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A distinguished body of collectors of Peter's Pence in Rome offered a large sum to his Holiness on Friday, the festival of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin, and the editor of the Unita Cattolica has forwarded 20,500f. received in small sums by that paper.

Alarmed at the growth of lawlessness in Sicily, the Italian Government have sent a special officer to Palermo, for the better establishment of public security and more rapid proceedings against brigands and other criminals.

The population of Russia proper is 65,714,557 of Russian Poland 6,026,421; of Russia in Asia 12,123,000-a grand total of \$5,686,000. From this immense aggregate she can put in the field an army a half larger than that of any other nation in the world, and still not trench upon her reserves.

The protests offered by the religious sentiment of the Swiss canton of St. Gall against the tenor of the books furnished to the schools-and offered with such overwhelming unanimity-have come before the Grand Council, with the result of being quitely shelved. The agitation will not be crushed by this method of treatment.

The Catholics of Choulex, Geneva, have built and opened a chapel, in order that they might not suffer spiritually through the appropriation of the parish church by a schmatic. The Government has everywhere looked for recreants to assume charge of the parochial edifices, and the people are providing new places wherein to worship, so that the spectacle is everywhere seen of so-called priests without congregations, but living on the fat of the land.

The workmen of Lille have taken a wise step. At a conference held by them, under ecclesiastical direction, they have decided to labour for these objects :-- 1. Respect for the sacred name of God, by the suppression of blasphemy. 2. Observance of the Sunday, as required by the Church. 3. Respect for good morals in the workshops, and separation, as far as possible, of the sexes. 4. Protection of the women and children in the manufactories.— An adjourned sitting will be held in three weeks The Journal des Debats states that the medal which, under the bequest of Count Rumford, is given annually by the Royal Society of London for the most important discovery without distinction of nation, has this year been bestowed upon M. Sansen, who has placed on a sound basis the theory of the phenomena of the solar system. Among the distinguished Frenchmen who have enjoyed a similar honour are Arago, Biot, Guy Lussac Bumas, Becquard, Les Pasteur, Fourcault, Claude Bernard.

The Geneva Courier reports the recantation of heresy by the Rev. M. Mansuy, a pricet who joined the Old Catholics and was installed in the parish of Thonex. He soon abandoned the role he was playing, retired to a Trappist monastery, and underwent several months of shict penance to purge his excommunications. In a published lotter he makes ample reparation of his fault humbly desiring that every one should know how he had sinned, suffered, and sought forgiveness. Father Manauy is not the only priest seeking a return to the fold.

'An epostate priest named Wolowski, a Pole, has suddenly decamped from the parish of St. Burg, in the canton of Berne, after an official residence there for two years. The Government planted him in the living, and it is supposed, from the quiet and hurry of his departure, that the same authority had changed its mind as to his usefulness. The curious ci:cumstance is, that as far as he was concerned, the parish never had a birth, marriage, or death, while he remained. If there did happen events of the sort-and this is pretty certain-they never came within the ken of M. Wolowski. He had as perfect a sinecure as could well be conceived.

The parish of Rheinfelden, canton of Switzerland, has a parish priest somewhat advanced in years certainly, but yet active in his ministrations. But the civil authorities are sympathetic, and do not like to see so ripe a veteran overworked. Therefore they have insisted on his accepting the aid of a curate in the person of a young man who has been "ordained" None of the Liberal papers have made any mention of this event, which has been contrived probably as an experiment to bring about the schism which the revolution has long been aiming at. Similar acts have taken place in two parishes of the diocese of Mantua, and with better success. In a moment of aberration the parish of Pignano appeared to make common cause with the schismatics of Mantua. The Government thought it too favourable an opportunity to be lost, and attempted to impose a creature of their own choice upon the peo-

ple; but the latter have repented of their former conduct and atoned for by it the manner in which they have received the intruder. It is a curious fact that this Vogrig is professor at a school at Udine and that the law forbids a teacher to hold a spiritual charge; so that in this case the Government has arbitrarily violated its own laws. As to the antecedents of his companion, Angelucei, the Veneto Cattolico publishes a letter from the Provincial of

