

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

FRANCE.

FUTURE WORK IN PARLIAMENT.—What labours will occupy the National Assembly now that the debate on the Constitutional Laws are ended it is not easy to say.

PERE MONSIEUR AT NOTRE DAME.—The Lenten sermons in the Cathedral of Paris this year are remarkable and well-merited success.

How hostile the majority of that assembly is to the very fundamental principles of religion, may be understood from these two facts; in the session February 16th, a member of the Centre or Catholic party proclaimed it "to be the greatest freedom to submit to the King of Kings."

A notification issued by the Minister for Public Affairs to the police-officers, declares, that the Confraternity of the Sacred Heart, and other confraternities, pursue political aims.

How unjust and violent against the Church is the present Prussian legislation, may be gathered from the subsequent Bill, which the Old-Catholic Deputy, Dr. Petri, brought in, "on the rights of Old-Catholic congregations regarding church property."

Sec. 1. If a considerable number of members of a Catholic congregation join the Old-Catholic communion, the following regulations are to be observed regarding church property.

Sec. 2. The Old-Catholic congregation has the right to participate in the church, the sacred vessels, and the churchyard.

Sec. 3. If a prebendary joins the Old-Catholic community, he retains and enjoys his benefice. When the benefice becomes vacant, the case of Sec. 2, occurs, i.e. the benefice is to be assigned to the Old-Catholic community.

Sec. 4. The Old-Catholic communion partakes in the same proportion, in all Church property. If the Old-Catholics constitute a parish, and the greater number of members has joined them, the whole property can be transferred to the Old-Catholic congregation.

Sec. 5. The aforesaid regulation concern not only Old-Catholic parishes, but also those Old-Catholic societies, which are formed for the exercise of religion, and are acknowledged by the State.

Sec. 6. The acknowledgment of Old-Catholic societies belongs to the "Ober-president." He also disposes of the mode, the extent, and the exercise of the rights, which (according to Sec. 2-5.) belong to the Old-Catholic communities.

There are three paragraphs more regarding some details, and providing for the due execution of these laws. For us it is sufficient to call the attention of our readers to the point that, according to the principles of the Church, churches, sacred vessels, and all holy things, are consecrated, when used by an excommunicated priest, and can no longer be employed until the consecration be renewed.

The Prussian province of Posen can now boast of a second Kubezak. A certain priest named C. Kick, having left the diocese of Breslau without permission of his bishop, and so incurred excommunication, accepted the Provostship of Kaehme in the Diocese of Posen, which was offered to him by the Government.

The Dean, having encountered them at the church, stopped their passage. He reminded the "Landrath" of there being two distinct powers, Civil and Ecclesiastical. He asked M. Kick for his transfer-papers from the diocese of Breslau, and his Act of Nomination to that Provostship.

The Dean again asked M. Kick if he acknowledged the Council of Trent? On his replying in the affirmative, the Dean further asked, if he had fulfilled the prescriptions of its statutes. He then went on to remind him of the consequences of what he was to do, and concluded by saying: "Sir I request you to give up your design, and not to usurp that benefice against the prescriptions of the Church."

Kick remaining silent, the Landrath declared his silence to be a sufficient proof that he thought not of retiring. In spite of the Dean's protestation, the apostate priest, and after him his armed escort, then forced their way into the church. Then the Dean, putting on his surplice and stole, took the Blessed Sacrament out of the Tabernacle, and carried it away amidst the tears of the multitude, who, obedient to his directions, had remained all that time in sorrowful silence before the church. So was the sacrifice accomplished.—Catholic Times.

SWITZERLAND.

The Catholic Cantons of Switzerland according to the Vatican, have resolved to address to the Cantons of Berne and Geneva a dignified and amicable Confederal Note, calling their attention to the harsh treatment experienced by their Catholic brethren, and urging a more equitable line of conduct in their regard; on the grounds that otherwise the Confederation may be injured.

A Berne correspondent writes that the Benediction of Notre Dame de la Pierre, are about to establish themselves at Dollé in France to which they have been warmly invited. If that be true Porrentruy will have an excellent Catholic college at its very gates, and the Old Heretics will be baffled.

BOLD ATTEMPT OF SWISS CATHOLICS.—From the Libera (Fribourg) of this day week, we learn that on the previous day, there was held at the Gaspino, Berne, a grand reunion of Catholics to consider the state of their affairs. The cure of Berne (M. Perroux), accompanied by the president of the Fran-

ciscans at Fribourg, took part in the proceedings. The Catholic Club of Fribourg also sent a deputation to the meeting in testimony of their sympathy with their faithful though persecuted brethren. The object of the reunion was to protest against the action of the Federal Council in robbing the Catholics of their church at Berne, and to name a committee to watch over Catholic interests. The protest, which was read to the meeting by M. Amiet, avocat of Solerne, was a powerful document and was accepted with unanimity. The committee members, proposed by the cure and M. Schneider, were chosen with unanimity. The good cure then protested against the calumnies published by the Agence Havas and despatched to the newspapers; he explained what had been his real conduct in the matter, and it was approved of—he had not been, he said, led to prison in consequence of what he did it was through no fault of his; the robbers had stolen the keys from him by violence, and he protested against the act in the presence of his brethren. Canon Schorderet, Father Kleiser (well-known in connection with the Apostolate of the Press), and M. Amiet addressed this meeting in powerful speeches, which were frequently and loudly applauded.

ITALY.

