

A RECORD of modern priests, monks, nuns and theological students who have left the Church of Rome is now in press.

THE Baptist minister at Shol-fanger, a former student of Mr. Spurgeon's college, has recently been confirmed, and is now reading for holy orders.

THE *National Church* understands that the revised translation of the New Testament will be published in February next.

It is thought that the Special Fund for building Churches in the missionary jurisdictions of the Church in the United States, amounting to a million of dollars, will easily be collected. The interest only is to be used, so that \$60,000 or \$70,000 annually for all time to come, will thus be available.

As there was a distinct order of men under the Mosaic dispensation to execute the office of the priesthood; Moses, having his immediate commission from God Himself, was commanded to consecrate Aaron and his sons for the priest's office: so there was from the beginning a distinct order of persons under the Gospel ministration.

AN ancient manuscript of the first two Gospels has been discovered by two German professors, Harnack and Gebhardt, in the cathedral of Rossano, in Southern Italy. This manuscript is written in capital letters or as it is called, an Uncial, which proves its great antiquity and value. It has just been published by two Leipzig publishers.

THE *Durham Advertiser* states that Mr. Ground, who had been for some years an Congregationalist minister, has been promised ordination by Bishop Lightfoot.

MR. A. TAYLOR, a Wesleyan minister at Gore, has been ordained by the Bishop of Dunedin. This is the fourth case in which a Wesleyan minister has applied to that Bishop for admission.

WHITAKER'S American Church Almanac for 1881 is out. He gives the statistics of the past year thus:—

Clergy deceased 61; deposed, 9; present number, 3,436; being a gain of 111; candidates for orders, 431; gain of 62; ordinations, deacons, 136; gain of 32; priests, 96; gain of 12; baptisms, 47,962; gain of 5,487; confirmations, 25,903; number of communicants, 345,841; gain of 20,846; marriages, 12,163; burials, 21,516; Sunday school teachers, 34,041; scholars 266,070; contributions \$7,013,762,514; gain of \$430,783.

Do young persons ever think how little it takes to stain their characters? A drop of ink is a very small thing, yet, dropped into a tumbler of clear water, it blackens the whole. And so the first oath, the first lie, the first wrong act, or thought of evil, may seem trivial, but it leaves a stain upon the character. Look out for the FIRST stain.

THE sacrifice of the Lamb of God takes away all opportunity of glorying in the path of the Christian.