says that the President of the French Republic "has too many responsibilities and not enough powers."

However, even in an article so full of misrepresentation due to the inability of outsiders to understand the Church, the Telegram gives signs of judicious appreciation where religion does not bias its view. The two following sentences are remarkably true: "French parliamentary government is an importation little suited to the national temperament and it degenerated towards the close of the nineteenth century until it has become generally discredited....The French people, petulant of any display of weakness, has shown time and time again that it welcomes the yoke of a strong will, and if it has known no dictator for the past thirty years it is not that it has failed to make overtures, but that its Orleans and Boulangers have failed to grasp the opportunity so freely presented."

Rev. Dr. Bland, an eloquent Methodist Minister, in his lecture at the Collegiate Institute last Tuesday evening, made a statement which is fully in liee with the Catholic view that the human race has not made any real advance in intellectuality during the past 2300 years. He is reported in the Free Press as saying: "Are we cleverer than men of past centuries? He was inclined to think we were not so intellectual. Athens, in her golden age, had produced during each generation one man for each ten thousand of her population who is known to us now after a lapse of 2090 years as a really illustrious man. No city of to-day could offer a record to compare with this." Far from being exaggerated, Dr. Bland's figures probably understate the case, and they certainly present in a new and striking way the well-known historical fact that in comparison with the Athens of 23 centuries ago, no state has produced in proportion to its population so many statesmen, orators, philosophers, authors, and artists of the first order, or has had so lasting an influence on subsequent ages—a fact which constitutes a convincing refutation of the evolutionist theory of constant progress.

Clerical News

Sorrow not unmixed with consternation seized upon the Catholic world at the announcement of Rt. Rev. Bishop Spalding's illness on last Friday, January 6. The Bishop suffered a severe paralytic stroke at his home in Peoria, Ill., and while his condition has at no time been serious, it has caused widespread grief, for Bishop Spalding is one of the most brilliant and beloved members of the American hierarchy. A man of splendid character, and high intellectual attainments, he can ill be spared from the work in which he has so nobly distinguished himself.

Bishop Spalding is 65 years old, and while his health has been measurably good, it is thought overwork and worry were conducive in bringing on his seizure. His brother, Dr. Leonard H. Spalding, is constantly at his bedside. His many friends throughout the country will pray for his restoration to health.—Catholic Columbian, Jan. 11.

The beatification of John Baptist Vianney, the holy Cure of Ars, France, took place in St. Peter's, Rome on Jan. 8, in the presence of 1,000 French pilgrims and several thousand spectators of other nationalities. The Holy Father, Pope Pius X, officiated, assisted by twenty-two Cardinals and the Papal court.

The ceremony was rendered otherwise notable by the attendance of the Duke of Genoa, brother of the Dowager Queen Margherrita, the Duchess of Genoa and her son, Prince Udine. This is the first time that members of the House of Savoy have assisted at a religious function in the presence of the Pope.

A dispatch from Rome says Pius X. has decided to close forever the celebrated Academy for Noble Ecclesiastics, which has for more than three centuries supplied the Church with diplomats and cardinals. The Pope's dicision is said to have been determined by a desire to suppress class distinctions. The funds of the Academia dei Nobli will now be devoted to other church purposes, and the magnificent palace of the academy, facing the Church of the Minerva, will assigned as headquarters to some of the Roman Congregations which are now uncomfortably crowded in the palace of the Cancellaria.

A despatch from Bracebridge, Ont., published on Friday, Jan. 20, says Father Fleming is believed to have been drowned while crossing the ice at the head of Hollow Lake, near Dorset, on his way to answer a sick call in one of the lumber camps. In the Catholic Directory there is only one Father Fleming on active duty, and he was in charge of St. Patrick's, Kearney, Parry Sound district, and also of St. Mary's, Huntsville, Muskoka district, and St. Peter's, Parry Sound.

