### THE AUSTRIAN EMPIRE.

One of the most remarkable of the political phenomena presented by the Europe of to-day is the growth of the Austrian Empire, the only great Catholic power of Europe. We see it extending its limits with remarkable success and certainty towards the East, where it has already won for civilization and religion countries once rich in the works and monuments of religion. Austria lately celebrated with the most ardent enthusiam the sixth anniversary of the house of Hapsburg. This great power, after having experienced the rudest trials without ever having repudiated the national faith, is to-day more solid than ever, and a further course of greatness and prosperity now awaits the Austrian dynasty. Faithful to its sovereign, the Austrian nation has survived the dangers of the Italian crisis, and those of the still more terrible Prussian crisis. It seems that its misfortunes serve only to free it from obstacles in the way of its pursuing its new destiny.

The constitution which the emperor-king accorded to Hungary, prepared Austria for the organization of a vast Catholic empire in the East.

Sadowa itself was but the preliminary of that happy alliance which opens the door to Austrian progress to Salonica.

The reign of Francis Joseph is indeed a great reign-a reign equal at least to those of the greatest emperors whose memory is dear to Austria. It was with the greatest enthusiasm that the people of Austria everywhere celebrated the sixth anniversary of the glorious line of Hapsburg. Throughout that vast empire every difference of race is lost in the national love and respect for the sovereign. While Russian Poland and Prussian Poland are really vanquished countries, and are treated as such, Austrian Poland celebrated the festival of its Catholic emperor with sentiments of tervor and devotedness, not surpassed by those manifested by the duchy of Austria, by Hungary or Tyrol. Austria, by remaining faithful to the ancient principles of sovereignty, recovered its once lost power with singular facility.

Austria is to-day the nucleus of that tutelary alliance which, uniting the great empires into one common close political alliance, shall extend abroad the conquests of civilization over barbarous and infidel peoples and re-establish throughout Europe on a firmer basis than ever that social order now menaced by organized revolution.

How can the hatred of Italian universities affect the dynasty of Hapsburg, bound by the closest ties to Germany, and besides to every Catholic dynasty in Europe and in the world? The unbroken attachment of the peoples it has consolidated into one state through paternal domination, and the maintenance of a political course, wise as well as firm. places the house of Hapsburg beyond the petty threats of wicked but impotent revolutionary societieswhether in Italy or elsewhere.

#### GREAT BRITAIN AND THE HOLY SEE.

Commenting on the denial of the Daily News and Times, that the British government intend to accredit a diplomatic agent to the Holy See, Le Journal de Rome says that the denial made by these papers is under the circumstances quite superfluous. The Holy See is not unadvised of the fact that laws dating from the earliest period of the separation of England from the Papacy prohibit the sovereign of Britain from holding any direct official communication with the Vatican. England is a country where such laws are not abrogated by desuctude. They are simply evaded whenever occasion demands their evasion. As long, therefore, as the sovereign of England retains the spiritual supremacy usurped by Henry VIII., as long, in fact, as the English state church continues to exist in its present form, England shall be compelled to elude this singular statute and to appoint men official agents to transact its sents to stop on the way, to sit down and business with the Holy See. Such was the character of the mission so long confided to Oto Powell O

the other hand, the Holy See cannot light continues to shine and illumine, and accredit a Nuncio to the Court of Queen Victoria. It can only confide an official mission for a time to some prelate. Mr. Errington has never and problem of the court of the some tits shining shows something above and beyond material things; towards these objects, too, the will has a natural inclination, for the reason says they may be made useful. To reach the more general good, of even extended material enjoy. been and is now nothing other than intermediary for communication between the government of Britain and the Papal Secretary of State. He has not even the character of official diplomatic agent as had Odo greater and Russell. Le Journal, however, adds that it may be hoped that without any infringement on the laws prohibiting regular diplomatic intercourse between Britain and the Holy See, the mission of Mr. Errington will be invested with a more permanent and regular as well as more openly official character.

