

while the interior and the east are Slavonic. Mazzini, speaking of the future boundaries of Italy, says the mouth of the Isonzo marks "the frontier which God gave you. As far as this frontier your language is spoken and understood; beyond this you have no rights." But later, in 1871, he went further, and having quoted the lines of Dante,

*Pola, presso del Quarnaro,
Che Italia chiude e suoi termini bagna,*

he says: "Istria is ours, but from Fiume along the eastern coast of the Adriatic, as far as the Bojana River on the confines of Albania, there extends a zone in which amid the remnants of our colonies the Slavonic element predominates." Fiume and Dalmatia cannot be justly claimed by Italy, owing to their Slavonic population and interests.

John Bull

John Bull remains the solemnest and most awful joke in the world. What play he has given to the sly humor of Max O'Rell, and to the mordant wit of Heine we all know. Perhaps a saying of Mr. Birrell's best sums up John's character: speaking of the Catholic Church in England, the gifted author of *Obiter Dicta* thinks John's chief difficulty about becoming a Catholic is the Pope, because John always wants to be captain of the Bark of Peter himself and could in no way see why he should have an Italian in command. And when John does become a Catholic he is still John—we almost said before everything. He sees nothing awful or ludicrous in standing side by side with men whose religion is to hate Catholics and curse the Pope provided the business in hand appeals to his politics. But, Catholic or Protestant, John has very little of the saving grace of humor at all. At present how evident that fact is! John shakes his head over the Pope's Note, and says he finds it most inexplicable that the Holy Father does not openly side with him. He also thinks the peace Note spoiled by the omission of a vigorous denunciation of the atrocities—of the Germans. He does not see at all how impossible it would be for a neutral to condemn the Germans for murder and piracy without saying a word to himself concerning certain little peccadilloes in Dublin, such as the murder of innocent men, the bombing of houses containing terrified women and children, and a very wonderful reluctance to hear any evidence against the perpetrators of these crimes, or to bring them to justice when convicted. He would be astonished beyond measure to hear that the Pope could hardly begin the task of censuring evil-doers without making him blush a little too. But, as we said, it is all due to John's lack of humor. To the same cause we may charitably assign some of his startling statements about Ireland, and his complete forgetfulness of the fact that he lately confessed that he owes her somewhat in the nature of £300,000,000.

The P.P.A.

While Mr. Elliott is on his defence for his charges against the postal authorities in Auckland his lieutenants are busy about their general's business elsewhere. Mr. Hircus, Pastor Myers, and kindred spirits, foregathered at Hamilton on the 16th August and said what all expected them to say once more. From them the *Tablet*, the Marist Brothers, the Catholic Church in general, got commemorations which to all outside the gathering in question are highly complimentary. No greater proof that we are doing our duty could be desired than the reprobation of people of the mental balance of these orators. Everyone in New Zealand has now read how the vile, low tactics of Elliott were stigmatised by the prosecutor in the Auckland case; and that the people we have referred to above are in the same galley is enough to say about them. However, here is an interesting document which a correspondent has sent us:—

"Membership Declaration. Protestant Political Association.

"I..... of..... Street..... declare that I am a British subject and a Protestant, I reject as superstitious the Romish Doctrine of the Mass, that I am not married to a Romanist nor will I marry one. I hereby enroll as a member of the Protestant Political Association, and will loyally abide by its rules and co-operate to fulfil its objects, and will keep secret all matters relating thereto, failing which I shall forfeit my rights and privileges of membership in the Association.

"Signature.....

"Received by..... Date.....

"Patterson, Printer, Pukekohe."

Our correspondent assures us that the document is authentic, and we give it for what it is worth for the amusement of our readers. The use of the word "Romish," which common politeness has banned except from the lowest and most ignorant amongst bigoted circles, is an internal argument in favor of its genuinity. No self-respecting Protestant uses the term now, and the word discredits any document in which it appears.

The Jesuits

The *Catholic Press* recently published some remarks made by Dr. Rentoul in no complimentary vein about the Orangemen. As a specimen of their activities we mention that one of the cultured journals which these people affect has lately published a gross, libellous attack on the Jesuits, accusing them of having in past years taken an oath to commit, if ordered by the Pope, such enormities as were freely committed by the Orangemen in Ireland what time, according to Hilaire Belloc, their sexual filth drove a peaceful people to armed resistance. Here are a few facts about the Jesuits which we commend to the imitation of the ghouls who are at present burrowing among tombs in New Zealand. A writer as reliable as Howard Elliott stated recently that there are 25,000,000 Jesuits in the world: as a matter of fact there are 17,010 altogether—8444 priests, 4417 students, and 4149 lay-brothers. Another writer of the same high historic attainments stated that the Kaiser could do what ever he pleased with the Order: the truth is that fifty years ago the Jesuits were expelled from Germany, and they have not returned yet. In France there are to-day hundreds of Jesuits in the firing-line, and many of them have been decorated for valor; hundreds of French officers have been educated in Jesuit schools. In Belgium the priests of the Order have held chairs in the famous University of Louvain and were the leading educationalists of that heroic nation. In England and Ireland a great number of the Fathers are serving as chaplains: Father Austin Hartigan, S.J., accompanied the troops in the march to Bagdad, and sacrificed his life. The old boys of the Jesuit College of Stonyhurst have won three V.C.'s, 15 D.S.O. Medals, 26 Military Crosses, 66 other distinctions, and 88 were mentioned in despatches. Clongowes Wood (Ireland) old boys won eight D.S.O.'s, seven Military Crosses, two were decorated with the Legion of Honor, and 33 mentioned in despatches. Fathers Humbert, Gwynn, and Bouvier displayed great heroism at the front, risking their lives and dying for their fellows. The motto of the Order has always been "For the Greater Honor and Glory of God"; and the deeds of the sons of Saint Ignatius during this war have added new lustre to the great records of the past. If some of the itinerant parsons whose sole mission in life is to stir up strife and hatred against Catholics had a single spark of honor or chivalry they would find much to admire in the annals of the Order which they calumniate.

LADIES!

A new style of dressing the hair is quite in order, but the purchase of a delicious appetiser, like MILITARY PICKLE, is sound judgment. Sold by all grocers. Buy it now.