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## the prohibition plebiscite.

## Church Record

The end of this month will see the great question decided as to whether Prohibition is to be enforced by Law throughout the Dominion.
There is much to be said against Prohibition. 1. It is interfering with a person's liberty but it may be fairly answered that that liberty has been so a bused by many that they deserve to have it interfered with. Those who are in the habit of using it aright will willingly suffer some inconvenience and curtailment of what is to them
an innocent indulgence, for the an innocent indulgence,
sake of the community.
2. It may be urged that a man is the more moral man and stronger by resisting temptation and getting the better of it, than he is by having the temptation removed altogether; but we reply that we have no right deliberately to place temptation in any man's way, and we hold that this is exactly what is done by multiplying saloons and drinking places; nor do we think that the moralists who ake into account the power of heredity.
3. It is urged that Prohibition has been a failure in most places. It rather depends upor what is meant by failure. Where the law has not been properly administered it has of course failed. Few laws work perfectly and many are evaded to a greater or less degree, and we must be prepared for a certain amount of failure, and probably a considerable amount of deceit and guile and drinking on the sly, and all sorts of clever evasions.
But can anything be worse than the present state? The brokenhearted wives of habitual drunkards, the ruined homes, the misery and degradation, all cry out for an end to he present system. The lads tempted into the saloons, tempted to drink at the bars by their elders, and so led to have a taste and desire for strong drinks. The fiery spirit ever increasing the thirst, the selling of liquor to those already inebriate, the custom of standing "drinks for the crowd," and the multitude of evils "which we can easily think of in connection with the present system, make one desire most intensely that this state of things shall end!

Pronibition is not to our mind the ideal state of things. We look upon alcoholic drinks as not eril in themselves, and of good.

A properly regulated system in the ideal: possibly the system which holds in Sweden, the in practice.
But if we cannot have the ideal, the best, let us have what is certainly infinitely better than What exists at present. Prohibi-
just now. We do not think it will prevail for very long, but it
will sweep away the present will sweep away the presen introduce afterwards something after the manner of the Gothenburg System. We hope indeed that Prohibition will carry at the polls on Sept. 29th.

## PROTESTANT CONTROVERSY

## view (Roston.)

Sir Walter Scott is sometimes aid to have been, in Great Bri tain, and even beyond it, the father of the reaction towards
Anglo-Catholicism, and indirect-Anglo-Catholicism, and indirect
owards Roman Catholicism. N such results, assuredly were in his thoughts. It was not a religious, but a purely antiquarian and romantic instinct, that has made his pages alive, as with
kings and knights, so with bishkings and knights, so with bish
ops and abbots. Of the inner soul of religion he knew little, and therefore little of the soul of Catholic Christianity. Lord Ten nyson's single short poem of "Sin Galadad" has, in my judgment more of the inner soul of Catho lic Christianity in it than the whole of Sir Walter taken to gether Tennyson was not only a greater scholar and a deepe poet. he was also a deeper philos opher and a far more deeply re
ligious man. Scott's temper wa hious man. Scott's temper wa
that of cheerful, healthy secular ity. He has, indeed, created one nobly religious character Jeanie Deans. Yet this show rather outward appreciation and vivid national sympathy. So alof, in "Old Mortality," by virtu of the same national consciousness, he has thrown out into strong relief the spiritual heroism underlying the grofesqueness and violence of the Coven anters. Yet-which is the surest token of an unspiritual temperin his own time a dirergence from the conventionally accep ted forms of religion was apt to be found intolerable to him. He accepted Presbyterianism, as the established religion of Scotland; Episcopalianism, as being the church of the aristocracy ; Roman Catholicism, as baving the right of prior occupancy, and being intertwined with so much of he earlier history of Scotland, and as being the church of various high nobles and chieftains. On the other hand, when he discovered that a builder whose inelligence and superiority in his art he greatly admired was a Baptist lay-preacher, he never spoke of him again. Had he would probably have been, he ly disgusted and repelled by the spiritual grandeur of that Free Church secession which so profoundly delighted Cardinal Newman, and made him augur that Christ had great things in mind for His canse and people in western Europe, when those whose apprehensions of truth were in his view so de eply de-
fective, could yet be moved to such heroic self-sacrifice for