the Franciscans in Dalmatia, saying that he had been expelled from his convent on account of his disgraceful conduct; that before his departure he stole several clothes and a sum of money; and that he succeeded at Trieste in gaining the confidence of an honest family whom he afterwards cheated, and that he escaped persecution only by a speedy

retreat across the Frontier. Such are the instruments the Revolution employs to carry out its designs against the Church. Another worthy servant of the Government is the so called " Elected Bishop of the National Catholic Italian Church," Prota Giurleo, whose name I have before had occasion to mention. He has just published a "Letter to Christian Episcopate and People," which has been re-viewed by the *Diritto*. He is the third bishop of the "National Catholic" Church, whatever that expression may mean, his two predecessors being Trabueco, who died shortly after his nomination, and Professor Bertini who also died after a brief episcopate. He expresses a hope that the whole of Italy may soon become schismatic, but it may well be doubted whether the labours of one man will be sufficient to convert 25 millions to a novel religion. -Roman Corr. of Catholic Times.

CARDINAL ANTONELLI'S WILL .- The will of the deceased Cardinal says :- " Before everything else I recommend my poor soul to the infinite mercy of God, trusting that through the intercession of the Most Holy Immaculate Mary, and my patron saints, S. Peter, S. Paul, S. James, and S. Louis, He may grant me remission of my sins, and make me worthy of the eternal glory of Paradise. I forbid the dissecting or embalming of my body after death, and order that it be interred in the burying-place of my chapel in the Church of S. Agata alla Suburra, near my good mother. During the eight daya Glowing my death, I order that a hundred Masses a day be celebrated, with the alms of 30 souls for each Mass. A part of these Masses shall be caused to be celebrated by the Mendicant Friars. I humbly beg the Holy Father to accept the respectful offering I make him of the crucifix standing on my writing-table, having the cross inlaid with lapislazuli, and at the base the kneeling Magdalene, within the centre of said base a bas-relief, representing the Addolorate and other ornaments in silver. I declare that I do not possees any other capital beyond that which came from the heritage of my excellent father or which I have been able to acquire through the means left me by him. I protest, therefore, against all the calumnies which on that and on any other account whatever have been in so many ways circulated through the world, before God who is to judge me; and before Him I forgive from my heart all those who have tried to do me evil." The Cardinal then divides his property among his brothers, sisters, nephews, and his relations by marriage. Twenty-five francs are given to the Hospital to Santo Spirato, and a similiar amount to Holy Places of Jerusalem "for one time only," and he bequeaths his white tonacella to his titular Church of Santa Maria. His red one is to go to the Church of Sant Agata alla Suburra, and his violet planeta to the Monastery of Santa Marta. The will concludes as follows :- " I also leave to my servants for their natural lives, to those in my service at the time of my death, and who have served me more than twenty-five years, the full monthly wages they received when I was alive ; to those who have served me for more than fifteen years, I leave two-thirds of their monthly wages; and to those who have served

sewer, and a tom). I went upon the platform surmounting the lower of the cathedral. It was eight o'clock in the morning, A distant rolling of a drum proclaimed the continued reign of order and that M the Governor might prolong his slum-bers without fear. The pigeons swarm above the Dec. 9th roof shaking out their humid wings to the sun. To the left the Voges prolonged the line of their calm verdure. It icemed as if a great peace had descended from heaven upon the murdered (supplicice) city, beltedin by the forts and soldiers of the Empsror.

The watchman approached me. "You come from France ?" he asked with eager

interest,

"Yes, monsieur."

"Do they still think of us there ?" "Undoubtedly."

"Ah when one loks at the force keeping guard below, and can set no other coming, one feels inclined to despair. We are here like the crew of a wrecked ship; this tower is the main mast; and for ing in vain for tha little tri-colour sail which will import our deliverance. Alas, each day there is but the lengthening write line. "The white line?"

"Yes, monsieur the line, or rather circle, within which we are endosed. You can see the white points united to each other by a black thread. There are nine on the left bank of the river, and three on the right. The black thread is the railway which establishes communication between them. For the moment it serves to transport the materials, which have been in part provided by the levelled works of Schelestatt and Phalebourg. It is said that we shall have so wide a chain of forts as to render bombardment of the city impossible. This will be no evil after all, for the cathedral cannot bear much more. In 1870 I thought it would crumble under me.

