

going crowd surging around the tall majestic form of Monsignor O'Brien, who presided over a table piled high with shamrocks from the green Isle, which he was distributing to every one who stretched a hand for them.

The Feasts of St. Gregory the Great on the 12th, and of St. Joseph on the 19th, are splendidly celebrated in their respective churches. On the 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation, grand ceremonies take place at all the shrines of Mary, and from their gold and marble domes resounds the "*Ave Gratia Plena*" ! rising in a chorus to the highest Heaven, like the sound of many waters.

The days were all too short for the numerous functions crowded into them ; the sermons at the different churches were preached by world-renowned speakers. Père Berthier the distinguished Dominican held the pulpit of St. Luigi dei Francesi. (St. Louis of the French). The erudite Prior of the Irish Dominicans was giving a course of sermons at the chapel of the English convent, founded by Lady Georgiana Fullerton. Padre Agostino da Montefeltro drew immense numbers to his inspired discourses in the church of San Carlo Borromeo ; and so on in all the churches.

On Palm Sunday we went to the Lateran, and received *Olive branches* instead of Palms.

Our enjoyment of the churches and ceremonies seemed almost too much for the penitential season ; and when Holy Week came —

" Had I a tongue in eloquence as rich
As is the coloring in fancy's loom ;
'Twere all too poor to utter the least part
Of that enchantment,"

(DANTE),

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we attended the morning services at St. Peter's, and the afternoon at the Lateran. On Holy Thursday and Good Friday between the services we go to the *Scala Santa*, which in company with many devout penitents, we climb upon our knees.

On Good Friday, after the devotions at the *Scala Santa*, the pilgrims went their way to the Basilica of *Santa Croce in Gerusalemme* to adore the relics of Our Lord's Passion. This church was built by St. Helena to