This same unspirituality Scott|rental right. Had the young shows in his incapacity to appre-
hend a true monastic rocation A monk is to him either a jolly voluptuary, like Abbot Boniface and the prior of Jorraulx. or a mere zealot for the aggrandize ment of his order, and of the Church as the amplification of
his order. Abbot Eustace seems his order. Abbot Eustace seem It will not do to say that monas ticism was autiquated at the date of "The Monastery," for Loyola, Xarier, and Francis Borgia, Philip Neri, Las Casas and Zumarraga, Brebeuf and his brethren, St. Theresa and St. Vincent de Paul were yet to come. He neither understands a Bernard, an Anselm, a Francis and a Catherine of Siena in the past, nor the great names that were yet to come after Melrose and Dryburgh were overthrown Worse yet occurs in "Rob Roy." There Francis Osbaldis one, evidently expressing the author's own mind, asks his cousin Rashleigh, who had been intended for the priesthood, but who had an offer from his uncle ot business advancement, how any sane man could hesitate to prefer the latter. In 1715 , the assumed date of "Rob Roy," English Roman Catholicism wa deeply depressed. An English priest could only look forward to a life of obscurity and straitness even if he should escape positive persecution. To Scott it seemed incredible that a man of educa tion and talents, unless he were embracing such a lot, except from pure necessity. The notion of a vocation, although an ele mentary Christian truth, seems to have been hardly more intelli grble to him than to the Rev Sydney Smith. Rashleigh Osbaldistone, it is true, expresses only ambitious and wordly aims, even for the priesthood; yet it is not this worldliness for which his cousin remonstrates with him. It is only for what he es teems its fantastical direction.

In this contemptuous declara tion in "Bob Roy," Scott's inveterate secularism of temper reaches its lowest point. I remember nothing so offensive in any other of the Waverley novels. Of course this does not spring out of any specific prepossession against Catholicism. Scott would
have been equally contemptuous, or even more contemptuous, of a man of parts who had chosen to become an Independent or Baptist minister, having good opening in business, or an invitation to take a good liv-
ing in the Establishment. His motives of opposition were entirely different from those which animated the expression of vari years ago, when it was known that one of General Sherman's sons was bent on entering th priesthood, and it was rumored that this purpose was distasteful to his father. We were then exhorted to express our abhor rence of such a contempt of pa
man been minded to become a Methodist or Presbyterian mi nister, we should have been called to admire his heroism of self-consecration under unfriendly circumstances. He would hare been viewed as a seeond
Daniel in the lion's den. Had he been opposing the will of two Catholic parents, his determination would have been praised as sublime. Had he had a mother of his own persuasion, encouraging him in his purpose, these ditors would have becom suddenly alive to the indisputable ruth, insisted on by Catholic writers, that in matters of reli rion the mother has equal rights with the father over the education of her children, and where she is an active Christian and the father indifferent, superior ights. Yet, so soon as it was Catholic youth, wishing enter the Christian ministry in his own Church, he suddenly became a rebel against his father, and his sympathetic mother a ebel against her husband
Which of these two forms of pposition to an intention of entering the priesthood is the more eprehensible? Intrinsically, doubtless, Scott's. Mere secularism is far more ignoble than eal, even inequitable and distorted. Yet we can not be too
sharply and perseveringly held to the obligation of "weighing hings with one measure." Ought not a Christian to wish to serve he kingdom of God? Assuredly. s not the ministry the best ac credited form of doing this Assuredly. Can a Christian man wish to enter the ministry otherwise than in the form which to him is valid? Certainly not. Would not Protestants be highy indignant with Catholics who hould deny that the ultimate motive of a Protestant Christian in entering the Protestant ministry is the same as that of a Ca tholic Christian in entering the Catholic ministry? Of course hey would, and would have ight to be. Assume on either side invalidity of orders, and does this restrain the blessing of God on a holy purpose, actuated n the form supposed to be agree ble to His will? Certainly not apply this now to the young Sherman and his mother, and does it not imply a condemna ion of their Protestant censors Assuredly. Yet I have asked a Protestant minister these ques Pions, or their equivalents, and when I came to the last, my an swer was a positive and peremp-
tory: "No !" Neither equity nor ogic held where they would enefit Papists. We shall next be putting up prayers for a repeal f the law of gravitation, where works for their advantage.