"Then you were here during the whole of the seige?"

" Up to the burring, monsieur." "The 25th August ?"

"Yes, the day after the destruction of the great library. Ab, what nights we passed then ! I awaken sometimes still, draming that I have below me a sea of flames, and above me a livid heaven, ridged with the burning shells. The Protestant church of the Temple-Neuf, the hospital of the Protestant gymnasium, the library, and ten other houses blazed at once. The silence of death reigned in the city; one would have sad it was doomed to die, and resigned to the sacrifice, was stretching itself upon the pyre. The cathedral stood out redly in the light of the confingrations, as though its walls were covered with blood. The enemy selected it as a guide to the aim, and very soon the shells hissed all around me. They burst everywhere, disfiguring the columns, and smashing the stony saints that seemed to be praying for the victims. At last the day dawned. The ires continued burning, and the eye had vistas of ruin. In the afternoon the bishop went to the quarters of General Mundolsheim, where the Grand Duke of Baden was giving his amateur aid to this appalling tragedy. In the name of humanity the prelate sought the Grand Duke to solicit the sparing of the churches, the hospitals, the public edifices, and the suburbs, wherein there was a labouring and incluensive population. But the Prince did not receive him, and General Werder re-plied that the sick and the children were elements of feebleness to a besieged town which he could not allow to be removed. The moment night fell the bombardment recommenced with double fury, and it was now the turn of the cathedral, against which the Germans flung bomb after bomb. I was on the staircase, when all at once an obus came with a bissing that made me tremble from head to foot. It came crushing through the roof and then burst. A column of smoke rose and enwrapped the spire, and from this black mass leaped out enormous tongues of flame. I thought all was over. The shells succeeded each other with fearful rapidity, giving stroke on stroke to the rent, battered; and burning edifice. The glass of the windows was shattered to pieces; the bell shook and clanged; add the debris of iron and stone fell to the pavement below with a noise loud enough to waken the dead. We ran upon the platform and cried aloud to the city for succor. The tocsin pealed its lugu-brious notes. The firemen arrived as the zinc roof

be troubled by another visit from their parish priests these streets, which are at once like a prison, a to the original "monkey" and the "lost link," as ing him as the vertible Adam. The subject of the paper for the next meeting of the Academia (2nd Monday in January) is The Cavalier and Roundhead by J. J Egan, barrister at law.-N. W. Chronicle,

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The Rev. Henry J. Shen, S.J. (editor of the Indo-European Correspondence), has arrived at Calcutta, from a visit to France. He has brought a strong reinforcement for the Calcutta mission.

The Loretto Convent at Darjeeling, India, has received five young ladies. They are Miss Ryan, Miss Power, Miss MacCarthy, Miss Hickey, Miss Mac-Evoy, and Miss Donnelly. The first named are professed, and the others accepted as candidates. It need hardly be said that all are Irish. The went to India for the express purpose of devoting themselves to the work.

AN HISTORICAL COMPARISON .- The amount which figured in the French Budget, at the end of the last century, as stipends to the clergy, was £2,320,803, divided as follows in francs :- Episcopate, 2,000,000 cures, 22,500,000; vicars, 19,200,000; presbyterics, 12,000,000. The change in the value of money since then would require the sum of three and a half million pounds sterling to keep the stipends at the worth of eighty years ago, but the Budget makes no allowance for each depreciation, and asked the Assembly last year for a stereotyped amount. By a decree passed in 1794, the clergy were coolly dubbed "Pensioners of the Republic," but they were paid all the same, and continued to be paid until the year 1876, when the props of the Third Republic tried to disendow them, and succeeded in partial spoliation.

