

PASSING EVENTS IN ROME.

His Holiness, Leo XIII, ever regardful of the interests of religion, has turned his attention to the condition of Christians in Japan. It is for this end, he addressed under date of May 13, 1885, an autograph letter to the Emperor of Japan wherein, after warmly congratulating him upon the progressive reforms introduced by him into his Empire he earnestly invoked the protection of that monarch for the Christians under his dominion. The Pontifical document was confided to M. Osouf, Titular Bishop of Arsinoe, and Vicar Apostolic of Northern Japan. On his return to Japan, Mgr Osouf proceeded at once to Tokio and was received in audience with full court ceremonial by the Japanese Sovereign, to whom he was presented by the resident French Minister. In fact it was through Mgr. Sienkiewics, the French Minister to the Mikado, that Mgr. Osouf obtained his audience with the Emperor. The Osservatore Romano announces that the Emperor received with great satisfaction the letter of the Holy Father, declaring his desire to enter into relations with the Sovereign Pontiff on the same footing as with the other powers, promising to protect the Christians of his Empire in the same degree as that before long he would send to Rome an extraordinary Embassy bearing a letter of thanks to His Holiness.

Insults to religion and to religious persons have become 'a la mode' in that city of Rome, which is, notwithstanding the centre of true Christianity. In the afternoon of October 22nd, the parish priest of St. Angelo in Pescheria, in the ghetto or Jews quarter came out of the church bearing the Holy Viaticum to a sick person at Monte Cenci. He had no sooner entered that street than stones were thrown at him from a house inhabited by Jews, but happily he was not stricken by any of the missiles. The authors of this unprovoked aggression, not yet satisfied with that, came out into the street and uttered a series of fearful blasphemies against the Blessed Sacrament and of ignominious insults against the few pious people who according to the custom, were kneeling in prayer at the dying Christian. And this is not the first time that such a shameful scene occurred; in fact the continuous repetition of the same has so grievously annoyed the parish priest that he has decided to complain before the courts. But can an unjust government administer justice? On the following day two nuns passing through the Piazza della Carrete, were insulted in the vilest terms by a carter. They sought a guard of public security but, as usual, no such being was to be found. Recently, too, three stranger priests, of whom one was the nephew of General Ney, were most cowardly insulted on the public road and in the broad daylight. In fine whilst his Eminence Cardinal Bartolini was conversing with three priests and the Architect Borman, in his residence, at Ara Coeli, he received a letter which, on opening, he found to contain these words, "If you do not consign to the bearer of this the sum of 15,000 francs, you, yours and your palace will be blown up by dynamite already placed under the building." The Cardinal informed the persons present of the strange contents of the letter. One of Eminence's guests at once proceeded to the questura and returned with a guard. The bearer of the missive, on being questioned, asserted that he had received it from two unknown persons; but he himself is an old offender, and although he is only 27 years old, still he has already suffered imprisonment for wounding and for rebellion against the agents of public security. Of course a search is being made for his accomplices. But I fear as to it we may well repeat the words of the good old man "La Fontaine." Quand sortira-t-il souvent? Du vent."

- Some First Masses.
First Mass in California, at Monterey, December 16, 1601.
First Mass in Canada, on Riviere des Prairies, June 24, 1615.
First Mass in Maryland, at St. Clement's, Blackstone Island, March 25, 1634.
First Mass in Montreal, May 18, 1641.
First Mass in New York, at Onondaga, November 14, 1655.
First Mass in Michigan, at Keeweenaw Bay, July 26, 1663.
First Mass in Vermont, at Port Anne, La Motte Island, July 26, 1666.
First Mass in Wisconsin, at Green Bay December 3, 1669.
First Mass in Illinois, at Chicago, December 15, 1673.
First Mass in Louisiana, at mouth of Mississippi, March 3, 1699.
First Mass in Mississippi, at Biloxi, Easter Sunday, April 19, 1700.
First Mass in Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, in 1708.

AGRICULTURE.

News of General Interest.

Eggs in Winter.

One very essential point in the keeping of poultry for the egg product is to so care for the fowls as to have them lay eggs at the season of the year when eggs bring the higher price; for if poultry keeping in the olden time was a source of profit when eggs sold for twelve cents per dozen, and corn for one dollar per bushel; or more, surely there must be profit now when eggs in the winter time bring fifty or sixty cents per dozen, and seldom fall below twenty-five cents in the regular season of laying and corn sells for sixty or seventy-five cents per bushel. Now how shall we proceed to accomplish this end. I would first have my chickens hatched at intervals during the spring and early summer so that they will mature in season for fall and winter laying. My experience has been that chickens hatched in March and April will generally lay in the fall, and perhaps, after laying a little or so, will not lay again until February or March, while chickens hatched later will be in condition for winter laying if properly cared for. It is essential first that the chicks should have a good start in life, and to that end I would give them such food as would promote healthy and early growth—Indiana Farmer.

Agricultural Notes.

Most farmers are in a greater hurry to thresh than is advisable. There is a time usually two weeks after drawing grain to the barn when it is undergoing its usual "sweating," which is in reality a drying process. If threshed at this time slow progress will be made, and considerable grain will remain in the straw unthreshed. It is better to leave grain until this sweating process has been completed, for if threshed before, the sweating will occur in the granery. All early threshed grain should be looked after some time after threshing. If the slightest heat appears, it should be spread thinly and shovelled over frequently until thoroughly dry.

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