Charles C. Starbuck.

## Andover, Mass.

Bump-The year 1900 will e a bad year.
Hump-why?
Bump-Oh, it is so naughty.

## an agnostic converted

Col. Lew A. Clark was reeived into the Catholic Church few day ago in San Antonio, Tex. Col. Clarke is well known in the United States, both because of his career as a journalist and on account of having been one of the most violent champions of the KnowNothings. His conversion at the age of 73 is due in great part, as he says, to the charity and the examples of a holy life that he has seen in the Or. Ursula. -Ex
HOLDS AN ARTERY FOR THREE HOURS UNDER FIRE.
dieal Record.
During the recent campaign on the Indian frontier, one of he line officers, Lieutenant
Ford, was dange Ford, was dangerously wound ed in the shoulder and was bleeding to death from the bullet having cut the main artery, when Surgeon-Lieutenant Hugo came to his aid. The fire was too hot to permit lights to be used to examine the wound, and there was no cover; nevertheless, the surgeon struck match and examined the wound The match went out amid plutter of bullets, which kicked up the dust all round, but by its ancertain light he saw the naure of the injury, and seized the bleeding artery, and, as no liga. ture was available, he remained for three hours under fire hold ng the vessel between his finger and thumb. When at length it seemed that the enemy had broken into camp, he picked up the officer, who was unconscious rom loss of bluod, and bore him into a place of safety without re-

