

som of their tender Father. The second, the establishment of a Council of ministers to rule the business of the State. The third, the revision of the Penal Code and the amelioration of Civil proceduro. The fourth, a commission for the direction of the Treasury, in order that the public money may be rightly administered. The fifth, the appointment of Deputies for each province of the State, to lay before the Government the wants of their country, and ask for the necessary reforms. The sixth, the Concession of the Municipal Government of Rome.—The seventh, the permission of more liberty of the Press. The eighth, the appointing of a commission for the prisons and for the reform of gaols and other houses of correction. The ninth, the appointing of a Commission for the education of the poor. The tenth, the reduction of some duties. The eleventh the granting of railways. The twelfth, the organisation of the National Guard throughout the State.

These are the principle points of reform for the Civil Government of his subjects; but there are many others both for the temporal and spiritual welfare of his beloved subjects, which would take too long a time to be commemorated. Now if he has done so much in fifteen months, what may we not expect should he live fifteen years? (Cheers.) What, if twenty-five years? (Cheers.) But, in order that the difficulties in his way may be removed, your generous aid is requested, the aid of your voice, the aid of your hand. Your voice must cry out against Austria, or any other enemy of Italian progress; your hand must send to the Holy Father the means to resist the enemy and to effectuate the reforms he proposes. (Cheers.) I do not engage you in an undertaking alien to you; the cause I submit to you is your own. The Roman States are the States of the whole Catholic Church, and therefore are yours. The Roman States are given to the Church for the good of our religion; and therefore, as Catholics, we ought to defend, as far as it lies in our power, the rights of religion. The English Government, you know, is now fraternising with the Roman Government; and therefore its subjects, whether Protestant or Catholic, are to follow the good example. If you are Christian, if you are Catholic, it has been through the care and zeal of the Roman Pontiff. Your country is not unknown to the Holy Father: he has been twice in England; he has some knowledge of your language; he has full knowledge of your spiritual wants, and has full will to provide for them. (Loud cheers.) In short, Pius the Ninth bears all the English Catholic subjects in his heart, and in his heart is room also for those of other persuasions. (Reiterated cheers.)—The Rev. Dr. Melia announced the following subscriptions:—George Bowyer, Esq., £5; Rev. Dr. Baldaconi, £2.

### CONSPIRACIES AT ROME.

We copy the following extract from an article in Duffy's Catholic Magazine, on the Conspiracies at Rome in the Pontificate of Pope Celestine:—

We were induced to lay before you, good reader, this brief narrative of a brief reign, on reading some statements which the Anti-Papal Austrian papers have been circulating concerning our Holy Father Pius IX., *feliciter regnans*.

It has been at one time stated that His Holiness was about to resign, and at another that he was mad.

Vilifications of this sort are not without their object. Thank Heaven, they are false, sinful and slanderous. Were his Holiness the creature of any crowned despot, no matter what his policy might be, he would find prompt support from German swords and Muscovite savages. But he who is intent on liberalising institutions, and granting constitutional freedom to his subjects; can be little less than an abomination in the eyes of continental tyrants. His recent acts are calculated to disturb them not a little. A national flag and a national guard are great guarantees for a people's freedom, nor in this do we detect any symptoms of lunacy. He who has made himself conversant with the policy of two hemispheres, lacks not the experience and enlightenment so visibly deficient in the character of Pope Celestine. Yet but a short time at the head of the Church he has acquired more fame than any of his predecessors; and though false friends desert him, and Imperialists mutter threats, the God of Freedom will stand by him in the evil day, and those who owe their lives and liberties to his magnanimous and enlarged policy, will cover him with an impenetrable shield.

Surely if all the statements which we read in the papers of the last month, describing the plans and failure of a band of conspirators who meditated effecting a re-action, be true, the heart of the wise and liberty-loving Pontiff must have been sorely distressed. For our own part, we have a thorough contempt for the word conspiracy—a familiarity of eight years with that meaningless sound engendered that contempt—nor would we now waste ink writing it, if we had not ample evidence that Austrian intrigue and duplicity had given it a value. Hitherto the word *conguira* was stereotyped in the vocabulary of the Carbonari, and to that grim fraternity exclusively appertained. More heartless scoundrels than these did not blacken society in any part of the globe; ever ready and ripe for the most truculent misdeeds, whether by the cowardly agency of the stiletto or the poison bowl, there was no atrocity which they were incapable of committing. We were beginning to think that the race was extinct—that the stiletto and coltello were going to rust in ignoble obscurity, but we now think that Austria has flung open the doors of Spielberg and Milan's dungeons, to patronise and foster the very men who so long retarded the march of liberty. O'Connell was wont to say that the midnight assassin and incendiary marred many of his early struggles—nor will we ever forget his scathing denunciation of the remorseless villain who coolly awaited his victim behind some hedge, and sent a bullet through his brain. The figure of the tribune execrating these blood shedders, is even now before us in all its impassioned majesty, and the tones in which he invoked the red arm of God's vengeance to smite the murderer, are still ringing in our ears. That such