



## THE LEAGUE ABROAD.

### Rome.

The eyes of the Catholic world are still turned Rome-ward. The last groups of the French workmen's pilgrimage had not yet left Rome when trains came pouring in with their thousands of Catholic youth from France, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Austria, Mexico. They were for the most part students from Catholic colleges, of the higher classes of society, and were come to celebrate the Tercentenary of St. Aloysius by praying at his tomb and paying their homage to the Chair of Peter.

Not for many a day has there been an assemblage in St. Peter's like that which greeted the Holy Father on September 29th. Though admission was by ticket, 70,000 is the lowest figure given for the number of those present at the Pontifical Mass. When the Pontiff entered, carried on his *Sedes Gestatoria*, all heads bowed down with one accord, in profound devotion, to receive his blessing. As he went forth after the celebration of the divine mysteries, he was hailed with intense enthusiasm.

The Catholic youth of the international pilgrimage were admitted to audience on Oct. 1st. What a spectacle it must have been to see the aged Prisoner of the Vatican, with the flower of the Catholic youth of all nations pressing around him, eager to hear his words and receive his blessing! Beautiful were the words which Leo XIII addressed them on the occasion! After expressing his delight at the presence of so many youths, whose piety,