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ROMANISM AND MARRIAGE L AWS .- Cardinal Manning used to pose as an advocate of purity in this matter in connection with the "Marriage Law Defence Institution." The true "inwardness" of his course of action on the subject has been brought into doubt by the recent proceedings of one Father Maguire, who has married a man to his deceased wife's sister. The Church Times is "after him," and persists in dragging this gross apparent inconsistency into light. The Roman Bishop who gave Father M. authority in this case, asserts (in his own defence) the Pope's absolving power! C.T. says: "If Henry the 8th ever did one good thing for his subjects, it was in ridding them of papal interference with national law." The astute Cardinal wished to impress on Englishmen that they might commit any crime they liked if they only secured (with a fee) a papal indulgence. Obvious popular inference : " It is mighty convenient to be a Roman Catholic." Q.E.D! Eh, Cardinal Manning?

culated to suggest to the public, not merely a doubt of the carefulness of our rites, but even a denial of their validity. The gain to Roman prestige is considerable by this trick.

"THAT HUGE ALLIGATOR THE PARSON," are the words by which an English agitator lately expressed his horror of the cloth. The tables were, however, neatly turned upon him by another agitator, who had to confess that the local parson was "as good as a good many of 'em." He had, for instance, paid double price for a job rather than have it done out of the parish. This is just the sort of benefit which Englishmen will bitterly regret, when it is too late, if the Church there should become disestablished; the parsons are constantly, in a very quiet way, putting work and wages into the hands of their parishioners.

"DROP DOWN-DEADATIVENESS" is a phrase by which our Old Country friends express that condition of abject servility and personal paralysis by which the average Englishman is affected in the presence of a personage of "high degree." An English Bishop is mentioned in the Church Review as having said : "The English beneficed clergy occupy the most independent position in Christendom, and they dearly love to let their Bishop know it." The clergy, in other words, do not display the above quality of "drop-down, etc." Such independence is a perilous possession; but could not, probably, be in better hands.

BAVARIAN RELIGION.-We find in the American Church Sunday School Magazine a very beautiful extract from an article with the name of "Rev. ed. It occurs in a description of his trip "from Heidelberg to Munich." He depicts a wayside crucifix and the devotions before it rendered by peasants returning from their work. He says it is "easy to tear their simple faith to shreds; but what shall be given them better? Can we find in all America workmen who, coming from the day's toil, before they eat or rest, turn their hearts to God and thank Him for the abundance of His blessings?" He then proceeds eloquently to deprecate any attempt to disturb the faithhowever imperfect-of these simple peasants. How about our French " Habitans" and the " Sabrevois ?"

moving into this one, are requested to send in the names and new addresses of the removers to the parish secretary of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. This valuable modern form of Church. "help" may very well be utilized in this way. The trouble is to get the removers to let their old rector know where they are off to! A closer supervision, of course, would get rid of this difficulty; but this supervision, again, depends on a large supply of clergy; and a large supply of clergy, in turn, depends on liberal lay offerings for the support of the ministry.

"PART OF THE CHURCH'S BUSINESS On earth is the conveyance of Divine forgiveness," says the Guardian, in its review of Bishop Thompson's (Mississippi) recent work on "absolution." Our English contemporary thinks the book is justified, because "it ought not to be difficult for believers in the atoning sacrifice of the only mediator between God and man to agree that the Divine forgiveness may be conveyed to the penitent soul through the instrumentality of a human agent, who is authorized by Almighty God to convey the message of His pardoning love to His children. This belief neither declares that forgiveness can be conveyed in no other way, nor ignores the Divine commission of the Christian priesthood, nor infringes upon the freedom of the laity. Discipline is part of the Church's office, and provision is made in the book of common prayer for the absolution of the penitent.

"LIKE SOME NOBLE DORIC COLUMN, erect, massive, austerely simple, divinely upward-reaching," is Bishop Potter's ideal of a model Bishop for these by the cheap toys of a bedizened ceremonialism." He says : "We expect in the Episcopate a certain sobriety, which in an age overfond in all departments of life of the merely decorative, rather than the enduringly substantial," is the great desideratum in the Bishop's opinion. It seems natural for him to take this line when preaching at Bishop Huntington's "silver" anniversary; but the tone suggests that Bishop P. himself has had a taste of too much ritualism somewhere-

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RE-BAPTISM, ETC., is one of those transparent "dodges" so characteristic of Roman artifice under papal guidance and policy. The propriety of it all hinges upon the validity of Anglican ordination, as compared with that emanating from Rome—a validity frankly conceded as long ago as 1554 by Pope Julius the III. in his brief to Cardinal Pole; re-asserted in 1685 and 1699 by Bossuet; and again in 1839 by Archbishop Harley. Such processes of re-ordination, etc., as are now indulged in towards Anglican perverts are really supposed to be "hypothetical," though well cal-

A "Boss" RECTOR.—There lingers round the word "rector" certain almost sacred traditions, derived from across the sea. There this species of parson is comparatively rare. Instead, we hear them use the word "vicar." Rectors are few and far between. Some of them are rich laymen, or hereditary nobles, or even colleges or other corporations-persons or bodies who have managed to secure the chief parochial "spoils " in the confusion of 16th century reformations. Cis-Atlantic rectors are simply the head-powers of a parish. The Parish Magazine, of St. Bartholomew's, Buffalo, gives evidence of the presence of such a personage. He gives fair warning that he is going to "boss" and to make things "hum" -and grumblers get fair notice to stand back. They are not wanted.

REMOVAL OF PARISHIONERS.-We observe in a certain parish monthly a very good note on this subject, deserving of general imitation. The clergy of other parishes, whose people may be "too much of a good thing.

SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS.-These public luxuries are becoming an incubus in the Old Country on those connected with the publication and sale of them. A deputation lately waited on the Archbishop of Canterbury to seek his aid in stemming the pressure of work in this department of public. operations. His Grace was so puzzled, apparently, by the new difficulty, as to be unable to devise a satisfactory reply to the deputation. With us it is prevention, rather than cure.

GLADSTONE A "RIP VAN WINKLE" is the general impression about the G.O.M. In regard to his assumption (in his recent essay) that the " vast majority of Protestant Dissenters are true to the great cardinal doctrines of the Trinity and the Incarnation," the Spectator, commenting upon G.'s essay, points to the controversy in the London School Board as a disproof of the orthodoxy of the great Protestant denominations. In proportion as they recede from, and loosen their hold on, the Church catholic, they (like the continental Protestants) fail to grasp the great mportance of these doctrines. They seem willing