Rev. Leo Kaufmann, O. S. B., of Cando, N.D., was here on Wednesday, visiting his brother who is ill in St. Boniface Hospital. Father Kaufmann belongs to the American Swiss Congregation of Benedictines founded by Pius IX. in 1870, while the Fathers in the German colony near Munster, Sask., belong to the American Cassinese Congregation. One of the missions visited from Cando is called St. Boniface.

There are two salient differences between the Catholic Directory published in England and the Catholic Directory for the United States and Canada. The former appears at Christmas fully in time for the New Year: the latter appears in February or March. The former is accurate, the latter is full of mistakes.

Monsignor Ritchot, who was anointed last week by Father Cherrier, is gradually sinking. The burning of his home has had a chastening effect upon his last days and has prepared him for the final parting from all earthly ties. He thanks God especially that not a single person was injured in the fire.

Very Rev. Henry Garriguet, vice-president of the Paris Seminary, has been elected Superior General of the Company of St. Sulpice, to succeed M. l'Abbe Lebas, who died a month ago.

Rev. Father Maillard, of St. Lazare, was here at the end of last week, accompanying his sister Jeanne on her return to the St. Boniface convent of Jesus and Mary.

It is announced that Mgr. Racicot, who is Archbishop Langevin's uncle, has been appointed coadjuter to the Archbishop of Montreal.

Rev. Father Dumoulin left on Wednesday, the 18th, to take charge of the parish of Keewatin.

Persons and Facts.

Mr James Gould Monk, whom many old-timers will remember as a crack oarsman here, and who, after occupying a leading position in the British American Bank Note Company in Montreal, has been for the last ten months manager of the American Bank Note Company in the same city, is about to be promoted to a more prominent and lucrative position at the head office in New York. The American Bank Note Company desires, it appears, to thoroughly Canadianize the Dominion department of their operations, and new offices will likely be opened in Toronto, Winnipeg and other Canadian centres. The president of the A. B. N. C. is so pleased with Mr Monk's management that he contemplates giving him either the charge of the most important of these Canadian concerns, or a European appointment. Meanwhile Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Monk will reside in New York. This is another instance of the way our American friends appreciate Canadian ability. Mr. J. G. Monk is a younger brother of Mr. F. D. Monk, a first cousin of Father Drummond and a second cousin of Mr. J. F. Monk, manager of the Ottawa Bank in this city.

The position of the Italian mint, says the Roman correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette, is most peculiar, as it is wedged into a corner of the Vatican garden, between it and the Vatican. The Vatican has always wanted to buy it, but in the past the Government has always refused, as the State does not wish the territory enjoying extra-territoriality to be enlarged, and if it belonged to the Pope it would come under this head. However, the news now comes that the mint has been bought by Commendatore Facilli, leader of the Vatican financial affairs. This is another straw which shows which way the wind blows. Italy has not certainly sold this particular bit of land to a pronounced "clerical" with her eyes shut. A better feeling certainly seems to exist between Quirinal and Vatican.

At the recent funeral service held in the Cathedral of Cork over the body of a Mr. Hattersley, a local merchant, who was well known during his life as the possessor of a magnificent baritone voice, a phonograph was placed over the coffin, and as soon as the religious ceremony had terminated the voice of the deceased was heard singing the final requiem of absolution. The scene was very impressive, the mourners listening to the voice of the dead singer in solemn awe. The record cylinder will be preserved for the anniversary mass, and the same scene is to be enacted every year.

Rome is still living up to the terms of the Concordat. A letter from the Eternal City, bearing date of the 31st ult., says: "The Holy See, instead of announcing directly to the Porte the appointment of a new apostolic delegate to Constantinople, communicated the fact of the designation through the French ambassador there, thus showing that notwithstanding the rupture between the Vatican and France, there has been no change regarding the French protectorate over Catholics in the Orient."

"La Citta," a weekly paper published in the city of Naples, gives, in its issue of December 7, a portrait of Father Gennaro Palumbo, a friar of

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