

EVENTS IN ROME.

THE CHINESE QUESTION.

Rome is the centre of all news. It is the hub of the universe. A correspondent, writing to the Liverpool "Catholic Times" says:—

"The Catholic authorities here are greatly pre-occupied by the situation in China. They have had for a considerable time past reports pointing to a wide extension of the Boxer conspiracy, and it is feared that the general effects of the rising will be to throw back missionary work for many years. The Catholic Church in China has been making a good deal of progress and in numbers and influence is far ahead of any other Christian denomination. Though the Catholic missionaries at various times have suffered bitter persecutions, and even martyrdom on occasions, the authorities have looked upon them with more veneration and less suspicion than upon the ministers of any other Christian body. The higher functionaries to a large extent recognized that the Catholic clergy could not be justly accused of any hostility to the true interests of the country, and this disposition was fostered by Mgr. Favier, the Bishop of Peking, who has been for twenty years working amongst the Chinese, and is thoroughly acquainted with their manners and habits. As to the issue of the present crisis the ecclesiastics here, of course, make no definite predictions, but it is earnestly hoped that there will be such an agreement amongst the Powers as will ensure concerted action for the preservation of lives and property which are in peril."

THE ITALIAN ELECTIONS.—The results of the elections now complete leave the Ministry in a position not practically improved so far as their power in the Chamber is concerned. The people who have really reaped advantages from the struggle are the Socialists. Their power is steadily increasing, and it must be confessed that Signor Pelloux, the Premier, has played into their hands. When they combated the demands for expenditure on behalf of the army and navy they were treated with marked hostility by the supporters of the Government, and Signor Pelloux did not hesitate to trample on Constitutional forms. In this way arose that Parliamentary friction which lasted for a couple of years and produced so many scenes in the House.

CARMELITES HONORED.—The Venerable Father Dionisio and the Venerable Father Redento, who were beatified at St. Peter's on Sunday, were both Carmelites. They formed part of an embassy in 1638 from the King of Portugal to the King of Achen in the Island of Sumatra. The latter, who was a pagan, laid snares for the members of the embassy, put them in chains, and cast them into prison. Then he offered them inducements in order to get them to renounce the faith. When they stood firm he subjected them to various tortures, and finally one after the other suffered death by the sword.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.—His Eminence Cardinal Respighi, Vicar of the Holy Father, held a reception on Thursday, at which were present the representatives of the Federated Catholic Societies of Rome. Signor Persichetti expressed to His Eminence the satisfaction which all the members of the society felt at his appointment to the post of Vicar and said he hoped to receive proofs of his goodwill in the shape of support and encouragement. The Cardinal in reply, dwelt earnestly on his admiration for Catholic societies, a sentiment which he had evinced during his career as a parish priest and a bishop. The Holy Father had, he said, at all times shown a lively interest in the action of the laity by means of such associations, because it was helpful to the Church and Holy See, and promoted the salvation of souls.

DEPARTURE OF BISHOPS.—The number of English-speaking bishops in Rome is gradually decreasing. Nearly all the English bishops have left, except the auxiliary bishop of Gibraltar. The American bishops have also begun to leave. His Grace Archbishop Corrigan, of New York, and Bishop MacDonnell, of Brooklyn, have already left, and Archbishop Keane, of St. Louis, leaves on Monday next. A number of bishops of various nationalities have succeeded the English-speaking ones, the Archbishop of Sidon, the Archbishop of Hausran, and the Bishop of Tripoli having arrived in Rome during the past week. Bishop Corbett has been making a short stay in Rome.

THE POPE VERY BUSY.—Three widely-different audiences were given by Leo XIII. on Sunday last—to the nuns and pupils of the Convent of the Precious Blood in Maenza (an institute founded by Leo XIII.), to the Most Rev. Monsignor Geraghty, the Patriarch of Antioch for the Greco-Melchites; and M. Pierre Veullot (son of the celebrated Louis Veullot), editor and proprietor of the "Univers."

