Pope Leo XIII. has accepted the task

having requested him to decide their controversy. Cardinal Macchi has

been appointed by the Pope to investi-

gate the facts of the case thoroughly

and to make a report so that the Holy

Father may be able to make a satis-

THE king of Italy and his prime

knight of the road, still hold-

ing a firm grasp of his ill gotten goods,

with no intention of restitution, ex-

presses surprise that the injured party

does not forget all about the circum-

stance and declare that the robber

is, after all, an honest fellow. A per-

fect picture of the unfitness of things

friendly relations with that pair of

Luciferians, the King of Italy and

Mr. LABOUCHERE, the editor and

and his family at Sze Chuen, China,

expresses great doubt that the results

of the mission which was so completely

destroyed by the massacre were suffic-

ient to justify the existence of the mis-

sion at all ; and though Mr. Labou-

chere is a non- Catholic, he freely ad-

mits that Catholic priests have a great

advantage over Protestant mission-

which are a great drawback to mission-

ess, ready to live in poverty, and to

get into missionary work as a profes-

that Russia is on the point of being

popularly governed. The statesmen

who were identified with the despotic

and arbitrary measures of the last

reign have been notified of their re-

moval from office, and their successors

will be men distinguished for their

progressiveness and liberality of views. When the present Emperor

declared, shortly after his accession to

the throne, that the government

would be conducted on the same prin-

ciples of absolutism which has pre-

vailed hitherto, the announcement

was made practically under compulsion and with reluctance. But now the in-

fluences that prevail are of a liberal

character, the Emperor showing great

deference for the counsels of his Eng-

lish-bred consort, and his cousin the

Grand Duke Sonstantinopovitch, who

is imbued with very Radical notions.

The humane treatment of the poor Poles who were condemned to Siberia by the

present Czar is one of many evidences

inaugurated in the huge Empire.

ity first made its way.'

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factory and equitable decision.

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certainly to their ly Father should any Government ne become hostile, now on friendly this the Protest. eply interested as ortion to the numsubjects, and it is r improbable that ermany may have tablishment of a

Times stated in n the first Sunday

NOTES.

prox.) an address be presented to by his parishionent of twenty-five d faithful service

cribers to read the Benziger's Home pears in another days we expect to nis excellent publibe sent now and mmediately on the The Annual of this hitherto published.

asks (1) the signi I. H. S., frequently used as a symbol among Catholics. common good. Mr. Plunkett is a Con- Church reserves the right to substitute They are the initials of the Latin servative, but his plan is undoubtedly contributions of this sort in lieu of her words Iesus Hominum Salvator, mean- conceived with honest intention, for ing, Jesus the Saviour of men, and he is recognized as a thorough Irishthis is the sense intended to be con- man in feeling, and he has always veyed by them. (2) If a Catholic been ready to aid the cause of the man marries his deceased wife's sister, small farmers. He proposes a joint without obtaining a dispensation, can committee on which the anti-Parnelhe be a practical Catholic afterward? lites, Parnellites and Unionists shall Ans. Such a marriage is null and be represented to discuss matters of void before God and the Church; but general importance and necessity. as the impediment is of ecclesiastical The matter has been discussed by the institution the Pope can dispense from English and Irish press, and there are it. If such a marriage has been con- papers in Ireland of each shade of tracted, the parties thereto cannot be political opinion which favored the practical Catholics, unless they separ- plan, which it is hoped may produce ate, or have the marriage rehabilitated beneficial practical results, but the after procuring the proper dispensa majority of the members of Parliament doubt very much that this will be the

of arbitrating between the Govern-FROM A PROTESTANT PULPIT. ments of Hayti and San Domingo in the boundary dispute between the two Dr. Gladden, of Columbus, Ohio, Corrects Some False Notions About Catholic Belief. republics, the Presidents of both

