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THE ENCYCLICAL.

The Holy Father Explains Its Import at a Recent Consistory.

His Holiness Leo XIII., speaking at the sacred consistory on June 22, delivered the following allocution:

VENERABLE BROTHERS: -- Our duty moving us to provide for vacant churches and to fill up your college, we desire to premise some remarks respecting a project of ours, which seems likely to be of no little importance in the interests of List of Reigning Sovereigns When Queen Christianity. Never was zeal wanting to Mother Church in recalling and inviting those whom difference of opinion or mental error had with disastrous results drawn away from her bosom; and of late years, upon occasions of which you are all aware, the Church has pursued the same object with increased earnestness. We can now in some measure see pledges of the desired fruit, which nourish hope and stimulate to the achievement of the end in view, especially as among different peoples everywhere there are growing indications of no obscure kind which seem to show that men's minds are turning to her with good-will and are looking towards this See of Peter not without a longing for the restoration of the ancient connection. If, after having before God given much thought to these matters, we have under the guidance of Apostolic charity, undertaken and accomplished anything in the cause, we are most anxious that by exposition and action much greater help could be afforded to those who seek Christ in truth.

And since the main point, and, as it were, the foundation of the Christian doctrine is contained in a genuine knowledge of the Church, we have, therefore, applied ourselves to setting forth the image and form of the Church as expressed by its divine constitution, desiring to bring more clearly into light its admirable mark of unity. Certainly in the case of those who closely look at and examine the Church as the Divice Founder would it to be and handed it to the apostles, as the Holy Fathers and doctors through the East and the West constantly preserved it, and as monuments of every kind from remote antiquity prove it to have been it is necessary that they should sim at a twofold object-on the one hand, that dissidents should receive a stimulus and the light needful for unity, and on the other hand, that those who share such a blessing should esteem it more highly and betray increased zeal in their appreciation of it. We are just now about tronage and control of His Grace the blessing should esteem it more highly to carry out the design we formed by ad- Archbishop of St. Boniface. dressing an encyclical letter to all the bishops, and we are happy to be able to place this document under the auspices of the blessed princes of the apostles, Peter and Paul, by whose precepts, labors and blood the beginners of the Church, the bride of Christ, were glori-ously consecrated. After these few words, venerable brethren, we turn to you. We have deemed worthy of the consecrated worthy of the students of St. Boniface College (affil-iated to the University) have always being members of it some men distingu- figured with honor. ished for high qualities and abilities who proved to the Holy See their sagacity, faith and devoted good will.

One Lord, one Faith, one Church. (continued from page!).

fail to be mightily influenced by this most cogent exposition of the true meaning and character of Christian unity. There is not a sentence in it which an ordinary intelligence cannot grasp, nor is there one which could be omitted without loss. The synopsis already published, though admirable in its way, gives no adequate conception of Leo's comprehensive treatment of his great subject. His subject, indeed, it is in a special sense. Those who are in close Send ten cents in silver for it to relationship with the Holy Father declare that the thought of the reunion of Christendom is continually present with him, and we can well believe it after this last pronouncement.

It is to be feared that many outside the Church have approached the question with views either utterly vague or radically false. Theories were being entertained that the desired unity might be effected not by removing but by overlooking the differences existing between religious bodies, or that some system of compromise might be reached by which non-Catholics would consent to adopt certain doctrines and Catholics drop certain others. The encyclical has dispelled all such delusive mirages. The unity which Christ enjoined and which the Catholic Church has alwys insisted upon is the acceptance of every truth taught by Jesus Christ and His Apostics and handed down in all its integrity and purity, by an infallible Church, of which Peter and his successors are the infal-

cerned, it may safely be said they never words, "founded on these principles and

grace of God and the light of reason will recognize that Pope Leo's words have shut off many misleading by-paths and made the true road of unity more plainly visible.— N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

EUROPE'S SOVEREIGNS.

Victoria Attained Her 77th Year.

The oldest king in Europe is Christian 1X. of Denmark, who last month entered upon the 79th year of his age. He has worn the crown for thirty-three years.

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The Emperor of Austria, Francis Joseph I., will be 67 years old in August next, and he has sat on his throne for forty-eight years.

The King of the Belgians, Leopold II., is in the 62nd year of his age, and in the thirty-first year of his reign.

The King of Saxony is in his 69th

The King of Italy, Humbert I., is in the 53rd year of his life, and in the seventeenth year of his reign.

The King of the Hellenes, George I. is 51 years old and has ruled Greece for thirty-three years.

The Saltan of Turkey, Abdul Hamid. II., is 54, and has been the ruler of the Turkish Empire for twenty years.

The King of Roumania, Charles I., is in the 58th year of his age. These are the more elderly of the imperial or royal sovereigos of Europe.

Among the younger European sovereigns are the Emperor of Germany, \$7 the King of Portugal, 33; the Czar of Russia, 28; the King of Servia, 20; the Queen of the Netherlands, 17; and the King of Spain, 10. In the Netherlands there is a Queen Regent, and also in Spain. Pope Leo XIII., who is not 'de jure' a temporal ruler, is in the 87th year of his age-born March 2, 1810.

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