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His Excellency Mgr. Falconio.

O noble envoy of our Pontiff and King,
The illustrious Leo, whose compassion would bring
All creation in aid of the weak and oppressed,
The lowly resigned whom the good Lord hath blessed.
By the Spirit of Light in God's wisdom attired,
Thy soul all inflamed, thy heart all inspired
Have taught us true peace. Faith kindles anew
In the triumph of truth over doubts that we knew.
To an arena more vast, to combats more stern
With zeal unabated, but with calm unconcern,
Thou dost haste at the call of duty again
To add to the laurels the past crowned thy pain.
To vanquish the error that stalks through the land
Rome thee hath chosen. The valorous band
Of God's chosen people to victory can trust
With a leader so fearless in a cause that is just.

A TRANSLATION.