

FRANCE AND ROME.

We find in the Observateur Romano, dated Friday, August 5th, a full exposition of the causes which led to the breaking off of the diplomatic relations between France and the Holy See.

The 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.

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.

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case of the Bishop of Dijon commenced 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 diocese should be put off until fresh orders were received.

The telegram was sent on the 10th March last, at the time when the students refused to accept ordination at the Bishop's hands, as it was reported that he was a member of the Masonic body. The Nuncio carried out his instructions by means of a letter dated March 11th.

On the 9th of July the Cardinal Secretary of State wrote to the Bishop of Dijon that he had not yet received the letter from the Holy Father which he had promised to send him.

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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 Bull 'Apostolicæ Sedis.' You tell me that half an hour would be enough for you to explain your position to the Holy Father, to gain his esteem and confidence, and to dissipate 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 neither the

Pope nor himself had written a single word to the Abbe Bizouard. He begged Mgr. Le Nordez to act as a Bishop should who was attached to the Holy See.

The next document is a note from the French Charge d'Affairs to the Cardinal Secretary of State informing him that unless the letter of July 9th to the Bishop of Dijon and also the threatened punishment, which were at variance with the Concordat were withdrawn, the French Government must conclude that the Holy See no longer took account of the obligations of the Concordat.

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The origin of this life-long mental development can always be traced to the early cultivation of that master faculty of the human mind which we call judgment, that basic principle of business, literature and talent, which gives a man strength in every subject he chooses to grapple with, and enables him to seize the strong point in everything that is presented to his intellect. How to brush aside irrelevant details, groundless objections and mere verbal arguments for

the sake of issues that are all-important and all-embracing, is the secret of a strong brain, and corresponds with our best idea of a cultivated mind.—Rev. Father Drummond, S. J.

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Given this second day of August, 1904. P. Z. GUY, Sec.-Treas.

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CHAPTER IX.—Continued.

"Ceelia," said Mr. Dalton, "when alone with his wife, he would make a good husband."

"Yes, mother, he did." "And why did you not your own mother?"

"Because I was certain that as I love and trust my dear mother, she would only cause me grief by insisting upon a marriage which I could not enter into."

"Ceelia, what have you Maurice Carroll? He is a man who would make a good husband for a young woman," said her father.

"And he is a good Catholic," said Mrs. Dalton, not stopping to consider the slight this remark implied for her own husband.

"I have nothing against his faith, but I do not wish to see you should object to the marriage, especially when so good an offer is made you. It is wrong for whom the hopes of my family to act thus."

"Perhaps she thinks," said her mother, "that because she has a few months in the convent, she has no right to marry, feeling what she may say."

"Ceelia, I hope, is not so as that," said her father. "Not wishing to enter an argument with her parents, the subject which neither of them could be made to understand, remained silent while they talked, using every persuasion to her will. But in her heart she did not relent. When at last she herself alone and free to think over, she wished for some one with and from whom to seek thy Grandmother, she knew too quickly to espouse the cause of her mother and try to have the name of Agnes it would be much the same."

"Dear me," she thought, "why couldn't he have loved with Agnes? She is fitted to him and would make a good, loving wife, which I need. But Ceelia did not yet suspect secret love that still burned in the breast of her heroic cousin."

Aunt Nellie was the only woman she felt that she could confide in, and to her she went for everything and begged, pleaded for her with her parents for the first time Aunt Nellie set failed.

"Ceelia," she said, "it seems that it is right for you to marry, and I would not wish to prevent it."

"Greatly pained by this answer, Ceelia exclaimed, 'Auntie, I feel that it would and I think I am the best of my own feelings.'"

"Perhaps so, Ceelia, but thinking for you to do is to confess, lay the subject before him, and follow his advice."

"How foolish of me not to thought of that before," thought Ceelia. And she went full of confidence, lay the subject before her to encourage her when she felt that God did it.

The priest talked long and easily with her questioning regard to her true feelings. Maurice Carroll, and when she that she highly esteemed man in whom is found every virtue, he said:

"I see no reasonable excuse for you to refuse to comply with your father's wishes in marrying a young gentleman."

The words, so wholly unexpected, struck Ceelia like a cruel blow. "But father," she said,