

This executive document No. 37, 1871, was ably answered and victoriously refuted in 1872, by Father Brouillet and the Catholic World: by the first in a pamphlet of 18 pages in double column, which the Catholic Sentinel produced in July and August, 1872, and wherein he declares unreliable and malicious the evidences of the ten churches, and proves that point of evidence under the following heads: 1. Falsification of official reports; 2. falsification of depositions; 3. falsification of quotations; 4. falsity of statements; by the second in an article of 18 pages in double column, to be found in that magazine for February, 1872; wherein it says of the executive document No. 37, 1871: "We have had recently placed before us an official document printed at the public expense for the edification of the United States Senate, and, no doubt, widely circulated throughout the union under the convenient frank of many pious members of Congress, in which are reproduced calumnies so gross, and falsehoods so glaring, that we consider it our duty not only to call public attention to it, but demand from our rulers at Washington by what right and authority they print and circulate, under official form, a tissue of falsifications, misrepresentations, and even forgeries, against the religion and the ministers of that religion which is professed by five or six millions of free American citizens."

We give here below as a curiosity the fanciful names of the ten denominations or associations mentioned above, wondering, if Christ were to revisit the earth, which of this Barmen's "happy family" He would put up with:

"The Oregon presbytery of the United (?) Presbyterian church; the Oregon presbytery of Cumberland Presbyterian church; the Oregon presbytery of the United Presbyterian church; the Congregational Association of Oregon; the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church; the Christian brotherhood of the State of Oregon; the Pleasant Butte Baptist church of Oregon; the Steuben presbytery of the Presbyterian church, New York; the citizens of Steuben, Alleghany and Chenung counties, N. Y.; the citizens of Oberlin, O."

Of these associations and hundreds of other men-built churches, which obstinately and con-

stantly unite in fighting against the old Mother Church of Christ (and in nothing else), we may say: if these would allow to God as much wisdom and common sense as to a man desirous to build a high fabric, they would understand that He who made heaven and earth so perfect and lasting for the sole enjoyment of man, must have made most perfect and lasting, that is, infallible, His Church made for a higher object, the salvation of souls so dear to Him. Therefore, no need of the so-called Reformation; therefore the touching of that Ark, the Church, is the sin of Oza; it brings death and damnation. An Indian understands that at once—made tangible to him by the *Catholic Ladder*.

A PROTESTANT BISHOP ON THIS AND KINDRED SUBJECTS.

Bishop J. W. Bashford, of the Methodist Episcopal church, lately wrote an interesting series of articles to the Pacific Christian Advocate on the early Oregon missions. A prominent feature of the bishop's write-up is his spirit of fairness to the early Catholic missionaries, a feature which is absent from much of the non-Catholic literature dealing with the same subject. There is a touch of unconscious humor in bishop Bashford's contrast of Catholic and Protestant methods of civilizing the Indians. One gathers from his account of the matter that the Protestants civilized the Indians so rapidly that the aborigines died under the treatment. His discussion on this point is of interest. He says:—

"It should be freely recognized also that the Roman Catholic Fathers by their widely extended and long continued labors among the Indians contributed directly to the peace and safety of all Indians and white men as well as to the eternal welfare of those committed to their charge. Indeed, it was a Roman Catholic priest (Father Brouillet) and the officers of the Hudson's Bay Company who saved the lives of Messrs. Spalding, Walker, Eells and their families after the Indians had massacred Dr. and Mrs. Whitman in 1847. If the Roman Catholic Fathers enjoyed the favor of the Hudson's Bay Company and incurred the criticism of Protestants for contributing so little to the advancement of the Indians in the arts