At the usual services at the First Congregational Church, this city, last Sunday evening, Dr. Gladden discoursed on "Why I am a Protestant," nstituting a comparison between the Mother Church and the modern sects which have sprung therefrom. Of course, as a Protestant minister, he drew the lines of demarcation sharply and avowed his utter disbelief in the minister, Crispi, make a very peculiar theological system of the Roman Catholic Church. Notwithstanding his uncombination. They wonder why in compromising Protestantism, however, the world the Pope and the Church do he is willing to accord to his Catholic neighbors the same rights of connot come to terms with them, shake science which he himself enjoys, and he hands and be friends. Fancy a man had only words of scorn and denunciagoing along the public road attacked by two highwaymen, who take from tion for that form of sectarian bigotry which stoops to every vile means to him, at the mouth of the pistol, all his misrepresent and caluminate the Cath. worldly possessions. Shortly afterolic Church. In the course of his serwards they meet once more, and the

mon Dr. Gladden said:
"In this brief sketch of the ancient Greek Church with which most of you are not, I dare say, very well ac quainted, I have indicated by comparson, some of the principal features of the Roman Catholic Church, with which you are somewhat better acquainted. Still it would not be safe to assume that you are all very well acquainted with the Roman Catholic Church. would be to witness Leo XIII. in People may live very near together and not know each other very well. Most of you have learned what you know about the Roman Catholic Church from hostile or prejudiced sources. We are inheritors of a bitter conflict, a religious conflict; and history shows that there are no influences which so proprietor of London Truth, writing completely close the mind against the on the massacre of Rev. Mr. Stewart truth as those which are engendered by religious strife.

INVOCATION OF THE SAINTS. "I have no doubt, for example, that most of you would say, unhesitatingly, that Roman Catholics worship the saints, and the Virgin Mary; but that is not quite true. There may be ig-norant Roman Catholics of whom it is true; just as there are a great fnany Protestants who believe that there are three Gods; but it is not the Catholic aries, both because of their definiteness doctrine. All Catholics are taught that in doctrine, and because they are not God, and God alone, is an object of wor. hampered with wives and families ship; their catechism, as one authority says, "demonstrates the great difference there is between the manner of imploring God's aid and assistance and ary labors. He says, among other that of the saints ; for it expressly declares that the Catholics pray to God "If really it is deemed desirable to make an effort to convert the Chinese in either to bestow on them some blessing, provinces where we cannot protect our citizens, the task should be placed in the hands of men, wifeless and child- acceptable in His sight than they are they beg of them to be their advocates only, and to procure for them such things as they want. For which readie, if needed, as martyrs, but, above all things, of approved intelligence and discretion. A person should not son the Catholics make use of two forms of prayer widely different from each other, for when they make their applision in which he can keep himself and cation to God Himself, they say, 'Have his family, as he goes into the church. mercy on us! hear us!' But when It was not in this way that Christianthey address themselves to the saints they only say, 'Pray for us! In all cases whether the prayer is direct or indirect, the favor is expected from A correspondent of the New York Tribune gives currency to the rumor

God alone. "I am sure that this distinction is perfectly clear and intelligible; and

yet I doubt whether one Protestant in ten ever recognized it. DOCTRINE OF INDULGENCES "So, too, with respect to the doctrine of Indulgences. I suppose that most Protestants believe that the Roman Catholics are able to purchase for money permission to sin; that the Indulgence is a kind of license which is sold for money, to gratify one's appetite and passions. Statements of about this nature have been made in school histories; and when Roman Catholics objected to such books, the Protestants have come to the rescue, and declared that the obnoxious state-ments should not be modified. But this is not the Roman Catholic doctrine of Indulgences. No Catholic is ever able to procure any license for future wrong-doing. Nothing like that was ever conceived of by any intelligent Roman Catholic. Nor is there any Roman Catholic. way of procuring absolution from past God, and receiving, through the priest, His pardon. The payment of money has nothing to do with this. But the Roman Catholic doctrine is late Emperor and were freed by the that a sinner who has confessed and forsaken his sins must yet do works that the Tribune is not far from the meet for repentance; that the Church Dr. Gladden a Jesuit!! Now Let Protruth, and that a new policy is to be has a right to impose upon such a penitent certain works of penance. It is discipline prescribed for him, on account of his transgression. Now the A PLAN has been proposed by the Hon. Horace Plunkett, M. P. for South | Church holds that this discipline, which consists of fasts, pilgrimages, or other meritorious works, may be commuted Division of Dublin county, whereby Irishmen of all shades of politics shall by charitable gifts or donations of sink all bitterness and differences in money. Just as the courts sometimes regard to politics and religion for the substitute fines for punishments, so the a fool according to his folly :"

