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OFFICIAL VISIT.

The Grand President, James H. H. Hearn, K. C., attended installation of officers and conducted the ceremony at Reserve Mines. Afterwards he de-livered an able and eloquent address on temperance, dealing exhaustively with every phase of the question. St. Andrew's Branch at Reserve is to be congratulated on the splendid showcongratulated on the spiendid showing that it is now making. Last quarter it reported a membership of only 36, and it entered upon the present quarter with 125. New members are being received every week, and it will not be surprising to find it reaching the 200 mark before many months.

THE LEAGUE MENTIONED.

Belcher's Almanac has always been regarded as a most reliable book of reference on many matters. This year it is pleasing to find that it has added the League of the Cross to its list of the societies. It gives a list of the Grand Officers and the names of the Branches with their location. Members of the League will find this a very convenient directory. Belcher's Almanac has always been convenient directory.

Something like a Preacher.

A writer in Harper's Weekly quotes an amusing story attributed to Dr. Rice of Springfield, apropos of the recent meeting of railroad men and their lawyers to find out what the new rate law really means. Dr. Rice, it. rate law really means. Dr. Rice, it seems, used to tell of a young Methodist who went forth from Wilbraham academy to preach his trial sermon.

"What was your text?" he was

The Pope on France.

Rome.-The Osservatore Romane

ROME.—The Osservatore Romano published the text of a most important encyclical regarding the French Church and State Separatiou law and the duty of French Catholics under it. The encyclical is addressed to "Our Venerable Brothers, the Cardinals, Bishop and Clergy in France and the French people."

In it the Pope says that his chief purpose in addressing the faithful in France is to comfort them in their sufferings, which he feels deeply. There is, however, great consolation in the fact that the Catholics of France are united. The French Government's declaration of war was uot only against the Christian Faith, but against all spiritual ideas. The French Catholics must be prepared for all sorts of trials, but they are certain of final victory. This means the maintenance of their union with the Holy See, which is of the greatest importance, as shown by the efforts of the enemies of the Church to dissolve the union. enemies of the Church to dissolve

Contrary to the statements made on the subject, he says the Church does not desire a religious war involving violent persecutions. Being a messen-ger of peace and carrying out her mission loyally the Church does not willingly expose herself to war and persecutions, as she does not desire to

see her children suffering.

Regarding the ecclesiastical properties, the encyclical says the Pope has not abandoned them. The French Government has imposed on the Catholics of France an organization which the Church is actually unable to accept without imperilling her existence as a divine institution. The Church cannot prevent the unjust spoliation in proprevent the unjust spoliation in progress, but as the proposed cultual associations are contrary to the ecclesias-tical hierarchy given to the Church by the Divine Founder himself the Pope condemns them in spite of the material injuries involved at the hands of the Govrnment. Besides the law confers Government. Besides the law confers on these associations attributes recarding both the exercise of worship and administration of property which appertain alone to ecclesiastical authority. Finally, the associations are not only withdrawn from ecclesiastical jurisdiction, but are placed under the civil authority.

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"We have been accused," the encyclical continues, "of prejudice and inconsistency. It has been said that we refused to approve in France what we had already approved in Germany. But this reproach is unjust and unfounded, for, while the German law is condemnable on many points, and was accepted only to avoid greater evils, the Church might have tolerated making declarations, but laying down that the clergy shall be only occupants of the churches without any legal status and without the right to perform any administrative act in the exercise of their ministry, placed them in which are vague and humiliating position that the making of declarations could not be accepted.

"It remains to examine the law recently voted by the Chambers, From the reproted by the Chambers, From the reproted was accepted.

the point of view of Church property the law is a law of spoliation and confiscation and has consummated the pillage of the Church. Although her Divine Founder was born in a stable and did noon on the cross and aland died poor on the cross, and al-though she knows poverty from the cradle, the property she was possessed of none the less belonged to her, and no one had the right to deprive her of no one had the right to deprive her of it. This ownership, indisputably hers from every point of view, has been officially sanctioned by the State. The statement that the Government dis-posed of the abandoned properties of the Church is adding derision to spoli-

