#### THE WORLD OF ROME.

Infounded Rumors Regarding Leo XIII's Health.

the Energy Shown by the Holy Father The Prince of Noples Engagement Ris Wife to Accept the Catholic Faith Consecution of New Dishops

Writing under date August 21 the Rome correspondent of the Freeman's Journal, Mr. P. L. Connellan, sends the following letter:

A baseless runcour, circulated by the Liberal Press here on Thursday evening, to the effect that Leo XIII was at the point of death, has drawn attention to the state of his health, this sort of rumour is frequent during the dead senson, and it is quite remarkable how very dead the season can be at Rome There was not the slightest reason to speak of the Pope's health on this occasion, and, as on the following day he received the usual fliends of the Congregations whose day of audience is Friday and a Missionary Bishop besides, the obsurdit of the report became evident to all Rome.

mio. What is remarkable about Leo XIII what is trunstable about Lee VIII is the extraordinary vigour with which in fulfils the duties of his office. It was my privilego to see him on Sunday, August 2nd, when he gave audience to the American pilgrims. He was carried in a sedan char to the chronic of the Paulino Chapel. Here he descended, and though bowed considerably, he walked with a rapid step from the door of the chapel to the altar, blossing the people on either land as he went. After the rathelengthy proliminary prayers, which he road kneeling at a faddatoob before the altar, he was vested and then said Mass. The particular habit that he has always had of emphazising his speech by slightly rising on the foreart of his foot at the utterance of certain words clings to him still, and this motion is quite ovident at intervals during the recitation of the prayers at Mass. After he had celebrated, Mgr. Angoli, one of the Papal chaplains, said Mass, during which the Pope knelt all the time. Then, without appraint, said Mass, during which the Pope knelt all the time. Then, without appraint about a dozen other persons besides. Some few words were said to each individual. His hand was kissed, and he bestowed a special blessing on each. All this was done without apparent faiting and with considerable energy by the Pontiff, now in his 87th year. On Sunday last he underwent a more trying ordeal. It was a feast of St. Joachim, the name-day of the Pontiff. In the morning he celebrated his usual Mass and assisted at one celebrated by a chaplain. Then, at mid-day, he received the cardinals, prelates, bishops and others—to the number of about 200—in his private library. Here, on one side of the Papal Throne, was placed the portrait of the young King of Spain, Allonso XIII, which was sent to Lee XIII, his goldather, on the occasion of the roce, bequeathed to Yeu Sinday, he said, been in accord with lace Vandyke collar and cuffs—a sort of boy's dress. The portrait is full length and life size. The youthful monarch, standing, places his hund upon the throne, as a re

nover deceived me who saw the political movement of Europe and the apathy and indifference of the Italians. I take comfort now, however, in cheligious reawakening which we all note in Italy, and especially in Rome, where, after being so bitterly undeceived, the people return to God and to His Church." The Pontiff then referred to the many manifestations of this reaw-kening, its works, and the many Catholic Societies, etc., that were established. Regarding the progress of these he made inquiries of Cardinal Parocchi, Vicar of the Holy See, and of Mgr. Radini Tedeschi. These furnished concise information regarding these Catholic Associations, and Lee XIII said it was als great deciro that every parish in Rome should have its parochial association. He also recommended that these cocieties should work more in harmony than they do now.

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Continuing in this strain he called to mind the Eucharistic Congress about to be held in Orvicto which promises so well, and at which he said Oardinals Parrochi and Vincenzo Vannutelli, and perhaps some other

includes of the Sacred College, would be present. He hoped also that the general Catholic Congress, which is about to be held at Fresole, near Florence, would give a powerful impulse to the religious movement in Tussany. The conversation then turned to the consideration of the great congress which the strong Catholics of Germany, with the support of the Parliamentary Centre, will hold soon at Dartmund.

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And, turning his attention from Europ., Leo XIII spoke of the progress of the missions. Mgr. Germanos, Bishop of the Syro-Melchite Rito, who was present, supplied information concerning the consoling movement of the Solismatics of the Last towards Catholic unity. Then attention was given 'o what was said by the Buperior of the Pallotini Fathers regarding the success of their missions in Cameroon, the German colony in Africa. Amongst other things, the Superior related to His Holiness that these Fathers had 1,200 Catholics, \*\*00 mosphytes, and four chardles here, and he expressed his things, the Superior rotated to His Holiness that those Fathers had 1,200 Catholies, 800 morphytes, and four chardness hore, and he expressed his gratitude to the Prussian Government, which allowed them the fullest hierty. Cardinal Ledeohowsky, Prefect of Iropaganda, furnished infortunation of the East Indian Missions, which was very oncouraging. The Pope insisted strongly on the necessity of instituting ecclesiastical sommaries in the mission centres, in order to provide the Catholics of these places with prices of their own race. The Cardinal rotated that several conversions had taken place amongst the higest Indian casto—that of the Brahmins—an unprecedented result.

Finally, the Holy Father thanked the Cardinals for their congratulations to him on this Feast of St. Josehim,

in training him for the offices of king the misched has be. In that he was o-citrained. His instruction has been too complete, and he has only half profited by it. His father destred that he should ree ive a first class military education as the traditions of the House of Bavoy require. His mother desired that he, having to reside at Rome, which contains within its walls the ruins of the Roman Forum and the greatest Art treasures in the world, could not dispense with a good knowledge of archin ology, of theretare and of art. While he was yot a delicate stripling he had to endure considerable hardships. He was doomed, not only to be a soldier, but also to become as far as he was able, a living encyclopedia of all kinds of knowledge. It is related that he nearly died in the process.

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Whilst Colonel Oso taught him the
military profession, says a writer who
admirably sums up the story of the
prince, he was also under tuition in
the ancient and modern languages,
and at the same time he had to study
mathematics, physics and natural
sciences. His mother interfered for
his health's eake, and insisted on his his hoalth's sake, and insisted on his having more physical exercise. He has become a brilliant cavalry citieer, it is said, but he does not possess the profoundly initiary instituets which seem to be in the blood of the Savoy princes. The artistic bearings that Queen Margaret strove to impart to him have only developed, so far, a great lave for anient coins and medals.

His promotion in the army has been rapid. At 25 years of age he was a General. The habit of command, and his taste, recently developed, for

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