NORTHWEST REVIEW most unfair oue, hundreds of qualified roters in Winnipeg aone having been disfranchised. In the country districts the lists were no better,but on the contrary were, in some constituencies, er-
en worse. It follows, therefore, that those whose names were left off that list-and they probably in the whole Prorince numbered some thousands-will bered some thousands-will
have no chance to record their have no chance to record their
rotes on the question, and rotes on the question, and
besides these there are the thousands of citizens who have come to Manitoba since 1894 and the large number of young men who hare grown up here and come of age since that year who will not be permitted to say whether or not they are in favor of Prohibition. Can anyone claim, therefore, that the vote will be a fair expression of the opinion of the people of the Proince? It is so unfair and so partial on the face of it that it is condemned before hand and the whole proceeding of having this Plebisoite is, so far as this Prorince is concerned, nothing but a delusion and a snare that cannot have practical results.
We venture to predict that of hose who are qualified to vote only a very small proportion will take the trouble to go to the poll. There is such a plain air of insincerity in the proceedings that none but the rabid temperance element in the community are now taking any interest whatever, and we are confident that this apathy on the part of the masses of the people both in the town and the rural districts will prevail even on polling day. It may be taken for granted that did the level-headed people of Manitoba think for ed people of Manitoba think for
a moment that this Plebiscite would be followed up by legislation the whole country would be agitated; but, instead of this, what do we see? Simply half a dozen estimable men and women of very little weight in the community addressing temperance meetings and utterly unable to say or do anything to convince the bulk of our citizen that this is really "a crisis in the history of the country."
It is generally admited, even by the "temperance" people themselves, that a prohition law would be worse than useless if not backed up by the sentiment of the people, and it certainly seems to us that this lack of inseems to us that this lack of in-
terest so far as the masses are concerned is proof positive that there is no demand for such legislation and, therefore, that the needed sentiment is wanting. Such being the case we say that even if a large majority is polled in favor of Prohibition it would be little short of criminal to pass such a law, for no one denies that evils far greater than those that now exist would follow in the train of a Prohibition act which would not prohibit.
We feel that great harm is being done to the real and true temperance cause by this agitation. The best friends of temperance are to be found amongst that large class of moderate drinkers which forms the most influential and numerous section of the community and the extreme speeches which the teetotal element are making cannot but disgust many who would otherwise be only too glad to cooperate with them in securing a wise license law
best interests of the country It is so plain, first, that Prohi bition here would not prohibit, and, secondly, that if it did it would prove absolutely disastrous to the derelopement and progress of the Province and especially of our cities and towns, that clear-headed business men will feel they can no longer support or countenance those who are trying to force this measure through. The consequence will be that the agitation will tend to separate two elements in the community which might otherwise work together to good advantage in promoting legislaion which would have a beneficial tendency. This is one of the most regrettable features of the agitation and we fear its effects will be felt many years hence and the true temperance cause thereby receive a lasting set-back.
We think that if the "temperance" people had left unsaid o unwritten some of things which hare appeared in the daily press they might have stood higher in the estimation of the general public than they dc to-day and they might have polled some votes which now will either not be polled at all or will go into the box against them. For instance. was there ever anything written more calculated to injure the true temperance cause than the letter of a prominent lawyer in which a bratal attack was made n some of the most highly esteemed citizens of Winnipeg on account of the part they took in
the Labor Day parade? We noice that attack was, so far as the gentlemen who were attacked was concerned, allowed to pass unnoticed. It received from them the silent contempt it deserved and we only refer to it now as a glaring instance of the extreme lengths to which many teetotal anatics will go and as an evidence of their absolute :nability to fairly consider any question affecting their particular fads.