# THE CATHOLIC CLUB (MON-

We are glad to see that the Catholic Club of Montreal continues to do such really excellent work. It is a practical proof of what Catholic societies can become under the judicious management of an efficient director, aided by the good will and good work of zealous members. "I second says see they will win, for they look like it," said the old poet of his rowers in the race, posse quid posse videnter: but before he said so he made them roll up their sleeves. If the moderators and members of our Catholic societies would think and talk less of should have more frequently to lectual contest. We subjoin with pleasure a report of a meeting of the Catholic Club which we think may founding the act with the object, the means with the end. If we are asked societies. Our readers are probably aware that the Catholic Club of Montreal is a literary and scientific society of Catholic English speaking young men, under the direction of the Rev. Father Ryan, of St. Mary's College. The Club meets every Wednesday. At each meeting the Rev. Moderator gives a short lecture on moral philosophy. These lectures are a continued series and form a kind of course. From the introductory lecture we learn what the course comprises. Beginning with the study of human action, as seen in the mind and heart of the individual man, the lecturer goes on to consider domestic action, social action, civil action, political action, international action; thus ranging through the whole sphere of human conduct, from the individual conscience to the most complex forms of civilized society. It will be easily seen how useful moral and social questions are being settled on the false material princicomes an essay or debate at the meetings of this Club. We see from the report of a late meeting that the essay was so interesting that it is to every success, and the Club long

Since writing the above we have received a summary of the lecture delivered the club on the 17th ult. Father Ryan in that discourse, which we regret not being able to give in full, defined philosophy as the science of human acts.

In every human act there are, he said, three elements—the agent, the object—and the relation between both, or the The will is a ruling power; it rules not only the material, mental and moral world—it rules itself. The will is said to elicit its own acts, and to command the acts of the other faculties of man. On On commanding it is politic rather than des-potic, and its policy is persuasive, for its subjects are powerful; it leads rather than drives. We may mentally follow the will in its walk through the moral world, and in watching its conduct towards the com panions of its rambles we may more clearly see the objects of its acts. The will is accompanied in its walk by the intellect, for it cannot walk alone; it needs the light of the intellect to show it how and whither to walk; it controls the intellectual lamp, and may turn its rays up-wards or downwards, to the right or left, lectual lamp, and may turn its rays upwards or downwards, to the right or left, as it likes. The will is accompanied not only by the intellect, but by the senses, and the senses walk first; walk towards their object, and their object is always material. When the senses reach their chieft they not and are satisfied. always material. When the senses reach their object, they rest and are satisfied, and they ask the will to rest and be satisfied, too. The will only too often conlong confided to Odo Russell. On its adequate object. The intellectual

good of even extended material enjoy. ment it may become useful to restrai the tendency to stop at particular pleaures, and the will desiring the greater good, or the good it has not yet enjoyed, begins to rule and restrain the senses. and restrain the senses. This self-restraint only serves to increas the capacity and power of the will for greater and higher enjoyment. Its hunger and thirst have not been satisfied the feast of the senses, for it feels there is something more worthy its satisfaction than sensible things, and this is spiritual thought. The object of thought is universal truth, and the will, led by the light of the intellect, hungers and thirsts for universal good. The intellect may be satisfied with the contemplation of an abstract truth; the will does not care for the abstract, it can tend to and feel and love only the concrete. It cannot be satisfied with a stone when its food is bread. And so it cries out to all creatures, as it moves onward and upward. Who will give me the good that I seek? This is and has been, and ever has been, and ever shall be, the cry of the human heart. Three answers have been given; answers are sometimes said to be new, but they are as old as the human heart. One answer comes from the sen-ses, another from self, the third and true answer comes from right reason and co. science. The first answer says the agreeable is the object of human and the object of human act; the second says the useful is the object; the the only adequate object of a human act is the spiritual, immutable, eternal good. This is the final object or ultimate end of action; all other objects have their formal good or evil according as they are means or obstacles to the attain ment of this final end. It is the formal object, that is, the object as known in relation to the final end, that constitutes an element in the morality of human acts. their difficulties, sit down to their have said that those who "try to build up It will be readily seen from what we work, and roll up their sleeves, we a physical theory of moral phenomena, as Mr. Huxley and his school try to do give what we have said is the first answer chronicle their success in the intel- and the falsest to the question of the human heart. The utilitarian school represented by Mill, goes a step nearer to the truth, but stops short and errs by con-

> ing philosophy, and not theology; philos phy looks for God; theology finds Him. The Catholic Club could not, we believe, render the cause of religion greater service than by procuring the publication of these lectures of Father Ryan, which have edified and instructed all who have heard them, and are in every sense so well calculated to promote the diffusion of truth and the advancement of the good cause.

