

were in turn to preach on the Sundays of Lent, at Notre Dame, and on subjects calculated to captivate the attention of their youthful hearers.

The three sent had been charged by their friends with requesting that the special instruction, the object of the petition, might be entrusted to the Abbé Lacordaire, whose warm and combative language they liked ; or to the Abbé Bautain, whose good sense and sound philosophical deductions they appreciated. Both, although under different aspects, appeared to them calculated to succeed with youth, whose entire sympathies they had. They therefore testified a desire to have one of these orators, frankly and with the most respectful deference expressing the fear that a series of preachers, each giving a sermon on a different subject, might not produce the results hoped to be attained by an unique and well arranged instruction.

Whilst the conversation was taking its course on this delicate ground, the salon door opened, and M. de la Mennais was announced. Mgr. de Quélen immediately rose, hastened to meet him, and taking his hand, turned towards the young men : " Here, gentlemen," said he, " is the man who would suit you. If his strength and voice would permit him to be heard, the doors of the cathedral should be thrown wide open, and it would not be large enough to contain the immense crowd." " Ah ! is it I, Monsieur," replied M. de la Mennais ; " my career is over." The three young men had risen on the entrance of the new visitor ; they took leave of the Archbishop, and retired.

The next day, a newspaper published, at the head of its columns, a short account of the reception of the three young men, with the incident relative to the Abbé de la Mennais. Annoyed at this indiscretion, Ozanam and Lallier, after having conferred with Lamache, who could not join them, went at ten o'clock in the morning to Mgr. de Quélen, who received them in his ante-chamber. They hastened to express their regret at the ill-timed publicity given by a newspaper to the