FRANCE AND ROME.

find in the Osservatore Roma and Friday, August 5th, a full ex-sition of the causes which led to eition of the causes which led to e breaking off of the diplomatic re ns between France and the Holy The paper states that almost in beginning of his episcopate grave ges, entirely apart from the reliand political questions that agitated France, were made to the Holy See against Mgr. Geay, Bishop After investigation they appeared to be of such a characte that the Holy Father, through the Congregation of the Holy Office, the Bishop to resign. The Bishop at first accepted the advice, but diately afterwards laid down the ndition that he must in case of? resignation be transferred to another diocese. As the charges against him were personal this proposal could not be accepted, but the Holy Father gave him four years' more of trial Then in May of the present year ac tion was deemed necessary, Holy Office, by direction of the Pope, wrote to the Bishop on May 17th, giving the advice already tendered and adding that if in a month resignation was not received Sacred Congregation would consider it necessary to proceed further cording to the prescriptions of Ca-

Tae Bishop communicated this letter, which was secret, to the French Government, and M. De Courcel, French Charge d'Affairs in Rome, wrote demanding its withdrawal, and assuming that the Congregation intended to proceed to the deposition of the Bishop if he did not resign in a month. Cardinal Merry del Val answered with a full explanatory despatch on behalf of the Holy See. He pointed out that in interpreting the words stating that the Sacred Congregation would proceed further progredi ad ulteriora—as the expres sion of an intention to depose Bishop, M. De Courcel was mistaken. It merely signified that if the resign nation did not take place the Sacred Congregation would be obliged to call Mgr. Geay to Rome there to take his trial. He observed that to find in the procedure against the Bishop of Laval a violation of the Concordat, would be equivalent to main taining that the French Bishops in virtue of that agreement were simple functionaries of the State. This explanation appeared to satisfy the French Minister for there was no re-

Meanwhile Mgr. Geay, on June 24, addressed a letter to the Holy Father in which, without making any reference to his communication with the French Government, he announced that he would go to Rome in October, and that he would go sooner but that he had not yet collected all the Peter Pence he desired to take with him. The letter was full of pietose expressions The Cardinal Secretary of State replied that he must appear before the Holy Office within fifteen days under pain of suspension. The Bishop then answered that he had communicated with the Government and had been forbidden to go and that if the Cardinal had any objection to make he must address it the French Government. The Cardinai Secretary of State thereupon ordered him to appear in Rome by the twentieth of the month. The Government now intervened again, declaring through M. De Courcel, that the Holy See had violated the Concordat, by which it was laid down that a Bis hop could not be suspended or deposed without the agreement of the two authorities that appointed him. It was added that if the letters o the Cardinal Secretary of State were not withdrawn the French Government would assume that the Holy See no longer observed the obligaof the Concordat. Cardinal Merry del Val replied at

considerable length, explaining the whole state of the question and point ing out that it was a matter which erned the personal conduct of the Bishop. It was clear, he said, that the Roman Pontiff, even under the Concordat, preserved his full authority over the Bishops of France, a note the 'Bishops bound elves tn receive submissively and execute faithfully the orders of the Roman Pontiff and the Bishops of France, like the Bishops of other were bound latae senteniae to go to Rome every four years or at least appear there by their representatives in order to report upon the condition of their es and to receive the Pope's instructions and commands. He hop-ed the French Government would see from this statement that there no violation of the Concordat. nded the communications relative to the case of the Bishop of



case of the Bishop of Dijon with a telegram from Cardinal Merry del Val to Mgr. Lorenzelli. Nuncio in Paris, asking him to intimate immediately to Mgr. Le Nordez the Bishop of Dijon, that it was the Holy Father's wish that the ordinations in his dioces should be off until fresh orders were received The telegram was sent on the Toth March last, at the time when students refused to accept ordination at the Bishop's hands, as it was re ported that he was a member of the Masonic body. The Nuncio carried out his instructions by means of letter dated March 11th. Then Cardinal Merry del Val on April 24th wrote to the Bishop of Dijon saying the Holy Father wished him to com to Rome as soon as possible.

The Bishop replied that he about to hold Confirmations. that his departure for Rome would cause the greatest trouble, and effect would be regrettable at a mo ment when people's minds had again become calm. But his round of comfirmations would finish in June, and then he would be at the disposition of the Holy Father, at whose he wished to prostrate himself and to whom he desired to make himself known, for he had been misrepresent ed to His Holiness.

On the 9th of July the Cardinal Secretary of State wrote to the Biwas sadly surprised that he had not shop declaring that the Holy Father kept his word that he would proceed to Rome before the end of June and, under pain of suspension, he ordered Mgr. Le Nordez to be in the Eterna. City within fifteen days. The next document is a note from M. De Cour cel to Cardinal Merry del Val stat ing that the French Government protested against the order putting off the ordinations at Dijon, and that the Nuncio had no right to correspond directly with the French Bi