where is this spiritual, immutable, eternal

good you promise to give? we simply answer this good is God. But we are talk-

# A WORD OF EXPLANATION.

In reference to a letter received from Subscriber" in the Lower Provinces, asking for an explanation why we have not found fault with Sir John A. Macdonald's government for its alleged ill-usage of Catholics in the matter of political appointments in the Maritime Provinces, we desire to state that, being under no obligation to any government or party, we feel perfectly free to discuss any action of theirs in so far as they affect the rights such lectures are to our young men of Catholics. But while thus free to reat the present day, when all these view the course and discuss the attitude of our political parties, we consider it would be unjust to any party to condemn ples of evolution. After the lecture its action on any matter, especially one of such paramount importance as the appointment of Catholic judges, without hearing its explanation and justification of such action. Our friends in the Maritime Province can easily, during the be continued in the form of a debate. next session of Parliament, have the ques-We wish lectures, essays and debates tion of judicial appointments in those Provinces fully discussed. The government will then have ample opportunity to defend its action. If that defence be not satisfactory, we shall be amongst the by Rev. Father Ryan, at the meeting of first to raise our voice in condemnation of the administration of the day. Our duty forbids us to spare delinquency in any party in respect of Catholic rights and interests. For this very reason this journal holds itself aloof from alliance with either of the political parties in Canada.

## SUGGESTIVE FIGURES.

The official returns for the last ensus show that the population of Ulster numbered 1,743,075 persons. Of these 833,566 were Roman Catholics, 379,402 Church of Ireland, 470,-629 Presbyterians, 34,825 Methodists, 43,332 of other denominations, and 321 who refused information; 930,390 can read and write, 306,118 can read only, and 515,846 are illiterate.

Ulster is the stronghold of Proestantism in Ireland, yet nearly half

## its total population is Catholic. THE POPE'S ENCYCLICAL.

We call the attention of our readers to the splendid Encyclical Letter addressed by our Holy Father the Pope, to the Spanish Bishops, which we publish in this ssue. This magnificent document enunciates principles which have a practical bearing for the Catholics of Canada, as well as for those of Spain, and which inculcate lessons worthy of the most serious attention.

### A NOBLE EXAMPLE.

We have great pleasure in publishing the following correspondence, which will speak for itself:

STRATFORD, Jan. 18th. 1883. RIGHT. REV. AND DEAR FATHER,-

We, the Children of Loretto, wish to join the great number who are assisting yo the erection of the Cathedral, therefor not so much for the amount, which w vish were ten-fold greater,—as for the good vill with which it is offered.

We would fain hope that all the children

We would fain hope that all the children of the diocese will rally around your Lord-ship, and aid you in a similar but far more generous manner. That you may live to see the completion of this, and many other great works, and that our Lord may bestow n you many blessings for the coming year the sincere and heartfelt wish of you devoted children,

the Archbishopric of Cologne boys noble families imitated the example.

prentices and poor labourers, animated with a childlike love of their Saviour

out consulting the University. The doc

marked with a cross, and carrying scrip

their vow, for they had taken vows from

which only the pope, they said, could free them. Pope Gregory IX., afterwards raised, on the coast of St. Pierre, where two of their ships from Marseilles had perished, a church dedicated to the new holy innocents, with a foundation for

es that had been recovered from the sea to

Such, dearest children, have been the

of Catholic children to the cause of Christ

ren is their marvellous power over even

obdurate sinners. Priests know by experience how effectual is the ministry of

children in converting their sinful parents

and winning them back to the path of vir-tue and to the service of God. Moore, in his legend of "Paradise and the Peri," re-

presents a hardened, outlawed bandit as

Peri. A similar thought is expressed by

Keble in his "Lyra Innocentium," wherein he traces this mysterious influ-

ence of innocent youth over the wicked

ence of influence years.

A little child's soft, sleeping face.

The murderer's knife ere now hath staid;

The murderer's knife ere now hath staid;
The adulterer's eye so foul and base
Is of a little child afraid,
They cannot choose but fear
Since in that sign they feel God and good
angels near.

