

uated. Austria too much relied on the seeds of discord she had sown in the Roman dominions. Her expectations have miserably failed. It is no longer possible for her to reckon on the co-operation of the retrograde and absolutist party, which has ceased to exist, being now only represented by a few wretches, confined in the Castle of St. Angelo, and by some members of the Administration who have fled from the Roman states. Austria is now in presence of a nation united, compact, enthusiastic beyond description, ready to rise like one man to defend its independence, and adoring its Sovereign, in whom it places every confidence, and who relies on his people. That power must perceive that it is no easy undertaking to oppress such a nation. Times are greatly changed. Absolutism is no longer opposed by a handful of patriots and revolvers, having to contend against their own Government, a strong party, and foreign bayonets. The matter is serious, very serious, and the Holy Father was justified in proclaiming himself more easy in his mind than ever."

Later news from Rome is not only more decisive, but more important. It was reported in that capital that the Secretary of State had forwarded a note to the Cabinet of Vienna, in which he declared that, should the Austrians evacuate the town of Ferrara within a fortnight, the Pope would recall his Nuncio from Vienna, and send passports to Count Lutzon, the Austrian Ambassador at Rome. The Pope had instructed the Governors of Ancona and Civita Vecchia to supply those fortresses with three months' provisions. Count Bludoff, the Russian Envoy, had taken leave of His Holiness, and departed for St. Petersburg.

VERY REV. MR. HUDON

When the melancholy account of the death of this lamented Dignitary reached us, we regretted that we were unable to give a memoir of the deceased, who was formerly Cure of Arichat in Cape Breton. We therefore feel much pleasure in extracting the following just tribute to departed worth from the *Montreal Courier*:

"It is with the deepest concern that we announce the death of the Rev. M. Hyacinthe Hudon, Vicar-General of this Diocese, and Canon Dean of the Chapter of the Cathedral. He died after thirteen days' suffering from typhus fever. Mr Hudon was born at Riviere Ouelle, in the Diocese of Quebec, in the Seminary of which city he passed through a course of classical and theological studies with brilliant success, and was ordained Priest at Nicolet on the 9th of March, 1917. Immediately after his admission to Holy Orders, Mr. Hudon was entrusted with the spiritual charge of St. Roch's suburbs, in Quebec, and the superintendence of the schools established in that locality,

by the late Mgr. J. Q. Plessis. The zeal with which he discharged his arduous duties endeared him to the people of St. Roch's, who still cherish a grateful remembrance of their old pastor. After several years spent in the fulfilment of his pastoral duties in Quebec, he became attached to the Gulf Missions, in which he was most indefatigable. His connection with these missions terminated in 1826, when he was appointed Cure of Ste. Madeleine de Rigand. Six years afterwards he was transferred to the curacy of Boucherville, and finally he was removed to Montreal, having been constituted a principal member of the Cathedral Chapter, established in 1841. In the discharge of the duties of these various ministrations, Mr. Hudon was distinguished by his great ability, by the uniform regularity of his life, and by his ardent zeal, to which at length he has fallen a victim, as well as by his profound charity for the unfortunate emigrants, who are perishing by hundreds in the immediate vicinity of our city. His loss will be severely felt, not only in Montreal, but by the Roman Catholics throughout the entire Diocese, where his efficient services are fully appreciated. By his death, the Catholic Temperance Society has to mourn the loss of its President, the Community of the Bon Pasteur that of its local Superior and most zealous benefactor, and we have all to lament the death of a good man and excellent citizen. When the remains of Mr. Hudon were consigned to the grave, the members of the Temperance Society and a great number of others were present to pay the last tribute of respect."

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT AUSTRALIA.

St Patrick's-day was kept as a high holiday at Sydney. The day was beautifully fine, and at an early hour the members of the St. Patrick's Total Abstinence Society assembled at St. Patrick's Hall, Church-Hill, from which place accompanied by their splendid banners and their excellent band, they walked in procession through the principal streets of the city. Solemn High Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's Church by the Rev. J. C. Summer, and a panegyric upon St. Patrick was delivered by the Very Rev. Dr. Gregory, Vicar-General. The splendid and commodious edifice was crowded to excess in every part. At the conclusion of the service a collection amounting to upwards of £20 was made towards the funds for the completion of the building. In the evening a grand musical entertainment was given in St. Patrick's Hall by the band of the society, assisted by one or two professional performers. The Rev. Dean McEncro presided, and there were upwards of eight hundred persons assembled in the hall. We rejoice (says the *Chronicle*) in being able to state, that never, since we have been in the colony, did we ob-