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PROGRESSION IN KNOWLEDGE BEYOND THE GRAVE.

A correspondent asks: First, is the do
trine of endless progression in trine of endless progression in He
compatible with Catholic philosophy? Second, Will the saved ever advance in
knowledge of the Infinite throughout eternity?
you mean here an adrance or increase in the soul's knowledge. and with that in-
crease in knowledge and increase in the power of the knowing faculty to know ready to a limited degree; and with this increase in knowledge and in the power the power of joyful admiration and love. that the soul always remains its individ-
ual self, never loses its conscious idenual self, never loses its conscious iden-
tity in passing from one state of knowledge and consequent happiness to a
higher state of knowledge and happiness. The soul changes not in nature or essence in this progress; just as a man who passes
from a state of ignorance and becomes learned is always the same conscious self.
His increase in knowledge and in the power of knowing makes no essential
change in him. as man. In the first case he was an ignorant man: in the second
he is a Jearned man, but in this change he has always remained the same

## This continuity of conscious self is necessarily implied in personal contiun-

 crease of knowledge and happizess.to disassociate the word "progress", from
the atheistic or pantheistic sense givell to it by modern agnostic evolution. In this pantheistic
analysis,
individual, personal, conscions self to
ward utter absorption, is nothing less tha the annihilation of the individual, person and persoval consciousness.
It is needless to observe that Catholi philosophy never uses the word "prog-
ress" in this pantheistic sense which de-

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Individual progress in the sense of a less perfect to a more perfect state.
Every step in this movement brings the individual nearer to the ultimate end Which his Creator had in view when H
created him. The catechism tells us that God created man that he might know, love and serve Him in this life and be
happy with Him forever in the next. This answer of the catechism throws its
luminous rays on the line of true progress. luminous rays on the line of true progress.
Any movement of man deriating from this line is vagrant or retrogressive. I the light of those rays we may venture tion. There is nothing in Catholic phil osophy, so far as we understand it, to
militate against the hypothesis of endless progress, in the sense we have explaine
that term. On the contrary, in view of the revealed truth that God created man seem that a soul that has gained eternal happiness in the next phase of existence happiness in the next phase of existence
by faithfully serving God in this, will
continue endlessly to increase in ledge, admiration and love of God, and Father Rickaby, S.J., in his "Mora Philosophy," say
"The object of happiness-the objec-
tive last end of man-will be that which
the soul contemplating in the soul contemplating in the life to
come will be perfectly happy in so doing
The soul will contemplate all intellectual beauty that she finds about her, all
heights of trutht, all the expanse of good-
ness and the mystery of love. She will
see herself: A vast and curious sigh in see herse
one pure
enough
She mu She must be in company, live beyond.
mith
meriads of pure spiritis like herself-see
them, study them, admire them, and them, study them, admire them, and
converse with them in closest intimacy.
Together they must explore the secrets of all creation even to the most distant star
They must read the laws of the Universe,
which science laboriously which science laboriously spells out her
below. They must range from science t
art, and from facts to possibilities, till art, and from facts to possibilities, til
even their pure intellects are baffed b
the vast intricacy of things that might b
and are not ; but yet they are pot and are not ; but yet they are not satis
fied. A point of convergency is wanted
for all these vistas of being, whence the may go forth, and whither they may
return and meet; otherwise the soul is
distracted and lost in a maze of incoherant wandering, crying out, Whence
all this; and what is it for And abov
all, Whose is it? These are the question


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| he |} hesitated to take the story as aco; and

that we have the fuil report of the currence-which we give in another
tion of this issue-we have no doubt perused the story for themselves they admit that this strong phrase was the
proper one--the very word that fitted the occasion. The Bishop did not use it it its ordinasy banal sense; he selected it from his dialetic armonry just as a skinl
ful bowman of old would select a certain kind of arrow from his quiver to wing it One is properly styled the father of lies and the place where he keeps his factory is the Inferno. The particular lie which aroused Bishop Blenk's righteous indigna-
tion is an ordinary one in the month of tion is an ordinary one in the month of
slanderers of the Church. What made it slanderers of the Church. What made it
extraordinary was the fact that it wa uttered in the presence of an authority
well prepared to refute it did the circum well prepared to refute it and the controversy permit he case, it was uttererl manifestly to sult and inflame, and to endeavor to ha assertion usurp the place of truth. There
fore the lie was deliberate and of material fore the lie was deliberate and of materia aforethought, and Bishop Blenk did ex
actly the right thing in throttling it there and then and daring the insulter beard to Catholic Church.

