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Notes.

There is much ill health in Rome. A sudden and violent outbreak of Roman fever is making havoc among the natives. There were over 300 deaths from this cause last week, and the epidemic is on the increase.

A NOTABLE feature of the ceremonies attending the consecration of the Cathedral at Ulm was the immense procession, which was a living history of the city for the five centuries during which the Cathedral was building. Fifteen hundred people, in the distinctive garb of soldiers, heralds and citizens, depicted the life of Ulm during these successive eras—the first one carrying a model of the Cathedral itself.

A BAPTIST preacher in Springfield, Ohio, recently treated his congregation to a reading from "Our Christian Heritage," commending it in enthusiastic terms, and expressing his obligation to Cardinal Gibbons for having "informed his mind and helped his heart." The conferees of our Baptist brother would do well to follow his example. A reading from the New Testament, supplemented by selections from a standard Catholic work, would be a capital programme.

CARDINAL SIMOR, Primate of Hungary, has assigned one hundred thousand florins for the support of the new orphanage founded in his primatial residence at Gran, which will be inaugurated on the 4th October next under the name of the Emperor Francis Joseph. Cardinal Haynald also dedicated a similar sum for the establishment and sustenance of schools and the relief of poor priests. These acts of Christian beneficence need no comment.

THE Salt Lake City Mormons experienced another crushing defeat in the county elections which took place last week. They had a majority of from 700 to 1,000 in the county, but this was overcome by the large Liberal or Gentile majority in the city. This completes the rout of the church in its stronghold, and it is said to be

unlikely that the Mormons will appear again as an organized body in Utah politics. But, while they are being driven out of Utah, it is to be feared that they are gaining a foothold in our North-West. They should be carefully watched there.

A TELEGRAM in Monday morning's papers announced the death of John Boyle O'Reilly, the poet and editor of the Boston *Pilot*, which happened suddenly at his home near Boston on Sunday afternoon from an overdose of chloral, which he had taken to relieve insomnia. He combined the gifts of the soldier and the scholar with a magnanimity that forgave and forgot the most grievous wrong. John Boyle O'Reilly was a man of brilliant parts—a self-made man who had climbed to fame unaided, save by the force of intellect and an indomitable will. Whatever he put his hand to he did well. He was a dashing cavalry-man; an able journalist; a poet of singular charm; a novelist of graceful style; and an Irishman who early learned the patriot's lesson, and cherished it to the last.

EARLY in September a congress of Catholics from all parts of the world will be held at Liege, Belgium, for the purpose of considering the necessity of the Pope's independence and the feasibility of urging upon Christian Governments the necessity of restoring those territorial rights of the Papacy, whose usurpation none of them have recognized as lawful.

The congress is the outcome of a circular letter which was sent to all Catholic Bishops two years ago asking if they thought it advisable for the Pope to leave Rome. The consensus of opinion was against such a step, but it was argued that the world's governments should be requested to respect Papal temporal powers. Recorder Demontigny, of Montreal, has been invited to represent Canada at the Congress.

HIS HOLINESS has expressed himself as extremely grieved at the anti-Christian policy of the Italian Government, which is suppressing all religious guilds and seizing their property. This will necessitate the closing in Rome alone of no fewer than twenty-eight churches, several of which will speedily be turned into cafes and theatres, while others will be razed to the ground.

The Church of Pieta, which for centuries has belonged to one of the leading religious guilds has been sold to a big German Brewing company and will forthwith be turned into a large beer saloon. The placards are out announcing a grand ballet and concert for the opening night. They are flaring and alluring—so much so, in fact, that even the newspapers are protesting against what they call a desecration.

Another large church, associated with the memories of Michael Angelo, will be converted into a theatre and dancing hall.

The Pope never fails to protest against this sacrilege, and has again sent a memorial to the King upon the subject.