"From the point of view of the ex-"From the point of view of the exercise of religion the new law has organized anarchy. It installs a regime of uncertainty and arbitrariness. There is uncertainty as to whether the churches, which are always liable to disaffection, shall or shall not in the meanwhile be at the disposal of the clergy and faithful. In each parish the priest will be in the each parish the priest will be in the power of the municipality, with the consequent possibility of conflicts in all parts of the country. In addition, the clergy are under an obligation to meet the heaviest expenses while their sources of revenue are subjected to the strictest limitations. The new law aggravates the law separating Church and State. We can only con-Church and State. We can only con-demn it with precision and without

ambiguity.
"Certain articles of the law throw new light on the realm of our enemies. They wish to destroy the Church and de-Christianise France without attracting too closely the attention of the people. If their course was really popular, as they pretend it is, they would pursue it openly and take all the responsibilities. Instead, against the rising tide of popular reprobation, the Government attempts to throw the responsibility on the Church, its victim; but the object will not succeed. new light on the realm of our enemies

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"As for us, we have done our duty as any other Roman Pontiff would have done it. The high office with which Heaven invested us, as well as our faith in Christ, determined our line of conduct, and we could not have acted otherwise without betraying our conscience or breaking the oath we took when we mounted the throne of St. Peter. Therefore, we wait fearlessly the verdict of history, which must be that with our eyes fixed unceasingly on the transcendent rights of God, we did not intend to humiliate the civil power nor combat a form of the civil power nor combat a form of government, but only to safeguard the

academy to preach his trial sermon.
"What was your text?" he was asked, when he came back.
"How shall ye escape it ye neglect so great a salvation."
"A good text—how did you handle it?"
"First, I showed 'em how great this salvation is, then I showed 'em how to escape if they neglected it."
government, but only to safeguard the spiritual temple of Christ.
"What we demanded, and demand, for the Church, of which France is the eldest daughter, is respect for her hierarchy, the inviolability of her property and liberty. If that had been granted the religious peace would not have been disturbed, and the day our demand is heeded the longed-for

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reme joy."

The encyclical concludes as follows:
"In full confidence that the Virgin Immaculate, daughter of our Father, Mother of the Word, Spouse of the Holy Ghost, will obtain for you from the most holy and adorable Trinity better days. From the bottom of our heart, we give you, venerable brothers and the whole people, our apostolic benediction."

One of the highest officials at the Vatican makes this comment: "The

One of the highest officials at the vatican makes this comment: "The encyclical shows that the Holy See is fighting a great, decisive battle, not only for the Catholic Church, but for spiritual freedom and duty. Pope Pius is struggling against the enemies of spiritual light, and is nobly facing every sacrifice to accomplish his duty toward God. The Pope states that the minimum possible for accepting separation of Church and State in France is separation as it exists in France is separation as it exists in Great Britain and the United States. If the enemies of the Church refuse this, it shows that they are wrong, that their intentions are bad. As Pope Pius VI. died a prisoner, and as Pope Pius VII., also a prisoner, underwent shameful violence, so will Pius X. accompa l. his duty to the end, as all the Popes followed the direction of the Apostle, that it is better to obey God than man.

Plausible Prejudices.

one of his letters to his son, Cheseld says: "The herd of mankind terfield says: "The herd of mankind can hardly be said to think; their opinions are almost all adoptive, and in general I believe it is better that in general I believe it is better that it should be so, as such common prejudices contribute to our quiet. We have many of these useful prejudices in this country which I should be very sorry to have removed. The Protestant prejudice that the Pope is anti-Christ, is a more effective preservative against the Roman Church than all the solid

and unanswerable arguments of Chillingworth."

This quotation may prove Chesterfield to be rather unprincipled, but the truth of his observation may, nevertheless, stand. In the two Know-Notheless, carried to the control of the con ing movements against Catholics in this country, we will find that the common and vulgar prejudices and the most clumsy slanders did more effect-ive work than apparently weightier and recondite reasons against Cathol-

The task of him who would reconcile the American people to a more liberal view of Catholicism will consist in dissolving these common prejudices rather than in discussing questions of apostolic succession and sacerdotal authority.

Nothing must be passed over as too absurd for refutation. In the domain of religious prejudice the cock and bull story is the real axiom.—Catholic Citizen.

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