Puerto Rico that the dranatic incident occurred. Representatives of various de
nominations were present on invitation. Bishop Blenk was among the number,
A firebrand Portuguese proselytizing A firebrand Portuguese proselytizing
minister, named Vallmer, who has fo years been keeping Brazil in a state of
hot water, got up to give his views upon should not be taught in the schools, an wound up with a bitter diatribe against
the Catholic Church by turning to Bisho Blenk and telling him that the church to which he belonged was responsithe for the backward state as regards educatio and material progress of the countries
peopled by what is called the Latin race peopled by what is called the Latin race pines, Cuba and Puerto Rico. The insult Bishop Blenk saw no other course open to him but the strong one he at once took. He rose from his seat and, con-
fronting the slanderer, brought his hand heavily down on the table and thundered forth his denial: "It is an infernal lie."
And a lie infernal it certainly is-a li that is being constantly reiterated and flung in the face of Catholics every day
since the "damnosa haereditas" of Spanish colonies came to the American people. The press and the whole public opinion by Bishop Blenk. It was entirely effect-
ual. It staggered the wrethed Portuguese trader in slander. He was as much non-plussed by it as was the English
House of Commons when Daniel O'ConHouse of Commons when Daniel O'Con-
nell told the Speaker who tendered him nell told the Speaker who tendered him
the oath against Transubstantiation that the oath against Transubstantiation tha
one-half of it he knew to be false, an The incident seems to have had muc the same beneficial effect upon the religious conditions in Puerto Rico as a great The secular press to a unit, with th exception of the "San Juan News," is
with the Bishop, and editorilly and local with the Bishop, and editorilly and local-
ly condemn Vallmer's conduct and abuse. ly condemn Vallmer's conduct and abuse.
"La Discussion"" says: "The scandalous incident, far from harming Catholicism, Judging from the letters and telegram that have flooded this office, it has brought about a great awakening of Catholic
thought throughout the island, and fa from being intimidated by the insults which Mr. Vallmer flung at the ancient
religion of Puerto Rico and the Latin people and has given them fresh strength people and has given them fresh strengt
to resent such insults. As long as the to resent suith has such a representative as Bishop Blenk in Puerto Rico the Catholic religion can lose nothing, but, on
the contrary will only appear mor the contrary will only appear more
radiant and glorious. The press, throug its leading and representative papers, ha judged this incident in the right way Bishop Blenk deserves noth
Men like Vallmer and Bo
who earn their living by going among
Catholic populations for the
proselytizing, have no stock-in-trade but
the hardware turned out of the factory below. When they stir Cathoiics to hoods they believe they are doing good res. This is the sole explanation of the
policy of insult and malignant spite which they attempt to palm of as Gospel
charity.-Catholic Standard and Times. THE CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSE by an enghish banker,

Resting placidly on a grassy lope in quiet contemplation of ome tranquil and reposeful scene, not only gyrating round at the rate of over a thousand miles an hour fit that we are also rushing along two other separate directions, at a still greater velocity; in one, round the sun, at the astonishing pace of about nineteen miles errific ; mimated at mor than a hundred miles a second, towards the brilliant star Vega, hither our sun is hastening, with all his surrounding planets. And vet so quietiy and orderly are all these several movements regulated lightest indication of any one of them.
And each one of all the ten mii hons times ten million, and millions of millions, of starry and planetary rbs, of cometary bodies, of large and small fragments of broken up uns and planets, of which there are such vast and untold myriads, of stellar nebulæ, and of all other
wandering bodies in space, all are peeding forward at a terrific speed uch as our finite comprehension cannot apprehend; all revolving round their own axis, all without doubt revolving round a primary, greater than themselves. With one great and notable exception, nothing in space can be absolutely withou notion, no one of all the unnumb red myriad host resting still in the xther for one instant, or pausing for a mo
flight.

