THE POPE AND IRELAND.

Rose, Dec. 16.—To-day at moon the Bishop of Raphee and the Rector of the Irish College were received in private audience by His Hollness.

The Holy Bather was most outspecken in his warm affection for his faithful Irish children in every part of the world, and most sympathetic with their sufferings at home in Iroland. He declared himself their unchangeable friend, and said the love of his paternal heart was poured out in blessings on the faithful race which, despoiled itself, could sympathize with a despoiled pontify, and which in its generosity would sot allow Christ sylvan to want the means of effectively discharging the functions of his exalted office. His Holiness expressed the consolation no felt at hearing how religion flourished in the diocess of Raphoe, and gave his Apostotic blessing a second time to the benefactors of the new Cathedral at Letterkenny. Subsequently Dr. O'Donnell and Monsigner Kelly had the pleasure of presenting to His Holiness Mr. John Dillon, M.P., Airs. Dillon and Father Dillon, of St. Isidore's. Kneeling at the feet of His Holiness, Mr. Dillon expressed in a manner worthy of a devoted son how he and his colleagues were ever ready to do their utmost to promote the interests of religion and vindicate the rights of the Holy Sec. The Pope blessed him tenderly for this declaration, and with pathetic appeal exhorted him to be a champion of Holy Church in the fulfilment of her divine mission. Special mention was made of the Education question. Later on the prelates and the Dillon family were received most graciously by Cardinal Rampolla, Secretary of State, with whom they had the honor of a long audience. His Eminence, speaking of Irish affairs, expressed his concern for unity and friendship among Irislands representativas. "I exhort you specially to promote unity, my dear Mr. Dillon, said the Cardinal," exerying in front the banner of Gatholic struth, and giving the Church of God the great advantage of the united force of Irish Catholic support."

Condolence.

At the last regular meeting of Division No. 3 A.O.H., held on Dec. 19th, the following resolution was adopted:
Whereas Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has been pleased to remove from this life Michael Murray, the brother of our esteemed Brother, Thomas Murray.
Resolved, that we the members of Division No. 3 deeply sympathize with Brother Murray and the members of his family in their sad bereavement, and earnestly pray that Almighty God will enable them to beat their loss with Christian resignation.
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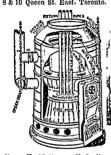
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