signature of "Trebor," struck me as being the composition of a man of genius and refinement, and of a youthful writer. Finding the word to be Robert, written backwards, it occurred to me that the piece was the production of Robert Emmet; and subsequently, on comparing the style and diction with those of some other pieces in his handwriting, little doubt remained on my mind as to his being the author of it. Dr. R. R. Madde

Full many a year, close side by side A Shamrock green, and London Pride, logether how they came to grow I do not care, nor do I know; But this I know, that overhead A Shamrock green, and Londen Pride,
Together how thy came to grow
I do not case, nor do I know;
But this I know, that overhead
A laurel cast a wholesceme shade.
The Shamrock was a lovely green
In early days as e'r was seen,
And she had many a hardy son.
In days of old bu', they are gone,
For soon the other's cree ping shoots
Did steal themselves round Shamrock's roots.
Then thief like fastened in her soil.
And sucked the sap of poor Tr foll.
Until in time per London Pride
Got upso high as quite to hide
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For Shamrock, who could seldom see
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And laid her angre hon's honor's low.
Then in the angre had come for the selfon self

MORAL.

Take heed, learn wisdom hence, weak man, And keep a good friend while you can; If to your friend you are unkind if you can if to your friend you are unkind &'en love will be against you join'd. Reflect that every act you do To strength him doth strengthen you. To serve you he is willing—able—Two twists will make the strongest cable, To bind a friend and keep him steady. To have him e'er in reach already.

DIOCESE OF LONDON.

The funeral of the late Rev. A. P. Ville neuve, of Tecumsen, Ont., took place on last Friday and was very numerously attended. The funeral of the late Nev. A. F. The between of Tecumses, Ont. 100k place on last Friday and was very numerously attended. His Lordship Right Rev. Bishop McEvay, conducted the service. The funeral procession was the longest that has ever passed along the historic river road. It is estimated that it was upward of a mile in length, as nearly every member of the congregation rode in the procession to Assumption church Sandwich. His Lordship Bishop Foley, of Detroit, was present at the funeral services at Sandwich, and nearly one hundred priess of London and Petroit diocesse were in attendance. May he rest in peace!

LATEST MUSIC OF BROTHER SIXTUS JOSEPH. F. E. C.

Two compositions. O Sancta Anna, and Gloriosae Virginis Mariae" the last two of Giteen, written during the past three years by Brother Sixua-Joseph, have just reached the Catholic Register. Like their predecessors that have come to hand, these selections are extremely melodious and devotional and have been pronounced "very beautiful moters" by Sancta Anna" may be aung in form of "oy other saint by simply changing the name, and in Quebec it is sung at weddings in honor of the patroness of the bride, "The Gloriosae Virginis Mariae" is for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin. The easy accompaniments and simplicity of the parts make these lates, selections very suitable as additions to the repertoire of the home, and any Catholic family to which there are voices and an instrument will be pleasurably surprised on procuring copies. With the music there comes to the Catholic Register the assurance that thanks to the Catholic press, the music of Brother Sixus is finding its way largely amongst the public. This of course, means some return for the large flaancial outlay entailed in publication, and speaks too for the development of the home products and "Canada for Canadians."—Catholic Register, June 29 1905.

Clever Pupils of the Ursulines.
We are pleased to learn from the Chatham Planet that Miss Kathlee Mannion, a child of twelve years, and a Separate School pupil, came second in the order of merit for the Planet's Gold Medal Competition: Agatha Mannion, aged fourieren, came sixth; Herman Goudreau, aged twelve, twelfth in order, and Dora Primeau aged fourieren, thirteenth. The Deputy Minister of Education, writing to the editor regarding the essays, which were submitted to the judgment of the Minister of Education asys: they "are most creditable to the competitors and show the good training they must have received in the subject." The composition of Kathleen Mannion is, says the Planet, "an exceedingly close second; the unmistakable work of a child who sees and thinks. It is a pleasure to read this composition." Clever Pupils of the Ursulines.

Honors For Separate School Honors For Separate School.

The S. Patrick's Church Calendar, Ottawa, for Angust, says: "Peacher and pupils are all right, In the recent High School Kourance Examinations, St. Patrick's school was represented by the strying first and twenty boys. Thirty for girls and eighteen boys were successful, and noth scholarchins were captured; Lewis O Brien earning 582 marks and Austin Latch ford 574. To teachers and pupils, congratulations and thanks.

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—Anon, in San Francisco Monitor.

Successful Students.

The following studen's of Regiopolis College were successful at the July departmental exwere successful at the July departmental examinations:
Complete Matricula ion — J. L. Madden, S. J. Quinn, S. E. Thompson, P. J. Kennedy, L. V. Corrigan, L. E. Crowley; T. P. Connor (all but Greek), J. Doolan passed in English mathematics and history.
Part I. Matriculation — J. M. Grady, F. X. O'Connor. Junior teacher -J. P. Gillen, E. Whalen. -Daily Whig Aug 18th.

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HART. — At St. Joseph's Haspital, London, on Wednerday, August 16, Mr. Elward Hart, of 482 York street, this city, aged seventy seven years. May his soul rost in peace!

DENNEY.—On August 5th, 1905, at the residence of her son in law Mr. P. J. Hennessy, 21 Agnos street, St. Henry, Mary O'Brien widow of the late John Denneny, formerly of Cornwall, in her sixty-ninth year. R. I. P. MORAN —On Aug 10th at her late residence Sylvangien, Carden Township, Maggie wife of Patrick Moran and daughter of the late James Connolly of Bolsover. May she rest in peace! EERRY.—Killed in G. T. R. yard, on Sueday, July 3 th. Patrick Joseph, only and beloved son of James and Mary Seery. Hamilton in his twenty minth year. May his soul rest in peace!

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