PLAYING THE SWISS GAME IN ITALY-PREMIUMS FOR APOSTACY-A NATIONAL AND ELECTION BISAOP AND HIS ANTICE-ROME, 10TH DECEMBER, 1876 .- An event has lately occurred at Pignano. near Friuli. in the north of Italy, which will enable one to form a correct appreciation of the Government's intertions towards the Church, which the Royal Speech repre-sented as enjoying such unbound a liberty. On Saturday, the 25th November, a certain John Vorrig an Apostate priest, accompanied by an ex-monk Angelucci by name; arrived at Pignano, and declar ed to the astonished inhabitants that he had been sent thither by the Government as parish priest of the place, and intended to say Mass in the church itears of joy, amid the astonishment of the bystandon the following day. Early next Morning all the people from the village, and many from other places round-men, women, and children-assembled near the church, and in the streets leading thereto, to give the intruder a worthy reception. The church had been closed, and the keys well guarded; five gendarmes were on the spot to keep order, and a special delegate of police was present to report upon the proceedings. About nine o'clock Vogrig made his appearance, accompanied by a few followers, but, seeing the great crowd, stopped short, and sent forward a friend to ask the people if they would al-low him to enter the church. The persons on the out-skirts of the crowd, apparently his adherents, replied in the affirmative, but he did not appear satisfied with this assurance, but he dur not appear satisfied with this assurance, and, going into the thickest of the assemblage, he repeated his message. A universal shout of "No " greeted his inquiry, and the determined aspect of the people compelled the istruder and his party to make off. The crowd then dispared in the bast messible order and the ist

me for less than ten years, one-third of their monthly wages.

MIRACULOUS CORE AT SPOLETO .- The Italian newspapers contain an account of a wonderful cure of deafness which occurred at the sanctuary of the Blessed Virgin, near Spoleto, on the 13th of last August. Adam Alessandrelli, born in 1853 at Colle-Strada, in the diocese of Perugia, became almost totally deaf at the age of thirteen years, and was pronounced incurable, and therefore unfit for

military service in 1875. Before receiving a formal certificate to that effect from the military authorities Allessandrelli was twice subjected to surgical and medical treatment in the military hospital of Santa Juliana, where he was an inmate for fiftytwo days in 1873 and for twenty-two days in 1874 Being thus excluded from the army, and destitute of employment by reason of his deafness, Alessan-

drelli became melancholy and despondent. He was 22 or 23 years old, and appeared likely to be a bur-den to himself and his parents. At length he de-termined to go on a pilgrimage to the famous sanctuary of Maria Santissima, near Spoleto. To pre-pare for the expedition he had a Triduum in the parish church of Colle-Strade, and another in the neighboring parish of Brufa. On the termination of the Triduum, namely, on the 11th of August last, he set out for Spoleto, accompanied by his mother and some friends. They arrived at the Sanctuary on the morning of the 13th of August — Alessandrelli knelt before the image of the Blessed Virgin and prayed fervently that his faculty of hearing might be restored. He then asked for a confessor, and was conducted, by reason of his deafness, to an apartment near the Sanctuary, where a priest could communicate with him by speaking very loudly and using at the same time gesticula-tions. One of the chaplains then offerered up Mass at the request of Alessandrelli's mother, and the deaf man received Communion. It was at half-past eight, and precisely as the priest was turning towards the people to administer the Holy Communion, when Alessandrelli suddenly felt his head released as it were from a tight bandage, and was enabled to hear distinctly every word uttered by the celebrant. In a transport of joyful emotion he exclaimed, "I hear, I hear! The Madonna has healed me. Io sento, io sento i La Madonna mi ha fatto. la grazia." He then embraced his mother, shedding ers. The truth of this extraordinary miracle is at-tested by various documents, including the certificates of the military authorities, the parish priest of Colle Strada, and the clergymen of the sanctuary. Alessandrelli is now able to hear the minutest whisper, so that his malady is not relieved merely, but is absolutely cured. He possesses the faculty of hearing in perfection - Roman Corr. of London Tablet.

A Reminiscence of the Siege of Strasbourg.