Children have also at all times mani-

fested a singular love and a mysterious attachment to holy places. The his-tory of the Church is full of strik-

God's faithful servants, and their prefer-

ence, even in their innocent recreations and

play, for the vicinity of churches, is proverbial. They love to linger around church

porches, to loiter on the door steps, to loo

church steeples, and to play their childish games in the squares fronting churches so much so, that these squares were, in

mediæval times, called by a name derived

mediaval times, called by a name derived, according to some, from "Parvuli pueri" "Little Children," because they were so much frequented by them. And what shall I say of the love of the church for

these dear lambs of her flock? Does sh

not, like her divine Lord, gather together these lambs of her flock with her arm, and

take them up in her bosom? Does she not regard them as her most precious

treasures, surrounding them with her maternal cares, and guarding them with the most zealous solicitude? Does she not

love to employ them in the service of her altars, to range them under beautiful

banners in her processions, to give them a place in her august ceremonials, and to

asylums and homes has she not created in

order to shelter and protect and educate

her orphan children?
Such, dear children, are the great privi-

such dear children, are the great privi-leges given little boys and girls by our blessed Lord. Such the place they hold in his infinitely loving heart. Such the loyalty and love they have often mani-fested to him in return. Such the per-manent place they hold in the mind and solicitude of holy Church in her services and ministrations. Your Bishop has dwelt

and ministrations. Your Bishop has dwelt so long on this tempting theme that he fears he in turn has become childish.

He will therefore conclude by wishing

He will therefore conclude by wishing you every blessing, by the expression of the hope that you and all the dear children of the Diocese will do their utmost to deserve the love of God, to be good

Catholic children, to be simple, innocent, pure, obedient to parents, docile to teachers, reverent towards old age, full of love for Christ, his blessed mother, and the saints, fond of the church and her ser-

vices, earnest in learning the catechism

charitable towards the poor, compassion ate towards the afflicted and suffering, se

with childish awe up to the dizzy height of

instances of the love of children for

shed

sinless and happy days of caused him to she

and of his holy religion.

Another singular characteristic of shil-

fidelity, the loyalty, the love and dev

be preserved as relics of martyrs who had

sacrificed their lives for

THE PUPILS OF LORETTO. Loretto Convent.

The Bishop's Reply.

The Bishop's Reply.

My Dear Children,—I beg to thank you most sincerely for your thoughtful kindness and generosity in contributing out of the money given you, perhaps for holiday presents, the handsome sum of twenty-five dollars in gold to the building fund of our new Cathedral. I take this opportunity to thank also the children of other convent nank also the children of other convent chools who have acted in a similar me The self-denial for Christ's dear sake ided in this gift is pleasing to God, burable to yourselves, and encouraging the cathedral is being built for the ory of God, the honour of our holy reli-tion and its uses, and for the salvation of our order of the salvation of our order of the salvation of our order of the salvation of the salvation of the salvation of those who are now children in the dio-The future is yours and you will soo herit and enjoy the fruits of the lab sacrifices and the zeal of the and people, who having laid broad to the foundation of God's church in this western country, are now by noble and united efforts toiling to build up its majes-tic superstructure. It is therefore but meet and proper that you should be interested in und proper that you should be interested in our work; and your co-operation in our word; and your co-operation in our two of their ships from Marseilles had perished, a church dedicated to the new less and a source of encouragement to us; for our blessed Lord, who loves children twelve ecclesiastics, and he caused the bodwith a special love, will abundantly bless and prosper a work which enlists their their co-operation and of their prayers. In helping to construct the Cathedral, and interesting yourselver in its progress you are taking your proper place and fulfilling fit-ting duties as children of the holy church for Christian children are under special obgations to our blessed Lord. He sanctified hildhood by becoming a child Himself, and the thereby impressed upon it a character of sacredness, and invested it with a pecu-iar dignity. He loved children with a speial love, and when attracted toward Him y His loveliness and holiness, they fol-owed Him in crowds; He would not allow he apostles to disturb them, saying little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." In the souls of children He saw the divine image of God best preserved and least sin-stained, and in their innocence, candour, simplicity, purity and trusting faith, He found the nearest d trusting faith, He found the nearest proach on earth to the moral beauty, rfection, spotless innocence and justice of fallen man, fresh from the hand of his creator in the morning of the world's exist nee. He protected their helplessness by he most solemn sanctions, warning all en rusted with their care that they must con duct them in the path of virtue, and mu not by bad teaching or example, turn them away from God. "Woe be to him by whom scandal cometh, it were better for him that nillstone were fastened around his neck and that he were tossed in the bottom and that he were tossed in the bottom of the sea, rather than have given scandal to my little ones—to my children." He made use of children to convey lessons of the deepest import to his followers, declaring that they must all become as children i they would enter the kingdom of heaven made use of the service of a boy to

St. Andrew said: "There is a boy here having five loaves and two fishes." naving five loaves and two fishes."