other discipline. But it must be obis not the remission of sin nor of the eternal punishment due to sin-still ess is it a permission to commit sin in . It is a modification of the

the future. It is a modification of the Church discipline. "Doubtless the doctrine was itself crossly misrepresented and abused by se who in Luther's time went about hawking Indulgences; and the strong vords with which Luther denounced this abuse were well deserved. But we must be careful when we talk about it to know not merely what extravagant men have said in public harangues, but what is the real doctrine of the account for Church. Let me quote the definitions ances, etc. of this word in the Century Dictionary-A remission of the punishment which A remission of the punishment which is still due to sin after sacramental absolution; this remission being valid and fatal mistake, as I feel it to be. Yours, R. M. Corson.

Bentonville, Ark., Sept. 6, 1895. Rev. Washington Gladden:
Dear Sir — As one who has read

world that you have become a Jesuit? former admirers deplore this sad fact, we must concede to you and to all

men the liberty of choosing Rome if convinced in your own conscience. But we would certainly think far more men, if you would publicly avow boldly and fearlessly the fact of your change. lief that you have unitted with this order, as it is impossible to otherwise account for your recent course, utter-I am an A. P. A. leader and strong in this patriotic order, as the one hope of our country. May

the next day, Good Friday, every actor in this fearful farce was dead. They were all attacked by mortal sickness other discipline. But it must be observed that an Indulgence can be granted only to one who has repented and confessed and been forgiven; that, in the words of Bishop Keane, it is not the remission of sin nor of the and died in the greatest agony; not ease in the discharged of their duties. mately destroyed, but they had been overlooked in the panic and forgotten. This event caused the utmost horror of you, as would all, noble-minded house where the tragedy had occurred and fearlessly the fact of your change. People even avoided passing There is a general conviction and belief it in the street, and eventually it was pulled down.

VICARIATE APOSTOLIC OF PON-TIAC.

St. James' Parish: Past and Present— Laying of Corner Stone of the New Church – Sermon by Rev. Father

were not accomplished, however, without severe financial struggles on the part of the untiring pastor: but, having been successful, he turned his attention to the greatest work of all, the erection of the church. Several times he was about to commence operations when hests of financial difficulties loomed up to oppose him. Picnics bazaars, concerts and the liberal contributions of generous filiands were the means used to

concerts and the liberal contributions of generous friends were the means used to advance the good work and at length the rev. pastor was pleased to be able to state this summer that he was about to commence. The old church has long since tailed to be able to contain the ever increasing congregation, and no amount of repairing could make it sufficiently large for the present population. The new building which is being erected will be a bandsome structure. It will be completed at an estimated cost of \$80.000.

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The contractor is Mr. L. Joseph Fauteux, of St. Benoit, Que., a gentleman who thoroughly understands his business, having in his day erected twenty foar churches, ranging in cost from twenty five to one hundred and twenty five thousand dollars each. The plans were designed and drawn by Messrs. Roy & Gauthier, the distinguished architects of the city of Montreal. The building itself was commenced under favorable auspices this summer, and daily progresses under the supervision of Mr. P. Foisy. The sire is both favorable and beautiful, occupying a prominent position on an eminence overlooking the banks of the Bonnechere, at the outskirts of the village. The structure being erected is 148 feet from the facade to the rear of the apse. Its width across the nave is 63 feet, 4 inches, exterding out to an extreme width of 78 feet 4 inches in the transept.

The new St. James' church will easily take

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