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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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Register of the Week.

His Grace Archbishop Walsh of Dublin has signed a memorial favoring the decrease of armaments in Europe. The memorial advises an agreement between the powers not to supplement their present condition of war preparation until 1900.

Mr. Mercier has been very ill. It was thought once that he would not survive until morning, but an improvement seems to have taken place.

Sir John Gorst, a prominent supporter of Lord Salisbury, is in town, accompanied by Mr. G. S. Ryan, a distinguished actuary. They are on business connected with the insurance company of which they are president and actuary respectively.

Bishop Watterson has publicly explained the causes which led to the issuance of his now famous decree. One of the societies acting under his episcopal approval had persisted in selling liquors and allowing promiscuous dancing at an annual picnic, in the face of an explicit instruction from his Lordship not to do so. This, in his opinion, arose from the presence of officers engaged in the business. The rest is a matter of diocesan government, in which, upon appeal being made by the society, Monsignor Satolli sustained the Bishop.

The Church generally, and Poland in particular, have suffered a great loss in the death of Albinus Cardinal Dunajewski. The distinguished prelate was seventy seven years old, and had participated in many stirring events. He was an ardent patriot in his youth, and remained so always.

The Franciscan Order, at their shrine in Butler, N.J., celebrated the seven hundredth anniversary of the birth of St. Anthony of Padua by a series of religious exercises, in which Monsignor Satolli assisted. The celebration will be continued during the entire year by special services every Sunday and Tuesday. "Age cannot wither."

A very distinct outline of Toronto was visible from Buffalo on Friday of last week. A yacht and several steamers were parts of the strange sight. The mirage was continued for about half an hour.

The constitutional convention meeting in New York State have appointed a committee to enquire into the tapping of Niagara Falls. About nine per cent. of the water is now used to run factories, &c. There is some prospect of a limit being placed on the practice.

A curious circumstance in connection with the treaty of Parliament

enjo of laws against anarchists. The French Chambers have passed restrictive measures without formidable opposition. Emperor William, on the other hand, relies so much upon his popularity among his people as to think such laws unnecessary. Strange commentary this upon the condition in the two countries. The French have put aside the dynasties which France served and have put in the place of authority the descendants of men who served France. Lazaro Carnot and the first Casimir-Perier served the country by business methods, and the whirligig of time has brought their descendants to the head of the nation. The knife of discontent found Carnot. Casimir Perier has been forced to take preventive measures. Meanwhile, William, who like his ancestors, is believed to strive for Germany, even if he makes Germany yield to him, stalks confident and unmolested.

Official accounts have been issued by the Japanese setting forth the cause of the war and reciting the formal language of the declaration. Last reports indicate that the Japanese have perfected their preparations with singular ability and thoroughness. Troops mobilize and embark without any confusion or loss from the sicknesses with which the Chinese become afflicted whenever masses of them come together. The Japanese pluckily say they will dictate terms of peace under the very walls of Peking. A big battle cannot be far off. Until such a crisis comes and its results are known, the war is a thing of words and surmises.

The Irish Parliamentary party are becoming restless under the continued inaction of the Government in their dealings with the House of Lords. Mr. Sexton, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Dillon and others have openly expressed their dissatisfaction, charging that although the Lords have dramatically rejected the Evicted Tenants' Bill, the Government has given no hint of an intention to wage war upon the body which thus flaunts its privilege in the face of the will of the people. What intensifies the critical nature of the situation is the fact that the thousands of poor people for whose relief this measure of justice was introduced, are in a condition of absolute want, for which there is no forthcoming remedy, and the leaders of the Irish party dread that the weight of their influence may not be sufficient to preserve the peace.

A committee of the Advisory Board of the Grand Council of Canada (says the Montreal Gazette) waited on his Grace Archbishop Fabro and made arrangements for a grand religious reunion of all the branches in Montreal, together

with about two hundred delegates from Ontario, who are on route to attend the Grand Council convention at St. John, N.B. The reunion will be held in the St. James cathedral on Sunday, 2nd September, at 2 p.m. A sermon appropriate for the occasion will be delivered by one of our most eloquent priests. His Grace the Archbishop will officiate and bestow his blessing.

Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, at the instance of the Papal authorities, has suggested to the State Department at Washington a desire for an early return of the Columbian relics from the Vatican, which have been in the custody of the department since their exhibition at the World's Fair. The department is in some straits about the matter, for it is pledged to carry the valuable relics on a man of war, and the Navy Department sees no chance to detail a ship for that service in the immediate future.

The work of the Catholic Summer School at Plattsburg is nearing the end for this season, but it is only beginning the course of usefulness which will extend over years to come. The teacher's course occupied much of the past week. Among the delegates of teaching bodies present were the Gray Nuns, Congregation of the Sisters of Notre Dame, Montreal. The lecturers included Principal John H. Haaren, of Brooklyn, Prof. Hardy, New York, and Marc F. Vallette, Lh. O., of Brooklyn. Rev. James H. Doonan, S.J., finished his brilliant course on Philosophy, and Rev. Wm. O'B. Pardow, S.J., delivered his second lecture on the Bible.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Summer School held Thursday, Aug. 9, the Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Conaty, of Worcester, Mass., was re-elected president; the Rev. P. A. Halpin, S.J., of New York, first vice-president; Thomas B. Fitzpatrick, of Boston, second vice-president; the Rev. Morgan M. Sheedy, of Pittsburg, treasurer; Warren E. Mosher, of Youngstown, O., secretary; John B. Riley, of Plattsburg, chairman of the executive committee.

It has been determined to erect a chapel and buildings on the Summer School grounds, so as to conduct thereon the exercises of the next session.

At Wednesday's session a most interesting incident occurred. It was the receipt of a telegram by the Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Conaty, President of the Catholic Summer School, from Bishop John H. Vincent, the chancellor and founder of Chautauqua. It read:

CHAUTAUQUA, N.Y., Aug. 7.

"By a vote of 5,000 Chautauquians to night Chautauqua sends greetings and best wishes to the Catholic Summer School.

JOHN H. VINCENT.

Wednesday night, just before Father Pardow's lecture on the Papal En-

cyclical and the Bible, Dr. Conaty read the telegram to a crowded audience, which received it with enthusiasm, and loudly applauded this answer.

"The scholars of the Catholic Summer School of America are deeply grateful for Chautauqua's cordial greeting, and send best wishes to Chautauqua in return.
THOMAS J. CONATY, President.

Whether or not anything of practical value will be the outcome of the recent intercolonial convention at Ottawa cannot at this time be forecast. It has just been announced, however, that the report made by the Earl of Jersey to the British Government contains a suggestion in favor of a new fast Atlantic steamship line.

Mr. Debs has appeared before the commission appointed to enquire into the recent strike. He says that in the first five days the railroads were beaten, but that the intervention of the United States at that juncture changed the situation against the strikers. Another witness testified to having been in receipt of a dollar a day and paying Pullman seventeen dollars a month rent. Pullman has been notified to appear and testify. What bids fair to be a gigantic strike has made its appearance in New Bedford, Mass. Thirteen of the largest cotton mills in the country are affected.

The Rev. Father Kummer, pastor of St. Ann's Church in Newark, N.J., declares that never again will he officiate at the marriage of a Catholic and a non-Catholic. "I have seen," said he, "so much misery and unhappiness the outcome of mixed marriages that I have decided to officiate no more at those ceremonies, even if a dispensation is granted to those contracting. If the wife of a Catholic, and more women than men marry outside of their faith, she is subjected to great misery and many heartbreaks. If she is strong in her faith, her unhappiness is so much the greater. Before marriage the husband agrees to have the children brought up as Catholics, but he does not always keep his agreement, and only a good Catholic knows what unhappiness that causes. If the mother is careless about her religion the children are brought up without any religion, and thus the foundation of society is menaced."

A Frenchman once spoke of England as a land with fifty religions and only one savior. Since then immigration to Paris has put the number of sects there almost as high as the number of French graves. The *Ligaro* gives us an account of them. They range from the Salvation Army to Swedenborgians, Buddhists, and one avowed worshipper of Greek gods. Numerically, however, they make a very poor showing, as all are extremely unpopular among the masses of the French people, who are either Catholics or nothing.