## incredible disorder.

Things must have come to a pretty pass when the Worcester Recorder-a journal of sueh enhusiastic patriotism that it reproduces, without a smile, a Chicago article proclaiming the probability of Archbishop Ireand beiug elected Pope without irst passing by the Cardinalitial dignity-delivers its soul in the following fashion. Just think of Germany, for instance, invading the United States in the interests of humanity, in order to rescue American soldiers from cruel torture and death at the hands of heartless A merican officials.
Ssys the Worcester Record :-
If the conditions of starration and suffering, to which the reconcentrados were subjected in Cuba, justified intervention on rounds of humanity on the part of the United States, is there not a good case presented for like interference by some beneficent power in behalf of our soldiers in camps and on transport ships?
The American people should ssemble in mass meetings n the rarious cities and towns of the Union and take
definite action to compel their definite action to compel their government to adopt adequate
measures of relief for our suffering and dying soldiers. There desire to follow to its ultimate
conclusion eyery dogma of her belief can attain no logical conclusion at variance with her teachings. She is the truth, and no false premises found in her creed can lead the haman reason beyond her pale.
Those who have the maintenance of Protestantism at heart camnot note without regret that many of the ablest and most logical minded dirines are passing without the confines of Christianity and rejecting the early Protestant principles. No inaccuracy can be detected in the method of reasoning employed by these modern theologians. Their principles of logic are sound. Their deductions are logical sequences rom the religious platform whence they started. If the Protestant basis be truth, thei conclusions are undeniable. And yet without violating what
human reason certifies to be human reason certifies to be a truthtul method of advancing in Christian science, they have found themselves in infidelity-in a position antag. onistic to early Protestantism The active, progressive minds of Protestant thinkers, refuse to remain at rest; they carefully advance along admittedly cor rect lines, and this advancement leads to a negation of formerly admitted principles. Hence it is that the advance guard of Protestant thinkers are little removed from rationalists and agnostics.
Protestants erroneously assert that Catholicity shuns the light of scrutiny, yet facts prove that scrutiny is the death-blow to Protestantism and that the creed of the Catholic Church has withstood unimpaired the investigation of the centuries. To-day Catho licity alone presents itself a bulwark against the surge of infidelity while Protestantism but increases its flood. If Christianity is to remain a civilizing and soul-saving agency and not give place to incredulity and unbelief, the lesson taught by the experience of the present day is that Christians must assume some more unassailable basis than Protestant belief. The weakness oi this creed is apparent from undeniable tacts.The ten millions of spiritists and the vastly larger number of non-religionists, found in our land at the present time, show the helpless hold which Protestantim has upon the conviction of the people. The increase among unbelievers is the result of defections from is the result of defections from
Protestant bodies, and is the logical outcome of the Reformation.
It cannot be adranced in rebuttal that Catholicity is equally responsible for this rejection of Christian belief among the people. Infidelity is no outgrowth of Catholic creed. Protestant writers and Protestant preachers can behold in this defection from Christianity the results of their untruthful tirades against the true Church. They vilified and maligned Catholicity, they pictured heras the mother of abomination and for centuries have exerted themselves to blacken and defile her in the eyes of the world. They have hidden the truth of her creed from the eyes of those who sought instruction from their lips, and they have instructed their followers to turn with
loathing from her so-called color). I shall not easily forget deception and falsehood. They the good pot-AU-FEU we enhave poisoned the minds of joyed day after day we know their readers and auditors how to cook when there is any against the Cathelic Church thing handy. And every even and by falsehood closed the path- ing the mosquitoes sang us to way of return to her fold. These sleep, or kept us awake, as it talsifiers of doctrine and history might be : like false friends they have sown the wind and are sting in caressing, like false now reaping the whirlwind. No friends, they go with our bright Protestant who has been taught days, bon vorade; don't trouble to regard Catholicity as the scarlet woman of the Apocalypse, will turn to her when Protestantism fails to satisfy his seekings after truth. He will sink in infidelity rather than study that which he has been led to believe is crossest in error. The calumnies propagated against the Ca holic Church, and which alas ! are still disseminated, are res ponsible for the inroads of unbelief; and it is not surprising when the fulluess of Christian truth is hidden from men and a distortion of it offered in its stead, that the mind rejects the false substitute and turns to infidelity.
the feast of the exaltation.
In comformity with the ubage of the Grey Nun Order, which has always had a great devotion to the Holy Cross, the feast of the Exaltation last Wednesday was celebrated with becoming solemnity.
At eight o'clock in the morning High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Paquin, S.J., Rector of St Boniface Coliege, whose sister Sceur St. Julien, is Directress of Provencher Academy. Rer Father Gravel was deacon and Rev. Father Béliveau was subdeacou. The singing by the nuns and the Misses Tregilgas was as usual very good and edifying.

At 4 pm. Rev. Father Gravel officiated at solemn Vespers which were largely attended by outsiders, after which His Grace Archbishop Langerin confirmed three girls, one of whom was a recent convert and a boy also a convert and then preached an eloquent sermon on devotion to the Holy Cross as a means to acquire patience in our sufferings. He also said a few words in English.

