

creed, but we want you to let us have a school in which our children are taught our religion. Also, our friends of the other denominations approve of and join in our motion. We want our children to be taught and brought up in religion; for that reason, we want you to grant our petition. Please consider our statement and petition; assist us and have pity on us."

Professor St. George Mivart, contributes an article to the current number of the *Nineteenth Century* entitled "The Burial Service." We clip the following quotation from the article: "The Catholic Church, by official acts, linked the living and the dead in the closest bonds of pious charity. The Edwardian Church, by official acts, cut them utterly asunder and opposed and discountenanced all such charity. 'To assert that the two thus profoundly divergent bodies can be "one," or to teach that they are or can be reasonably deemed 'continuous,' is surely nothing less than an insult to the reason of those to whom such assertion or teaching is addressed. The charge thus made with respect to the ritual and teaching as regards the dead—this evident breach of continuity—was not only a breach with the past, but was and is a breach with the Christian word external to the Roman communion as well as within it. It was a rupture with what members of the English establishment so often appeal to as 'the undivided Church,' and with the teaching and practice of the East no less than of the West. It is true that of late the Ritualists have, since the resurrection of the Catholic Church in this country, revived many of the old Catholic practices. It has also become the custom to hold what appears to us to be singularly empty and unmeaning 'commemorative services' after the deaths of distinguished persons. In these services, however, no prayers for the dead ever can be said without violating the law as to the ritual." "Sporadic acts of private adventure" is the way the professor describes the use of prayers for the dead by pious Anglicans.

*A GOOD STORY* is going the rounds of the press of how a little woman floored a bigot with Government Census Statistics, after he had berated the Catholics for being a priest-ridden set. Here is the story as it appears in one of our exchanges:

In one of the newspaper offices here, says the *Washington Church News*, just as all the "copy" was in and things were slack, one of the men commenting on an item began berating the Catholics as priest-ridden. A woman writer was preparing for home when she turned and asked: "What do you mean by priest-ridden?"

"I mean that the Catholics support a body of lazy priests far in excess of the demand; that they have them not only for use, but for ornament, such as monks; I mean that they are priest-ridden in every sense; that they are the very antithesis of plain Protestantism. You cannot walk out without meeting a priest."

"Do you seriously think what your words imply? I wonder if you would care to know the truth?"

"Most assuredly; I would be glad if you could show otherwise," said the man, with that air of tolerance which characterizes a cock-sure bigot. "The whole world knows the truth of what I say."

"The world may know, but statistics do not," said the lady. Then turning the leaves of the last census reports, she said: "I find here that the Catholics are the largest religious denomination in the country. It is shown that for over six millions of people they have 6,012 priests, or one priest, including bishops and monks, for each 1,027 Catholic people in the United States. I find that the Baptists have two million members and 15,401 ordained ministers, or one minister for every 139 members. The Methodist Episcopal Church numbers a little over a million and a half. They support 9,261 ordained ministers or one to each 181 members. The Presbyterians have a minister, to care for each 117 members. Every 107 Congregationalists