As we (Catholic Times) announced recently, M. Victor Tissot, author of "A Voyage to the country of the Milliards" has issued a volume, as a com-plement to that work, entitled "A Voyage to the Annexed Provinces." From the latter we make

was giving way, but they had nothing to do. The

fire burnt itself out, from want of food on which to live. Ah, monieur, what moments ! Ten times I believed the cathedral was about to perish and dis-appear. It was the sight of the flag that cheered our spirits through the ordeal. It floated up there above the flames, victorious, and braving the projectiles of the enemy." I raised my eyes, but it was not the tricolou

which reigned in air. The Prussian had planted his sombre standard on the cathedral, where France, in vestments of mourning, never cease to recite the Acts of Faith and of Hope.

The Academia.

to relieve human suffering, he will send, free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, with full directions for preparing and successfully using.— Sent by return mail by addressing with stamp, On Tuesday evening last the regular monthly meeting of Academia was held, and was very interesting, as well on account of the "paper" read naming this paper, Dr. W. C. Stevens, 126 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y. 21-4 and discussed, as the number and respectability of the audience.

The object of the "paper" was, briefly Darwinism. and was ably prepared and presented by the erudite and gentlemanly pastor of Minncapolis, the Rev. Jas McGolrick who succeeded in exposing the amusing vagaries of that popular scientist, whose ingenious but absurd speculations are improperly regarded as science. The time has not yet come for duty relegating them to their assured oblivion, the ravings of our ridiculous scientists and the rantings of ignorant scoffers at all knowledge not in professed hostility to revelation ; the superstition therefore, of giving credence to science without adequate knowledge or enquiry surpasses human understanding, and can only be attributed to the implety and concelt of the age.

That the Darwin theory has failed, and the materialists who hailed it with delight have already had to apply for comfort to other sources, the reverend gentleman clearly demonstrated, under the

relation to man. 2. What the defenders of the church, and what

its opponents held, on the presentation of the theory.

What matter is, in itself, according to scient-3. ists.

What is species, and what variety of race. 4. What historical testimony proves with regard 5. to species.

6. The testimony of learned men against Darwioism.

7. And finally, some particular examples for which the Darwinian theory cannot account; and yet Darwin himself has declared that one failure in this respect is as damaging as five hundred.

It was not very casy, nor indeed would it be just, either to the reverend gentleman or his "paper," which displayed such varied and extensive study in the natural sciences as well as in theology, to attempt to produce his facts and views under these several heads. Nor is it in accordance with the policy and purposes of the Academia to take such liberty without authority, seeing that to do so might the following translation of an interesting remin. be to challenge value discussion, rather than, as iscence of the bombardment of the old city of merely intended to impart enlightenment and liter. the determined aspect of the people compelled the iscence of the bomparament of the bomparament of the order, and his party to make off. The crowd then iscence of the bomparament of the order, and it is on the more within its own friendly circle. A discussion follow-probable that they will not, for some time to come, little fresh air, for everything oppresses you in ed, in which andry gentlement seemed to rivel as the best possible order, and it is little fresh air, for everything oppresses you in ed, in which andry gentlement seemed to rivel as the best possible that they will not, for some time to come, little fresh air, for everything oppresses you in ed, in which andry gentlement seemed to rivel as the best possible best possible to the best possible that they will not for some time to come, little fresh air, for everything oppresses you in ed, in which and rive possible best possible best possible to the best possible b

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the bottom of my heart for all that you have done. It would take several sheets of paper to enumerate all my sufferings, so will only speak of the most important. For four years I had hemorrhages, be-CANADA, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, SUPERIOR COURT. ginning in February and lasting until fall; palpita-District of Montreal Dame Melina Guilteneo, wife of Ovide Houle, Tintion of the heart; soreness of the breast-bone and short ribs; pain in the back and lower part of the smith, of the City of Montreal, duly authorized abdomen ; cold hands and feet, even in August ; a ester en justice, constipation and headaches. I had tried doctors far and near, but all in vain. Some said I had con- A^{\pm} San Plaintiff; ¥8. sumption ; others liver, disease. I quit all doctors, The said Ovide Houle, and wrote to you for help, and obtained it from your great "East India Hemp." I depend upon you in the two and the Defendant. alone for a perfect restoration to health, and feel alone for a periect restoration to health, and feel that I shall not be disappointed. Please send two more bottles, with Pills and Ontment, which I think will do the work. Yours truly, 10-13 1 An action en separation de biens has been instituted

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