The King's Attorney-General in Turin, Commendatore A. Armissoglio, laid before the Court of Appeal in that city, upon the 2nd of January, 1875, a report, which was printed by order of the Court—per deliberazione dell' Eccellentissima Corte. The Attorney-General, in this report, notices the fact that the great majority of criminals in Italy are of the male sex. The prisons are, he says, full of men, while the churches are full of women. In the case di pena, or houses of correction, in all Italy, are 14,410 men, but only 1,220 women. Speaking of 1,204 persons arranged before the Court, he says,—"Of these 1,204 of evil has respected the gentle sex,—for the genus 1,204 only 86 are women, while the male culprits number 1,118. And what must we say concerning this enormous difference? I shall not attempt to account for it. I will say merely that the churches are full and the prisons are almost empty of women. The law, as Lamarine has written, loses much of its majesty and power when reduced to the mere expression of the will of man, and when that sentiment is not preserved which raises obedience to the all-potent sphere of conscience, making it ascend to God. For a conscience without God is a tribunal without a judge. A little then, of religion, and a little of sound morals would very well fill the void created within the minds and hearts of those youths whom people would wish to nourish with industrial teachings only."

The present masters of Rome seem, however, to be blind to the warnings conveyed by the experience of the last twenty years in North Italy, and will, probably, pay no heed to the reasonings of the Turin Attorney-General. In spite of the remonstrance of Lamarmora chaplains have been discontinued in the army, the soldiers have been discouraged from attending Mass, and if they wish to approach the Sacrament of Penance they ask permission of the clergymen to make their confession in the sacristies to avoid the risk of being seen by an officer to kneel at the confessionals in the churches. In colleges and higher schools religious teaching has been systematically neglected. The Minister of Public Instruction has prepared a Bill for Universities and Lyceums, and upper schools, according to which the employment of spiritual Directors will be formally discontinued, while in the primary schools the teaching of the Catechism is to be omitted from the curriculum. Thus the new generation will be educated with even less than the little of religion and sound morals which Signor Armissoglio asserts to be indispensable for maintaining the efficacy of the laws. The clergy are forbidden to keep schools unless they take out a patent from the State, and the Minister of Public Instruction threatens to close all seminaries where priests presume to teach without his license and inspection. Garibaldi may in the Corea or elsewhere denounce Catholicism as effete superstition, and the Capitale may blaspheme Christ, while the Government sets the agents of the Questura to watch Lenten preachers, in order to find pretence to imprison them. Soon perhaps it will be necessary to turn the churches into goals to accommodate the increasing numbers of criminals. The prisons in Rome are over crowded. According to the report on the Budget the number of persons confined in Italian prisons is no less than 80,610. It was stated lately in the Chamber of Deputies that 386 individuals in the prisons of Messina were confined in rooms which ought not to contain eighty, and where of course the closeness of the air was stifling and the fetor horrible. To this statement Cantelli, the Home Minister, made this reply:—"The Government has tried in various ways to succeed in improving the conditions of the prisons of Messina. Different projects were formed, and if none of them, up to the present, has been carried into effect, it was from want of the necessary funds or from other difficulties connected with the selection of the localities and choice of projects. Government will endeavour to adapt one of these projects and carry it into execution whenever the means shall be forthcoming. If what has taken place in Palermo be a fair sample of what is about to be done elsewhere it may be expected that Church accommodation in Italy will be diminished, while prison and barrack accommodation will be increased. Within the last fourteen years of so-called liberty in Palermo twenty-three churches in that city were closed against worshippers. Of these three-and-twenty churches some, according to the Sicilia Cattolica, are to be pulled down (one to make room for a theatre), others are changed into barracks, post-offices, store-houses, or magazines, and one, that of Montevergini, has been made a court of azzize, while that of the Most Holy Crucifix of Lucca serves as a factory of Corks. The Church of the Seven Angels has been turned into a lodge of Freemasons.—London Tablet.

EXTRAORDINARY HOAX.—On Tuesday a paragraph headed "Rescue of a Young Lady from a Windsor Convent" was inserted by several of our contemporaries. This was followed by another on Wednesday, headed "Strange Conduct in a Convent," which gave a detailed account of an application made by a firm of solicitors to the Mayor of Windsor for summonses against certain persons for violently entering a convent and abducting a young lady. Inquiry made by a Windsor correspondent shows both stories to be fabrications. No application of the kind mentioned has been made to the Mayor of Windsor.

An Old Topper in Louisville, Ky., attributes the devastating floods in Louisville to the woman's crusade. "I allers were afraid of water," he says; "too much of it, very dangerous."

Marysville, California, is experimenting with an ordinance requiring all boys to be absent from the street at eight o'clock each evening, and it is said to be working favorably.

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TALENT WITH TURKEY.—A serious embroglio in our relations with the Divan has arisen, as follows: Sarkis Mianian, who has for many years acted as the resident agent in Turkey for the sale of Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co's medicines, driven by the increase of his business to a necessity for more room, built his warehouse in Constantinople several stories higher, after having obtained the necessary permit from the authorities. The Imams of a neighboring mosque, which overlooked the premises demanded a large present in money, which was refused. They then applied to the Grand Vizier, for the enforcement of an obsolete law, which had been disregarded two hundred years, requiring him to take down the building to eighteen feet, which was granted, and they commenced the work of demolition. Mianian then applied to the American Minister, who notified the Supreme Porte that American property could not be thus trifled with, and that the demolition must cease. Then commenced the usual course of Mussulman protraction and promises, but no real result. Finally Minister Morris informed them that if their deprecatious continued, he should order the U. S. ships of war to enter the Bosphorus and Messrs. Ayers' medical warehouse would not be alone roofless. A stroke of his pen could have laid the whole city under the sweep of American cannon, backed by men who are not schooled in the lessons of fear. This brought them to their senses and speedy redress. Mianian has now arrived in this country, to present the case to our State Department for indemnity. At length it is something to say among the peoples of the earth—"I am an American citizen!"—Columbia Republican.

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