But all in absolute order ; all resulated with an unerring exactitude so precise and astounding that e must stand amazed at such narvellous, unalterable accuracy or example, our earth itself, phere weighing $6,069,000,000$, $00,000,000,000$ tons (exclusive of
the air which weighs more than five thousand million million tons) performs its annual circuit round he sun, a journey of five hundred and seventy million miles, year af ith y punctuality so center century allible that it has never bee known to be either a second early, or a second late ; and astronomers are able to point out with absolute certainty the exact spot where sh will be at a given time hundreds of ears hence.
Now as satellites revolve round planets, and planets revolve round suns, and suns we know are also moving along at an inconceivably apid pace, the question arisesWhither are all these serried ranks of solar systems, these untold host of bright stellar worlds, with their attendant planets, all speeding We may be sure that they are not impetuously rushing about, haphazard, in all directions, for such an irregular and erratic movement must be contrary to tne fixed laws
of nature, which are the essence of
symmetry and of method. There lusion that there must exist, sus pended in some remote part of the ternal space, a central attractive point, of extent so vast and illimitable that it must infinitely surpass any sun in the whole celestial uni rerse, both in colossal magnitude and incalculably prodigious materal gravity, around which that en tire universe is revolving in fixed And what can that mighty parent-orb be but the vast supernal realm of the Great Creator of all the glorious celestial palace whence the Eternal rules the Universe ; the abode of the heavenly hierarchy, and the home of those redeemed or translated from every planetary body in space upon which beings ike ourselves in the image of God exist, or have existed. Surely then the great Centre of all must be no less than the
Heavens itself

## SPAIN IS PROSPERING.

## (Duluth Herald.) g news has

Surprising news has come from has come to the Spansead of ruin, sult of the war with this country. The news runs thus: "No longer drained of her young men to maintain a colonial empire, and free from
the annual expense of $\$ 100,000,000$ which it was costing to maintai the colonies, Spain is prospering. The government asks for a loan of people subscribed the Spanish New factories are being built, even electric cable works; electric trac tion is being introduced in the Span-
ish cities, and at Madrid the increased activity in business and travel, two fine new modern hotels are to be built at once. Every improvement known to mod-
ern hotels will be introduced. Today Spain, once more thriving, is buying heavily of machinery and sending large orders to the United
States." And the burden which has been removed from the shoulders of the Spanish people the McKinley administration would put upon this country. The expensive
colonial system is part of the Republican party's imperialistic pro-
gram. It means that the whole country is to be taxed heavily to by trading in capitaliststo make money

## England to Canada

## 've taken up my burden,

I've sent the best I breed,
revound my sons to exile
To serve you in your deed
To teach, with patient kinduess,
What age-long practice brought,
The art of self-repression,
The speech that waits on thought.
I've trained you up to freedom,
To make and keep your
No iron rule of despots,
Paternal though its cause
ve planted Saxon methods,
In village and in town--
The led to choose their lead
And fear no tyrant's frown.
Right well you've learned your lesson, Canadian daughter fre You've bound up French and English In friendly rivalry ;
Best blood of Gallic kingdom,
Deep tinged with Christian zeal
Most loyal sons of Britain,
Full gallantly to battle,
For African domain,
Your stalwart sons have gathered
From mountain
From mountain and from plain. They fight, they bleed, they perish,
At duty's glorious post;
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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. i2, 1900
Calendar for next week. september.
16, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Seven Dolors of
the Blessed Virgin.
17, Monday. The Stigmata of St.
Francis. Francis.
18, Tuesday. St. Joseph of Cup-
ertino, Conf. ertino, Conf.
Wednesday.
9, Wednesday. St. Januarius
and Companions, Martyrs. Ember Day fast.
20, Thursday. Eustachius and Companions, Martyrs.
21, Friday. St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. Ember Day
22, Saturday. St. Thomas of Vil lanova, Bishop. Ember Day
fast. fast.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

