

is circular, and not far from twenty feet in diameter, and as it bubbles continually like a bubbling caldron, seems a hot spring, and of the color of iron rust, but on taking it up in a glass, it is cool, transparent, and not of unpleasant taste.—Prayer, faith, fasting, exercise of mind, and copious use of the waters have produced many cures little short of miracles, on those who have tested its virtues thoroughly, and when a railroad to the city of Mexico shall invite visitors to its genial climate, this spring will be a favourite winter resort with our citizens. Before we left the village, we returned to the church to see the mitre of Juan Diego, with its miraculous picture of the Virgin of Guadalupe. It is framed in massive gold, and is placed directly behind the high altar. It is certainly a superior production, and artists say that, however executed, they know of no means of imitating its rich, yet delicate colors.—*New York Sun.*

DIOCES OF LOUISVILLE.

Our venerable and beloved Bishop, Rt. Rev. Benedict Joseph Flaget, will celebrate on next Thursday, Nov. 4th, the 37th anniversary of his consecration; and on the Sunday following, he will complete his eighty-fourth year. Let us fervently pray that he may be left many years amongst us, to cheer us by his religious and amiable gaiety and to edify us by his eminent virtues.—*Catholic Advocate.*

A LARGE COLLECTION

A collection was made in the St. Joseph's Church (Roman Catholic), Albany, on Sunday, towards the expenses of erecting a Catholic cathedral in that city, when the munificent sum of four thousand five hundred dollars was contributed in a few minutes! And this large amount was the donation of only 174 individuals—on an average of \$25 each!

ITALIAN MEETING.

A large meeting of the Italian residents of the city of New Orleans took place on Saturday evening last, the object of which was to express their approbation of the course of His Holiness, Pius IX. in relation to Italian freedom and Italian rights. Mr. Barelli was unanimously chosen President, assisted by a host of Vice Presidents. Dr. Natulli and Mr. Soutini addressed the meeting most eloquently in the Italian language, and speeches of the most patriotic character were delivered by Messrs. Preaux and Dimity. It was one of the most enthusiastic meetings that we ever attended, and did honor to the heads and hearts of those who proposed it.—*N. O. Delta, Oct. 19.*

The venerable Father Badin, who sung High Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday last is now in his 90th year, and has been in the Mississippi valley fifty-four years. He has been a witness of the infancy, growth, and matured manhood of the Great West. Old age sits lightly on his frame, and the blessings of temperance, and a guileless mind, are realized in the vigor and cheerfulness which animate the last days of a life well spent.—*Cin Times.*

ROME, Oct. 18.—Another *motu proprio* has emanated from Pius IX., giving a constitution to the *Consulta*, or Parliament, which he has convoked to

meet on the 15th of next month. It was published on last Friday afternoon, and gave occasion to another torch-light procession, illumination of the *Corso*, and Papal benediction.

CONDEMNATION OF THE GODLESS COLLEGES.

Fourteen months ago we made an announcement—then premature, but we believe not the less true in substance even then—that a decisive condemnation impended over the 'Godless Colleges.'—What the multitude and pressure of affairs have since impeded is now come to an end. The stroke is struck. The bolt is launched. The condemnation is pronounced. Nor has this decisive step been taken with any degree of heat or precipitancy. On the contrary, deliberation has been carried to its extreme limits. Time—for the length of which, even Propoganda apologises—has been given to consider the subject in every point of view. A survey of it has been made on all sides. Opportunity has been allowed on all sides for objections to be urged, for all the difficulties to be stated, and all the benefits to be dressed up to the best advantage. Every witness who wished to give evidence has been heard. Every authority has been consulted.

Moreover the months spent in consultation and inquiry have allowed whatever of factitious popular effervescence may have been mixed up with the local agitation against the Colleges to disappear. A famine past and a famine instant, though they had not lulled to sleep the vigilance of the guardians of the Church on this subject, had well nigh swept it out of popular recollection. Passion had calmed down into something very like forgetfulness. The great leader who brought to the Irish prelates the aid of popular enthusiasm, and who in so doing, gilded his last days with one of the most splendid services of his whole career, had passed away amidst the people's grief and tears. Famine and discord had weakened the civil strength of those who denounced the Colleges as dangerous and their fruits as evil.

Every precaution has thus been taken against imperfect and defective information; and if popular clamour could sway His Holiness from the exact path of right, that at least has been entirely removed and no occasion has been given to attribute the decision of the Holy See to a dread of mob law.

On the other hand, there have not been wanting substantial motives on the other side. Ferrara is still unevacuated. Austria still threatens. France still intrigues and plays false. The relations of northern Italy are still complicated and menace disturbance of the peace. England is supposed to watch with favour the struggles of Pope Pius IX. in behalf of good government and improved institutions