RECENT BEATIFICATION.—The solemn Beatification of the Ven. Mary Magdalen Martiniengo, a Capuchin nun, took place recently in the Vatican Basilica, which was adorned and illuminated in the same magnificent manner as on the occasion of the last canonizations, with the exception of the Papal Altar of the Confession, attracted an immense throng of worshippers. The Vatican Chapter went in procession from the Sacristy to the Altar of the Cathedra, where the Act of Beatification having been read, the "Gloria," or the Apotheosis of the new "Beata," was unveiled and suddenly blazed up in the midst of a dazzling aureola of electric light, while the vast congregation joined the officiating prelates and the Papal choir in singing the joyous hymn of praise and thanksgiving "Te Deum laudamus." In the afternoon, at five o'clock, the Holy Father was carried from his private apartments

to the Basilica, where he venerated the new "Beata" and afterwards gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament to a congregation of nearly twenty thousand persons, two-thirds of whom were pilgrims.

PAPAL AUDIENCES.—The Holy Father granted a large number of private audiences during the week ending June 8. Among the prelates who had the privilege of being received by His Holiness were: Mgr. John Kain, Archbishop of St. Louis, U.S.A.; Mgr. John Forest, Bishop of St. Antonio, U.S.A.; Mgr. William Reilly, Bishop of Geraldton, Australia; Mgr. James Bellord, Titular-Bishop of Milevis and Vicar-Apostolic of Gibraltar; Mgr. Frederic Eis, Bishop of Marquette, U.S.A.; the Vicars-Apostolic of Zanzibar, of Western and Southern Tom-Kia, in China; and about fifty Italian bishops and prelates. When it is considered that the Holy Father addresses some words of encouragement and advice to all these pastors hailing from every quarter of the globe, and that he seems equally well-informed of the principal questions which interest Catholics in Africa and Australia, as well as in China and America, we cannot but wonder at Leo XIII.'s great memory and wonderful intellectual and spiritual energy.

FRANCISCAN TERTIARIES.—The Holy Father Pope Leo XIII., himself a Tertiary, has addressed an appeal to the members of the Franciscan Third Order all over the world, inviting them to meet together in the Eternal City during this Holy Year. The mind of Leo XIII., with regard to the Third Order, its advantages, utility, aim, and object, is surely too well known to require any further words at this time to impress upon all Catholics his great desire that they should study and take up the great work of the social regeneration by means of the Third Order of St. Francis. An international Congress of Tertiaries, under the presidency of His Holiness, will be held in Rome in September to consider the best means of realizing this very desirable end. The date fixed by the Pope for the holding of the international Congress has been chosen specially to enable the Tertiaries to devoutly share in the ceremonies of the beatification of two members of the Franciscan Order. The first meeting of the Congress will take place on Saturday, Sept. 22, in the Grand Hall of the Cancelleria in Rome. The beatification, with double ceremonies morning and afternoon, will be held on Sunday, September 23. In the evening special sermons will be preached in various churches, and in various languages, for the benefit of the congressists. An opportunity will also be given for those attending the Congress to visit the basilicas in order to gain the Jubilee indulgence. In obedience to the wish of the General Superiors of the Order a committee has been formed for the purpose of arranging and organizing a contingent of Tertiaries, both brothers and sisters, from Great Britain, to attend the Congress. The estimated expense, including cost of ticket to Rome and back, food and lodging, will not be more than ten or thirteen guineas, according to class. Though the Congress is, of course, primarily for members of the Third Order there will be no objection to the Tertiary being accompanied by one or more friends, even though they be not members of the Third Order. Any information concerning the coming Congress may be obtained from the undersigned: The Very Rev. Father Francis, O.F.M., Franciscan Friary, Gorton, Manchester; the Very Rev. Father John Forest, O.F.M., Franciscan Friary, Woodford Green, Essex; the Very Rev. Father Joseph O.S.F.C., Franciscan Monastery, Pantasaph, Holywell, N. Wales.

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