One of our readers having called in question the assertion made in ast week's issue that 'the Bank of France is the most solid financial
institution on the face of the earth," we now proceed to support that as sertion by figures. Assuming that the amount of specie and more
especially of gold deposited in the coffers of a bank is the surest test of its financial solidity, we subjoin the status, in round numbers, of the
Banque de France as compared Banque de France as compared
with the rest of Europe. According to the latest report this bank has $43^{2}$ million dollars in gold. This is the largest heap of gold in
the world. The next largest is to be found in the Imperial Bank of Russia, which has 398 million dollars in gold. The Bank of England Of the gold cash in hand held by all the European banks together, viz., 1608 millions, France and Russia hold more than one half,
viz., $8 \mathfrak{3}$ o millions. The importance of these figures can be gauged by the fact that Canada, whose banks
are proverbially solid as compared with those of the United States, has, according to the report of the Finance Department, dated Aug. $\$ 10,839,628$ in specie in its $3^{6}$ banks, almost one quarter of thi Montreal.

A student in dentistry, wishing to have his standing recognized by the Dental Association of Manitoba, and requiring therefor a certificate that the Latin he had studied in
France was equivalent to the Latin required for Matriculation by the University of Manitoba, obtained this certificate from the Rector of St. Boniface College. The Registrar of the Dental Association ac-
cepted this certificate, and thinking cepted this certificate, and thinking
there would be no difficulty on the
student signifying his acceptance of weapons of secret societies, and
the certificate. At a subsequent
they call this "British Protestant the certificate. At a subsequent
meeting of the Dental Association
fairplay."
there was one dissentient voice which blocked the proceedings. One dentist protested with warmth that he would not accept a certificate from any Catholic institution enough, was sufficient to make the Registrar of the Dental Association Registrar of the Dental Associaten
write another letter to the studen taking back his former one and saying that a University certificate would now be necessary. The dentist who, by his bigotry, thus blocked the proceedings, practises in Winnipeg; he is a prominent Freemason and, while he operates on you, faunts a Masonic ring in
your face. He has had severa your face. He has had several
patients among Catholics and even among priests and nuns; but he is not likely to have many in future Catholics may learn his name from us privately.
There is a good opening for a Catholic physician in a large Catho-
lic settlement in the Northwest Ter lic settlement in the Northwest Ter-
ritories. Details will be given on application to us. Eastern Catholic papers are requested to make this fact known. Medical men having the "M.D." degree from any Canadian university may get an "Ad Eundem" degree from Manitoba University, but they cannot get a licence to practice from the College of Physicians and Surgeons until they pass the final year examination of the Manitoba Medical College. Owing to the anti-Catholic bias of a number of the Medical examiners here a candidate with a French name is likely to be plucked, whatever may be his capacity and acquirements, if the plucking can be managed with any hypocritical show of justice. Even a distinct ively Catholic Irish name is a bar to success before the examiners.
Consequently, to any Catholic medial man, as yet unknown here, we would say: Keep quiet about your religion until you get your licence, and if any Doctor connected with he Medical College question you, directly or indirectly, about your faith, write a letter to one of the
Winnipeg daily papers complaining of this question.
The most flagrant case of discrimination against French Catholic students occurred last spring. In order to realize the full extent of this inustice it is well to premise that for Protestant candidates the medica examinations are proverbially easy.
The winners of scholarships in the The winners of scholarships in the
arts examinations of the University are quite sure of winning scholar ships in the medical examinations; that is, if they are Protestants. Far otherwise is it with Catholics ordinarily clever student, and came very near the fifth scholarship of the Previous in competition with students from the four arts colleges Had he been a Protestant with Saxon name, for instance "Happy Golucky," which is a free trans lation of Fortunat Lachance, he would have passed in the first class. ne of the medical examiners and reported to have said, "Well, I'm glad I've plucked that Frenchman." glad I've plucked that Frenchman." Moreover, he acted as assistant to French Canadian Doctor who is often called upon to rectify the mis-
takes of embryo medallist surgeons with English names. Professional ealousy, combined with religious and national prejudice, therefore, not only plucked Fortunat Lachance but put him last on the list in all up in his first year. Evidently some medical examiners, dreading honest competition, stifle it with cowardly persecution. Unable to
compete in an open straightforward

THE POPE, FATHER CHERRIER AND THE FREE PRESS.