At the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Mgr. Langevin officiated, with Rev Father Gravel as deacon and Rev. Fr. Lacasse, O. M. I., as subdeacon. The ceremony closed with the veneration of the relic of the Cross.
notes from ste. rose du lac
13th Sept.
"With heigh ho! the winds and the rain And the rain it raineth every day."
We are having the sort of weather that long ago in hakespeare's time they had in "Merrie England." But the crops must be got in, weather or not. Alas! the fair promise of our harvest lies drowned in tears and our hay-makers are gone home in despair from the the prairie camping.grounds, where we were so happy awhile ago. Could you have seen us ladies too of the party, young ones of course. We had an ndian at hand to shoot a stray know, not being of the right and the ease with which th
"To morrow afternoon," said minister to his congregation "the funeral of -will be held in this Charch. I shall preach a funeral sermon on the occasion, and the man him in twe here the first tim ing the bald truth of suock a a deadly principle it unveils-
frequently say: "I was made out of the question. We made Io go to church so much when the march saffly, and I do up the habit, and only go not beheve that even invented on special occasions." One might also say: "I was made o eat and sleep and wear clothes, and to read and study and think and tell the truth, and a handred other things which wise parents made me do, and trained in good habits when I was young and there is all the more reason why I should not now depart from any of them." Is the regular worship of God, in which you were also trained, so bad habit or so unimportant matter that it must be dropped out? Are you wiser ihan your parents, whose memory you revere, and whom, if departed, you believe to be in the paradise of God? Will your children say the same of you, or does your example agree with your parental advice and
authority? Which is the better training, that which says to child, "You must go to church, or that which says, "Come with me to church?

## a military trick.

One of our German-American itizens related the following incident of the German revolution of 1848:
"We were short of men and had a larger number of prisoners to look after. That did not worry us as long as we were not moving, but one day we had to make a forced march The country through which we were to pass was hostile, and extreme watchfulness was necessary. We had few enough men as it was, and we knew that those prisoners were ready to make a dead run at the first opening.
"Finally a young officer made a brilliant suggestion, and it was promptly carried out. We ripped the suspender buttons from the prisoners rousers, took away their belts and knew we had them Their hands were busy after that, and fast running was he correctness of the doctor's ill. The witness was asked by the lawyer whether the doctor did not make several visits after the patient was out of danger? "No," replied the witness, "I considered the patient in danger so long as the doctor continned his visits."-The Sanitarian.

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Calendar for next week SEPTEMBER.
enteenth Sunday after Pentecos Monday - Votive office of the Holy Augels.
ian, Martyrs.
Wednesday-St. Wenceslaus, Duke Martyr.
29, Thursday-Michaelmas.
sor. OCTOBER.
1, Sunday--St. Remigius, Bishop.
brieflets.
Sister OBrien is directiug St Boniface Hospital in Sister Dugas' absence.
Rev. Fr. Legault succeeds Fr Lefebre as Superior of the Ob late residence in Montreal.

Rev. Father Drummond wil resume his series of lectures on the Bible at the Immaculate Conception Church next Sunday

Miss Sybil Thorold, youngest daughter of the late Anglican Bishop of Winchester, has re cently being received into the Catholic Church

The Mother Provincial of the Jesus and Mary nuns went to St. Jean Baptiste last Saturday and took with her little Miss Marie Jeanne Dubuc on a visit to her brother, Dr. Dabuc

Photographer Kohnen has executed with signal success a large order for photographs of the St. Boniface Indian Industrial School buildings with groups of boys and girls and the school's celebrated brass band.

Mr. Daniel O'Donoghue, who figured so prominently in the Labor Congress at Winnipeg, is a staunch Catholic who has immortalized himself by embodying in a Government Report th whole of Leo XIII.'s encyclica on Labor.

Archbishop Langevin admin istered confirmation at Rat Por tage and Keewatin last Sunday and left the same day by steame on a pastoral visit to Rainy Ri ver and Fort Frances. He is ac companied by Fathers Lacombe and Thibeaudeau.

Rev. Father Ducot, O. M. I. from Fort Norman, Mackenzie River district, arrived here the day before yesterday on his way to France. He had been elected delegate to the General Chapter, but the news of his election did not reach him till last April

What was formerly the board ing convent or Taché Academy has been completely re-arranged inside, new partitions pat up, two rooms thrown into one, and new doors set up cutting off diferent departments. A nice new portico has been built around the northern entrance door. The old women's department and the Kindergarten have been trans-
ferred to what is henceforth to called "L'Hospice Taché,

The Very Rev. Father Lefeb vre, late Provincial of the Oblate of Mary Immaculate in Canada has been appointed Provincia of his Order in the United States.