Hap'ly the wonder to behold—
A Loy 'mid other boys he came.
A lamb of Jesus told.
Though now unknown by name
Well may I guess how glow'd his check—
How he looked down,half pride, half fe
Far off he heard one speak
Of him in Jesus ear.
Then did He make that stripling's store
Lyre of the feast by Him decreed
Where angels might adore
And souls for more than the stripling of the feast by Him decreed
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work the 'miracle of the multiplication

bread, typical of the Holy Eucharist, wh

here angels might adore and souls for ever feed. And in return children's innocent, pu young hearts went out in deep affection to our beloved Lord. They crowded around him in multitudes and surrounded him with their sympathies. They went out to meet him from Jerusalem, strewing the road in his honour with green branches and shorting hosamaks of welcowers. of praise, and in the temple they sang His praises and cried out "Hosannah to the Son of David," in defiance of the jealous, angry chief priests and scribes who indignantly said to him, "hearest Thou what these say;" and who got for answer: "Yea, have you never read "out of the mouth of infants and sucklings Thou hast perfected praise." Children were the first who died martyrs in a Christian education, and preparing them for the struggles and battles of life? What s commemorated on the Feast of the Holy Innocents. Of them the Church

All hail; ye infant martyr flowers. Cut off in life's first dawning hours, As rosebuds snapped in tempest's strife, When Herod sought your Saviour's life. You tender flock of lambs we sing. First victims slain for Christ your king. Beneath the altar's heavenly ray, With martyr palms and crowns ye play.

In the fierce persecutions that sought to drown the infant Church in blood, children were amongst the bravest and most con stant martyrs. Witness the boy martyr St. Pancratious; the martyr sons of St. Symphorosa, and hosts of others. And to come down to later times we find in 1208, in the time of Pope Innocent III., a touching incident of the fidelity and devotion of children to the cause of Christ related by historians. In the village of Cloves, near the Castle of Vendome, France, a simple shepherd lad called Stephen, naturally eloquent, declared that the Saviour had charged him to preach a crusade for the recovery of the Holy Land. He went about through cities and towns He went about through cities and towns singing in his mother tongue: Seigneur Jesus Christ aide nous encore a conquerir la Sainte Croix.—"Lord Jesus Christ help us to recover the Holy Cross." Many boys and served God with fidelity, you may one day enter into those ineffable and "Knowledge Plato, "should than wisdom."

about his age followed him. In other parts of France children of both sexes eternal joys which God has prepared in those who loved him here upon earth.

imitated them and set off to join Stephen singing and carrying crosses, banners and censers. There were 15,000 in Paris alone under the age of twelve. Everywhere as they passed the inhabitants gave This is the Bishop's Lenten Pastoral to the dear children of his diocese.

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where as they passed the inhabitants gave them hospitality and alms; and to all questions as to where they were going they replied, "to God." "We are going to seek the Holy Cross beyond the sea. The Almighty calls us to succour the Holy Land at Jerusalem." The youth of Burgundy and of the frontiers of Germany were inflamed to follow them. In the Archishover, of Calegore here of Freeman's Journal.

The Brooklyn Catholic Knight advises every man to insure his life. "How often," the editor very truly says, "do we see subscription lists circulated to raise funds to defray the funeral expenses of a man who during life supported his fam. man who during life supported his family as his means would permit, but neglected to join an organization that would pay a certain amount to his widow at his death?" It is objected by people who ed to the same standard. The King have the same groundless prejudice against life insurances, which old women have against making their wills, that life insurof France took alarm, but moved by the sanctity of the object scruple I to act withance companies break up. They do occasiontors disapproved of the movement and then the King ordered the children to ally: but the investor must try to select one managed on proper principles by proper men. It is objected that a poor man can not pay the premium which well-managed companies demand. The poor man who can save a little has another means of life insurance within the reach return to their parents. The greatest number obeyed, but many persevered; and the people favoured them. "Only infidels," said they, "and despisers of God infidel," said they, "and despisers of God can blame such a pious impulse. Pope Innocent on hearing of it exclaimed, lamenting, "These children shame us while we sleep." They set off with joy to recover the Holy Land, many thousands of them reached Marseilles, where they embarked. Amongst all their subsequent of all, and arranged to suit his case. The Catholic Knights, the Legion of Honor, and several other societies approved by Bishops and priests are ready to meet him more than half way. The time has gone by when a Catholic could complain that calamities, these poor young pilgrims gave affecting proof at least of their teachings of the Church him from providing for his family by stretching a threatening arm between him gave affecting proof at least of their faith and constancy. Many, on falling into the hands of the Turks, preferred death to apostacy. Not one, it is said, could be prevailed upon to abjure Christ. In Germany, too, nearly 20,000 children had assembled, dressed as pilgrims, and the secret societies. No man can urge, as an excuse for joining the I. O. , the Knights of Pythias, etc., that he can not find the advantages of these see associations within the Church. Of late societies managed on business principles marked with a cross, and carrying scrips and staffs. They crossed the Alps under their little chief Nicolas, who was himself a boy not quite ten years of age. On their road through Italy many perished. Some returned home after cruel sufferings, but grieving only for their return. Others went to Rome to demand absolution from have multiplied. They were badly needed. The frequency of the subscription paper, the "raffle," etc., for the poor widow left with penniless orphans, showed that they were needed. A check from the