On Thursday the 23 rd ult., the Free Press Evening News Bulletin reproduced an entire editorial from the Northwest Review with these flaring headlines:
"FATHER CHERRIER'S AN NOUNCEMENT."
'MR. macdonald's appointee on the
advisory board will accept no ADVISORY board will accept no guide bet the pope in
charging his public duties."
It was not many days before th the same journal, in giving the news of Humbert's assassination, printed, from some other newspaper of its own stamp, a piece of infor mation, involving the Vatican in the plot that deprived Italy of its usurper king.
Is it not, to say the least, most remarkable what a pronounced inclination the Free Press has to jump at any and every thing that may
pander to its antipopery taste? Is pander to its antipopery taste? Is
it not very remarkable also how the it not very remarkable also how the Press seems to lack even the most
elementary notions of right and justice? Reading it, one would naturally imagine the Vatican to be a den of vile and degraded plotters. Be not surprised, therefore if it can not have a word of blame for tho not have a word of blame for those
who robbed the Pope of his temwho robbed the Pope of his temexact nor expect so much noblenes from its Editor. Sometimes there may be an excuse for ignorant people who cannot afford to devote much of their time to the study of cannot hold good for any journalist worthy of the name. And were the Editor of the Free Press grossly ignorant of the history of Rome and its Pontiffs, he should at least know
something of events that are so near something of events that are so near
home ä those connected with the Manitoba School Question. Ought he not, for instance, to know the judgment of the Privy Council on know also that the "Encyclical," which Father Cherrier advocates as a guide, was sought for and accepted by the Free Press' own political masters at Ottawa? What
crime, therefore, could it be for Father Cherrier to be guided by the Pope's Encyclical in his efforts to make right and justice rule supreme in Manitoba? For never did the Pope, nor ever will any Pope teach us to despise the Constitution of the land, even when governments appear to have no respect for that Constitution.
In its issue of Tuesday, Sept. $4^{\text {th }}$, and under the heading of "Political Chickens," the Free Press came out with a long article, in which it mentioned the so-called concessions made by the Greenway Government to the Catholic minority of Manitoba, and in which it gave vent anew to its craze for introducing everywhere the Pope's name in
order to excite the bigotry of some of its readers. Evidently the Free Press resorts to prejudices and refind any sound argument against s. We would invite it to try, if it 'Encyclicl" leat, to read the Encychical without its usual bias and then tell its readers what sort of crime it may be for Father Cherrier to advocate the principles laid
down in that Pontifical document as his rule of faith and action in th settlement of the Manitoba School Question.
The Free Press speaks of concessions made to us by the Greenway Government; why not be honest and use the proper word viz.,
restitution? For, having been robbed of our rights and privileges
it is an act of restitution and no a mere concession, whenever any leges is restored to us. Neither the Northwest Review nor Father Cherrier holds a brief for the present as against the late government of Manitoba. We confess, howver, that we place much more Macdonald personal honor, in Mr . Greenway, the past record of the latter being entirely against him Moreover, we think ourselves per
fectly justified in assuring the Honorable Premier of Manitoba that he Father Cherrier on the Advisory Board. Strange as it may appea to the Editor of the Free Press, the Reverend gentleman is quite capabiding citizen and a dutifu a law abiding citizen and a dutiful follower
of the Pope at the same time. For, of the Pope at the same time. For,
although we cannot agree with those who advocate the separation of Church and State, we can assure meddle in purely political questions, unless especially requested to do so he chose who stand at the helm he ship of State. It is only reas
onable to expect that the Pope shall always give instructions, and that these instructions shall be strictly adhered to by all true Catholics whenever and wheresoever there is a religious interest at stake, thus
abiding by the Master's behest:"Render unto Caesar the things things that are God's."

