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chivalry and kept him active to the last. At his death M. Bourget wrote of him: "He has loved and served the best of causes. I would wish before his tomb that I also may shake off the doubt that is despair and believe that these causes shall not be lost forever."

CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT.

It is an axiom that for the solution of a problem all the quantities cannot be variable. One at least must be constant. In order that any measurement may be taken there must be a fixed point. Applying the principle to the question of Protestantism we find that not only do the doctrines vary with different nations and different ages but the name itself is sadly subject to vicissitude.

temporal welfare of the individual and society as temperance. No vice is so debasing, so reckless of those who ought to be most loved and shielded or so ruinous to the whole social fabric as is the spreading vice of intemperance.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

The Catholic Standard and Times, of Philadelphia, questions whether there is in the United States any real religious liberty and whether the separation of Church and State is not a myth.

KIPLING ON TEMPERANCE.

Rudyard Kipling had been wont to stigmatize temperance, but a change came over the spirit of his dreams. The scene presented by two young men getting two young girls tipsy and leading them down a city street startled the author.

LETTER FROM ROME.

It is declared that for over twenty years no more touching scenes have been witnessed in the old halls of the Vatican Palace than those that signified the Pontiff's reception of pilgrims from Paris and other parts of France.

When the Holy Father took a seat on a throne erected in the Scala Regia, the Archbishop of Paris read an address of homage to His Holiness.

Mgr. Amette then spoke of the persecutions to which the clergy are subjected in France, and referred to their obedience to the Holy See.

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Here the Holy Father became more deeply affected. "You have given me a most beautiful demonstration of affection and of faith, but it could not be otherwise, since you are sons of that France which has been called meritorily the eldest daughter of the Church."

After blessing the gathering, the Pope proceeded to leave the room, amid the cries of "Long live the Pope!" "Long live the Catholic France!"

At the close of the private reception accorded to Bishop McDonnell, the Pontiff and the Bishop, accompanied by several prelates of the court and a platoon of noble guards, repaired to the chamber occupied by the pilgrims.

The reception of nearly three hundred English marines created quite a sensation here, for among most Italians "English" and "Protestant" are synonymous terms.

awaited with such impatience. The reception given the Holy Father by the burly tars, as the old roof of the Vatican Palace resounded with their cheers, was evidently a source of pleasure to him.

The first pilgrimage to come this year from Spain drove across St. Peter's Square to the number of four hundred priests and laymen, under the guidance of Cas. Urduliz.

No servant of God has been raised within recent years to the honors of the altar who has gained so much love and admiration among all classes as young Gabriel Possente, now the Blessed of Adolorata.

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IMPORTANT PAPAL RECEIPTIONS. Pope Pius X. has received in private and separate audience the Very Rev. Father Geremia della Spina, newly elected general of the Passionist congregation.

News has reached Rome of the death of Father Lorenzo Caratelli, who filled the office of Prefect Apostolic of Constantinople for the space of five years.

CARDINAL MANNING.

In an article in the London Chronicle Mr. W. T. Stead has some reminiscences of Cardinal Manning.

"The present Bishop of London had hardly been twenty-four hours a Bishop before I called upon him and asked him whether or not I could count upon him to bishop me, for, as I explained to him, since Cardinal Manning died I had been an unbishoped man.

His Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val afterwards received the Bishop of Brooklyn, the committee and American pilgrims, treating with them for above a quarter of an hour.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.

Apostolic Delegation. Ottawa, June 15th, 1908. Mr. Thomas Coffey: My Dear Sir—Since coming to Canada I have been a reader of your paper. I have read with satisfaction that it is directed with intelligence and ability, and above all, that it is a true and honest Catholic journal.

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FRANCOIS COPPEE.

The stern reaper has, within the last couple of years, been especially severe upon some of the best and brightest sons of France. Literary men who display faith and defend religion are no plentiful now-a-days that their removal does not leave a void. This was felt when Brunetiere dropped off in his early prime.

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