The letter of March 11th would therefore be considered null and void. A long letter follows from the Bishop of Dijon, to the Cardinal Secretary of State. It is in a far different and a much better tone than the letters of the Bishop of Laval. Mgr. Le Nordez complained that M. Bizouard, parish priest of St. Benign de Dijon, the principal fomenter the troubles in the diocese, had been announcing that he had received a letter from the Pope intimating the measures that had been taken against the Bishop. Mgr. Le Nordez did not believe the statement as to the source of the information, but, felt that there must have been an illegitimate communication from some sub ordinate, inasmuch as the decisions of the Holy See were known by this ecclesiastic before he had information of them. The Bishop said he had been forced by the Government and he could not refuse. After days of reflection before God, he found that he could not go to Rome under present conditions protested against the misrepresenta tions of which he had been the object asserting that his enemies had ployed money to induce poor children to refuse Confirmation from him. They founded their actions on the hateful and stupid accusations that o' his life-when his exalted station he had belonged to a sect of which he had never known even a member, and the name of which he should blush to

write. Cardinal Merry del Val replied. In the course of his letter he said "Your Lordship has made known the letter regarding the ordinations to the Government, without taking account of the prescriptions of the But Apostolicae Sedis.' You tell me that half an hour would be for you to explain your position to the Holy Father, to gain his es-teem and confidence, and to dissipate the prejudice, that hatred, lies, and the prejudice, that hatred, lies, and calumny may have inspired in your regard. It was to give you this half hour and more that the Pope summoned you to Rome, but instead of obeying and keeping your promise you went to Paris." The Cardinal assured the Bishop that mather the . The locuments dealing with the a

word to the Abbe Bizouard. He beg ged Mgr. Le Nordez to act as a Bishop should who was attached to th Holy See.

the French Charge d'Affairs to th Cardinal Secretary of State informing him that unless the letter of July 9th to the Bishop of Dijon and als the threatened punishment, which were at variance with the Concordat were withdrawn, the French Govern ment must conclude that the Holy See no longer took account of obligations of the Concordat. The Cardinal Secretary of State answered in a long clear note, explaining that the action respecting the Bishor of Dijon nowise contravened the Concordat, of which he enclosed a copy. The Concordat, he said, was quit distinct from the organic articles, which were a one-sided act of French Government, and against which the Holy See had never ceased to protest. The next document is a letter from the French Charge Cardinal Merry del Val, intimating that the Government had decided t break off official relations with the Holy See, and this was followed by a letter to the same effect from Delcasse, French Minister of Foreign Affairs, to Mgr. Lorenzelli, Apostolic in Paris. The whole cor respondence reflects to highest possible credit on the Holy Father on Cardinal Merry del Val, whose letters reveal straightforwardedness love of justice, and honesty of pur pose.—Catholic Times.

EDUCATION.

truly liberal education from childhood upwards-not the man who in mature manhood has secured a de gree by tacking on a little Latin and less Logic to an incomplete school training,-but the youth whose me mory, imagination and judgmen have been symmetrically developed through a long course of familiarity with the greatest thinkers of th past and present, may indeed begin the struggle of life later than those who specialized early, but, as years go by, the one who has laid a deep er foundation of general culture will be known as the abler and successful lawyer and judge, the greater physician and preacher, the more prosperous business men. Few sights are sadder than the helpless vacuity of mind that encompasses the sel made, half-educated man who retires at sixty from the whir's of business in the delusive hope of enjoying the for tune he has accumulated with to much thankless labor. No such communicate to it the contents of the empty old age awaits the man whose been thorough and prolonged from childhood to manhood. The only limit to his mental development is the hour of his death. Gladstone, who was pre-eminently such man, won his greatest triumphs be tween his sixtieth and his eightyfourth years; and who can deny that the great mind of Leo XIII., trained in the good old way, developed far more in the last twenty-five as Pope brought him into contact with all the kings of men-than in the previous 68 years. People who at first bemoaned his age, as if a man of 68 was too old to golern firmly, were soon obliged to confess that his intellect was as active and vivid as the youngest, his judgment as wise as the oldest, and his will-power as un berding as the strongest.

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CHAPTER IX.-Continu

"Cecella," said Mr. Daton

nter in the parlor,

arroll spoke to me to-day

Mrs. Daton smiled her any while Cecelia blushed deeply

replying.
"Ah," he continued, "you

pect that he came to tell

or of becoming his wife."

e the less for the maidenly

he has offered my daughter th

"And he told you, too, no

that I declined the honor."
"He did, but I respect my d

cy she exhibited in not being

hasty in accepting an offer o

"Cecelia, is it true that

"Yes, mother, he did."

our own mother ?"

ot enter into.

rroll asked you to marry

"Because I was certain the

as I love and trust my dear

he would only cause me gr

row by insisting upon a ma

"Cecelia, what have you

Maurice Carroll ? He is a n

ould make a good husband

ung woman," said her fati

"And he is a good Catholi

erposed Mrs. Daton, not stop

nsider the slight this rema

volved for her own husband.

"I have nothing against hi

ther, but I do not wish to

"I cannot understand

should object to the marriag

cially when so good an offer

made you. It is wrong far

whom the hopes of my family

"Perhaps she thinks," said

mother,, "that because she h

a few months in the convent no right to marry, feating w

"Cecelia, I hope, is not so

Not wishing to enter an

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the subject which neither o

could be made to understand

remained silent while they ta

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not relent. When at last sl

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over, she wished for some on

with and from whom to seel

thy. Grandmother, she kne

too quickly espouse the caus

lover and try to have the 1

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"Dear me," she though

pair, "why couldn't he have love with Agnes? She is f

suited to him and would ma

good, loving wife, which I no

But Cecelia did not yet susp

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reast of her heroic cousin.

Aunt Nellie was the only

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plead for her with her pare

for the first time Aunt Nell

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she said. "

as that," said her father

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marry, and I would not wi to prevent it." "Greatly pained by this u answer, Cecelia exclaime Auntie, I feel that it would

Cecelia."

sel failed.

and I think I am the best my own feelings." "Perhaps so, Cecelia, but thing for you to do is to g ssor, lay the sub-ect c fore him, and follow his as "How foolish of me not t thought of that before," th

confessor, lay the subject of not try to encourage her when she felt that God did The priest talked long estly with her questioning regard to her true feeling aurice Carroll, and when ed that she highly esteemed man in whom is found e

celia. And she went full of

tian virtue, he said : "I see no reasonable exc you to refuse to comply father's wishes in marry young gentleman.',

The words, so wholly struck Cecelia like a crue "But father," she said.