## the polical outlook.

The sensation of the past week has undoubtedly been the acceptin the Brandon District by the Hon Hugh John Macdonald, and a politics are waxing warm and al
ready practically monopolize public attention, this surprising develop ment has been the general topic of discussed in all sorts of places and by all sorts of people and there really seems to be but one opinion as to the result of the contest, being universally conceded that Manitoba's "pocket Wellington" will administer a crushing defeat to
"the young Napoleon of the West." The conservatives, and especially those who come from the constituency, make the most extravagan ing to talk of less than sevill hundred majority, whilst, on the other hand, the liberals seem to be utterly disheartened and without hope. And anyone who knows
anything of the course of political affairs in this Province can easily understand this feeling. The near approach of the elections finds the
Liberal party in Manitoba split up into warring factions and with eaders who have lost not only the confidence of the people but even time were their devoted followers. The conservative party in this
respect presents a striking contrast to their opponents. Thoroughly last December, and with a leader of whom they are all proud, they itself is a guarantee of success.
The signs of the times, then, The sigus of the times, then, cer tainly point to a sweeping Conser-
vative victory in the Province and nowhere more so than in the Brandon district, where, besides the general conditions which will contribute to the result, the personality of the condidates will prove an important factor. It is a fight between the most powerful public man in Canada and the weakest membe of a mediocre cabinet; between the most popular citizen of Manitoba and the most unpopular ; between a
statesman who has the reputation
of sterling honesty and straightforwardness and a politician whose career is summed up in the popular
mind by the one malodorous word Siftonism ; "--and in such a fight who can doubt the result? The undreds of independent electors in the constituency, men we mean who have no party affiliations, will aturally be attracted by the sunny ays and admirable qualities of the one candidate and repelled by the $\$ 10,000$

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leged "slick" propensities of the thd Legislature.
other-." they will vote accord- A meeting was held at the Sey- that he wished to be received int destined to meet the fate which the above stated purpose and a overtook "the people's Isaac,"
which later drove "Fi, Fishting Joe" which later drove "Fighting Joe" to seek fresh fields and pastures new,
and which recently relegated "the farmer premier" to his rural pursuits. "Hugh John" is after sight.
the butter and cheese situ ation in manitoba.
This season has brought repeated complaints from the dealers of Brit ish Columbia to the shippers of Manitoba regarding the quality of butter and Cheese made here. It is to be regretted that considerable quantities of Ontario butter and cheese go past our doors to British Columbia, where they bring the highest possible prices, and that our Manitoba goods are left behind o account of their poor quality.
The following extract from a B. C. Produce Broker to a Produce
Merchant of the city explains the Merchant of the city explains the situation: "We had the greatest
difficulty in making cheese sales on account of the inferior quality of Manitoba cheese, in your last car shipped, and it was only by showing your letter in which you state that you can give just as good cheese as that of Ontario, that we
have made the sales. The rest of the trade have ordered a car from Ingersoll at a much higher price
than your quotations and state they would rather pay $2 c$ per lb. more for the Ontario product than for Manitoba cheese. There is no doubt that the Manitoba cheese you shipped in the last car was little better than skim milk cheese. The writer had a piece of Manitoba cheese to-day which was dry and tasteless, and such stuff should not be allowed to go out as prime

British Columbia is estimated at In British Columbia is estimated a about 500,000 lbs. British Colum bia is our only profitable market heglect we would be obliged to ship our goods to England via Montreal and accept Montreal prices less two or three cents per lb . on account of freight commission, quality etc. With an increasing production we would soon have to face depression such as existed here a few years per pound. At any rate if the B.C. Trade prefer the Ontario cheese at an advanced price of 2 cents per lb . the Manitoba cheese factories are losing about $\$ 10,000$ a year, which is an item worthy of consideration.
The knowledge of the above stated facts has led the Butter and Cheese Makers and factory owners of the province, into forming a Butter and Cheese Makers' Union for the purpose of improving their goods, supervising the manufacture and organizing a system of practical instruction so much needed amongst milk producers and factory men. An act of incorporation will be applied for at the next sitting of

