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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION. UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA, Ottawa, Canada, March 7th, 1906.

A general Anarchist German Convention has been called to meet in Berlin on Christmas Day.

A NEW DENOMINATION. There is a movement in Detroit to establish a new English Lutheran Church which will be independent of the German Lutheran denomination.

THE ANARCHISTS. It appears that New York Anarchists have not been terrified by the sentence passed upon Bresl, the assassin of King Humberto.

government here persists in prohibiting free speech, if the Mayor of the city does it, or the Governor of the State, or the President of the United States, he does it at his peril.

REVISION OR NO REVISION.

In the early part of the month of December there was a meeting at Washington of the Presbyterian Committee appointed to take into consideration the vote of the Presbyteries on the revision of the Westminster Confession of Faith.

With these facts in view, the Committee arrived unanimously at the conclusion that they should recommend to the General Assembly that some revision or change be made to the Confessional statement.

There is something interestingly mysterious in the way Presbyterians put forward their doctrines and announce their intentions, and the mystery is not lacking in the present instance.

We are told plainly enough that "the Church desires some changes in its credal statement" that is, in the Confession of Faith.

Q. 12. What are the decrees of God? A. God's decrees are the wise, free, holy acts of the counsel of His will, whereby from all eternity, He hath, for His own glory, unchangeably fore-ordained whatsoever comes to pass in time, especially concerning angels and men.

gated, or that the same creed will be substantially retained with the obnoxious doctrines left out or a supplementary "explanation" may be tacked on to the present creed; but whatever course may be pursued, there is no doubt these doctrines are doomed.

A VOICE FROM CHINA.

A number of Chinese mandarins have written letters to the Right Rev. Bishop Von Auzeer, of Peking, denying the statements recently made with persistent mendacity by a couple of the London, England, daily papers and several Protestant missionaries.

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RELIGION IN VERMONT. A writer in a recent issue of the Boston Transcript, commenting upon certain statements of Mr. Rollin Lynde Hart to the effect that the population of the town of Vermont is degenerating to a marked degree, states that he had never time nor inclination to investigate this statement thoroughly.

oblong stove of the village hotel," and in other places of meeting. A peculiar feature of their gatherings is that "All the men, and for that matter all the boys too, swear almost incessantly in their conversation. The profanity seemed to be instinctive, commonplace, even necessary."

It is thus seen plainly that the tales told by the Rev. Messrs. Goforth, Lesslie and other missionaries from Canada, who have succeeded in fleeing from the terrible Boxers, were actuated by jealousy of the success of the Catholic missionaries.

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CONVERTED BY A VISION. A young man counseled to become a Catholic by his father's spirit.

THE YOUNG ARTIST DESCRIBES THE VISION. Early one morning about a month ago a vision came to him. He had been very ill for five days, and the doctor feared that at that time his illness might prove fatal.

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Sacrament and the number of sacraments during the processions. In the evening we had a procession of Our Lady, and the overwhelming. The long torches which wound all long garden almost to the starting from the Grotto up behind the basilica, was a sight, every one enjoying the whole time. This procession has been a mile and a half when this mass of people assembled in front of the Basilica church, it was a sight possible. The whole tower and upper church were illuminated by electric lights in excellent taste. The like crystal or ice, and even then there came, a tremendous light from the spiral of Our Lady's statue in the square up like the sun. The grandest chants of the day, this enormous multitude of unum Num. etc., every the simple church tone, and with such gusto that it was rarely to sing from the filled my dry English head hardly write about it now.

AT HOLY LOURDES.

A correspondent writing from Lourdes, says: I am spending a very wonderful week here. They say there are 50,000 pilgrims here, and they have brought 972 cases of sick and lame and blind and dumb—all and each being tended and cared for, and carried on stretchers or in wheel chairs, etc., by an organized band of French gentlemen, and by that I mean what used to be called gentlemen—men of gentle birth and Christian education. I believe I am the only foreigner here, except an Austrian Prelate and a Spanish Bishop.

OUR HOLY FATHER CAL.

The encyclical on "our Redeemer," issued by our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII. at a most opportune period, is eminently fitting that century, the nineteenth century, the Church of Christ's visible head, should bring its belief in His wisdom and goodness to address to an unbelieved a noble, dignified and to behold in Our Lord truth and the life." The of the nineteenth century, by vagaries in beliefs, are led hither and thither the peace which the ever-demanding. Many found the secret of this ism, in philosophy, in literature, and in a thousand and follies; but in the loudly headed panacea that afflict humanity, to its Spouse, Jesus Christ, and only hope of the encyclical.