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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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Register of the Week.

The Catholics of Winnipeg now propose to wait upon Lord Aberdeen. They are determined that justice shall be awarded.

Henry George and Father Fitzsimons, of the Rochester Diocese, will soon begin a friendly discussion of the single tax theory in Father Lambert's paper, the *Philadelphia Catholic Times*. Father Fitzsimons is among the ablest priests in the country, and as the discussion will be in the cause of truth and not for personal victory, the debate cannot fail to be interesting and instructive.

The newly elected superior general of the Redemptorist Order, whose headquarters are at Rome, will make an official visit to this continent next January. He will be accompanied from Rome by Father Schwartz, who was formerly provincial of the Western province of the order in the United States.

An exchange says: Italy would seemingly gain by the cession of the Leonine City; for she would secure a moral and social coalescence of her citizens. Such unity would give her now national importance. Italy owes a large debt to the Pope to day. He has never touched one penny of the Papal patrimony voted in 1877 as a yearly income. The total amount due this year aggregates \$14,885,000. The cession of Leonine City would wipe out this obligation. The union of King and Pope in Italy does not seem such an impossible thing, after all.

It is believed that the fortune left by the Comte de Paris amounts to about four millions sterling. As a strict Frenchman, the deceased Prince's wealth will in all probability be divided amongst his family, in accordance with French law, each member, including the Countess of Paris, not being entitled to more than one-fourth, and the rest of the property, special legacies excepted, being shared among the Royal Family in equal portions.

One of the *reductio ad absurdum* amendments offered in the Constitutional Convention at Albany was proposed by Mr. Cassidy in these words: "No local Board of Education shall employ any school teacher who espouses any religious sect, nor shall any teacher who is employed appear in the garb of a nun, the cassock of a priest, the close-buttoned coat of an episcopal rector, the white necktie of a Methodist minister, the stern countenance of a Presbyterian, or the lank figure of a Baptist; nor in the severe simplicity of a Shaker or the cheap material affected by the Society of Friends. To avoid all appearance

and even suspicion of sectarianism or sanctity on the part of public school teachers for male teachers the dress shall be the zouave dress adopted by Colonel Billy Wilson's regiment in the war for the Union; for female teachers, the latest bicycle costume imported from Paris." As Mr. Choate was opposed to this amendment, it was not adopted.

The *Moniteur de Rome* has the following comment. "There were two

22d of August of the decision of the French Government to appropriate a considerable amount of money, which is to be added to that already raised by private subscription, to be applied to the restoration of the palace of the Popes at Avignon. M. Leygues, Minister Public Instruction and of the Arts, has given much attention to the matter of rescuing from its present critical condition this magnificent monument that every Catholic in the world must look upon with a certain

tation and the advantages of the Catholic Congresses, from which sprang the Catholic Center, that body which was the primary cause of the collapse, more or less complete, of the sadly famous kulturkampf.

Bishop Goebsbriand who recently with great ceremony installed in his Cathedral Church a portion of the chain that bound St. Peter, has received from Rome, a letter in which is said: "His Holiness was exceedingly pleased with the solemnity with which the aforesaid ceremony was carried out, as well as with the discourses pronounced on that occasion on the primacy of the Roman Pontiff and the unity of the Church.

"Commending, therefore, your lordship's zeal for the diffusion of these fundamental doctrines of our holy religion, and praying with renewed fervor that the bond of faith and union with the Holy See may be still further strengthened among the peoples of those distant lands, the Holy Father from his innermost soul has granted to these same faithful people, but more especially to your lordship, the apostolic benediction."

Ex-Premier Mercier of Quebec is lying at the point of death and has received from his Holiness the Pope the Papal benediction. A few days ago Mr. Chapleau, now Governor of Quebec, called and spent nearly an hour in conversation with his old opponent. Other prominent men also showed their sympathy on the same day. At latest report Mr. Mercier is bearing up wonderfully against the progress of the disease, but his doctors are of the opinion that he cannot live more than a few days.

A report from London says the *Standard* will announce to-morrow morning that J. F. X. O'Brien, M.P., Treasurer of the Irish National League of Great Britain, writing from the National League offices, has informed an ex-Cabinet Minister who recently forwarded a contribution to the Irish fund that the circular in response to which the contribution was made was sent to him in error and without authority, and that the contribution has, therefore, been returned with thanks.

Russia is said to be mobilizing her fleet in the vicinity of the present seat of war. The Bear is said to be opposed unalterably to the occupation of Corea by Japan and is preparing to assert his claim. On the other hand, a report has just been received that Japan has arranged with Russia and France for backing, in which case the Russian fleet will be ready, not to interfere with the already successful Japanese, but to assist them. This combination, it is thought, would drive Great Britain to support the Chinese.



BISHOP LAFLECHE OF THREE RIVERS.

tendencies among American Catholics—one section wished to Americanize, the other tended in an opposite direction. The Holy See solved the difficulty by censuring the second. How, then, can the American Protective Association hope to create the belief that the Holy See blamed the former party?"

By a formal enactment, Joan of Arc has recently been made the patron saint of the Third Republic. France, after five centuries, still lovingly cherishes the memory of the heroic shepherd girl of Domremy, and following close upon her elevation by the Fathers of the Church to the first step towards sainthood, the Chamber of Deputies has ordered that her birthday shall be observed as a national holiday. This official action is due in large measure to the energy and persistence of Jules Favre, a member of the French Senate, with whom the Maid of Orleans has long been a grand passion, but it also awakens a responsive echo in the popular French heart, in which she has long been enshrined as the grandest and noblest woman her race yet produced.

A great deal of interest has been aroused by the announcement on the

degree of reverence as having been the home of nine Popes, and which has been the scene of so many events that stand out with prominence in the history of the Catholic Church.

In addressing the German Catholic Verein, in congress at New York, Mgr. Satolli wrote words of encouragement to Catholic societies:

"The spirit of association aiming at the attainment of the religious, social and moral welfare of the people is a spirit belonging pre-eminently to the Catholic Church. This Church, after securing peace to the world and forming Catholic nations, showed at once an inexplicable fecundity by engendering the innumerable institutions of the monastic life of the most various kinds, according to the different wants of places and ages. This same Church has brought into life among the Catholic laymen brotherhoods and associations for all kinds of professions, arts, and sciences, for benevolent purposes, and for all the needs of the domestic and civil life.

"During this century the enemies of the Catholic Church have tried every manner of means to destroy these institutions, and they have done nothing but heap up ruins. However, the Catholic Church is still alive. She infused the breath of her life into those ruins, and according to the new times she soon created also new forms of Catholic associations. The enemies of the Church wanted the secularization of Catholicism, and even of Christendom, and the Catholics have answered by the Catholic congresses. And thus those powers, which the enemies wished to separate and destroy, through said congresses have been united and strengthened. The history of Germany shall have golden pages to record the insti-