treasurer of one of these widow from the humiliation of beg-ging from strangers, and gives her time, even if it be for a small amount, to "look around her," as the phrase goes. Our disconting brethren are very far-seeing in regard to life insurance. They make the most of what treasure they happen to get in this world. Because Catholics know that this life is only a time of probation, they ought not to no future of their own households. very emphatically declares that he who does not care for his family is "worse than an infidel." It gives a man strength to do and to dare many things when he can feel that he will not leave his wife a beg ar and that food, fuel, and every comfort of hie will not fail her when the night cometh and he can work no more. Justice is better than generosity; when signing subscription papers carelessly and

impulsively, the generous man should meditate on the fate of his family, should presents a nardened, outcawed bands as being softened into compunction and sor-row for his sins by the sight of the placid, innocent face of a boy in prayer, which brought back to him again the memory of he suddenly die. Our esteemed contemporary might have also mentioned another Catholic society

which is now doing an immense amount of good among our people-namely, the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. The precious, repentant tear that won admission into Paradise for the lost wondering number of members is now over 7000, and more than \$100,000 were paid last year from its funds for the most part to those who were directly depending on its members for support. The sum of \$2000 is paid to those named in the will of deceased members in a few weeks after

The assessments do not in the aggregate amount to one half what it costs for insurance in an ordinary insurance company, and the society offers quite as quite as many inducements to its members as any of the secret organizations condemned by the church.

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enlightened' after eating the forbidden fruit. A woman who apostatized from the Catholic Church recently, told a Priest that the same phenomenon occurred in her case.

One of our Eastern exchanges gives an account of a reception by a Catholic Young Men's Society of the high-toned sort. The report says that "dancing was kept up until an early hour." Nice example for Catholic Young Men's Societies. Such institutions are curses in any Catholic community and should be annihilated.

The principal of a female seminary in

Massachusetts announces a course of tures on law for young women, and desires to know what we think of it. A good idea, for as it is the law is very partial to women, and there are many more points they could take advantage of were they not they could take advantage of were they ignorant of them. There is a law that supercedes all others, and if that were properly taught, the civil law could easily follow. We have reference to moral law. Massachusetts needs all that law she can get the could be supported in the could be supported by the co to put an end to caltured crime. This is our suggestion, as asked for by the Principal. Lessons in "sanitary plumbing" are announced in the same institution. Our Catholic institutions have always taught science in its relation to each

## The Madonna in Flames.

A small enamelled copy of Raphael's well known picture of the Madonna della Seggiola at Florence, the companion picture of the Madonna dei Candelabri, now on exhibition in the loan collection of the Metropolitan museum in New York, in an ornamental frame, was found by Capt. O'Conner and brought to the Central station. It was ascertained that it belonged to Mrs. Wm. E. Cramer, the wife of the editor of the Evening Wis sin. It was covered with dirt and cinders and the iron frame in which it was held and the iron frame together. The and the fron frame in which it was need was melted and run together. The dirt was wiped away from the picture, and there, pure and spotless was the Virgin face. The pleading eyes of the Virgin, gin face. The pleading eyes of the Virgin, with the peacefully folded arms and saintly attire, were there untouched and unsullied by the destroying flames. It was found near the body of Miss Chellis, who, it will be remembered, died in sight of the whole agonized crowd below, calmly kneeling in prayer in the embrasure of a window, her head bowed upon her hands. Miss Chellis was a devout Catholic.

"Knowledge without justice," says Plato, "should be called cunning rather