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Justice Frederick Smyth, of New York is dead at Atlantic City, N.J., of pneumonia. Justice Smyth went there July 2 for his health. Several days ago he contracted pneumonia. The patient's constitution was so weakened.
Justice Frederick Smyth nown from one end of the country to the other, especially as Recorder myth, for as recorder he presided ver some of the most remarkable criminal cases that were ever tried in any American court. His ruling was rarely reversed. By birth and long allegiance he was an Episcopalian. Two years ago, however, the Catholic Church.
Justice Smyth was born near Galway, Ireland, in 1822 . His father left no inheritance. Young Smyth lerk in John McKeon's law office when Mr. McKeon became a marine court justice. He was admitted to the bar in 1855 . He was a delegate to the Tilden national convenwas appois a Tilden elector. He fill John K. Hackett's unexpired term, and was elected to succeed himself for fourteen years in the fall of that year. As a practising lawyer, while he was McKeon's assistant, he was engaged in many celebrated cases. He prepared the evidence on which the British minister Sir John Crampton, and two British consuls, were ordered out of the country for violating the neutrality laws. As recorder, he was feared
by all criminals. He had no sympathy for the habitual offender, he was rarely lenient to such, and it is said he pronounced more death sentences than any other man who was recorder for the same length of time. Among the celebrated trials over which he presided were those of Carlyle Harris, Dr. R. W. Buchanan, Danny Driscoll, "Frenchy" and "Bif"' Elison. John W. Goff defeated Smyth for recorder in the el-
ection which put in the Strong administration. Shortly afterward Smyth was appointed to the Supreme Court bench.
Justice Smyth was a member of the Episcopal church but in 1898 he died but a short was seriously ill at his residence, is West Forty-eight street. On Sat-
urday, February 19, the justice sent a messenger in a carriage to the parish house of St. Gabriel's church it West Thirty-seventh street. The messenger bore a note to Mgr. Fariliary Bishop of the archdiocese of New York, who had been a friend of Justice Smyth for years. The note requested Bishop Farley to call at his earliest convenience. Bishop
Farley responded at once, and when he was shown to the sick man's
time. The request surprised the Bishop somewhat, as the applicant
is usually required to prepare himself by a course of instruction cover tioning Justice Smyth, however, th Bishop found him well prepared and after the justice had made profession of faith, Bishop Farle baptised him and anointed him with holy oil. He also administered the
last rites of the church to the justice as it was thought that he could not recover. Justice Smyth's daughter
joined the Catholic Church two years before his conversion.

HUMBERT'S DEATH

## ican Did Not Authorize the Services That Were Held.

The Vaterland of Vienna, whic is a journal usually well informed on ail Cathoic church matters
claims to have received from re liable sources in Rome information which justifies it in publishing declarations:

The Holy Father said no mass for King Humbert.

The Holy Father neithe authorized Cardinal Ferrari to offe condolence in his name, nor sent
telegram himself. 3. When he heard that it was said that the king had not been ex communicated, he was indignant and referred to
the Holy See.

As the king had not been personally excommunicated a church burial was permitted, owing to im portant reasons, among which wa government.
5. The Archbishop of Genoa whom the government had asked to officiate when he applied to the car dinal-vicar, received no refusal, but also no permission, and his
ating simply was not opposed. 6. The pecuiiar prayer of $Q$ Margherita was not approved by the Holy See, but by the Bishop of Cremona, who is an intimate friend of the royal family, and in this matter the last word has possibly

## AN IMPORTANT CONVERSION.

A conversion is announced which should have a considerable influence o
the movement towards reunion amongst the chnrches in the East. The Patriarch Universe, informed Mgr. at present in Peris, that Mgr. Boutro (Peter) Sohdo, Syrian Jacobite, Arch bishop of Homs, Hama and Sadad, along with many of his clergy and people, ha een received in the Catholic Church siendly relations with the Archbishop, it
frem is to be hoped that his action will havs it influence with them. As it is, the con ersion of so many will bring joy to the eart of Pope Leo, who has labored so long for the reunion of Christencom.

## IINDING THE HOUSE.

It is rather amusing that Catho ics, particularly in this country give us an excuse for not hearing Mass, that they had to stay home to "mind the house." The "house" would need no "minding" if there were a picnic on the tapis; the "house" has been left to look after itself hundreds of times, and it wa here on the return of the family. The beauty of the whole thing is that, in the vast majority of cases,
there is absolutely nothing in the house that a burglar would care to steal; and in nine cases out of ten there is nothing worth carrying of anyway. It is an excuse, and a poor one is better than none, but it to lie about the house instead of beto lie about the house instead of be-
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