The students of St. Boniface College began their annua retreat last Sunday evening to end on Thursday morniug Rev Father Drummond is the preacher.
. Rev. Fr. Gravel left yesterday or the east to enjoy a much needed rest; he was accompanied by the Abbe Maillard who is to complete his theology at the Ot awa seminary.

The first Cuban newspaper in the English language is the Enterprise, of Santiago, published by Andrew A, Ratigan, a young lrish Canadian Catholic, who used to serve Mass at Watford, Ont.

Padre Palliola, C. SS. R., is to be the first Redemptorist rector of St. Joachim's church, Rome. He speaks and writes English perfectly after long years of missienary services in Ireland, Scotland and England. He is a sympathetic Italian, somewhat Teutonic in appearance and manner.

At the Hospice Taché, last Thursday, the Very Rev. Father Allard, O. M. I., V. G., baptised an Indian widow named Pikwakwatons of a Plain Band tribe, who is supposed to be about a hundred years old. In the same house is a venerable maiden, Miss Ridsdale, who is 104 years o

The Right Rer. Bishop Joli vet, O. M. I., is returning to South Africa by the steamer Inanda, which left the Thames on August 31st for Port Natal. His ordship is accompanied by Fa her Murray, O. M .I., and by some young ladies who are a bout to enter the Order of Augustinian nuns now working in he Natal vicariate.

The failure of Protestan missionary efforts in Catholic countries is nowhere more conspicuous than in Belgium, where, after 60 years of labor
Protestantism claims to-day only 9000 adherents, and to make up that number it has o include all the German radesmen and capitalists and all the English tourists.
His Grace the Archbishop of last Saturday, for Rat Portage last Saturday, accompanied by Rev. Fr. Lacasse, O. M. I. Very Rev. Father Allard, O. M. I., took he same train in order to be preent at the enthronement of Mgr Lorrain as Bishop of Pontiac, as Archbishop Langevin's representive. Rev. Fr. Lacombe, O.M.I so went to Pembroke as Mr . randin's representativ
The Father-General of the Do minican Order, in consequence of representations made at the General Chapter held at Vienna last June and at the Provincial Chapter held in London last July, has relaxed the law of perpetual abstinence for the Domi icans in England. In future meat is to be allowed on four meach week to all member the Order. The General, writing from Rome, says that. con-
sidering the work done by the Fathers, the needs of the students, the custom of the ceuntry and the rudeness of the climate perpetual abstinence from flesh. meat was an impossibility and incompatible both with the regular observances of the Order and the apostolic labors of the Fathers
It is gratifying to know tha the churches of Manila did not suffer from Admiral Dewey's bombardment of that place. Or-
ders were given the gunners to spare the churches, as it was nown that they would be used as places of refuge by the people. The Manila Cathedral is a very handsome church, and as it lies within the walled city it has probably escaped all injury dur ing the siege of the town.-Ex

The number of American ilied in the war with Spain was 282 ; the number wounded 1,496 . The number who died and are dying trom disease will far exceed that of the killed and ounded.
The number of deaths among the Union troops in the late civil
war was 359,528 . Of these 67,058 were killed in action, and 43,012 died of wounds received in ac ion, making a total of 110,070 a fraction over 30 per cent. o leaving 249,516 deaths from causes other than battle.-IRISH WORLD.

The dangerous illness of $A$ derman Sir J. Stuart Knill, re ported in "The Tablet" recalls cism of this bractical Catholi-
man who when Lord-Mayor of London, reused to attend an Anglican service which all his predecessors were wont to attend. Sir J.
Stuart Knill is the soul of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament and used, when well, to take his turn for all-night adoration in his parish church of St. Mary, Star of the Sea, at Greenwich. He was so well and favorbly known in that quarter of he great metropolis that on one occasion, when John Stuart Mill the philosopher, was running a-
gainst him for municipal honors, the people of Greenwich used to say: "We know J. Stuart Knill,
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