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by which Queen Elizabeth's pseudo
Bishops called the religious revolution which was effected in Eugland in the
reign of that monarch and her prede reign of that monarch and her prede
cessor, but the Reformers of Scotand
were not batisified with simple godil religion " $a$ thorough godly Reforma prelacy, and.of everything which thes
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fession formed carefully made to impress on its ad
herents the sinfulness of Popery an The Pope is described in that stand
ard of belief as the " that son of perdition, he that opposeth
and exalteth himself against all that is called God or that is worshipped, so
that he sitteth in the temple of God,
setting himself, forth as God," accord ing to the words of St. Paul in his
second epistle to the Thessalonians

Rev. Philip Schaff, who was certainly an eminent scholar, the staunchness of
whose Prespbterianism has never beeñ
doubted stated doubted, stated that the passage of the
Confession which makes this declara-
tion was founded on a misinterpreta.
tion or a misconception of the Apostle's eaning.
There are other passages also in the Confession of Faith and the catechisms
in which Catholic doctriues are mis.
represented as injurious to God, Catho Hic practices are denounced as idola
trous, and Catholics as idolaters. But
there ase signs of as there are signs of a great change of
opinion among Presbyterians in this cates that there is some prospect of
futuro reurn to the unity of faith,
though as yet it may be but slight. It is within our remembrance when
the Ritual istic movement begana, which
originated at Oxford under the name Tractarianism. It has grown, how-
ever, to such dimensions that to-day its
opponents fear it will dominate the
Chane Church of England and its sister the
Episcopal Church, as it does already
many dioceses not only in England
and but in the United States and Canada.
This movement is admitted to be Rome





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is also sharply criticised by those who
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festivals. The Directory for Pub
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vulgarly called holidays, vulgarly called holidays, having a
warrant in the Word of God, are be continued," and in accordance with
this we have seen Presbyterian churches without any sign of lifife about
them, venen in some of our cities, on
Cristras den Christmas day. But now on Christmas
day there is an occasional servie, and
a Presbyterian organ recently a Presbyterian organ recently an
nounced it as a wonderful change in
the usages of the Church that, " rightly
or wrongl the of our Churches," and "It is safe to
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ian Churche ian Churches throughout the wor
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come resurrection themes on Coming Sabbath, and in many of them
there will be devotional services on
Fridy or on Monday." Easter Sun
day and Goa Frim day and Good Friday," are haster mun meant
as this appeared just before these days Further, the same paper seems
approve of such celebrations, for adds that the early Reformers "suc
ceeded in taking the worship out and the whiskey remained.
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The London correspondent of
New York Sun also declared a f
days ago that " days ago that " Romish tendencies are
growing among English Presbyterians and giving much trouble." In proof
of this it is sid that the pulpit, which,
according to Presbyterianism, shoul. according to Presbyterianism, should
be the central and main feature of
public worship, is frequently rele.
gated to ched to an obscure corner ot the
declares. The this to be a a " Romish tend tend ency," and decided to give no assist-
ance to congregations which do no pay proper respect to the pulpit."
The synod is wofully mistaken in
supposing that Catholics hide the pulpit in an obscure ocraner, and in the
ministers ; that passed the resolution
would would only visit any large Catholic
church they would see their mistake.
It is true, however, that we bola It is true, however, that we hold the
holy sacrifice of the Mass to be the
great aet of Christian worshin, in
accordance with the words of the
p.
 for my name is great obation,
the Gentiles saith the Lord of Hosts."
(Mal. i . 11 .) It is only in the Catholic
Church that this prophecy is futfilled;
nevertheess every Sunday and holi-
day instruactionsare given to the people BIBLICAL READINGS. There have been recently important
decisions by Circuit Courts in several
of the States, in regard to the inter-
pretation of the laws prohibiting spe. cific religious teaching in the United
Stataes shooos.s. These decisions have
in several instances resulted from the
introduction of a text bek entitted Introduction of a text-book entitled
"Readings from the Bible,""
This compiatition has been adopted
by the Public school commissioners of
D Sctroit, and is regularly read in the
shool of that city. The book is some-
what like the Biblical selections in use

previously to the general election ten years ago. Several Catholic Bishops in the States to whom the book was submitted raised an


$\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { payer to contribute toward the dis- } \\ & \text { semination of religious teachtngs, and probation, in which alone man } \\ & \text { by his good or evil acts makes }\end{aligned}\right.$ semination of religious teachnngs, and
that his son it obliged to attend relig-
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 the Bible are very numerous, and wo
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selections used in the Public schools probably because the unbelievers ar
not so numerous here.
FANTASTICAL TEACHINGS. A sermon preached last week
Philadelphia by the Rev. Dr. Henr
C. MeCok, a Presbyterian minister
on "Wider Grace, or the Gospel Hades," is being very generally dis-
cussed with a good deal of surprise and
excitement. The following excitement. The following extract
will give an idea of the sope of the
fancifulness of this new-fangled Pres
byterianism. He said. "The hope that those who have ha
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to those who differ from him in opinion to those who differ fry
in this free country.
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buked if Catholics had been the object
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the Manitoba schools.
The following despatch appeared in
the daily press of Tuesday last. We
give it for what it is worth, and can.
not say whether it be wholly or opartly
true. Probably there will, ere org,
be some official announcement giving
the result of Monsignor.Merry Del Vals
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Greenway has offered to make further
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THE $\xlongequal[\substack{\text { REMARRIAGE } \\ \text { VORCED PERSONS. }}]{\text { iate next week. }}$
The utter confusion which exists
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among Anglicans in regard to the most
important Christian doctrines and
usages was exemplified a few days ago
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Christ Church, Mayfair, England.
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wife is living. Most of the Bishops
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cared marriages of this kind unlaw.
al, and have prohibited them as con-
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trary to the divine law, but there is no
authority in the Church which can en-
force this law, if law it can be called,
whereas the supreme law of the Church
is the civil law which legitimatizes such
marriages, and requires Anglican
There is no uniform practice either
in the Church of England or any of the
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vorced persons, and though it some-
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no attention was paid to the protest, but
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